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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023

or

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-41715

Beneficient

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

72-1573705

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

325 North St. Paul Street, Suite 4850
Dallas, TX 75201

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(214) 445-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	BENF	Nasdaq Global Market
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A common stock, par value \$.001 per share, and one share of Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share	BENFW	Nasdaq Capital Market

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

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Non-accelerated filer

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Accelerated filer

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Smaller reporting company

☒

Emerging growth company

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report. ☐

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant’s executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b). ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). ☐ Yes ☒ No

The registrant completed its business combination with Avalon Acquisition, Inc., which resulted in the registrant being a publicly traded company, subsequent to September 30, 2022, the last business day of the registrant’s most recently completed second fiscal quarter. As of June 7, 2023, the date of the closing of the registrant’s business combination, the aggregate market value of the registrant’s Class A common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$207,638,020 based on the actual offering price and number of shares outstanding following the business combination. The registrant’s Class A common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market on June 8, 2023.

As of July 10, 2023, Beneficient had 234,543,727 shares of Class A common stock outstanding and 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

None.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the registrant was a Delaware limited partnership, called The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. (“BCG”). On June 6, 2023, the registrant converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient” (the “Conversion”) in connection with the closing of its merger with Avalon Acquisition Inc. (such transaction, the “Business Combination”), a special purpose acquisition vehicle and a Delaware corporation. References to “BCG,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and similar terms, prior to the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant when it was a Delaware limited partnership and such references following the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant in its current corporate form as a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient.”

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes forward-looking statements as defined under U.S. federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical statements of fact and statements regarding, but not limited to, our expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts, or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. The words “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “possible,” “potential,” “predict,” “will,” “would,” and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are predictions, projections and other statements about future events that are based on current expectations and assumptions and, as a result, are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and we assume no obligation and do not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Summary of Risk Factors

The following is a summary of the principal risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations:

- we do not have a significant operating history or an established customer base;
- our fair value estimates of illiquid assets may not accurately estimate prices obtained at the time we enter into any liquidity transaction, and we cannot provide assurance that the values of the alternative assets underlying the liquidity transactions that we report from time to time will be realized;
- the inability to maintain the listing of the Company’s Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Class A common stock”), on the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC (“Nasdaq”);
- GWG Holdings Inc. (“GWG Holdings” or “GWG”), a significant equity holder of the Company, filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas confirmed GWG’s bankruptcy plan;
- future resales of Class A common stock may cause the market price of Class A common stock to drop significantly;
- the market price for Class A common stock may be subject to substantial fluctuations, which may make it difficult for stockholders to sell shares at the volumes, prices, and times desired;
- GWG currently owns a substantial percentage of the Company and continues to have voting power with respect to those matters on which our Class A common stock and Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Class B common stock” and together with the Class A common stock, “Beneficient common stock”), have the right to vote, which rights are to be transferred to the Wind Down Trust (as defined herein) upon the effective date of GWG’s bankruptcy plan;
- a determination that we are an unregistered investment company would have serious adverse consequences;
- the Company is currently involved in legal proceedings and may be a party to additional claims and litigation in the future;
- our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by concentrations of assets comprising the Collateral (as defined herein);

- the due diligence process that we undertake in connection with any liquidity transaction may or may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with such liquidity transaction;
- poor performance of our Collateral would cause a decline in our revenue, income and cash flow and could adversely affect our ability to raise capital for future liquidity transactions;
- we have a substantial amount of goodwill and intangible assets which over time may have to be written down as we make the required periodic assessments as to their value as reflected in our financial statements;
- we are subject to repayment risk in connection with our liquidity transactions;
- transfer restrictions applicable to alternative assets may prevent us from being able to attract a sufficient number of Customers (as defined herein) to achieve our business goals;
- our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, the capital markets;
- our operations, products and services may be negatively impacted by changes in economic and market conditions;
- shares of Class A common stock and Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 (the “Series A preferred stock”) are structurally subordinated to interests in Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., (“BCH”), a subsidiary of Beneficient;
- we are or will become subject to comprehensive governmental regulation and supervision;
- we may incur fines, penalties and other negative consequences from regulatory violations;
- we may be impacted adversely by claims or litigation, including claims or litigation relating to our fiduciary responsibilities;
- if we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business could be negatively affected;
- Beneficient’s board of directors and management have significant control over Beneficient’s business;
- we may issue additional shares of authorized common stock or preferred stock without stockholder approval subject to the applicable rules of Nasdaq and Nevada law, which would dilute existing stockholder interests;
- the holders of Class B common stock have the right to elect a majority of the Board and the ability to vote with Class A common stock in director elections for the remaining directors, with each share of Class B common stock having 10 votes per share;
- the Company may engage in transactions that represent a conflict of interest, with the review of such transactions subject to the Nevada statutory business judgment rule; and
- other risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in this annual report, including those set forth under the section titled “—Risk Factors.”

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with the other cautionary statements included in this annual report. If one or more events related to these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from what we anticipate. Many of the important factors that will determine these results are beyond our ability to control or predict. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and, except as otherwise required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

PART I

ITEM 1 — BUSINESS

Overview

Ben is on a mission to democratize the global \$13.8¹ trillion alternative asset investment market. Investments in alternative assets are inherently illiquid, and an investor’s investment capital is typically locked-up for ten or more years. While there are over 3,300 U.S. companies and investment managers² dedicated to allocating investors into alternative asset investments today, we are not aware of any other company solely focused on financing investors out of them. We provide a solution to meet this unmet demand.

We are a technology-enabled financial services holding company that provides simple, rapid, and cost-effective liquidity solutions and related trust, custody and administrative services to participants in the alternative asset industry. We utilize our unique end-to-end online platform, AltAccess, to address the substantially unmet demand from mid-to-high net worth (“MHNW”) individual investors, small-to-midsize institutional (“STMI”) investors, family offices (“FAMOs”) and fund general partners and sponsors (“GPs” and collectively, our “Customers”) seeking an early exit from their alternative asset investments. We finance liquidity transactions for our Customers through our subsidiary, Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. (“BFF”), a Kansas-regulated trust company operating as a Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution (“TEFFI”), under the Kansas Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions Act (the “TEFFI Act”) using a proprietary trust structure that we implement for our Customers (we refer to such trusts collectively as the “Customer ExAlt Trusts”).

Our primary business of financing liquidity is supported by a suite of complementary fiduciary and other financial products and services designed to address many of the challenges alternative asset market participants face in connection with their ownership, management, and transfer of alternative assets. Our operating subsidiaries employ our patent-pending structures, systems and methodologies to support our liquidity products and other services in a seamless, efficient manner. In support of those core liquidity products and services, we provide trust, custody and administrative services. We plan to expand to these complementary offerings to offer novel insurance products and services designed to cover risks attendant to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets.

We believe that the market for alternative asset liquidity – which we assume currently represents \$184 billion in annual demand³ and is expected to continue to increase – has been slow to innovate and caters almost exclusively to large institutional investors (such market is referred to herein generally as the “Secondary Market”). In contrast to the current Secondary Market, we have engineered Ben to focus on the unmet needs of the emerging segment of the liquidity demand market comprised of MHNW investors, STMI investors, FAMOs and GPs, which we assume to be an addressable market of approximately \$51 billion^{4,5}.

Central to our business model is a belief that it is possible to provide MHNW individuals and STMI Customers with a simple, rapid and cost-effective experience through technological innovation and ingenuity. Existing competitors deliver complex, heavily negotiated transactions that involve significant time and cost. The complexity and cost of these existing approaches render it impractical for smaller holders of alternative assets to achieve liquidity on acceptable terms.

¹ Source: Preqin, all private capital assets under management as of September 30, 2022.

² Number of U.S.-based private markets investors estimated as all SEC-registered advisers that have filed a Form PDF to report private funds multiplied by the concentration (by percentage of NAV) of U.S.-based advisers’ main office location. U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Investment Management Analytics Office “Private Fund Statistics: Third Calendar Quarter 2022” (April 6, 2023), Table 2, at p. 4 & Table 12 at p. 14.

³ Based on data from Preqin, a widely accepted commercial private equity database and Ben’s own proprietary assumptions and calculations of MHNW and STMI alternative assets under management (“AUM”) and turnover, which use data from Spectrum Group, Setter Capital, Capgemini, Preqin, Eureka Hedge, and Credit Suisse. MHNW refers to investors with a net worth of \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000; provided, however, that when certain sources on which the Company relies categorize the net worth of investors using different names and numerical ranges, the Company has assumed that such source’s category most similar to investors with a net worth of \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000 meets its definition of MHNW.

⁴ Data from Preqin, a widely accepted commercial private equity database and Ben’s own proprietary assumptions and calculations of MHNW and STMI alternatives AUM and turnover, which use data from Spectrum Group, Setter Capital, Capgemini, Preqin, Eureka Hedge, and Credit Suisse.

⁵ This estimate relies on certain of our assumptions regarding the U.S. market, including, but not limited to, the amount of wealth held by MHNW investors, the amount of MHNW wealth allocated to alternative assets, the size of the private equity market, the share of the private equity market held by MHNW investors, the share of the private equity market held by STMI investors, the share of STMI assets in hedge fund assets, the value of STMI investors’ alternative assets, the turnover rate for alternative assets in the secondary market, and the secondary market demand.

Our business model leverages our differentiating structure and unique competitive advantages to generate diversified revenue streams through our business line operating subsidiaries (each a “Ben Business Unit” and collectively, the “Ben Business Units”). Our liquidity, custody, trustee and trust administration services are delivered to our Customers through our digital platform, AltAccess. AltAccess serves as the centralizing hub of our business and is an interactive, secure online entry point through which our Customers receive end-to-end delivery of liquidity and our other products and services.

We built Ben from the ground up as a scalable, technology-enabled financial services company to address what we estimate to be \$51 billion in emerging demand for liquidity for alternative assets held by MHNW individuals, STMI investors, FAMOs, and GPs. This management team has worked together for years and is grounded by our core values of trailblazing, trust and teamwork. We are led by Brad Heppner, our founder and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), a 30+ year industry-veteran who has previously founded successful alternative investment companies, including The Crossroads Group, L.P. (a pioneering alternative asset fund-of-funds), and Capital Analytics (an administrative and data analytics platform for the administration of alternative assets). Our leadership team includes other industry veterans with broad fiduciary, investing and operating experience in relevant industries. We also benefit from the guidance of a world-class Board of Directors with deep experience in financial markets, including former Dallas and Atlanta Federal Reserve Presidents Richard W. Fisher and Dennis P. Lockhart.

Elimination of Fee and Interest Income in Consolidation

Certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated subsidiaries of BCG solely for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

As a result, Ben’s primary tangible assets reflected on our consolidated statements of financial condition are investments, mainly comprised of alternative assets, held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and the primary sources of revenue reflected on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) are investment income (loss), net, which represents changes in the net asset value of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and gain (loss) on financial instruments, net, which represents changes in fair value of equity securities, debt securities, a derivative liability, and put options, primarily held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such investment income (loss), net, and gain (loss) on financial instruments that are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including debt and equity securities issued by GWG Holdings, is included in the net income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interests – Customer ExAlt Trusts in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The revenues and expenses recognized in these line items for the activities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not directly impact net income (loss) attributable to BCG’s or BCH’s equity holders.

Instead, the interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody (each as described below) from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, directly impact the share of net income (loss) attributable to BCG’s equity holders and BCH’s equity holders. First, such eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are a noncontrolling interest. As a result, the eliminated amounts earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve to increase the attributable share of net income (loss) to BCG and BCH equity holders. Second, the terms of the BCH limited partnership agreement provide that certain BCH income constituting the Excluded Amounts (as defined in the BCH Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement (as amended, the “BCH Eighth A&R LPA”), are allocated to certain BCH equity holders that are noncontrolling interests. Excluded Amounts are directly impacted by the interest and/or fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

Additionally, Ben Liquidity’s provision for loan losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the net income (loss) attributable to the various equity securities of BCG and BCH. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben’s operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of net income (loss) attributable to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. For additional information, see the sections titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Overview,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Basis of Presentation” and Note 3, “*Understanding our Financial Statements and the Impact to the Common Unitholder*,” to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Business Lines

Ben Liquidity, which delivers our liquidity products and services through ExAlt Plan™ transactions, is our primary Ben Business Unit pursuant to which each of the other Ben Business Units is engaged to provide complementary products and services necessary to effect liquidity transactions and other matters in connection therewith. Our other principal Ben Business Units are Ben Custody and Ben Markets.



As our primary business line, **Ben Liquidity**, through its TEFFI chartered trust company subsidiary, BFF, offers Ben's alternative asset liquidity and fiduciary financing products and services. Through AltAccess, Customers are able to quickly make an alternative asset liquidity request and product selection, which launches BFF's underwriting and risk processes culminating in a qualification determination, proposed fiduciary financing terms based on regulatory guidelines and internal policies and procedures, and, upon Customer acceptance, online transaction document execution and liquidity delivery. Ben AltAccess serves as the online access point through which Customers access information relating to their custody account, alternative asset holdings, and our suite of products and services.



Ben Custody addresses the administrative, regulatory and other burdens of holding alternative assets by offering bespoke full-service custody and trust administration services to trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and alternative asset custodial account administration and related services to Customers and others. Ben Data was recently launched and plans to provide to the Customer ExAlt Trusts certain data collection, evaluation, and analytics products and services.



Ben Markets provides broker-dealer services through its Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")-member, Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC")-registered broker-dealer subsidiary and transfer agent services through its SEC-registered transfer agent subsidiary, each in connection with offerings of our liquidity products. Operational efficiencies created by having an "in-house" broker-dealer are expected to allow us to streamline our ExAlt Plan™ liquidity transactions, have an affiliate that is knowledgeable about our business and specializes in our product offerings, to benefit from broker-dealer derived revenue and reduce certain transaction and other third-party costs.

Following receipt of regulatory approval, our Ben Business Units are expected to include an additional business line, Ben Insurance Services.



Ben Insurance Services plans to provide insurance products and services to certain "affiliates" (as defined in the Kansas Captive Insurance Act), including the Customer ExAlt Trusts and other trusts for which BFF serves as the trustee or custodian, to cover risks attendant to ownership, management and transfer of alternative assets and financings related to alternative asset transactions. Ben Insurance Services has filed an application for an insurance charter from the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas. Subject to the approval of such application, Ben expects to begin transacting business as a "captive insurer" under the Kansas Captive Insurance Act promptly upon receipt of a charter.

The following table provides additional information concerning the Ben Business Units:

BEN BUSINESS UNIT	CUSTOMER NEED	BEN ENTITY	APPLICABLE REGULATORS
 Ben Liquidity Liquidity transactions, including fiduciary loans and related underwriting and risk management	Liquidity Solutions	• Beneficent Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. ¹ • Ben AltAccess, L.L.C.	• Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (OSBC) ²
 Ben Custody Full-service specialized trust administration, trustee services, reporting, and qualified custodial services	Custody and trust administration services ³	• Beneficent Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. • Beneficent Administration & Clearing Company, L.L.C. • Ben Data, L.L.C.	• OSBC ³
 Ben Markets Broker-Dealer services effecting liquidity transactions and other securities sales	Broker-Dealer services effecting liquidity transactions for Ben Liquidity ⁴	• Beneficent Transfer and Clearing Company, L.L.C. • Ben Securities Company, L.P.	• FINRA ⁵ • Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ⁶
 Ben Insurance Services (Future Ben Business Unit) Insurance policies covering risks attendant to owning, managing, and transferring Alternative Assets	Insurance Products ⁷	• Beneficent Insurance Company, L.L.C. ⁸	• Kansas Insurance Department ⁹

⁽¹⁾ Currently provides its products and services to the Customer ExAlt Trust and Customers in connection with liquidity transactions and Customer custody accounts.

⁽²⁾ In conducting its trustee, custodial, and other authorized operations, BFF is regulated by the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner, (the “OSBC”). Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficent.

⁽³⁾ Currently offers its products and services to the Customer ExAlt Trusts and plans to offer additional products and services to Customers and others in the future.

⁽⁴⁾ In conducting its fiduciary lending, and other authorized operations, BFF is regulated by the OSBC. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficent.

⁽⁵⁾ Ben Insurance Services is not yet operational and requires regulatory approval to become operational.

⁽⁶⁾ Filed application for an insurance charter under the laws of the state of Kansas to operate as a Kansas E-Commerce Fidfin Insurance Company.

⁽⁷⁾ If issued an insurance charter, the authorized activities would be regulated by the Kansas Insurance Department.

⁽⁸⁾ Currently provides broker-dealer and transfer agent services.

⁽⁹⁾ In conducting its authorized activities, Beneficent Securities Company, L.P. (“Ben Securities”) is regulated by FINRA.

⁽¹⁰⁾ In conducting its transfer agent business and other authorized activities Beneficent Transfer and Clearing Company is regulated by the SEC.

AltAccess

Ben AltAccess is the central hub through which we interface with Customers. The AltAccess platform provides for the secure, online, end-to-end delivery of each of the Ben Business Units’ products and services. Customers using AltAccess can upload documents, work through tasks and complete their transactions with standardized transaction agreements at no additional cost or hidden fees. To our knowledge, AltAccess is the first and only online portal designed specifically for Customers to access a range of liquidity solutions along with all the complementary products and services that address critical needs related to the ownership, management, and transfer of their alternative assets.

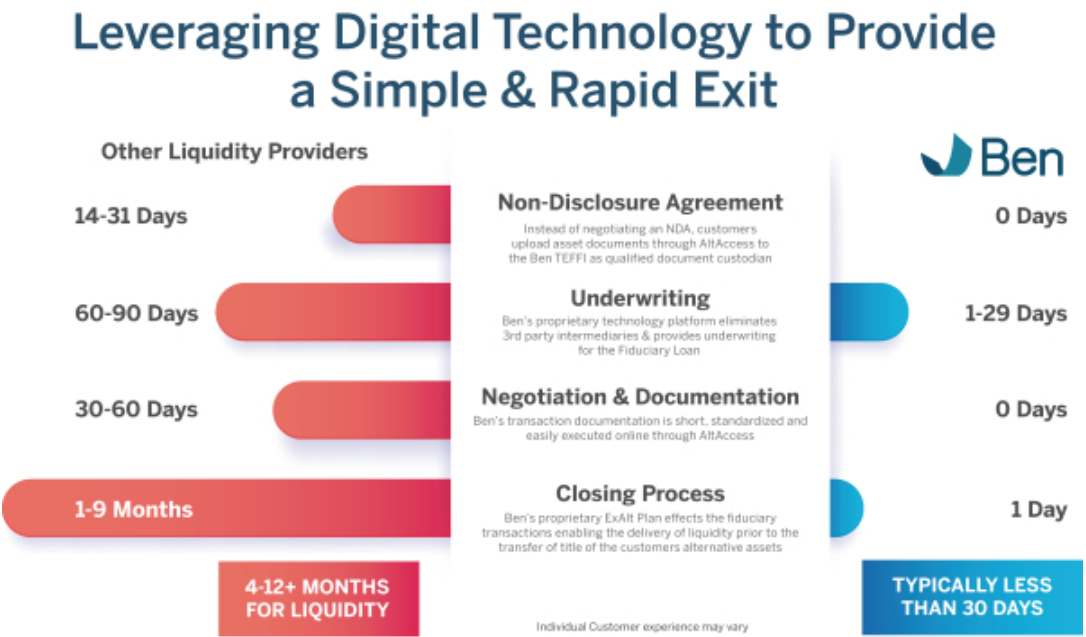
AltAccess facilitates our delivery of liquidity solutions by providing our Customers with the opportunity to choose the timing and method of their exit from alternative asset investments rather than wait for the expiration of their alternative asset lock-up. Additionally, because Ben acts as the principal in liquidity transactions, AltAccess is able to quickly and efficiently deliver liquidity directly to our Customers from our balance sheet, without requiring the involvement of third-party financiers, intermediaries, agents, brokers or other middlemen.

We have obtained a copyright from the U.S. Patent Office pertaining to the software coding of AltAccess. Further, our AltAccess platform has earned the AT&T NetBond® Certification for Cybersecurity, and was subject to a SOC 2 Type 2 examination, in which it received an unmodified attestation opinion from an independent third party for the year ended March 31, 2023.



In order to effectively deliver our products and services to our Customers in an intuitive and efficient manner, AltAccess leverages an array of proprietary digital technologies, quantitative methods, and systems that work symbiotically. For example, we use a combination of statistical methods leveraging machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms in connection with our underwriting and risk processes to review certain key alternative asset valuations, investment information, and limited partnership agreement terms (e.g., net asset values, net asset value as of dates, commitment periods, permitted investments and expenses). The combination of such quantitative methods and machine learning algorithms can produce results in a standardized format for internal review in a fraction of the time required through manual processes. These systems and quantitative processes have been built to support increases in transaction growth as we scale the business and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness through which we deliver our products and services.

Our structure is intended to provide our Customers with liquidity in as little as 30 days – and within two to three days for certain qualifying assets for which we have current underwriting data. Our transaction process is substantially different than currently available market capabilities, which we believe to be too complex, slow and cost-prohibitive for our Customers. We believe our simple, rapid and cost-effective Customer digital experience provides us with a significant competitive advantage in the marketplace for alternative asset liquidity.



ExAlt Plan Exchange

Central to our ability to transact online is our patent-pending ExAlt Plan liquidity products, which are designed to facilitate the delivery of liquidity to our Customers when **exiting alternatives** (which is the basis for the term “ExAlt”). The ExAlt Plan is our unique fiduciary financing structure that is effected through specialized Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are the vehicles through which AltAccess delivers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity. The ExAlt Plan provides Customers with liquidity solutions that are designed to be able to be offered as either taxable or non-taxable transactions to the Customer.

Our ExAlt Plan is designed to provide financing for a range of flexible solutions for MHNW and STMI alternative asset investors by the following core liquidity products: (i) *The Ben ExchangeTrust™*, (ii) *The Ben InterchangeTrust™* and (iii) *The Ben LiquidTrust®*. Collectively, these offerings empower our Customers to select the type and nature of the consideration they receive in exchange for their alternative assets (each, an “ExAlt Plan Exchange”):

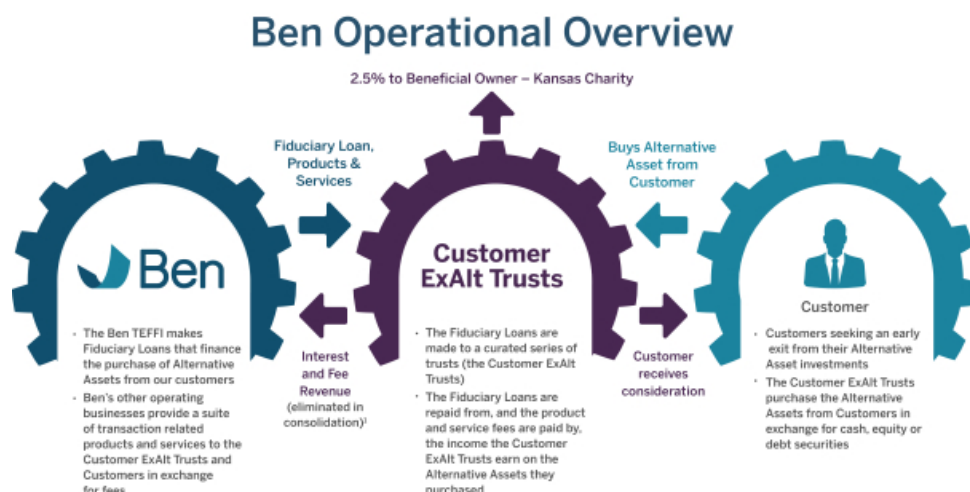
- *The Ben ExchangeTrust™* offers consideration consisting of our equity or debt securities.
- *The Ben InterchangeTrust™* offers consideration consisting of a mix of cash from our balance sheet plus our equity or debt securities.
- *The Ben LiquidTrust®* offers consideration consisting of cash from our balance sheet.

Subject to our extensive proprietary underwriting and risk management processes, we provide liquidity with respect to interests in most types of professionally-managed alternative assets, including funds that pursue a wide range of strategies, including but not limited to:



Through the ExAlt Plan Exchange, Ben Liquidity is able to deliver our ExAlt Plan liquidity products to Customers efficiently and quickly through the use of customized trust vehicles, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, that facilitate the exchange of our Customer’s alternative assets for consideration. Each ExAlt Plan Exchange commences when a Customer seeking liquidity selects a liquidity product offering, and includes, among other items, the Customer’s execution of a standardized short form agreement. Once executed, Ben Liquidity finances the transaction by making an ExAlt Loan to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which, in turn, use the loan proceeds to deliver the agreed upon consideration to the Customer in exchange for their alternative assets, pay all fees, expenses and distributions incurred in connection with the transaction. In connection with closing of the transaction, Ben Custody is engaged to serve as administrator of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to provide full service administrative services attendant to the ongoing custody and administrative needs of the Customer ExAlt Trusts with respect to their ownership of the exchanged alternative asset and obligations created under the ExAlt Plan.

The following diagram depicts the process for ExAlt Plan Exchange transactions beginning December 7, 2021:



⁽¹⁾ Interest and fee revenue received by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody and interest and fee expense of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the income (loss) allocable to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts are beneficially owned by certain charities in Kansas (or, for loans prior to December 7, 2021, by certain charities in Texas) (each a "Charity" and collectively, the "Charities"). In accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements and, for loans originated after December 7, 2021, the TEFFI Act, such Charities are entitled to receive \$0.025 of every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, such Charities are entitled to receive \$0.05 of every \$1.00 in payments to Ben Liquidity on the ExAlt Loans.

Each ExAlt Plan Exchange transaction creates (i) an ExAlt Loan that is collateralized by and intended to be repaid from cash flows generated from the exchanged alternative asset; and (ii) an ExAlt Trust customer for Ben Custody, which provides for the ongoing custody and administration of the Customer ExAlt Trusts for the duration of the life of the trusts in return for an annual fee equal to a percentage of the combined net asset value and unfunded commitment of the exchanged alternative asset, payable quarterly.

Our Business Model

Ben Liquidity currently generates revenue through monthly interest income and transaction fees earned from the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with providing its liquidity products to Customers. Ben Custody generates revenue through transaction fees and quarterly fee income earned by providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which have BFF appointed as their trustee following the issuance of BFF's charter. The transaction and quarterly trust administration fees are based on a percentage of the net asset value and unfunded capital commitment of the alternative assets exchanged in connection with our liquidity transactions, and the interest income is based on a percentage of the balance of the loan made from Ben Liquidity to the Customer ExAlt Trusts. While the amounts earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, these amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's or BCH's equity holders. Likewise, while Ben Liquidity's provision for loan losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, such amount directly impacts the allocation of income (loss) to the various equity securities. Additionally, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben's operating subsidiaries impact the allocation of income (loss) to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.










⁽¹⁾ For Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to December 7, 2021, certain charities in Texas are the ultimate beneficial owner.

AltAccess is set up to generate platform fees for the use of the platform in connection with the delivery of our products and services. Subject to the approval by the Kansas Insurance Commissioner of Ben Insurance Services’ captive insurance application and the commencement of operations, Ben Insurance Services plans to generate insurance premium income by providing insurance services to certain affiliates (as defined under the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws), including the Customer ExAlt Trusts and other trusts for which BFF serves as the trustee or custodian, to cover risks attendant to the ownership, management and transfer of alternative assets and the financings related to alternative asset purchases. Such fees are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG’s or BCH’s equity holders.

We believe that the growth of our core liquidity business will enhance our ability to offer other unique and differentiated products and services previously unavailable to participants in the alternative assets marketplace and creating additional revenue opportunities. In fact, each ExAlt Plan Exchange transaction drives synergies that would potentially lead to the engagement of each of our current and potential future business lines. The following tables describe the revenue types expected to be generated from ExAlt Plan Exchanges under our model for ExAlt Plan transactions once our planned Ben Business Units are operational:

Liquidity Transaction Planned Economics

One-time Revenue of the Ben Businesses			Recurring Revenue of the Ben Businesses		
	Platform Fee	Fee for use of the AltAccess platform providing the end-to-end delivery of Ben’s products and services		Trust Administration Fee (Annual)	Full-service custody and trust administration services
	Transfer Agent fee	Fees for the transfer of Alternative Assets, trust and equity record holder admin, cash transfer admin and accounting, and related services		Insurance Premiums ⁽¹⁾ (Annual)	Premiums for insurance policies covering risks related to Alternative Asset ownership, credit exposure, and other
	Broker-Dealer Fee	Broker-dealer services performed in connection with the exchange of Alternative Assets and delivery of Consideration		Fiduciary Loan Interest	Annual interest, accrued and capitalized as income and added to the principal balance of the Fiduciary Loan monthly
	Insurance Premiums ⁽¹⁾	Premium for insurance policy covering risks related to the transfer of Alternative Assets		Charity	Distributions on all Customer ExAlt Trust income to the Kansas Charity

⁽¹⁾ Ben Insurance is not operational and requires regulatory approval prior to becoming operational.

Such fees and expenses related to an ExAlt Plan Exchange transaction and the repayment of the corresponding ExAlt Plan Loan are paid by the income the Customer ExAlt Trusts earn on the distributions from the corresponding alternative asset. As required under the TEFPI Act, for all ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, 2.5% of all distributions received by an ExAlt Trust from the corresponding alternative asset must be distributed to the Charities. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, the applicable ExAlt Trust documents or other agreements provide that 5.0% of the payments to Ben Liquidity on the ExAlt Loans must be distributed to the Charities. All transaction-related fees are embedded into the pricing offered for the exchange of the alternative asset, allowing such Customer to avoid out-of-pocket payment of fees.

As an additional funding source, Ben Liquidity has sold, and expects to continue to sell in the future, participation interests in certain ExAlt Loans (each such loan a “Participation ExAlt Loan”) to Customers or other third parties in exchange for cash.

As we build our customer base through Ben Liquidity’s fiduciary financing and liquidity operations, we believe that there will be significant opportunities to offer adjacent products and services in a non-captive fashion to future Customers, bringing our digital customer experience to products and services in these areas as well. Along the way, we intend to build the infrastructure to become a digital superhighway for the custodying, financing, insuring, transferring and assigning of all forms of alternative assets for use by the 14.4 million U.S. households⁶ we expect⁷ to hold these assets in the future.⁸

Loan Portfolio and ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio

ExAlt Plan liquidity transactions are effected in part by ExAlt Loans that Ben Liquidity makes to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which, in turn, use the loan proceeds for the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ acquisition of a Customers’ alternative assets. ExAlt Loans are supported and primarily collateralized by the cash flows (net of the qualified charitable distributions and certain fees and expenses) (the “Collateral”) received by the Customer ExAlt Trusts from their acquired interests in alternative assets, which primarily include direct and indirect interests (through various investment vehicles, including, limited partnership interests and private and public equity and debt securities, which include our and our affiliates’ securities) in professionally-managed private funds. The Customer ExAlt Trusts effect the qualified charitable distributions, pursuant to which 2.5% of such cash flows for loans originated on or after December 7, 2021 and 5.0% percent of the payments to Ben Liquidity on the ExAlt Loans for loans originated before December 7, 2021, is distributed to the Charities or Economic Growth Zones.

In aggregate, as of March 31, 2023, Ben Liquidity has closed liquidity financings resulting in its loan portfolio, which is comprised of loans with aggregate original loan balances of approximately \$856.4 million (which included \$72.5 million in original principal loan balance that was subsequently sold to Participant (as defined below) pursuant to the Participation Agreement (as defined below)), backed primarily by Collateral generated from alternative assets with an aggregate net asset value of approximately \$1.1 billion at the time of their initial issuance (which includes approximately \$103.6 million of Collateral supporting the repayment of the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan (as defined below)). In aggregate, through March 31, 2023, Ben Liquidity has earned stated interest income in the amount of approximately \$368.5 million from the ExAlt Loans issued in connection with the liquidity financings resulting in the ExAlt Loans comprising the loan portfolio. Stated interest earned represents accrued but unpaid interest that is capitalized on the principal of the ExAlt Loans and is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the allocation of income (loss) to BCG’s and BCH’s equity holders. The Collateral for the ExAlt Loans in the loan portfolio has resulted in a collateral portfolio primarily comprised of a portion of the cash flows received through the Customer ExAlt Trusts from a diverse portfolio of direct and indirect interests (through various investment vehicles, including, limited partnership interests and private and public equity and debt securities, which include our and our affiliates’ securities) in professionally managed private funds. We refer to the interests underlying the cash flows comprising the Collateral as the “ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio.”

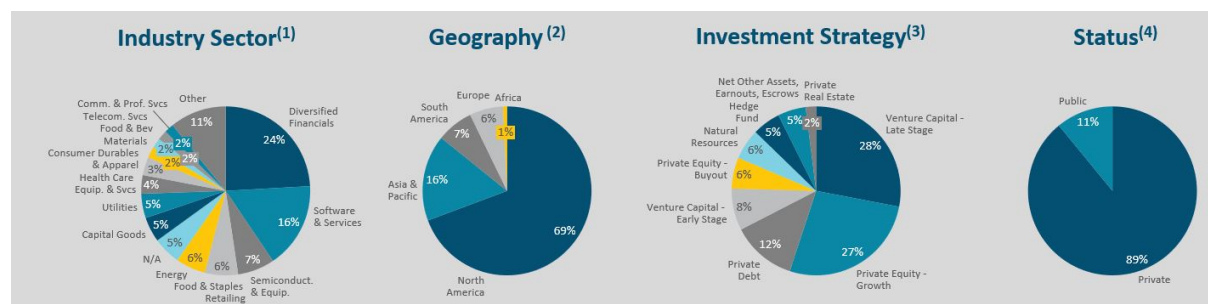
⁶ Calculated as sum of total 2021 Ultra High Net Worth (“UHNW”) U.S. households and 2021 Millionaire U.S. households per Spectrem Group “Market Insights 2022” (2022), at pg. 5.

⁷ Ben Internal expectation based on industry expert observations, commentary, and projections. For instance, McKinsey highlights the changing LP base towards the inclusion of retail investors, “Beyond growing institutional investor allocations to private equity, new sources of capital are helping to fuel growth. For example, GPs have been ramping up fundraising efforts with retail investors.” McKinsey Global Private Markets Review 2021 (2021), at pg. 20.

⁸ Spectrem Group defines UHNW investors as individuals with \$5 million to \$25 million net worth, not including primary residence.

Ben Liquidity’s loan portfolio consisted of loans to the Customer ExAlt Trusts with a carrying value (including capitalized interest) of \$366.8 million as of March 31, 2023. The ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio consisted of interests in professionally managed funds and other investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts with an aggregate value of \$491.9 million as of March 31, 2023, including interests in alternative assets with a NAV of \$385.9 million and investments in debt and equity securities as of \$106.0 million. As of March 31, 2023, the vintages of the funds in the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio ranged from 1993 to 2022.⁹ Through such funds, the liquidity financings had aggregate exposure to 297 funds¹⁰ comprised of 965 underlying investments.¹¹ Such funds are managed by a group of unaffiliated U.S. and non-U.S. based alternative asset management firms that invest in a variety of financial markets and utilize a variety of investment strategies. Directly held investments in debt and equity securities, primarily represents those of our former parent and its subsidiaries and also includes in-kind distributions to the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The aggregate value of these investments was \$106.0 million as of March 31, 2023.

As of March 31, 2023, the charts below present the relative exposure of Ben Liquidity’s loan portfolio by certain characteristics (percentages determined by aggregate loan portfolio principal balance, which includes the exposure to interests in certain of our former affiliates’ equity and debt securities and other investments in debt and equity securities composing part of the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio):



As of March 31, 2023. Represents the characteristics of professionally managed funds and investments in the Collateral portfolio, which is comprised of a diverse portfolio of direct and indirect interests (through various investment vehicles, including, limited partnership interests and private and public equity and debt securities, which include our and our affiliates’ or our former affiliates’ securities), primarily in third-party, professionally managed private funds and investments. Loan balances used to calculate the percentages reported in the pie charts are loan balances net of allowance for loan losses, and as of March 31, 2023, the total allowance for loan losses was \$129.1 million, for a total gross loan balance of \$495.9 million and a loan balance net of allowance for loan losses of \$366.8 million.

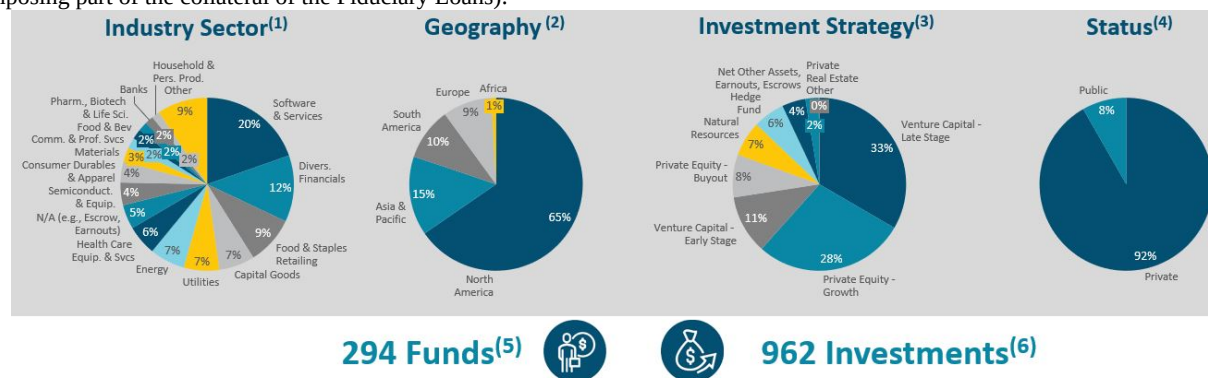
- ⁽¹⁾ Industry sector based on GICS® Level 2 classification. “Other” classification reflects companies in the GICS classifications categories of Automobiles & Components, Banks, Consumer Services, Household & Personal Products, Insurance, Tech Hardware & Equipment, Real Estate, Media & Entertainment, Transportation, Retailing, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences. N/A includes investments assets that Ben management has determined do not have an applicable GICS® Level 2 classification, such as Net Other Assets, Escrows and Earnouts.
- ⁽²⁾ Geography reflects classifications determined by our management, based on each underlying investment.
- ⁽³⁾ Investment Strategy Type reflects classifications based on each company’s current investment strategy stage as determined by our management.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Included in the 89% classified as “Private” is approximately 6% (of the total) that are limited partnership interests in other funds where further detail on the underlying holdings of these funds is not available.

⁹ As of March 31, 2023, such funds comprise 84% of the Collateral, with the remainder being comprised of indirect interests in certain of our and our affiliates’ equity and debt securities.

¹⁰ Includes limited partnership interests in funds held directly in the Collateral and funds held indirectly in the Collateral through other entities, including special purpose vehicles and other funds.

¹¹ Investments reflect the assets listed by the general partner of a fund as held by the fund and have a positive or negative net asset value. Typical assets include portfolio companies, limited partnership interests in other funds, and net other assets, which are a fund’s cash and other current assets minus liabilities.

As of March 31, 2023, the charts below present certain characteristics of the professionally-managed private funds composing part of the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio (percentages determined by net asset value and excludes interests in certain of our former parent's and its subsidiaries' equity and debt securities composing part of the collateral of the Fiduciary Loans):¹²



As of March 31, 2023. Represents the characteristics of the third-party, professionally managed funds and investments in the Collateral. Excludes interests in certain of our and our affiliates or former affiliates' equity and debt securities. The Collateral for the ExAlt PlanTM Loans in the loan portfolio is comprised of a diverse portfolio of direct and indirect interests (through various investment vehicles, including, limited partnership interests and private and public equity and debt securities, which include our and our affiliates' securities), primarily in third-party, professionally managed private funds and investments. As of March 31, 2023, such third-party, professionally managed private fund and investments comprise 84% of the Collateral, with the remainder being comprised of indirect interests in certain of our and our affiliates or our former affiliates' equity and debt securities. The vintages of these funds and investments in the Collateral portfolio ranged from 1993 to 2022.

- ⁽¹⁾ Industry sector based on GICS® Level 2 classification. "Other" classification reflects companies in the GICS® classifications categories of Automobiles & Components, Media & Entertainment, Consumer Services, Insurance, Tech Hardware & Equipment, Real Estate, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, and Transportation. N/A includes investments assets that Ben management has determined do not have an applicable GICS® Level 2 classification, such as net other assets, and investments that are not operating companies.
- ⁽²⁾ Geography reflects classifications determined by our management, based on each underlying investment. Investments reflect the assets listed by the general partner of a fund as held by the fund and have a positive or negative net asset value. Typical assets include portfolio companies, limited partnership interests in other funds, and net other assets, which are a fund's cash and other current assets minus liabilities.
- ⁽³⁾ Investment Strategy Type reflects classifications based on each company's current investment strategy stage as determined by our management.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Included in the 92% classified as "Private" is 7% (of the total) that are limited partnership interests in other funds where further detail on the underlying holdings of these funds is not available.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Includes limited partnership interests in funds held directly in the collateral portfolio and funds held indirectly in the collateral portfolio through other entities, including special purpose vehicles and other funds.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Investments reflect the assets listed by the general partner of a fund as held by the fund and have a positive or negative net asset value. Typical assets include portfolio companies, limited partnership interests in other funds, and net other assets, which are a fund's cash and other current assets minus liabilities.

¹² The data presented in the graphic includes third-party information regarding the net asset value of private funds composing part of the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio. Generally, Ben leverages the most recently-received net asset value report from each respective investment manager, which may be adjusted for certain cash and non-cash items including capital calls, distributions, updated material events, and currency valuation adjustments. Ben is not affiliated with, and has no control over, any portfolio investment manager, including with respect to the timing, accuracy and completeness of their reporting of financial and other data.

Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans are structured as loans with a maturity date of 12 years that bear contractual interest at a variable rate, that compounds monthly. The ExAlt Loans made prior to December 31, 2020 (which constitute the majority of our loan portfolio) have a variable interest rate established off a base rate of 14%, and ExAlt Loans made from December 31, 2020 to date have a variable interest rate established off a base rate of 10%. Ben Liquidity may make ExAlt Loans in the future with a variable interest rate established off different base rates.

Ben has continuing engagements supporting its internal work, including independent collateral value and loan review processes performed by a major accounting firm and a national certified public accounting ("CPA") and advisory firm. Ben Liquidity obtains loan balance testing and loan review performed by a national CPA and advisory firm, whereby such firm tests and validates the balances of all loans and conducts loan review testing following the selection process (which includes evaluating whether Ben Liquidity's loan files have adequate supporting information as required by Ben Liquidity's policies, whether underwriting standards meet policy requirements, the existence and completeness of legal documentation related to the loans, control testing for loans reviewed, including accrued interest and application of loan payments, and, as applicable, whether the ratings assigned to the loans match the policy definitions). ExAlt Loans are selected for review on an annual basis depending on factors such as the ages, sizes, and due dates of the loans.

The primary source of repayment for the ExAlt Loans is the Collateral. In the event that an ExAlt Loan's principal balance is paid down to zero dollars (\$0), any remaining Collateral supporting such ExAlt Loan effectively cross-collateralizes other ExAlt Loans, as any such excess cash flows must be applied to pay off the outstanding balances of other ExAlt Loans pursuant to the terms of the trust agreements governing certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The ExAlt Loans also include a commitment to fund additional amounts required to pay ordinary course third-party expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the alternative assets and to fund capital calls. The interest income recognized by Ben Liquidity as unpaid interest is capitalized on the ExAlt Loans, and when combined with the amortized transaction fees and trust administration fees charged by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, are generally expected to provide annual revenue at a rate of approximately 12% to 14% of the balance of each ExAlt Loan. Such revenue is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's and BCH's equity holders. See "*— Business of Beneficient — ExAlt Plan Exchange*" for additional detail regarding fees charged by the Ben Business Units.

Initial ExAlt Loan Participation

Ben Liquidity has previously sold, and may in the future continue to offer and sell to Customers or other third parties, Participation ExAlt Loans in exchange for cash. Ben Liquidity successfully sold its first Participation ExAlt Loan in the first calendar quarter of 2022. Future Participation ExAlt Loans may have terms and conditions different than the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan described below. The sale of the loan allows Ben to retain transaction, custody and other non-interest fees.

BFF, as lender, and a third party ("Participant"), entered into a Participation Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022 (the "Participation Agreement"), pursuant to which Participant purchased from BFF for an aggregate purchase price of \$72.5 million a 100% participation interest (the "Participation Interest") in a \$72.5 million loan (the "Initial Participation ExAlt Loan") made by BFF to The EP-00117 Funding Trust, a common law trust formed under Texas law ("Borrower"). The purchase price was paid in cash by Participant to BFF on March 25, 2022.

Following the closing of the sale of the Participation Interest, BFF paid to Participant a credit in the amount of \$7.9 million representing the payment that would have been made on the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan as of March 24, 2022 had the Participation Agreement been effective on December 7, 2021. Pursuant to the Participation Agreement, the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan generally ranks *pari passu* with a loan (the "Ben Loan") made by BFF to Borrower on December 7, 2021 in the original principal amount of \$246.8 million, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Participation Agreement. Concurrently with the closing of the purchase and sale of the Participation Interest, Borrower applied 100% of the proceeds of the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan to the repayment of the Ben Loan.

The Ben Loan and the Initial Participation ExAlt Loan are secured by a pledge (the "Pledge") by the Borrower of its right to receive distributions, and the distributions the Borrower actually receives (in each case excluding amounts required to be distributed by Borrower as a qualified charitable distribution), with respect to Borrower's interest in an associated ExAlt Trust holding the right to receive cash ultimately distributed from alternative assets originally acquired in connection with the Ben Loan (the "Acquired Assets") in accordance with terms and conditions of the trust agreements of each associated ExAlt Trust. Each ExAlt Trust associated with the Borrower executed certain consents pursuant to which it agreed to distribute 100% of the proceeds it receives on the Acquired Assets to its associated ExAlt Trust beneficial owner, and ultimately to Borrower. Pursuant to that certain Guaranty, dated as of March 24, 2022 (the "Guaranty"), by certain special purpose vehicles formed in connection with the Ben Loan for the purpose of owning the Acquired Assets and which are wholly owned,

indirectly, by the Borrower (the “Acquired Assets Holding Vehicles”) in favor of Participant, the Acquired Alternative Asset Holding Vehicles have guaranteed to Participant the payment and performance of all contractual obligations (but not the financial obligations) of the Acquired Asset Holding Vehicles, each ExAlt Trust associated with the Borrower, and the Borrower under their respective trust agreements and all obligations of lender under the Participation Agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Guaranty.

Each ExAlt Trust associated with the Borrower and the Acquired Asset Holding Vehicles has made certain additional representations, warranties and covenants pursuant to certain trust consents or the Guaranty (as applicable), which include, among other things, limitations on the right of such trusts or the Acquired Asset Holding Vehicles to incur or guarantee indebtedness for borrowed money, business activities, and assets, liabilities and investments.

Market Opportunity

Beneficient’s business is designed to provide secondary liquidity solutions for alternative asset investors; and in particular, for the sub-segments of investors which are currently most underserved. We believe our addressable markets are rapidly growing, while also lacking dedicated service providers to adequately support the trends underlying the secular expansion. We seek to address this underserved market by utilizing our competitive advantages of our proprietary, patent-pending technology, our ability to use our own balance sheet capital to provide secondary liquidity solutions and lower our cost of capital through our public listing, our statutory status as a trust company under the TEFFI Act, and our regulated status.

Our addressable market for liquidity and other services within the alternative investment market is large, underserved and growing.

The global alternative investment market is estimated to consist of more than \$12 trillion of assets under management.¹³ Of this market, approximately \$7.1 trillion¹⁴ of assets are held by U.S.-based investors. We currently estimate that of this, our current focus markets of MHNW investors comprise approximately \$1.0 trillion¹⁵ and that U.S.-based STMI investors also comprise approximately \$1.1 trillion.¹⁶

As the total alternative investment market has grown, so too has the need for secondary liquidity. Transaction volume in the U.S. secondary liquidity market was approximately \$102 billion¹⁷ in 2022, growing from approximately \$25¹⁸ billion in 2012 at a compound annual growth rate of 15.0% during the 10-year period. We believe that most all of the volume in secondary liquidity transactions is driven by the largest and most well-resourced investor classes — large institutional investors and ultra-high net worth investors — due to their ability to access legacy secondary liquidity solutions. MHNW individual investors and U.S.-based STMI investors, which combined hold approximately \$2.1 trillion of assets, have been virtually shut out from the secondary liquidity market due to a lack of cost efficient, transparent, and seamless technology-enabled solutions.

MHNW individual investors face needs for secondary liquidity which are non-existent in the institutional market. The need for liquidity among MHNW individual investors stems from, among other things, life events, estate and tax planning, risk management, the desire to pursue other financial opportunities or investments, retirement and liability protection objectives.

¹³ Based on global private capital AUM data exported from Preqin, excluding funds of funds and secondaries to avoid double counting.

¹⁴ Estimated based on (i) historical North American private capital AUM data from Preqin (excludes hedge funds) and historical North America hedge fund AUM data from EurekaHedge; (ii) market segment data including the percentage of hedge fund assets held by individuals (CitiBusiness Advisory), the percentage of private capital assets held by family offices and wealthy individuals (Preqin, Private Equity Spotlight, February 2016), the percentage of total global assets held by small, mid- and ultra-high net worth individuals (Capgemini and Credit Suisse); and (iii) assets held by North American high net worth individuals, including the percentage of such assets held by MHNW investors (Capgemini). Includes the following assumptions of Ben: (i) calculations of market segmentation based on estimates from third-party sources described above; (ii) large institutions hold 80% of the total institutional AUM; (iii) the percentage of MHNW wealth allocated to alternative assets is 16% (based on a range of estimates from Oliver Wyman, Knight Frank, Campden Research, UBS, and KKR); and (iv) MHNW and UHNW alternative asset AUM may be understated, and large institution and STMI alternative asset AUM may be proportionally overstated and, therefore, require adjustment.

¹⁵ Id.

¹⁶ Id.

¹⁷ Setter Capital Volume Report FY 2022.

¹⁸ Collier Capital Private Equity Secondary Market Report 2017.

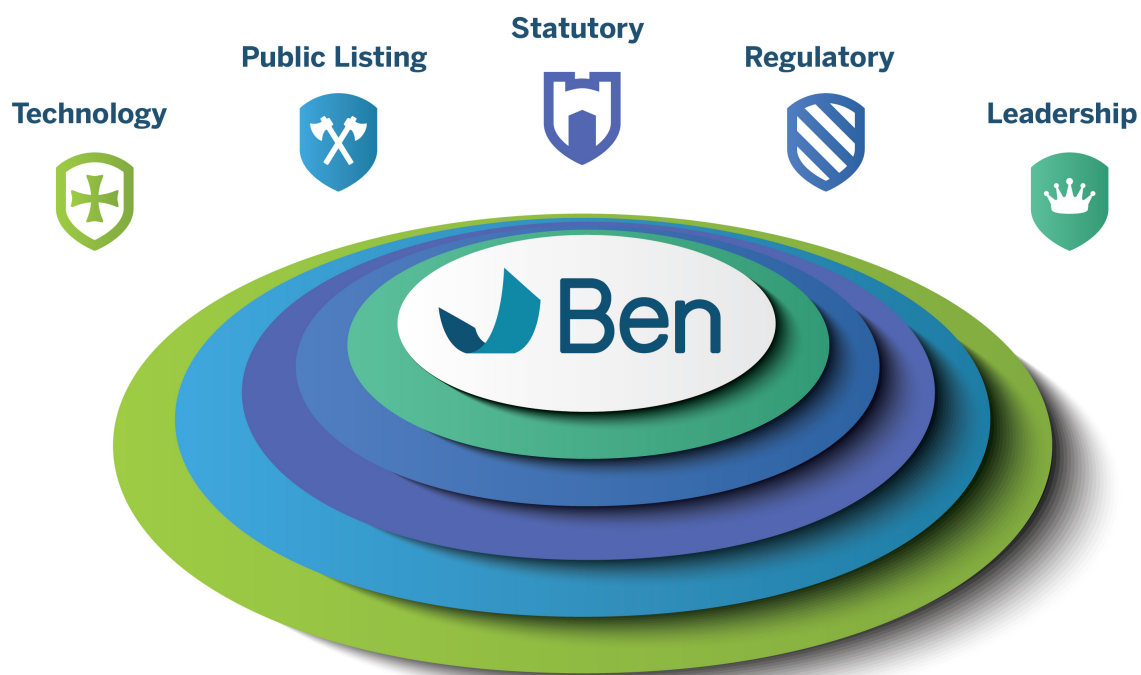
Additionally, given that 84%¹⁹ of MHNW individual investors are self-made and are most likely private business owners, these investors may need or welcome the opportunity for liquidity to help support their own businesses, either if facing financial distress or if presented with attractive growth opportunities that require capital. Similar to MHNW individual investors, we believe that STMI investors holding mature alternative assets have historically faced challenges in accessing the market for secondary liquidity. This is mostly due to traditional liquidity service providers being unwilling or unable to service potential clients in this market segment in a profitable manner given STMI investors holding alternative assets generally do not seek transactions that are sufficiently large for legacy solutions to generate adequate profitability. This is partially due to the antiquated process utilized by legacy solutions providers.

Based on the pace of historical alternative secondary liquidity transactions overall, we estimate that MHNW individual investors and STMI investors in total could seek liquidity between 2 and 3%²⁰ of their aggregate outstanding alternative investment holdings each year if they were provided with greater access to attractive secondary liquidity solutions. As a result, we estimate the annual market demand for liquidity by MHNW individual investors and STMI could exceed \$50 billion.

Competitive Strengths

We have built a new and innovative technology-enabled financial services company to address the unmet needs of a growing segment of a rapidly expanding alternative investment market. We estimate that the total market for liquidity in this asset class stands at \$184 billion, with \$51 billion of current estimated liquidity demand going underserved today.

To address this market, we believe that we have the following competitive advantages that give us an early mover advantage in the market:



¹⁹ Wealth-X Very High Net Worth Handbook 2021.
²⁰ Estimate based on the turnover rate of large institutional investors, calculated based on global private assets under management by vintage (excluding funds of funds and secondaries) reported by Preqin and the total secondary market volume reported in the Setter Capital Volume Report, FY 2021. Ben assumes (i) that MHNW investors would seek approximately two times the turnover rate of large institutional investors and (ii) that STMI investors would seek approximately one-and-a-half times the turnover rate of large institutional investors.

Together, these five competitive advantages create a powerful value proposition for our Customers and an early mover advantage for us. These advantages are the result of significant investment and years of hard work. We have also built a portfolio of products, marketing operations, a corporate culture and team to leverage these advantages on behalf of our Customers.

Technology

We believe that we are the only liquidity and financial services provider serving alternative asset investors in the market with a technological solution for sourcing, processing and completing transactions online. Our structure, facilitated by our end-to-end, tech-enabled, Customer-facing technology and applications, is intended to provide our Customers with liquidity in as little as 30 days — and within two to three days for certain qualifying assets. Our rapid transaction process stands in stark contrast to the current market capabilities, which we believe continue to rely on complex transactions with no centralized platform for workflow and customer service. The complexity and cost of these existing approaches can render it impractical for smaller holders of alternative assets to achieve liquidity on acceptable terms.

Central to our business model and disruptive strategy to address the unserved market for MHNW individuals and STMI is the belief that despite the enormous complexity that exists in the alternative investment market, it is possible to provide Customers with a simple, rapid and cost-effective experience through technological innovation and ingenuity. Existing competitors rely on complex transactions with no centralized platform for workflow and customer service. Their transactions are typically heavily negotiated transactions involving a significant amount of personal interaction and volumes of complex and difficult to understand papers. Through AltAccess, and the technological infrastructure underpinning AltAccess, we seek to provide our Customers with the opportunity to access our capital and achieve liquidity out of their alternative assets via an online portal in as little as 30 days — and within two to three days for certain qualifying assets. Customers using AltAccess can upload documents, work through tasks and complete their liquidity transactions with standardized transaction agreements at no additional cost or hidden fees to our Customers.

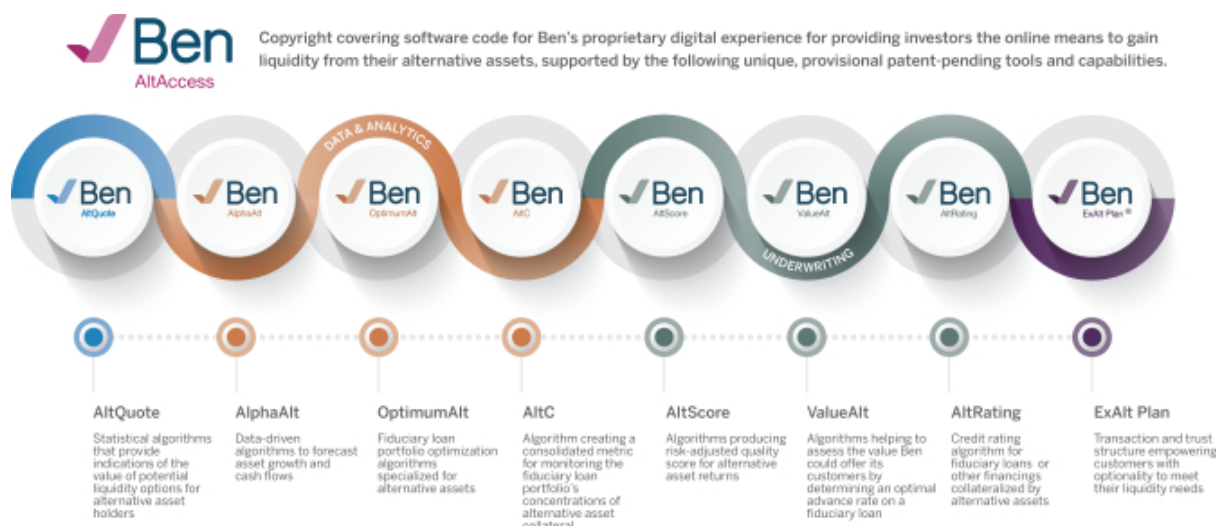


⁽¹⁾ Under development and not in the market.

Our liquidity products are designed to facilitate the delivery of, at a Customer’s election, cash, equity securities or debt securities, or a combination of cash and equity or debt securities.

The foundation of the technologies and systems built into AltAccess includes those covered non-provisional patent applications we filed and that are pending with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We developed these patent-pending digital technologies to facilitate underwriting financings, managing risk and simplifying the closing process:

Proprietary Tech: Ben's Copyright & Patent-Pending Portfolio



Our patent-pending technologies and unique business model give us the ability to offer a simple, rapid and cost-effective customer experience.

Public Listing

On June 8, 2023, our Class A common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market, and our warrants, with each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 (each a "Warrant" and collectively, the "Warrants"), began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market. We anticipate an acceleration in the growth in demand for our core products and the public listing differentiates us from our competitors. Accessing public capital can bolster our balance sheet, which serves as the source of funding — cash, equity and debt instruments — for our full suite of liquidity products. With DTC eligibility, our securities could be held at custodial firms and transferred between brokerage accounts electronically, providing greater liquidity for our Customers. Further, using our publicly listed securities as part of the funding for our liquidity products reduces our cost of capital, which in turn could allow us to offer more attractive pricing on our liquidity products to our Customers.

Statutory

We commenced our core liquidity operations through Ben Liquidity in September 2017. Since day one, we sought to become regulated as a trust company so our Customers could have additional confidence in transactions they conduct with Ben as a result of regulatory oversight. On December 31, 2021, our subsidiary, BFF, received a charter from the State of Kansas under a new set of industry regulations enacted within the State of Kansas through the TEFFI Act, which was signed into law on April 21, 2021. The TEFFI Act allows for the chartering and creation of Kansas trust companies with fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to national banks under the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency, referred to under Kansas law as TEFFIs, which — in each case in their capacity as fiduciaries — may provide financings with respect to alternative assets held in Kansas trusts (referred to as "fidfin trusts" under the TEFFI Act) and provide qualified custodial and trustee services. As such, through its charter, BFF is authorized to exercise fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to national banks under the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency, including as lender and custodian and trustee of, and with respect to, fidfin trusts holding alternative assets.

As a result of the issuance of the operating charter, we believe that we have a significant competitive advantage under the TEFFI Act, which aims to position Kansas as the preferred low-tax jurisdiction in the United States for TEFFIs that will operate as specialized trust companies chartered in Kansas offering alternative asset financial products and services. Trust companies chartered under the TEFFI Act must operate as financial fiduciaries in the financial technology space — FidFinTech — offering liquidity solutions and trust and custody services under a consolidated and unified regulatory framework, a first for our industry. Pursuant to the provisions of the TEFFI Act, BFF is expected to be the only company permitted to offer such services under the TEFFI Act through 2023. We strongly believe operating as a regulated trust company will enhance our overall value proposition by bringing, among other benefits, the comfort of our oversight by regulators to our Customers who rely on us to deliver timely liquidity and related financial products and services.

Critically, we believe that Ben is the first company with the ability to provide liquidity to alternative asset investors through a regulated trust company. We act as a principal using our own balance sheet to provide liquidity solutions to our Customers, while competing firms typically act as intermediaries brokering transactions between parties or funds representing other people's money. This differentiation can provide us with three significant cost advantages: lower cost of capital, lower execution costs and lower holding costs, thus allowing us to offer our Customers cost-effective liquidity solutions. BFF's role as a regulated Kansas TEFFI using our own balance sheet to facilitate liquidity solutions also allows us to form direct relationships with each of our Customers, which incentivizes us to prioritize the customer experience and deploy our capital in ways that enhance our balance sheet. We believe this alignment of interests will be critical and will fuel our ability to grow our core liquidity products and expand into adjacent products and services.

Prior to the TEFFI Act, there was no single jurisdiction in the United States that we believe allowed the alternative asset industry to operate at full efficiency. Regulations in states such as Delaware, Wyoming and Nevada have enacted certain operating provisions, but we believe the TEFFI Act includes specific elements that create a holistic framework for companies providing liquidity in the alternative investment market. The new law in Kansas addresses this issue and creates a "home" for this multi-trillion-dollar industry and is designed to be business friendly, promote regulator cooperation and offer tax incentives for companies who move assets to Kansas under the new legislation.

Regulatory

We believe that the multiple layers of regulatory oversight built into our business model will instill confidence in our Customers in their dealings with us. Our regulated business lines help to deliver a suite of products and services in an environment of safety, soundness and security. Our regulators currently include: (1) the SEC, (2) FINRA, and (3) the OSBC, as a regulator of BFF. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient.



Leadership

Our management team has worked together for years and is grounded by our core values of trailblazing, trust and teamwork. We are led by Brad Heppner, our founder and CEO, a 30+ year industry-veteran who has previously founded successful alternative investment companies, including The Crossroads Group, L.P. (a pioneering alternative asset fund-of-funds), and Capital Analytics (an administrative and data analytics platform for the administration of alternative assets). Our leadership team includes other industry veterans with broad fiduciary, investing and operating experience in relevant industries. We also benefit from the guidance of a world-class Board of Directors with deep experience in financial markets, including former Dallas and Atlanta Federal Reserve Presidents Richard W. Fisher and Dennis P. Lockhart.

Our Strategic Growth Initiatives

Continue our Technological Innovation

We intend to continue pursuing growth through technological innovation. We expect to use a blended approach of proprietary and third-party enterprise applications to provide a robust and scalable systems infrastructure to support underwriting, risk management, compliance and audit functions, as well as client development and timely reporting functions. Our technology systems and infrastructure have been, and are expected to be, developed focusing primarily on the following:

- **Scale.** Technology that is scaled to support the expansion of our products, with a focus on solutions that seek to enable straight-through processing.

- *Customization.* Custom proprietary software solutions that may be leveraged along with widely used industry solutions that can be configured or customized for our business processes.
- *Security.* IT infrastructure that supports the alignment of technology with security.

Expansion into Complementary Lines of Business

Ben Liquidity is our core business and is supported by the services offered by Ben Custody and Ben Markets. As our business matures, we intend to explore and carefully consider expansion of our product offerings to include other complementary products and services that are critical to the alternative investment market and represent adjacent growth opportunities in a highly fragmented, competitive landscape.

In particular, Ben Custody plans to offer additional products and services to Customers other than the Customer ExAlt Trusts in the future. These additional products and services may include consolidating Customers' alternative assets into a secure custody account, custodying electronic data or physical securities certificates, and providing specialized trust administrative services for MHNW and STMI investors. Ben Data plans to provide the Customer ExAlt Trusts with certain data collection, evaluation, and analytics products and services. We anticipate expanding Ben Data to offer these products and services to third parties.

In addition, Ben Insurance Services has filed an application for an insurance charter from the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas. Subject to the approval of such application, Ben expects to begin transacting business as a captive insurer under the Kansas Captive Insurance Act. Upon receipt of a charter, Ben may begin offering the following types of insurance policies to affiliates and the Customer ExAlt Trusts: (i) Fiduciary Guardian insurance policy designed to insure against risks of loss related to asset manager malfeasance and contractual indemnification and exculpation obligations; (ii) surety insurance policy intended to insure against risks of loss attendant to the transfer of alternative assets; (iii) representation and warranty insurance policy intended to insure against risk of loss related to certain representations and warranties made in connection with liquidity transactions; and (iv) credit risk insurance policy intended to insure against losses related to certain loan default.

As we build our Customer base through our liquidity and financing operations, we believe that there are significant opportunities to offer adjacent products and services to these same Customers. In doing so, we would hope to build the pipes to become a digital superhighway for the financing, transferring and assigning of all forms of alternative assets for use by the 14.4 million U.S. households²¹ we expect²² to hold these assets in the future.

Competition

We may encounter significant competition from numerous companies in the products and services we provide and seek to develop in the alternative assets industry. Several companies, including secondary funds and other intermediaries, provide liquidity offerings to large institutional investors and ultra high-net worth investors, and they may decide to target the same target market as us. Many of these competitors may have greater resources and significantly lower costs of funds than we do because, for example, they may have access to insured deposits or greater access to the capital markets. They may also have greater market share in the markets in which we operate.

In addition, should we enter new markets, we would expect to experience significant competition from incumbent market participants. Our ability to compete in these markets will depend on our ability to deliver value-added products and services to the Customers we serve. These factors could also adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to implement our growth strategies.

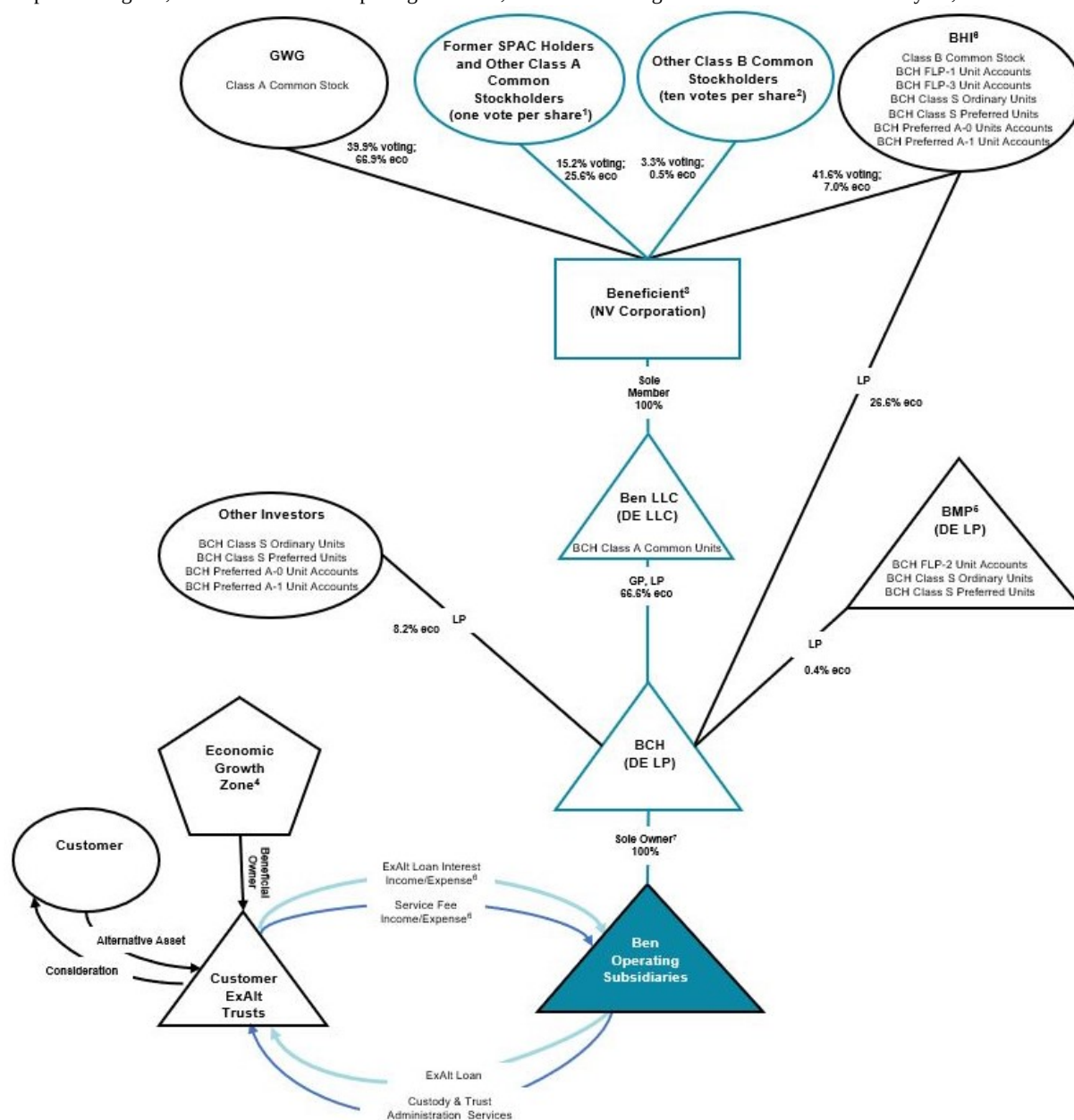
²¹ Calculated as sum of total 2021 UHNW U.S. households and 2021 Millionaire U.S. households per Spectrem Group "Market Insights 2022" (2022), at p. 5. Spectrem Group defines UHNW investors as those with \$5 million to \$25 million net worth, not including primary residence.

²² Ben Internal expectation based on industry expert observations, commentary, and projections. For instance, McKinsey highlights the changing LP base towards the inclusion of retail investors, "Beyond growing institutional investor allocations to private equity, new sources of capital are helping to fuel growth. For example, GPs have been ramping up fundraising efforts with retail investors." McKinsey Global Private Markets Review 2021 (2021), at pg. 20.

Organizational Structure

Current Structure

The following simplified diagram, which excludes multiple legal entities, illustrates our organizational structure as of July 10, 2023.



- We are unable to show the percent voting interest for certain entities with respect to their interests in BCH. The BCH Eighth A&R LPA provides that the business, property and affairs of BCH shall be managed under the sole, absolute and exclusive direction of its general partner, Ben LLC, and the conduct, control and management of BCH shall be vested exclusively in the general partner. The BCH Eighth A&R LPA also provides that except as expressly set forth in the agreement, no limited partner shall have any right to vote on any matter affecting BCH. In the limited circumstances where the limited partners, or a class thereof, do have voting or consent rights, the voting standard varies based on the provisions in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. Therefore, we are unable to include a percent voting interest for each entity relationship as the voting standards are not uniform.

- Eco percentage of Beneficient is based on the number of shares Class A common stock outstanding as of July 10, 2023.
 - Eco percentage of BCH is based upon estimated capital account balances as of July 10, 2023 as determined pursuant to Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code, and such estimates are subject to adjustment. The estimated amounts are based on a deemed liquidation value of BCH of \$3.4 billion and assumes (1) consummation of the Business Combination, (2) consummation of the Recent Financings, (3) \$191.0 million Avalon stockholder redemptions, (4) the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts held by GWG are converted into an aggregate of 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$4.66 per share. The BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into Class A common stock on July 10, 2023, the 21st trading day after closing of the Business Combination, at the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination and (5) gives pro forma effect to the BCG Recapitalization (as defined herein) in connection with the Business Combination. Such assumed liquidation value gives effect to carrying value adjustments in accordance with tax regulations as a result of the issuance of securities in connection with the closing of the Business Combination.
 - Eco percentage illustrates economics in a liquidation scenario. Allocations of income and non-liquidating distributions are subject to differing calculations and priorities and may impact the value of economic interests. For additional information, see “Description of Securities,” which is filed as Exhibit 4.6 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (1) Each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per each share of Class A common stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote. Class A Directors will be elected by holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class (the “Class A Directors”). Each share of Series A preferred stock that is then issued and outstanding is convertible, at the option of the holder thereof, into one-fourth (1/4) of a share of Class A common stock (the “Conversion Rate”) on, and only on, the later of (i) 90 days after the consummation of the Business Combination and (ii) 30 days after a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) has been declared effective with respect to the issuance of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock upon the exercise of the Warrants (the “Conversion Date”); provided that prior to the Conversion Date, if at the time a share of Series A preferred stock is issued, the Series A preferred stock is not listed on Nasdaq, then such shares of Series A preferred stock shall automatically and immediately upon issuance convert into shares of Class A common stock at the Conversion Rate. Each holder of Series A preferred stock shall be deemed to have elected to convert those shares under such optional conversion right from Series A preferred stock into Class A common stock unless they have delivered written notice addressed to investor relations of Beneficient prior to the Conversion Date, stating that they do not wish to elect to participate in such optional conversion. For additional information, see “Description of Securities,” which is filed as Exhibit 4.6 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (2) Shares of our Class B common stock are entitled to 10 votes per share in all matters on which stockholders of Beneficient generally are entitled to vote. Pursuant to the terms of the Stockholders Agreement (as defined herein), the holders of Class B common stock are also entitled to elect at least five directors to the Company’s board of directors (the directors elected by the Class B Holders, the “Class B Directors”) so long as they continue to hold a threshold number of shares of Class B common stock. For additional information, see “Description of Securities,” which is filed as Exhibit 4.6 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) See Item 12 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K for more details on the current classes and series of securities of Beneficient and its subsidiaries.
- (4) Certain Charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, for every \$0.95 paid on each such ExAlt Loan, \$0.05 is also distributed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a Charity. For ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, for every \$1.00 the Customer ExAlt Trusts earn on its ownership of the exchanged Alternative Asset, \$.025 is distributed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to an Economic Growth Zone.
- (5) Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. (“BMP”), which is owned by certain of Beneficient’s directors and senior employees, is a holder of equity interests in BCH described as Subclass 2 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts”), Class S Ordinary Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Ordinary Units”) and the Class S Preferred Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Preferred Units”) under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. The BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts are allocated 49.5% of (1) 15% of profits from financing activities of BCH and (2) Excess EBITDA Margin (as defined herein), which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Ben. See “—*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation - Basis of Presentation - Noncontrolling Interests.*”

- (6) BHI, a Related Entity (as defined herein) is a holder of equity interests in BCH and owns a majority of BCH Class S Ordinary Units, the BCH Class S Preferred Units, Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts”), Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (the “BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts”) and all of the Subclass 1 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts”) and Subclass 3 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts”), as described in the BCH LPA. The BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts are allocated 50.5% of (1) 15% of profits from financing activities of BCH and (2) Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Ben. The BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts are allocated profits from financing activities of Ben equal to the lesser of 5% of quarterly net financing revenues and 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenues) of the quarterly average of new loans issued during the previous 12 months. See “—*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation - Basis of Presentation - Noncontrolling Interests.*”
- (7) Ben Liquidity is our primary business line operating subsidiary. Our other Ben Business Units are our complementary business lines, Ben Custody and Ben Markets.
- (8) Interest and fee revenue received by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody and interest and fee expense of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

Government Supervision and Regulatory Authority

Overview. We currently are and may become further subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and international law. These laws and regulations affect the operation and performance of us and our subsidiaries. In many cases, the applicable regulatory authorities have broad enforcement powers including the power to impose substantial fines and other penalties for violations of laws and regulations. Further, these regulations impose reporting and information collections obligations. We may incur significant costs relating to compliance with these laws and regulations. The following discussion summarizes the material elements of the regulatory framework that applies, or that we expect will apply, to us and our subsidiaries. References to the applicable statutes and regulations are brief summaries thereof, do not purport to be complete, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such statutes and regulations. We cannot predict whether or in what form any proposed regulation or statute will be adopted or the extent to which our business may be affected by any new regulation or statute.

Our subsidiary, BFF, has been granted an operational TEFFI charter from the State of Kansas. We intend to carry on much of our business through our TEFFI. As a result of the issuance of an operating charter under the TEFFI Act to BFF on December 31, 2021, BFF has become subject to further regulation by the OSBC, including new rules and regulations that it would be expected to adopt as a part of the conclusion of the pilot program. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. Such regulations could prove to be burdensome on our business and could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. Ben Securities is registered as a securities broker-dealer with the SEC, FINRA, and certain states as determined by its business. We further are seeking to obtain a license to offer insurance products, which would also result in further regulation.

In April 2021, the Kansas Legislature adopted, and the governor of Kansas signed into law, a bill that would allow for the chartering and creation of Kansas TEFFIs that provide fiduciary financing, custodian and trustee services to participants in the alternative assets market, as well as the establishment of alternative asset trusts. This legislation became effective on July 1, 2021 and designates Ben as the pilot TEFFI; however, we were not authorized to operate under the pilot program until December 31, 2021, at which time the charter was issued to BFF.

On March 28, 2022, we completed the acquisition of MHT Securities, L.P. (“MHTS”), an SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA member, and on May 3, 2022, FINRA issued its full approval of the change in ownership of MHTS for the remaining change in ownership of MHTS to Ben Markets Management Holdings, L.P. and Ben Markets Corporate Holdings, L.L.C. MHTS’s name has since been changed to Beneficient Securities Company, L.P. As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, Beneficient Capital Markets, L.L.C. (“BCM”) has not completed its New Member Application with FINRA as a broker-dealer, is not SEC-registered and has not been admitted as a FINRA member.

In addition, as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, Ben Insurance Services is not operational. We have filed for an insurance charter from the Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Kansas as a result of the recent adoption of legislative amendments concerning captive insurers in the State of Kansas. While PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, LTD. (“Pen”), has been registered and licensed as a Class 3 insurer under the Bermuda Insurance Act of 1978, we have not sought approval from the Bermuda authorities for Pen to become operational.

Data Privacy Laws. We will collect, store, share, transfer, use and otherwise process personal data as part of our business. Privacy laws and regulations impose stringent data protection requirements on our businesses and grant residents in certain jurisdictions various rights with regard to personal information relating to them. Laws in all 50 states and other jurisdictions require businesses to provide notice to customers whose personally identifiable information has been disclosed as a result of a data breach. These privacy and notification laws are not consistent, as certain laws may be more stringent or broader in scope, or offer greater individual rights, with respect to sensitive and personal information than other laws, and such laws may differ from each other. These privacy laws and regulations may be updated to impose additional requirements, and new laws may go into effect.

Impact of Current Laws and Regulations. The cumulative effect of the laws and regulations described in this filing, while providing certain benefits, could add significantly to the cost of our operations and thus could have a negative impact on our profitability. There has also been an expansion in recent years of financial service providers, some of which may not be subject to the examination, oversight, and other rules and regulations to which we are subject. Those providers, because they may not be so highly regulated, may have a competitive advantage over us and may continue to draw large amounts of funds away from our business, with a continuing adverse effect on the regulated financial industry in general.

Future Legislation and Regulatory Reform. From time to time, various legislative and regulatory initiatives are introduced in Congress and state legislatures. New regulations and statutes are regularly proposed that contain wide-ranging proposals for altering the structures, regulations and competitive relationships of financial institutions operating in the United States. We cannot predict whether or in what form any proposed regulation or statute will be adopted or the extent to which our business may be affected by any new regulation or statute. Future legislation, regulation and policies, and the effects of that legislation and regulation and those policies, may have a significant influence on our operations and activities, financial condition, results of operations, growth plans or future prospects and the overall growth and distribution of our products and services. Such legislation, regulation and policies have had a significant effect on the operations and activities, financial condition, results of operations, growth plans and future prospects of financial institutions in the past and are expected to continue to do so.

Legal and Regulatory Requirements Applicable to Kansas State Trust Companies

Overview. In April 2021, the Kansas Legislature adopted, and the governor of Kansas signed into law, the TEFPI Act, that allows for the chartering and creation of Kansas TEFPIs with fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to national banks under the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency that provide fiduciary financing, custodian and trustee services to participants in the alternative assets market as well as the establishment of alternative asset trusts. The legislation became effective on July 1, 2021 and designates Beneficient as the pilot TEFPI.

In accordance with the above-described legislation, effective December 31, 2021, the State of Kansas issued an operating TEFPI charter to BFF. As a result of BFF's receipt of the operating Kansas TEFPI charter, Ben's liquidity transactions through BFF and their associated documents and agreements are subject to periodic review by the OSBC to ensure that we have complied with our fiduciary duties to our customers. In the future, BFF may become subject to further regulation by the OSBC, including new rules and regulations. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. Such regulations could prove to be burdensome on our business and could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Under the TEFPI Act, a "Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution" or "fiduciary financial institution" means any limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation that:

- is organized to perform any one or more of the activities and services authorized by the TEFPI Act;
- has been authorized to conduct business as a fiduciary financial institution under the Kansas Banking Code;
- has made, committed to make, or caused to be made a qualified investment for its principal offices within a Kansas economic growth zone; and
- has committed to conduct any fiduciary financial ("fidfin") transactions in accordance with the TEFPI Act, including the distributions required therein.

Capital Requirements. The TEFPI Act defines "capital" to mean the total of the aggregate par value of a TEFPI's outstanding membership units, its surplus, and its undivided profits. The TEFPI Act provides the required capital for a TEFPI must be at least \$250,000 when:

- the TEFPI does not accept deposits, other than alternative asset custody accounts;

- the TEFFI maintains no third-party debt except debts owed to the members of the fiduciary financial institution or its affiliates; and
- the TEFFI has secured an agreement from its members whereby such members agree to contribute additional capital to the TEFFI if needed to ensure its safety and soundness.

A TEFFI that fails to satisfy the above-described capital requirements is subject to the capitalization requirements of Section 9-901a of the Kansas Banking Code, as generally applicable to non-TEFFI trust companies. Kansas law provides that the capital of a TEFFI shall be divided, with 60% of the amount as aggregate par value of outstanding membership units, 30% as surplus, and 10% as undivided profits.

Distributions. Pursuant to requirements of the TEFFI Act, each TEFFI must commit to structure fidfin transactions to ensure that qualified charitable distributions are made each calendar year in an aggregate amount equal to at least 2.5% of the TEFFI's transactions originated during the taxable year.

Management and Control. The TEFFI Act requires the business of any TEFFI to be managed and controlled by such fiduciary financial institution's board of directors. The TEFFI Act provides this board must consist of not fewer than 5 nor more than 25 members who are elected by the members at any regular annual meeting. The TEFFI Act specifies at least one director must be a resident of Kansas. The TEFFI Act also provides provisions pertaining to holding meetings that cannot occur on the date specified in the operating agreement or bylaws and meeting notice requirements. The TEFFI Act requires annual meetings of fiduciary financial institutions to be held in Kansas. The TEFFI Act permits any other meetings of such institution's management or directors, including a meeting required by Section 9-1116 of the Kansas Banking Code (quarterly meetings), to be held in any location determined by the fiduciary financial institution's officers or directors.

Privacy. The TEFFI Act establishes privacy protections for those establishing a fidfin trust or alternative asset custody account, in court proceedings, upon petition of the acting trustee, custodian, trustor, or any beneficiary. Upon the filing, documents would be sealed and not be part of the public record, except that the petition would be available.

Impact of Additional State and Federal Rules and Regulations applicable to TEFFIs. The TEFFI Act requires the OSBC to promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the TEFFI Act. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. In addition, due to the relatively unique nature of TEFFIs, it is not yet clear whether or to what extent existing federal regulations that are applicable to more traditional non-depository trust companies may be determined to be applicable to TEFFIs. Future state and potentially federal rulemaking is expected to provide more clarity regarding the supervision and regulation process for TEFFIs, and may include additional regulatory requirements or obligations that are not described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We cannot predict whether or in what form any proposed regulation will be adopted or the extent to which our business may be affected by any new regulation or governmental agency interpretation. Those regulations or interpretations may have a significant influence on our operations and activities, financial condition, results of operations, growth plans or future prospects and the overall growth and distribution of our products and services.

Legal and Regulatory Requirements Applicable to Kansas Captive Insurers

Overview. As a result of the recent adoption of legislative amendments concerning captive insurers in the State of Kansas, Ben Insurance Services filed an application for an insurance charter from the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas. Subject to the approval of such application, Ben expects to begin transacting business as a captive insurer in Kansas promptly upon receipt of such charter. Accordingly, upon receipt of such charter, Ben Insurance Services will become subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the Kansas Insurance Department.

Generally, Kansas law provides the Kansas Insurance Department with broad authority to oversee the operations of a captive insurer, including powers over matters such as licensure, standards of solvency, investments, methods of accounting, form and content of financial statements, reinsurance, minimum capital and surplus requirements, dividends and other distributions to shareholders, payment of premium taxes, periodic examinations and annual and other report filings. Also, under certain circumstances, transactions among affiliates, including reinsurance agreements or arrangements, as well as certain third-party transactions, require prior regulatory approval from, or prior notice to and non-disapproval by, the Kansas Insurance Department. Certain insurance regulatory requirements are highlighted below.

In addition, increased federal or state regulatory scrutiny could lead to new legal precedents, new regulations, new practices or regulatory actions or investigations which could impact Ben Insurance Services, including with respect to its financial condition or operations.

Current Regulatory Background. Upon receipt of approval of its charter, Ben Insurance Services would be primarily governed by Article 40 of the Kansas Insurance Code (the “Kansas Captive Insurance Laws”). The Kansas Insurance Department, in deciding whether to grant Ben Insurance Services’ request for a charter, has broad discretion to determine whether Ben Insurance Services meets the applicable requirements of the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws, including whether Ben Insurance Services will have adequate premiums, assets and capital and surplus levels relative to the risks to be insured or reinsured. Further, the Kansas Insurance Department has the authority to impose other conditions to licensure in order to ensure that a captive insurer has the adequate ability to meet its obligations. A failure to meet any conditions imposed by the Kansas Insurance Department could result in a disapproval of Ben Insurance Services’ request for a charter, which would mean that Ben Insurance Services could not operate as a captive insurer in Kansas until any concerns that the Kansas Insurance Department may have are resolved.

Should the Kansas Insurance Department approve an application of Ben Insurance Services to become a Kansas captive insurer, Ben Insurance Services would need to comply with the terms of any approval order and any other conditions imposed by the Kansas Insurance Department in connection with such approval. The Kansas Captive Insurance Laws permit the Kansas Insurance Department to impose additional conditions or requirements, from time to time, on the captive insurers that it regulates, in addition to broad powers to supervise, investigate and intervene in the affairs of such companies.

Amendments to Kansas Captive Insurance Laws. In 2022, the Kansas Legislature adopted, and the governor of Kansas signed into law, certain amendments to the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws (“the TEFFI Captive Amendments”). The TEFFI Captive Amendments created a new subcategory of Kansas captive insurer called a “technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company” or “TEFFI insurance company.” Under the TEFFI Captive Amendments, a TEFFI insurance company is permitted to provide contracts of suretyship or credit insurance where the obligee under the contract of suretyship or the insured under the contract of credit insurance, as the case may be, is:

- an affiliated TEFFI;
- an affiliated fidfin trust; or
- any other affiliated company.

In addition, a TEFFI insurance company is permitted to insure affiliated companies that are investors in an investment fund against liability, loss or damage resulting from owning an interest in an investment fund from any of the following risks:

- fraud, theft or conversion of assets by a manager of an investment fund;
- the obligation of an investor in an investment fund to indemnify or exculpate a manager of such investment fund;
- any obligation of an affiliated technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution, affiliated fidfin trust or affiliated company to indemnify or exculpate an affiliated company or an investment fund in which any affiliated fidfin trust is an investor, or of which an affiliated fidfin trust is an affiliated company or of which any affiliated fidfin trust is a manager;
- the inability of an investor to recover damages from a manager of such investment fund as a result of exculpation provisions in the governing documents of such investment fund;
- breach of representations or warranties made by a transferor, assignor or investor in an investment fund in connection with a transfer or assignment of an interest in an investment fund; or
- breach of an obligation of a transferor, assignor or investor in an investment fund to pass through to the transferee, assignee or substitute investor in an investment fund any and all economic benefits of a transferred or assigned interest in an investment fund.

The TEFFI Captive Amendments also permit TEFFI insurance companies to issue “payment-in-kind policies” to qualified policyholders, under which the TEFFI insurance company would have the option, in its sole discretion, to make claim payments, in whole or in part, in cash or in the form of in-kind assets rather than cash pursuant to schedules attached to the policy and agreed to in writing by the qualified policyholder.

As noted above, Ben Insurance Services has applied for a certificate of authority as a TEFFI insurance company.

Credit for Reinsurance. Except for certain mandated provisions that must be included in order for a ceding insurer to obtain credit for reinsurance ceded, the terms and conditions of reinsurance agreements generally are not subject to regulation by any governmental authority, including the Kansas Insurance Department. This contrasts with primary insurance policies issued by licensed insurers, the rates and terms of which are regulated under Kansas law by the Kansas Insurance Department.

Certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), provide that only the state in which a ceding insurer is domiciled may regulate the financial statement credit for reinsurance taken by that ceding insurer. A ceding insurer ordinarily will enter into a reinsurance agreement only if it can obtain credit for the reinsurance ceded on its U.S. statutory-basis financial statements. In general, credit for reinsurance is allowed in the following circumstances: if the reinsurer is licensed in the state in which the ceding insurer is domiciled; if the reinsurer is an “accredited” or otherwise approved reinsurer in the state in which the ceding insurer is domiciled; in some instances, if the reinsurer (a) is domiciled in a state that is deemed to have substantially similar credit for reinsurance standards as the state in which the ceding insurer is domiciled and (b) meets certain financial requirements; or if none of the above applies, to the extent that the reinsurance obligations of the reinsurer are collateralized appropriately, typically through the posting of a letter of credit for the benefit of the ceding insurer or the deposit of assets into a trust fund established for the benefit of the ceding insurer.

Should the Kansas Insurance Department approve the application of Ben Insurance Services to become a Kansas captive insurer, Ben Insurance Services will be domiciled in Kansas for credit for reinsurance purposes.

Kansas Holding Company Act. Kansas primarily regulates insurance holding company systems through Article 33 of the Kansas Insurance Code (the “Kansas Holding Company Act”). The Kansas Holding Company Act and related regulations generally provide that each insurance company in an insurance holding company system that is domiciled in Kansas is required to register with the Kansas Insurance Department and furnish information concerning the operations of companies within the holding company system that may materially affect the operations, management or financial condition of the insurers within the system. All transactions within a holding company system affecting insurers must be fair and reasonable. Notice to the Kansas Insurance Department is required prior to the consummation of certain material transactions between a Kansas-domiciled insurer and any entity in its holding company system. In addition, certain of such transactions cannot be consummated without the Kansas Insurance Department’s prior approval, or its non-disapproval after receiving the required prior notice.

The Kansas Holding Company Act generally applies to captive insurers, though in many respects the requirements of the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws supersede requirements that would otherwise be imposed by the Kansas Holding Company Act, particularly with respect to changes of control of captive insurers.

Regulation of Dividends and Similar Payments from Captive Insurers. The ability of a captive insurer to pay dividends or make other distributions to its owners is subject to prior approval from the Kansas Insurance Department. For insurers generally, Kansas law only imposes prior regulatory approval on the payment of dividends or other distributions above a specified level, but in the case of captive insurers the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws require prior regulatory approval for any distribution or dividend by a captive insurer. Such dividends or distributions may be subject to applicable withholding or other taxes.

Financial Regulation Accreditation Standards Program. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (the “NAIC”), a standard-setting and regulatory support organization governed by the insurance commissioners of all 50 U.S. states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, has instituted its Financial Regulation Accreditation Standards Program, (“FRASP”), in response to federal initiatives to regulate the business of insurance. FRASP provides a set of standards designed to establish effective state regulation of the financial condition of insurance companies, including captive insurers. Under FRASP, a state must adopt certain laws and regulations, institute required regulatory practices and procedures, and have adequate personnel to enforce such items in order to become an “accredited” state. If a state is not accredited, other states may not accept certain financial examination reports of insurers prepared solely by the regulatory agency in such unaccredited state. Kansas is an accredited state.

Effect of Certain Federal Laws. A number of federal laws affect and apply to the insurance industry, including various privacy laws and the economic and trade sanctions implemented by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”). OFAC maintains and enforces economic sanctions against certain foreign countries and groups and prohibits U.S. persons from engaging in certain transactions with certain persons or entities. OFAC has imposed civil penalties on persons, including insurance and reinsurance companies, arising from violations of its economic sanctions program.

Legislative and Regulatory Proposals. From time to time, various regulatory and legislative changes have been, and will be, proposed in the insurance and reinsurance industry. Among the proposals that have been considered is the possible introduction of federal regulation in addition to, or in lieu of, the current system of state regulation of insurers and the NAIC. In addition, there are a variety of proposals being considered by various state legislatures. An ongoing area of work at the NAIC is the consideration of enhanced methods of group supervision. It is not possible to predict the future impact of any

potential state or federal laws or regulations on Ben Insurance Services' capital and operations, and such laws or regulations could materially adversely affect Ben Insurance Services' business.

Legal and Regulatory Requirements Applicable to Broker-Dealers

Ben Securities is registered as a securities broker-dealer with the SEC, FINRA, and certain states as determined by its business operations. On March 26, 2021, Beneficient Capital Markets, L.L.C. ("BCM") filed a Form BD with the SEC to commence its application for broker-dealer registration. If approved by the SEC and FINRA, and admitted as a FINRA member, BCM will conduct its activities attendant to offering Ben's products and services and will become subject to the various rules and regulations governing broker-dealers.

Much of the regulation of broker-dealers has been delegated by the SEC to self-regulatory organizations such as FINRA. FINRA adopts rules (which are subject to approval by the SEC) for governing its members and the industry. Broker-dealers are also subject to federal securities laws and SEC rules, as well as the laws and rules of the states in which a broker-dealer conducts business. The laws and regulations to which broker-dealers are subject cover all aspects of its securities business, including, but not limited to, sales and trading practices, net capital requirements, record keeping and reporting procedures, relationships and conflicts with customers, restrictions on new business lines without regulatory approval, restrictions on cash withdrawals and distributions, investment banking activities, experience and training requirements for certain employees, and the conduct and supervision of registered persons, officers and employees. Broker-dealers are also subject to privacy, disaster recovery and anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

The principal purpose of regulation, oversight and discipline of broker-dealers is the protection of customers and the securities markets rather than protection of creditors and stockholders of broker-dealers. Additional legislation, changes in rules promulgated by the SEC, securities exchanges, self-regulatory organizations such as FINRA or states, or changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules, often directly affect the method of operation and profitability of broker-dealers. These governmental and self-regulatory organizations may conduct routine examinations, for-cause examinations, investigations and administrative and enforcement proceedings that can result in censure, fine, profit disgorgement, monetary penalties, suspension, revocation of registration or expulsion of broker-dealers, their registered persons, officers or employees.

Changing Regulatory Environment. The regulatory environment in which Ben Securities operates is subject to frequent change. Our business, financial condition and operating results may be adversely affected as a result of new or revised legislation or regulations imposed by the U.S. Congress, the SEC, FINRA or other U.S. and state governmental and regulatory authorities. The business, financial condition and operating results of Ben Securities also may be adversely affected by changes in the interpretation and enforcement of existing laws and rules by these governmental and regulatory authorities. In the current era of heightened regulation of financial institutions, including broker-dealers, Ben Securities can expect to incur increasing compliance costs, along with the industry as a whole.

Regulation Best Interest ("Regulation BI") and Form CRS Relationship Summary. Effective beginning June 2020, the SEC elevated the standard of care for broker-dealers from the current "suitability" requirement to a "best interest" standard when making a recommendation of any securities transaction, or investment strategy involving securities, to a retail customer. The "best interest" standard requires a broker-dealer to make recommendations to retail customers without putting its financial interests ahead of the interests of a retail customer. In connection with Regulation BI, the SEC also adopted a related form called a Form CRS Relationship Summary ("Form CRS"), which requires broker-dealers to deliver to retail investors a succinct, plain English summary about the relationship and services provided by the firm and the required standard of conduct associated with the relationship and services. In connection with adopting Regulation BI, the SEC added new record-making and recordkeeping rules. While the SEC and FINRA have provided some guidance regarding Regulation BI, including findings from certain exams, the interpretation and enforcement of such new regulations carry uncertainties and Ben Securities compliance with Regulation BI may result in increased compliance costs and potential future liability if the SEC or FINRA disagree with how Ben Securities has interpreted or implemented compliance with Regulation BI.

1940 Act Considerations

The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), defines an "investment company" as an issuer that is engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities and owns investment securities having a value exceeding 40 percent of the issuer's unconsolidated assets, excluding cash items and securities issued by the federal government. While we believe that a reasonable investor would conclude that we are not engaged primarily in investing in securities based on our business plan, since our subsidiary, BFF, received an operating trust company charter

from the State of Kansas as a fiduciary financial institution within the State of Kansas, we currently fall under the Section 3(c)(3) exemption under the 1940 Act applicable to banks and insurance companies.

Intellectual Property

We protect the intellectual property associated with our liquidity products, trust services, Ben Markets portal, and other aspects of our business described in the “Business Lines” section above through trademarks, copyrights, domain names, and patents.

As of June 15, 2023, we own 15 trademark registrations in the United States for our BEN house mark and for several sub-brands related to our business. These registrations will continue in force as long as we file the necessary maintenance documents required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”). It is our customary practice to maintain all registrations for marks that remain in use. We also own 16 active trademark applications in the United States that we are currently prosecuting through the trademark office towards registration.

As of June 15, 2023, we own three copyright registrations in the United States for our proprietary software platforms.

We also have registered domain names for websites that we use in our business, including the domain name <trustben.com>.

As of June 15, 2023, we have 8 pending non-provisional U.S. utility patent applications on certain of our systems and processes underlying our liquidity products and trust services. These U.S. utility patent applications are pending and cover the liquidity structure, underwriting, and risk assessment and reduction aspects of our business. If granted, each U.S. utility patent will have a limited duration of twenty years from its respective non-provisional application filing date.

Human Capital Management

Total Compensation and Rewards

We seek to provide competitive compensation and benefits, which is intended to include market-based pay that is competitive for our industry. We offer a full complement of health and welfare benefits such as health, dental, vision, life insurance and AD&D. A 401(k)-retirement plan is also offered. In addition, we promote equity ownership for our employees through various programs, including the Beneficient 2023 Long Term Incentive Plan (the “2023 Incentive Plan”). The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2018 Equity Incentive Plan” or the “2018 Plan”), which was assumed by Beneficient in connection with the Conversion and the BMP Equity Incentive Plan (the “BMP Equity Incentive Plan”), as amended from time to time.

Workforce Culture

We focus on building a workforce that is responsive to customer needs, attentive to being efficient and cost conscious for our financial stakeholders, and innovative in seeking to create new products and services in the industry. We recruit from a variety of channels to search for diverse talent and seek to build a culture reflective of our core values of teamwork, trust and trailblazing. We actively support equal opportunity employment and provide a working environment of equity and inclusion for all employees.

Employees

We employed approximately 150 employees as of June 15, 2023. On July 11, 2023, the Board approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we have commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce. For more information, see Item 9B to this Annual Report on Form 10-K. None of our employees are party to any collective bargaining agreements or members or labor unions.

ITEM 1A — RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a variety of risks, some of which are specific to us and some of which are inherent to the industry in which we operate. The following risks and other information in this report or incorporated in this report by reference, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” should be read carefully before investing in our securities. These risks may adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Many of these risks are out of our direct control, though efforts are made to manage those risks while optimizing financial results. These risks are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are not aware of or focused on or that we currently deem immaterial may also adversely affect our business and operations. This Annual Report on Form 10-K is qualified in its entirety by all these risk factors. References in this section to the “Company,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to Beneficient and its subsidiaries.

Risks Related to Our Business

Risks Related to Our Liquidity Products Business

We have experienced net losses, and we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability in the future.

We have a history of net losses. We generated a net loss, calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), of approximately \$252.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, \$100.9 million during the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022, and net losses of approximately \$105.1 million and \$50.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

We have not achieved profitability, and we may not realize sufficient revenue to achieve profitability in future periods. Our expenses will likely increase in the future as we develop and launch new offerings and platform features, expand into existing and new markets, increase our marketing efforts and continue to invest in our platform. These efforts may be more costly than we expect and may not result in increased revenue or growth in our business. If we are unable to generate adequate revenue growth and manage our expenses, we may continue to incur significant losses in the future and may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability.

We may not be able to grow, effectively manage our growth, or achieve profitability.

A principal focus of our strategy is to serve our Customer’s unmet need for liquidity for their otherwise illiquid alternative assets. Our future growth depends upon a number of factors, many of which are beyond our ability to control. These factors include our ability to:

- compete against other Customer liquidity solutions and other vendors;
- maintain the quality of our trust administration products and services;
- effectively manage our financing underwriting and risk criteria and collateral diversification, including with effective risk management discipline;
- update our products and offerings and develop new products and offerings for which our Customers will be willing to exchange their alternative assets;
- properly scale our internal organization and infrastructure to accommodate the development and commercialization of our existing products and products in development; and
- hire, train and retain qualified personnel to manage and operate our business as it is expected to grow.

A deficiency in any of these factors could adversely affect our ability to achieve or manage growth or profitability and generate distributable cash flow.

Difficult market conditions can cause investors to reduce or suspend their investments in alternative assets or their desire to liquidate alternative assets they hold, which could adversely affect our business.

Our business depends upon the health of the market for investments in alternative assets. During economic downturns, alternative asset owners may suffer from decreasing returns (including negative returns and loss of principal investment), liquidity pressure, increased volatility and difficulty maintaining targeted asset allocations, and investors may decrease or suspend making new fund investments during and after such periods. As the economy begins to recover from these periods, investors may elect to reduce their exposure to alternative investments, resulting in a smaller overall pool of potential future Customers in the industry and Customers for our products and services in the future. In the event all or part of this occurs, when trying to find new Customers, we will be competing for fewer available alternative assets to administer in an

increasingly competitive environment, which could lead to terms less favorable to us as well as difficulty in reaching new Customers. Such changes could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

The due diligence process that we undertake in connection with any liquidity transaction may or may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with such liquidity transaction.

In deciding whether to enter into a liquidity transaction with a Customer, we conduct due diligence that we deem reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each transaction. When conducting due diligence, we may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, technological, governance, legal and regulatory issues. In addition to our employees, outside consultants, legal advisors and accountants may be involved in the due diligence process in varying degrees depending on the type of alternative asset and the parties involved. Further, after Ben Liquidity has closed on certain liquidity transactions, some private fund managers have not consistently provided us with all requisite information to value and monitor collateral positions effectively. Despite our efforts, the results of our due diligence may not be complete and accurate or, even if complete and accurate, may not be sufficient to identify the appropriate underwriting criteria. Additionally, we could be provided with insufficient ongoing information to value and monitor our positions on an ongoing basis, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on the accuracy and completeness of information from and about our Customers.

When making an assessment regarding the alternative assets underlying a potential liquidity transaction, we may rely on information furnished to us by or on behalf of our Customers, including financial statements and other financial information with respect to the character, value and other aspects of the alternative assets. We also may rely on representations of our Customers as to the accuracy and completeness of that information and, with respect to financial statements, on reports of independent auditors. For example, in connection with liquidity transactions, we may rely on documents provided by a Customer that provide information such as the net asset value of an underlying alternative asset. We also rely, and will continue to rely, on Customer representations and certifications, or other audit or accountants' reports, with respect to the business and financial condition of the alternative assets underlying liquidity transaction. While we believe that our underwriting process is thorough and robust, our necessary reliance on Customers may not include, reveal or highlight all relevant facts (including bribery, fraud or other illegal activities) or risks that are necessary or helpful in evaluating such transaction opportunity. Instances of bribery, fraud, accounting irregularities and other improper, illegal or corrupt practices can be difficult to detect and may be more widespread in certain jurisdictions. Our financial condition, results of operations, financial reporting and reputation could be negatively affected if we rely on materially misleading, false, inaccurate or fraudulent information.

Our fair value estimates of illiquid alternative assets may not accurately estimate prices obtained at the time we enter into a liquidity transaction, and we cannot provide assurance that the values of the alternative assets underlying such liquidity transactions that we report from time to time will be realized.

Asset valuations for which there is no readily available market, such as the illiquid alternative assets comprising the Collateral, require estimates and assumptions about matters that are inherently uncertain. Given this uncertainty, the fair values of such assets as reflected in estimated net asset value may not reflect the prices that would actually be obtained if and when such assets are sold.

Our valuation of the assets underlying a potential liquidity transaction may be incorrect due to beliefs or assumptions underlying the data upon which we rely or because such data is stale or incomplete. We base our estimates of the fair value of the alternative assets in the collateral on the fund reported net asset value reported to us by the underlying fund managers, who may employ a number of methodologies and policies, including the nature of the investment, the expected cash flows from the investment, the length of time the investment has been held, restrictions on transfer and other valuation methodologies. As there is no single method for determining fair value, there may be significant variations in the valuation policies used by different fund managers for the Collateral. Due to time lags in receiving valuation information from fund managers, we typically do not and will not have up-to-date information from all underlying funds at the time we calculate the fair value of the alternative assets underlying the liquidity transactions. As such, our ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio may, at any given time, have exposures that are outside of our concentration guidelines to reflect, among other things, attractive financing opportunities, limited availability of assets, or other business reasons. We typically are not aware of all material developments at a fund or our underlying portfolio companies that could adversely affect the value of the interests in funds comprising the Collateral.

Even if market quotations are available for the alternative assets underlying any liquidity transaction, such quotations may not reflect the value that could actually be realized due to various factors, including the possible illiquidity associated with a large ownership position, subsequent illiquidity in the market for a company's securities, future market price volatility or the

potential for a future loss in market value. For example, because the alternative assets held by our potential Customers may be in industries or sectors that are unstable, in distress or undergoing some uncertainty, such alternative assets are subject to rapid changes in value caused by sudden company-specific or industry-wide developments. Realizations at values significantly lower than the fair values recorded in our financial statements could have a material adverse effect on the net asset value of the alternative asset, and therefore the value of the beneficial interests and the corresponding liquidity transactions and the ability to receive payment on our loans.

We depend on the use of data and modeling in our decision-making, and faulty data or modeling approaches could negatively impact our decision-making ability or possibly subject us to regulatory scrutiny in the future.

The use of statistical and quantitative models and other quantitative analyses is endemic to financing decision-making, and the employment of such analyses is intrinsic to our operations. Liquidity stress testing, interest rate sensitivity analysis, risk management efforts, and the identification of possible violations of anti-money laundering regulations are all examples of areas in which we are dependent on models and the data that underlies them. The use of statistical and quantitative models is also becoming more prevalent in regulatory compliance. We often utilize qualitatively driven stress testing of financial health under various market scenarios and anticipate that model-derived testing may become more extensively implemented by regulators in the future.

While we believe these quantitative techniques and approaches improve our decision-making, they also create the possibility that faulty data or flawed quantitative approaches could negatively impact our decision-making ability or, if we become subject to regulatory stress-testing in the future, adverse regulatory scrutiny. Secondly, because of the complexity inherent in these approaches, misunderstanding or misuse of their outputs could similarly result in suboptimal decision-making.

Restrictions on our ability to collect and analyze data regarding our customers' alternative assets could adversely affect our business.

The collateral includes cash flows relating to interests in alternative assets. We depend on the continuation of our relationships with the GPs and sponsors of the underlying funds and investments in order to maintain current data on these alternative assets and realize the value of our interest. The deterioration or termination of such relationships or the imposition of restrictions on our ability to use the data we obtain for our reporting and monitoring services could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be required to omit alternative asset limited partnership agreement information from our underwriting process.

As a part of our underwriting process, we collect information available to us about funds and their performance, and we use machine learning to process it and make it available to us when making underwriting decisions. It is possible that a general partner or other investor in the respective limited partnership could deem this analysis as outside of the agreement's permitted use and require us to remove this information from our underwriting process. Removing these terms could slow and negatively impact the underwriting process, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and business operations.

Our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by concentrations of assets comprising the Collateral.

The collateral base backing Ben Liquidity's portfolio of loans is held in a special purpose collective collateral trust or series of such trusts (the "Collective Trust") designed to manage and risk-optimize the collateral as it grows over time. In seeking to mitigate balance sheet risk, we intend to maintain concentration limits of our collateral by Ben Liquidity's management of its loan inventory and prioritizing underwriting based on portfolio and asset risk ratings as well as evaluations of asset type and class, fund manager, stage of investment, industry segment, geography, maturity, vintage year and public versus private exposure, among other factors, to result in an endowment-based model for diversification. However, our efforts may not be effective, or our risk management guidelines or other underwriting tools may be flawed, and as a result, the collateral may be concentrated in certain issuers, funds, sectors, geographic regions, countries, or asset types, among other factors, which could negatively affect performance as well as our financial results, including our capital position, earnings, cash flows, and growth. Because of such concentrations, we may suffer losses even when economic and market conditions are generally favorable. In addition, although we seek to reduce volatility through the use of our proprietary ExAlt Plan structure that aggregates a diversified pool of alternative asset collateral in the Collective Trust so as to avoid reliance from a cash flow perspective in any one loan on any one underlying alternative asset, we may not obtain optimal diversification due to market and other factors out of our control.

We have a substantial amount of goodwill and intangible assets which over time may have to be written down as we make the required periodic assessments as to their value as reflected in our financial statements.

A significant portion of our total assets are comprised of goodwill and intangible assets that arose from a series of transactions with GWG and relates principally to our Ben Liquidity business. We perform goodwill and intangible asset impairment annually, during the fourth quarter of each year, or when events occur, or circumstances change that would more likely than not indicate impairment has occurred. Based on the results of our most recently completed annual quantitative analysis for goodwill as of January 1, 2023, the analysis did not result in any impairment charges. Similarly, our most recently completed annual quantitative analysis related to our intangible assets determined there was no impairment. Our most recent evaluations for goodwill utilized a linear interpolation method to estimate the enterprise value between two different valuation dates, which were each valued using third-party market transactions involving the Company's and BCH's equity securities as the underlying basis for the valuations. The total enterprise value was then allocated to our reporting units, which involved the use of multiple assumptions, including estimated discounted cash flows and other estimates that may change over time. For example, a key assumption in determining the allocation of Ben's overall enterprise value to each of our reporting units involves the use of forecasted free cash flows generated by our business over the next five years and includes assumptions regarding expected growth of new service offerings and products. While our assumption reflects management's best estimates of future performance, predicting the rate of growth attributable to newly launched products results in increased estimation uncertainty. The Company believes that the linear interpolation methodology provides the most reasonable basis currently for the valuation of its enterprise value because the Company did not identify any significant events that occurred during the intervening periods that would have caused a material change in fair value. Future valuations of the enterprise value may use different valuation methodologies, including the income approach, which would heavily incorporate management's estimate of discounted cash flow. With all valuations, our assumptions reflect management's best estimates of future performance. Further valuations involving estimates, specifically to the extent they may utilize management's estimates of discounted cash flow, could assume that we capture a significant market share of liquidity transactions leading to a substantial rate of growth of new service offerings and products, revenues and assets. These estimations are uncertain to occur, and to the extent we fall short of achieving our expected growth in revenues and assets, material impairments of our goodwill may occur in the near term. Additionally, the restructuring or liquidation of GWG and any litigation relating to our transactions with GWG could have a material adverse on our ability to execute on our business plan, which could have an effect on the value of our goodwill and intangibles. While management can and has implemented its business plans, a failure to further execute our business plans or adverse changes in management's forecasts, to the extent used in future valuations, could result in a decline in our estimated fair value and could result in an impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets. For example, subsequent to the public listing on June 8, 2023, and through the date of this report, the Company experienced a sustained decline in the price of its common stock. A sustained decrease in the Company's common stock is a potential indicator that impairment is present and may require a quantitative impairment assessment of the Company's, assets including goodwill and intangible assets, which may result in an impairment charge for the first fiscal quarter of 2024. If we take an impairment charge for either goodwill or intangible assets, the overall assets will be reduced. Such an impairment charge may result in a change in the perceived value of the Company and ultimately may be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities. Any impairment charge would adversely impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's equity holders. Additionally, an impairment charge may also adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future.

Our business may face substantial competition from a variety of financial solution companies and other liquidity providers.

We may face substantial competition in all areas of our operations from a variety of competitors, many of which are larger, have an established track record and reputation, and may have more financial resources. We are aiming to serve a largely untapped emerging market for individuals and STMI, and other providers of financial products and services and trust administration could seek to compete with us, such as asset managers and their private equity affiliates, insurance companies and a growing list of other local, regional and national institutions which offer financial products and services and trust administration. For instance, one or more of our competitors providing liquidity for alternative assets to larger institutions could enter our market and may seek to obtain a Kansas TEFFI charter, which would limit one of our significant competitive advantages.

While we believe that our ability to finance liquidity transactions through the issuance of securities and potentially from our balance sheet, transaction efficiency, underwriting and risk management processes and low holding cost structure allow us to provide fair liquidity value to Customers whose needs are unmet by the current market, there can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve or maintain a cost advantage over our competitors. If we are not able to achieve, or if our cost structure changes, and as a result, we are not able to maintain a cost advantage over our competitors, this could have a material adverse effect on our ability to execute our strategy, as well as on our results of operations and financial condition. Even if our cost

structure does not increase, other providers of financial products and services, trust administration and other institutions that do not currently compete with us could become a direct competitor and may leverage their established track record, reputation and extensive resources. If we are unable to compete effectively, we could lose market share and income.

Poor performance of our collateral would cause a decline in our revenue, income and cash flow and could adversely affect our ability to raise capital for future liquidity transactions.

Ben Liquidity's liquidity transactions are structured whereby a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity extends loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts collateralized by the collateral and a subsidiary of Ben Custody provides administrative services to the trustees who administer the exchanged alternative assets and Collateral. The proceeds of such loan received by the Customer ExAlt Trusts are ultimately delivered to the Customer in the form of consideration required by the specific liquidity product selected by such Customer. The cash flows from the alternative asset that the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquire from the Customer support the repayment of the loans plus any related interest and fees.

The primary source of repayment for the ExAlt Loans and related fees is cash flows from the interests comprising the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio underlying the Collateral. Should the performance of the collateral underlying our loan portfolio generate insufficient returns to repay the outstanding principal and interest of a loan, the Customer ExAlt Trusts may default on the loan. Although Ben Liquidity uses a comprehensive approach to price the net value of liquidity transactions before entering into them and elects to finance liquidity transaction that will promote collateral diversity among the pooled interests held in the Collective Trusts, there is no guarantee that the collateral will perform well or that, even if most of the collateral performs well, that the Collective Trusts will generate positive returns over a particular time period. If the collateral does not perform well or if the Collective Trusts as a whole does not perform well, our revenue, income, cash flow and resources available for operations would decline and Ben Liquidity's ability to enter into new liquidity transactions would be impaired.

Transfer restrictions applicable to alternative assets may prevent us from being able to attract a sufficient number of Customers to achieve our business goals.

Many alternative assets contain stringent transfer restrictions imposed by the issuing entity, which may prevent the transfer of alternative assets following a liquidity transaction or from entering into liquidity transactions with our Customers. Such restrictions may result in us not being able to attract a sufficient number of Customers or liquidity transactions and, as a result, our revenues and profitability could be adversely affected.

We are subject to repayment risk in connection with our liquidity transactions.

Ben Liquidity's loans do not require repayment prior to maturity, and we are exposed to the risk that certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts indebted to BFF or other subsidiaries will not fulfill their obligations. These parties may default on their obligations to us due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, operational failure or other reasons. A failure of a significant market participant, or even concerns about a default by such an institution, could lead to significant liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions, which in turn could adversely affect our business and/ or financial position.

We have debt outstanding that could adversely affect our financial flexibility and subjects us to restrictions and limitations that could significantly impact our ability to operate our business.

As of March 31, 2023, we had approximately \$97.2 million of debt (including unamortized premium thereon), which is derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("HCLP"), that is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP (a Related Entity). The level of debt outstanding each period could adversely affect our financial flexibility. We also bear risk at the time our debt matures. Our ability to make interest and principal payments, to refinance our debt obligations and to fund our acquisition program and planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash from operations. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control, such as an environment of rising interest rates.

Furthermore, in the past, we have sought to extend the maturity date of our secured loans with HCLP and have paid fees in connection with this extension. We may need to amend our HCLP Loan Agreement (as defined below) in the future and may incur additional amendment fees as a result. If the Company incurs additional debt or liabilities, or if we are unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities, the Company's ability to pay its obligations on its debt could be adversely affected.

We face risks related to the total return interest aspect of our business model.

For substantially all of Ben Liquidity's liquidity transactions to date, in exchange for agreed-upon consideration, all of our Customer's total economic and contractual interests (collectively, the "Total Return Interest") are initially transferred to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts in advance of the approval for the transaction by the underlying alternative assets' general partner. Although the Customer establishes a depository bank account administered by Ben Custody that receives distributions on the exchanged alternative asset following closing and executes a power of attorney permitting Ben Custody to work to secure appropriate consent to transfer the underlying alternative assets and agrees to cooperate with us with respect to the transfer title of alternative assets, we still face risks with respect to the Total Return Interest.

A substantial portion of the interests of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are governed by these arrangements and have yet to be transferred on the books and records of the applicable fund, and they may not be transferred for lengthy periods of time following the closing of a liquidity transaction. In the event that one of our Customers is insolvent at or following entry into a liquidity transaction, there is a risk that the transfer of the Customer's alternative assets could be deemed a fraudulent conveyance and could be unwound, which could require certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to return the alternative asset or forfeit its right to the Total Return Interest, both of which provide the cash flow comprising part of the Collateral, in exchange for the consideration originally provided to the Customer, among other possibilities. Furthermore, in the event that a Customer breaches their obligations to us or otherwise tries to defraud us Ben Liquidity or certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts may be required to resort to legal remedies to enforce the terms of the Customer agreements under such circumstances, and such legal remedies may not succeed or could be expensive to enforce, which could impact the value of the collateral and the performance of Ben Liquidity's loans.

Certain of our ordinary course liquidity transactions utilizing the issuance of shares of Class A Common Stock are subject to Nasdaq listing rules and require stockholder approval under certain circumstances.

Our ability to issue shares of our Class A common stock to provide liquidity for holders of alternative assets are subject to Nasdaq's listing rules and stockholder approvals may be required for (a) certain issuances of equity in connection with the acquisition of stock or assets of another company or (b) any transaction for cash that is not considered a public offering (as defined in Nasdaq listing rules).

Shareholder approval is required prior to the issuance of securities in connection with the acquisition of the stock or assets of another company if: (1) where, due to the present or potential issuance of common stock, including shares issued pursuant to an earn-out provision or similar type of provision, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, other than a public offering for cash: (A) the common stock has or will have upon issuance voting power equal to or in excess of 20% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance of stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock; or (B) the number of shares of common stock to be issued is or will be equal to or in excess of 20% of the number of shares of common stock outstanding before the issuance of the stock or securities; or (2) any director, officer or substantial shareholder of the Company (as defined in the Nasdaq listing rules) has a 5% or greater interest (or such persons collectively have a 10% or greater interest), directly or indirectly, in the Company or assets to be acquired or in the consideration to be paid in the transaction or series of related transactions and the present or potential issuance of common stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, could result in an increase in outstanding common shares or voting power of 5% or more.

For transactions other than public offerings, Nasdaq also requires stockholder approval prior to the issuance or potential issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock) at a price per share that is less than the "Minimum Price" if the issuance (together with sales by our officers, directors and substantial shareholders (as defined in Nasdaq listing rules)) would equal 20% or more of our Class A common stock outstanding before the first issuance in the transaction. Under Nasdaq rules, the "Minimum Price" means a price that is the lower of (i) the closing price of our Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market immediately preceding the signing of the binding agreement; or (ii) the average closing price of our Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market for the five trading days immediately preceding the signing of the binding agreement. If we are required to seek stockholder approval for our liquidity transactions, it would require substantial resources and could delay such transactions, which may materially and adversely affect our ability to execute our business plan, and there is no guarantee our stockholders ultimately would approve a proposed transaction.

We are subject to U.S. federal, state and other securities laws and regulations which, among other things, limit or place certain requirements on the use of debt or equity securities as part of the consideration to be received by Customers in exchange for their alternative assets or Total Return Interest thereon; failure to comply with these laws, or changes to these laws may have a material adverse effect on our operations and our profitability.

Federal and state securities laws and regulations place limitations, registration requirements and other requirements on the use of debt or equity securities as part of the consideration to be received by Customers in exchange for their alternative assets or Total Return Interest thereon. Such securities either need to be registered under the Securities Act or issued or offered in reliance upon an exemption therefrom, such as the exemptive provisions of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D under the Securities Act. Reliance on such exemptions may limit the types of Customers who may participate in certain of our ExAlt Plan Exchange product offerings and the scope of marketing or solicitation efforts which we may engage in connection therewith.

Similar securities registration or qualification requirements, and exemptions, may be applicable under state securities laws. No assurance can be given that any offering of the type contemplated by us under our ExAlt Plan Exchange products currently qualifies or will continue to qualify under one or more of such exemptive provisions due to, among other things, the adequacy of disclosure and the manner of distribution, the existence of similar offerings in the past or in the future, or a change in any securities law or regulation that has retroactive effect. If, and to the extent that, claims or suits for rescission are brought and successfully concluded for failure to register any offering or other offerings or for acts or omissions constituting offenses under the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or applicable state securities laws, we could be materially adversely affected, jeopardizing our ability to operate successfully. Furthermore, our human and capital resources could be adversely affected by the need to defend actions under these laws, even if we are ultimately successful in our defense.

The custody trusts may require additional liquidity to fund capital contributions. If adequate capital is not available, our business, operating results and financial condition may be negatively affected.

Our Customers, or following closing of liquidity transactions, certain of the custody trusts, are contractually obligated to contribute capital to certain alternative assets comprising the collateral supporting Ben Liquidity’s loans. Our financing subsidiary has committed to lend money to Customer ExAlt Trusts to fund certain capital calls of the exchanged alternative assets. The timing of the obligation to contribute capital is at the discretion of the sponsors on the alternative assets and is typically triggered by the issuance of a “capital call.” Although the Customer ExAlt Trusts reserve certain funds for anticipated capital contributions as part of each liquidity transaction, and Ben Liquidity factors in the likelihood and extent of future capital calls when engaging in our underwriting process, the size or timing of future capital calls may not be accurately forecasted, or insufficient amounts may be reserved. In addition, Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody may change our fee structure at any time, which could affect our cash position. Additional funds may not be available when needed or may be unavailable on terms that our Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts deem acceptable. Failure to make a capital contribution following a capital call could have adverse effects on our operations including that the interest represented by the alternative asset, which is part of the Collateral, may be diluted or forfeited in whole or in part under the terms of the governing documents of the relevant alternative asset, and funding a capital call may not be a fruitful investment. Even if our Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts are able to make capital contributions on time, doing so may divert a substantial portion of the funds available for future liquidity transactions, general corporate purposes or expenses within the ExAlt Plan structure that serves Ben Liquidity’s loans.

We may not be able to adequately measure and limit our credit risk, which could lead to unexpected losses.

Our business depends on our ability to successfully measure and manage credit risk. As a lender, Ben Liquidity is exposed to the risk that the principal of, or interest on, loans will not be repaid timely or at all or that the value of any collateral supporting the loans will be insufficient to cover our outstanding exposure. In addition, we are exposed to risks with respect to the period of time over which Ben Liquidity’s loan may be repaid, risks relating to Ben Liquidity’s proper loan underwriting and risks resulting from changes in economic and industry conditions. If the overall economic climate in the United States, generally, or our market areas, specifically, experiences material disruption, the value of the collateral may decrease, liquidity events for the collateral may take longer to occur, borrowers may experience difficulties in repaying their loans and the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies could rise and require significant additional provisions for credit losses for Ben Liquidity.

Our risk management practices, such as monitoring the concentration of Ben Liquidity’s loans within specific industries and our credit approval, review and administrative practices, may not adequately reduce credit risk, and our credit administration personnel, policies and procedures may not adequately adapt to changes in economic or any other conditions affecting the collateral and the quality of Ben Liquidity’s loan portfolio. A failure to effectively measure and limit the credit risk associated

with Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio may result in loan defaults, foreclosures and additional charge-offs, and may necessitate that Ben Liquidity significantly increase its allowance for credit losses, each of which could adversely affect our net income. As a result, our inability to successfully manage credit risk could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our results of operations may fluctuate from period to period.

We expect that our results of operations may vary significantly from period to period for a variety of reasons, many of which are outside of our control and difficult to predict, including demand for our liquidity products and trust administration services, performance of Ben Liquidity's loans against the collateral supporting our liquidity transactions and concentration of risk in Ben Liquidity's loan portfolios. For example, the primary source of repayment for the ExAlt Loans and related fees is cash flows from the interests comprising the ExAlt Loan Collateral Portfolio underlying the collateral. Even if the collateral proves to be profitable, it may be several years before any profits can be realized in cash. We may also create new products or vary the terms of our existing products, which may alter the composition or mix of our income from time to time. Because our results of operations may vary significantly from period to period, the results of any one period should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance.

A decline in the pace or size of our liquidity transactions would result in Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody receiving less revenue from interest income and fees.

Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody generate revenue primarily through loan interest income, transaction fees and administrative service fees related to our liquidity transactions, which are more fully described in the *Business* section above. The interest income and fees that Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody earn are driven in part by the pace at which we enter into liquidity transactions and the size of the net asset value of the underlying alternative asset involved in such transaction. Many factors could cause a decline in the pace or size of our liquidity transactions, including:

- the inability of our marketing teams to successfully solicit Customers;
- unfavorable market and economic conditions;
- decreased availability of capital; and
- new regulations, guidance or other actions provided or taken by regulatory authorities.

Any decline in that pace or the size of our liquidity transactions would reduce Ben Liquidity's and Ben Custody's revenue from loan interest income, transaction fees and administrative service fees, which would have a negative impact on the results of operations.

Decisions made by an individual trustee could materially affect our custody business and the assets held in certain of our trusts.

We have been, and will continue to be on a limited extent, dependent upon the services of John Stahl, an individual who, prior to our receipt of the operating TEFFI charter in Kansas, served as trustee of most of our Customer ExAlt Trusts, excluding the custody trusts that are Delaware statutory trusts, which are trusts with the Delaware Trust Company serving as trustee. Mr. Stahl will continue to serve as trustee of the Customer ExAlt Trusts established in our formative transactions. We have replaced Mr. Stahl as trustee on certain other trusts, and BFF is appointed as trustee of the Customer ExAlt Trusts following the receipt of BFF's TEFFI charter. Although Mr. Stahl is subject to fiduciary duties and other restrictions included in our trust agreements and as a matter of law, as a trustee, Mr. Stahl has broad discretion and authority to take actions permitted by the trust agreements and applicable law.

Accordingly, decisions by Mr. Stahl could materially affect our business and the assets held in such trusts. It is impossible to determine how these decisions may affect the value of the Company and therefore our securities.

We will experience costs associated with the Customer ExAlt Trust payments to certain charities that are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The Customer Exalt Trusts' Collateral supports the repayment of the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The TEFFI Act and our policies require that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas economic growth zone. In accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, certain of the Charities, which are the ultimate beneficiaries of Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to 2021, are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the ExAlt Loan lender (i.e., subsidiaries of the Company). Following December of 2021, the Charities are paid \$0.025 for

every \$1.00 received by an ExAlt Trust from the corresponding alternative assets. To account for these payments to the Charities, we take such Customer ExAlt Trust payment obligations into account in our underwriting process. As our business expands, these costs could grow and cause a material adverse effect.

We may be required to seed a new fund for Hatteras Investment Partners, LP (“Hatteras”).

Pursuant to the agreements we entered into in connection with our ExAlt Plan Exchange transaction with Hatteras, subject to certain limitations and restrictions, Hatteras may require us or our affiliate to cause the transfer of up to 70% of the then-current fair value of certain specified assets (the “Contributed Assets”) contributed by Hatteras to Hatteras Ben Legacy LP and/or Hatteras Ben Private Legacy LP, which are holdings vehicles wholly owned by us, and potentially additional Contributed Assets from those holdings vehicles as may be requested by Hatteras and agreed to by us or our affiliate, to an investment vehicle sponsored, managed or advised by Hatteras or its affiliate (such vehicle, a “New Fund”) for the purpose of making a seed investment in such New Fund. Any such New Fund would be earlier in its life cycle than we would typically consider for a liquidity transaction and the interest in such New Fund received in return for such in-kind contribution of such seed assets would result in the exposure to a potentially different and broader set of underlying Contributed Assets than those seed assets contributed to such New Fund, which could expose us to risk on the quality of and changes to the collateral.

In the event that we make a seed investment of such Contributed Assets in any such New Fund sponsored by Hatteras, a priority distribution right is required to be provided for the interest we or our affiliate receives in such New Fund in consideration for any such Contributed Assets transferred to a New Fund launched by Hatteras.

Accordingly, the nature of the collateral underlying the ExAlt Loan relating to the Contributed Assets may change to an interest in such New Fund formed Hatteras instead of those Contributed Assets being directly held by us or our affiliate. We would not have the ability to underwrite such collateral as we would have an undivided interest in such New Fund and may not have control over or sufficient visibility into its underlying portfolio of assets and any subsequent changes thereto. Further, the right to the collateral underlying the ExAlt Loan relating to the Contributed Assets would be structurally subordinated, would be subject to change as the New Fund makes new investments or realizes existing investments, and we may not receive the priority distribution right with respect to such New Fund and any transfer of Contributed Assets thereto.

We may not be able to sustain our accelerated growth, and the continuation of rapid growth may strain our resources.

We have a limited operating history. Although we have experienced significant growth since our inception, our historical growth rate may not be indicative of our future performance due to our limited operating history and the rapid evolution of our business model. We may not be able to achieve similar results or accelerate growth at the same rate as we have historically. As our business continues to develop, we may adjust our strategy and business model. This level of significant growth may not be sustainable or achievable at all in the future. We cannot assure you that we will achieve any of our business objectives, and our failure to do so may materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our organizational documents do not limit our ability to enter into new lines of business, and we may expand into new liquidity product strategies, transaction structures, geographic markets and businesses, each of which may result in additional risks and uncertainties.

Ben Liquidity, which delivers our liquidity products and services through its ExAlt Plan transactions, is our primary Ben Business Unit pursuant to which each of the other Ben Business Units is engaged to provide complementary products and services necessary to effect liquidity transactions and other matters in connection therewith. Our other Ben Business Units are our complementary business lines, Ben Custody and Ben Markets. We intend to grow our existing and planned products and services and, to the extent market conditions warrant, expand into new liquidity product strategies, transaction structures, geographic markets and businesses, which may require a different marketing approach than our current operations. Such actions may subject us to new laws and regulations with which we are not familiar or from which we are currently exempt, and may lead to increased liability, litigation, regulatory risk and expense.

If a new line of business generates insufficient revenue or if we are unable to efficiently manage our expanded operations, our results of operations may be adversely affected. In addition, our new product offerings could create conflicts of interests with existing products and may require significant management time and effort, which could divert management’s attention from our core business.

Our transfer agency solutions may be adversely affected if we do not comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our transfer agency solutions as well as the entities providing those services are subject to regulatory oversight. Our provision of these services must comply with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and other regulatory bodies. If we fail to comply with any applicable regulations in performing these services, we could be subject to suits for breach of contract or to governmental proceedings, censures and fines.

We have an evolving business model.

Our business model is one of innovation, including continuously working to expand our product lines and services to our customers. For example, we have recently expanded into the transfer agent space. It is unclear whether this service will be successful. Further, we continuously try to offer additional types of services, and we cannot offer any assurance that any of them will be successful. From time to time, we may also modify aspects of our existing business model relating. We cannot offer any assurance that these or any other modifications will be successful or will not result in harm to the business. We may not be able to manage growth effectively, which could damage our reputation, limit our growth, and negatively affect our operating results.

We may incur significant losses as a result of ineffective risk management processes and strategies.

We seek to monitor and control our risk exposure by developing an effective risk and control framework, which encompasses a variety of separate but complementary financial, credit, operational, compliance, and legal reporting systems, internal controls, management review processes and other mechanisms. However, as of March 31, 2023, because we have closed only a limited amount of liquidity transactions, Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio is not fully diversified, and we may be over-exposed to certain areas of the market. While we employ and will continue to develop and deploy risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques, those techniques and the judgments that accompany their application may not be effective and may not anticipate every risk event in all market environments or the specific nature of the impact and timing of such outcomes. Our failure to manage risk effectively could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We may be able to offer only a limited number of products and solutions.

We may be able to offer only a limited number of products and solutions due to regulatory, capital or other restrictions. Accordingly, the prospects for our success may be solely dependent upon the performance of a single or limited products or solutions, or dependent upon the development or market acceptance of a single or limited number of products or solutions. A lack of diversification in our offerings may make our results of operations susceptible to numerous economic, competitive and regulatory conditions, any or all of which may have a substantial adverse impact upon our ability to operate our business and/or grow our business in the future. Further, we would not be able to diversify our operations or benefit from the possible spreading of risks or offsetting of losses that offering a comprehensive suite of solutions could provide.

Risks Related to Our Broker-Dealer Business

We have limited experience in operating a broker-dealer to issue securities of our Company, and our entry into and operating in this market may not be successful.

We recently began offering broker-dealer services to our subsidiaries and affiliates through a subsidiary of Ben Markets, Ben Securities. We expect that operational efficiencies created by having an in-house broker-dealer will allow us to streamline our ExAlt Plan liquidity transactions and reduce certain transaction and other third-party costs, although, there is no assurance that this will occur. The broker-dealer industry is heavily regulated and has regulatory and business barriers to entry. Entering into the broker-dealer business subjects us to additional laws and regulations and involves additional risks, including risks relating to regulatory oversight and examinations and increased risks of enforcement proceedings and litigation. Although certain of our directors and management have experience operating and advising broker-dealer businesses, we have limited experience in operating a subsidiary broker-dealer to issue securities of our Company, which enhances these risks. To the extent we expand our broker-dealer business, particularly if we expand our broker-dealer business to serve third parties in addition to our subsidiaries and affiliates, it could involve a number of risks, including risk of denial or delay in regulatory approval, the required investment of capital and other resources, increasing demands on our operational and management systems and controls, the diversion of management's attention from our core business, risks when dealing with third-parties (based on their actions, omissions or disclosures), and our ability to implement an effective marketing strategy to promote awareness of and sell our broker-dealer products, including in conjunction with our ExAlt Plan. There can be no assurance that our entrance into, and ongoing efforts involving, the broker-dealer market will be successful. The regulatory environment in which our broker-dealer business operates is continually evolving, and the level of financial regulation to which we are subject has generally increased in recent years, which generally results in increased costs of compliance and operations.

Regulators have adopted, proposed to adopt, and may in the future adopt regulations that could impact the manner in which we will market products and services, conduct compliance and operations, interact with regulators and manage our business.

If our broker-dealer business does not generate sufficient revenue, source sufficient number or type of investors or purchasers, or provide expected efficiencies and third-party cost reduction, or if we are unable to efficiently manage the existing and future regulatory environment, or our existing or expanded operations, our business and financial condition will be adversely affected.

Our broker-dealer business is subject to extensive and evolving regulations and our failure to be fully compliant with applicable regulations could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Ben Securities is a subsidiary of Ben Markets, is registered with the SEC and various states and is a member of FINRA. Although subject to federal, SEC and state laws and rules, much of the oversight of broker-dealers has been delegated to self-regulatory organizations, including FINRA. Ben Securities business is also governed by its agreement with FINRA and the specific registrations of its registered persons. Self-regulatory organizations like FINRA adopt rules (which are subject to approval by the SEC) for governing its members and the industry. Ben Securities is a member of, and is primarily subject to regulation, supervision and regular examination, by FINRA. Ben Securities is also subject to cycle SEC or state exams, as well as, if applicable, for-cause exams, special inquiries, and investigations by the SEC, FINRA or a state.

The regulations (including laws, rules and interpretations) to which broker-dealers like Ben Securities are subject are extensive, change over time and cover all aspects of their securities business, including, but not limited to, changes in direct and indirect control, business expansions, dealings with affiliates, sales and trade practices, net capital and financial requirements, disclosures, conflicts of interests, record keeping and reporting procedures and filings, relationships and conflicts with customers, the handling of customer funds, experience and training requirements for certain employees, the conduct of investment banking activities and the conduct of registered persons, directors, officers and employees. Broker-dealers are also subject to the federal and state privacy laws regarding safeguarding of customer information (such as Regulation S-P) and anti-money laundering laws, and related regulations, including the recently adopted Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, for which various implementing measures will be taking effect, including expanded beneficial ownership reporting. Compliance with applicable regulations involves considerable allocations of time, resources and costs.

Additional legislation, changes in rules promulgated by the SEC, FINRA or states or changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules often increase costs, take time and resources to evaluate and directly affect the method of operation and profitability of broker-dealers, including any business expansions we may undertake. In addition to regular and special reviews of our business, the SEC, FINRA and states may conduct administrative and enforcement proceedings alleging violations of law and rules by Ben Securities that can result in a change of our businesses practices, an increase of compliance and training costs and in significant adverse regulatory consequences such as censure, fine, profit disgorgement, monetary penalties, suspension, revocation of registration or expulsion of broker-dealers, their registered persons, officers or employees. Customers may also bring arbitration actions and civil lawsuits against Ben Securities as a result of alleged violations of law and rules by Ben Securities, the results of which may also have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. Therefore, if we fail to comply with applicable regulations, such failure could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. In addition, even if Ben Securities is successful in whole or part in any regulatory matter or civil lawsuit or arbitration, the cost of representation and defending itself is often significant, which cost could have a material adverse effect of our financial condition. The principal purpose of regulation and discipline of broker-dealers is the protection of customers and the securities markets rather than protection of creditors and stockholders of broker-dealers.

In addition, as a registered broker-dealer and member of a self-regulatory organization, Ben Securities is subject to the SEC's uniform net capital rule. Rule 15c3-1 of the Exchange Act specifies the minimum level of net capital a broker-dealer must maintain and also requires that a significant part of a broker-dealer's assets be kept in relatively liquid form. The SEC and FINRA impose rules that require notification when net capital falls below certain predefined criteria, limit the ratio of subordinated debt to equity in the regulatory capital composition of a broker-dealer and constrain the ability of a broker-dealer to expand its business under certain circumstances. Additionally, the SEC's uniform net capital rule imposes certain requirements that may have the effect of prohibiting a broker-dealer from distributing or withdrawing capital and requiring prior notice to the SEC for certain withdrawals of capital. Ben Securities is subject to such requirements. Compliance with the net capital requirements may limit our operations or require increased use of capital to meet the operating needs and capital requirements of Ben Securities. Any change in such rules or the imposition of new rules affecting the scope, coverage, calculation or amount of capital requirements, or a significant operating loss or any unusually large charge against capital, could adversely affect us.

Effective beginning June 2020, the SEC elevated the standard of care for broker-dealers from the current “suitability” requirement to a “best interest” standard when making a recommendation of any securities transaction, or investment strategy involving securities, to a retail customer pursuant to Regulation Best Interest (“Regulation BI”). The “best interest” standard requires a broker-dealer to make recommendations to retail customers without putting its financial interests ahead of the interests of a retail customer. In connection with Regulation BI, the SEC also adopted a related form called a Form CRS Relationship Summary (“Form CRS”), which requires broker-dealers to deliver to retail investors a succinct, plain English summary about the relationship and services provided by the firm and the required standard of conduct associated with the relationship and services. In connection with adopting Regulation BI, the SEC added new record-making and recordkeeping rules. The burden of complying with Regulation BI could also affect what customers Ben Securities solicits for its products and services (for example, limiting customers to only non-retail customers), which could have a material adverse effect of our business or financial condition.

While the SEC and FINRA have provided some guidance regarding Regulation BI, including findings from certain exams, the interpretation and enforcement of such new regulations carry uncertainties and Ben Securities compliance with Regulation BI may result in increased compliance costs and potential future liability if the SEC or FINRA disagree with how Ben Securities has interpreted or implemented compliance with Regulation BI. If the SEC does not believe we have sufficiently complied or if we fail to continue to comply with the requirements of Regulation BI and Form CRS, we would be subject to fines and other regulatory actions that could result in a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

Legislatures and securities regulators in certain states in which we may do business have enacted (or are considering enacting) their own standard of conduct rules for broker-dealers, insurance agents, and investment advisers as well as new or expanded privacy obligations related to safeguarding information about their residents. The requirements and scope of these state rules are not uniform. Accordingly, we may have to adopt different policies and procedures in different states, which could create added compliance, supervision, training and sales costs for Ben Securities. Should more states enact similar legislation or regulations, it could result in material additional compliance costs and could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

The costs (including compliance, training and operations) related to existing and future securities and related laws and rules (including Regulation BI) can be significant, which could have a material adverse effect of our financial condition. Any failure to meet these or other current or future regulatory conditions or requirements may result in material adverse consequences, such as the imposition of a censure, significant fine, denial of business expansion or changes in control, disgorgement of profits, suspension or revocation of Ben Securities’ broker-dealer license and/or the licenses of Ben Securities registered persons, which would mean that we would not be able to provide the current and planned broker-dealer products and services or otherwise conduct our intended broker-dealer business and, therefore, restrict or prevent us from conducting ExAlt Plan transactions, until the applicable matter is resolved or the approvals are obtained, and/or any suspension or revocation of the required approvals has passed or is otherwise resolved. Any censure, fine, disgorgement, or suspension or revocation of regulatory approvals would negatively impact our reputation in the marketplace and could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct a broker-dealer business or grow our liquidity business.

BCM may also seek registration as a broker-dealer with the SEC and membership with FINRA. If it does so and secures all regulatory approvals, then it will be subject to all of the foregoing as Ben Securities. No assurance is given, however, that such SEC-registration and FINRA membership of BCM will ever occur or will occur in the near future, and we may decide to focus all of our broker-dealer products and services in Ben Securities instead.

Our broker-dealer business is subject to various risks associated with the securities industry.

Our broker-dealer business is subject to uncertainties that are common in the securities industry. These uncertainties include, among others:

- intense competition in the securities industry;
- the volatility of domestic and international financial, bond and stock markets, including changing interest rates;
- extensive or changing governmental regulation;
- regulatory exams, investigations and enforcement proceedings, investor complaints and civil litigation; and
- substantial fluctuations in the volume and price level of securities.

As a result of such uncertainties, the revenues and operating results of Ben Securities may vary significantly from quarter to quarter and from year to year. Unfavorable financial or economic conditions could reduce the number and size of transactions in which we provide services. Disruptions in fixed income and equity markets and changes in interest rates could lead to a decline in the volume of transactions executed for customers and, therefore, to declines in revenues from transactions.

We are subject to certain limitations which could prevent Ben Securities from entering new businesses.

The businesses that Ben Securities conducts is limited by its agreements with, and its oversight by, FINRA, other regulatory authorities and federal and state law. Participation in new business lines, including trading of new products, often requires governmental and/or regulatory approvals, which may take significant time and resources. As a result, Ben Securities may be prevented from entering new businesses that may be profitable in a timely manner, if at all.

Several of our broker-dealer segment's product lines rely on favorable tax treatment and changes in federal tax law could impact the attractiveness of these products to our customers.

We offer a variety of services and products, which rely on favorable federal income tax treatment to be attractive to our customers. Should favorable tax treatment of these products be eliminated or reduced, sales of these products could be materially impacted, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The actions of a third-party broker-dealer or financial intermediary may cause a material adverse effect.

We may enter into selling or similar agreements with third-party U.S. and non-U.S. broker-dealers (and similar entities). We cannot control how such additional broker-dealers will sell our products. The addition of third-party broker-dealers to a selling network may subject us to additional risk, as broker-dealers in a selling network may be subject to liability in connection with the actions or omissions of other broker-dealers in the selling network. This liability could also adversely affect the issuer.

Ben Securities also may enter into referral and similar agreements with financial intermediaries such as third-party broker-dealers, investment advisers and foreign finders, in which case, the success of Ben Securities would depend in part on the success of our referral partners and their ability to market our products and services successfully, and such entities may have different standards, obstacles or risks than Ben Securities, which may cause a material adverse effect to our broker-dealer business. Also, similar to a selling network above, we could be subject to liability based on the actions or omissions of these financial intermediaries, which also could adversely affect the issuer.

These risks include regulatory actions by the SEC, FINRA or the states against these other broker-dealers, financial intermediaries and Ben Securities, as well as arbitration and civil litigation, including class action suits against the selling network or groups of broker-dealers and financial intermediaries, including Ben Securities.

Ben Securities is subject to various conflicts of interest, incentives and risks given its affiliation with the Company, including that decisions related to the Company's offerings may be influenced by such affiliation.

In addition to Ben Securities being an affiliate of the Company, certain employees of the Company or its affiliates are registered persons of Ben Securities. We have an incentive to use Ben Securities and its registered persons instead of other unaffiliated third parties because of such affiliation and because such employees of the Company or its affiliates are registered persons of Ben Securities. The success of Ben Securities depends in part on the success of its registered persons and the selling group members and referral partners and their ability to market our products and services successfully. When the Company uses Ben Securities as its broker-dealer to conduct its transactions, such use of Ben Securities creates various conflicts of interest, incentives and risks as set forth herein, which may be in conflict with the best interests of customers of Ben Securities, including that Ben Securities does not offer a diverse or alternative group of products and only offers securities and products of its affiliates. Because of these relationships, transactions between Ben Securities and the Company are generally not arm's-length and the Company has an incentive to use Ben Securities and its registered persons to sell the Company's securities instead of Ben Securities selling or seeking to sell products of unaffiliated third parties.

This may result in the Company paying higher costs for broker-dealer services than if the Company engaged the services of a non-affiliated broker dealer. Increased costs could negatively impact our results of operations and our business. Through its ownership of Ben Securities, the Company, its owners, and employees receiving profit participation, equity incentives or similar benefits (including our Chief Executive Officer and other employees) indirectly benefit from and/or share in the revenue earned by Ben Securities. Individuals registered with Ben Securities that are employees of the Company or its affiliates receive a portion of the transaction compensation or other fees earned by Ben Securities for transactions in which such registered persons participate in addition to compensation they receive as employees of the Company or its affiliates. Compensation paid to Ben Securities and therefore to such registered persons of Ben Securities may be significant depending

upon the aggregate amount of securities sold in an offering. Related risks include that Ben Securities and its registered persons are incentivized to sell the Company's securities and products, maximize the amount of subscriptions in any offering, favor the Company's offerings over offerings of unaffiliated third parties and to take greater risks regarding such offerings, and that their decisions relating to offerings of the Company may be influenced by such persons being registered with Ben Securities and/or being employees of the Company or its affiliates and the extent of the compensation they may receive by participating in an offering of the Company. This influence and risk may include affecting it or their independence regarding reviewing any offering (including not fully resolving an offering conflict of interest that could impair its ability to conduct a thorough and independent investigation), not treating as a red flag something that another broker-dealer may treat as such, giving different weight to such red flags or accepting an explanation for such red flag that another broker-dealer may not fully accept. Its affiliation with the Company may also present a risk of raised expectations by an investor that Ben Securities has special expertise concerning the Company. While Ben Securities and its registered persons endeavor to handle these conflicts of interest, incentives and risks in good faith and in a manner that they deem to be fair and equitable under the circumstances, there can be no assurance that this may be the case in a particular circumstance or on an overall basis, including that they may receive or be deemed to receive more favorable treatment, benefits, pricing and/or information than unaffiliated or unrelated third parties.

The Company is subject to the risk of possibly becoming an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act.

The Investment Advisers Act is a U.S. federal law that defines the role and responsibilities of an investment advisor/adviser. Section 202(a)(11) of the Investment Advisers Act defines an investment adviser as any person or firm that: (1) for compensation; (2) is engaged in the business of; (3) providing advice to others or issuing reports or analyses regarding securities. A person must satisfy all three elements to fall within the definition of "investment adviser." As a result of certain of Ben Securities' operations, specifically as it relates to the loan participation transactions, Ben Securities runs the risk of inadvertently becoming an investment adviser, which would require Ben Securities to register under the Investment Advisers Act. Registered advisers are subject to extensive, restrictive and potentially adverse regulations. Registered investment advisers are not permitted to operate their business in the manner in which Ben Securities operates its business. If it were established that Ben Securities were an investment company, there would be a risk, among other material adverse consequences, that it could become subject to monetary penalties, regulatory actions and injunctive relief in an action brought by the SEC, that Ben Securities would be unable to enforce contracts with third parties or that third parties could seek to obtain rescission of transactions with Ben Securities undertaken during the period it was established that Ben Securities was an unregistered investment adviser. If it were established that Ben Securities were an investment adviser, this would have a material adverse effect on our business and financial operations. Based on the facts and circumstances of our business model, we do not believe that Ben Securities is an investment adviser as defined within the Investment Advisers Act. The predominant reason for our view is based on various SEC interpretations and our view that the company is not engaged in the business of providing advice to others or issuing reports or analyses regarding securities for separate advisory compensation.

Risks Related to Our Proposed Ben Insurance Business

We have no experience in operating an insurance business, and our entry into the insurance market may not be successful.

Our business plan involves, through Ben Insurance, entering into the business of providing insurance policies to certain affiliates (as defined under the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws), including the Customer ExAlt Trusts and other trusts for which BFF serves as the trustee or custodian, to cover the risks related to the ownership, management and transfer of alternative assets and the financings related to alternative asset purchases. Entering the insurance business will subject us to additional laws and regulations and involves additional risks, including risks relating to regulatory oversight and examinations, risks related to compliance with capital maintenance requirements, and increased risks of litigation. Although certain of our directors and management have experience operating insurance businesses, Beneficient has no experience in operating an insurance business, which would enhance these risks. Expanding our business into the realm of insurance involves a number of risks, including the required investment of capital and other resources, increasing demands on our operational and management systems and controls, the diversion of management's attention from our core business, and our ability to implement an effective marketing strategy to promote awareness of our insurance products. The insurance industry is highly competitive and there can be no assurance that our plans to enter the insurance market will be successful. If our proposed insurance business does not generate sufficient revenue or if we are unable to efficiently manage our expanded operations, our results of operations will be adversely affected.

Our failure to obtain or maintain approval of insurance regulators and other regulatory authorities as required for the operations of our planned insurance subsidiary may have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

As a part of our business plan, and as a result of the recent adoption of legislative amendments concerning captive insurers in the State of Kansas, Ben Insurance applied to Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas for a certificate of authority to transact business as a captive insurer under the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws. If and when we receive the necessary regulatory approvals, we intend to offer (1) an insurance line insuring certain affiliates, including Customer ExAlt Trusts, against losses in the value of their ownership interests in an alternative asset resulting from (i) such alternative asset having to make payments under contractual indemnification provisions or being unable to recover damages due to contractual exculpation provisions or (ii) fraud, theft or conversion of assets by the manager or general partner of the respective alternative asset; (2) a surety line insuring the risks attendant to the transfer of alternative assets from a transferor to a transferee; (3) a credit risk insurance line insuring the risk of default on the repayment of loans made to Customer ExAlt Trusts for the purpose of acquiring alternative assets; and (4) a representations and warranties insurance line insuring against losses incurred by a transferee arising from breaches of the representations and warranties made by a transferor in the definitive documents effecting the transfer of the applicable alternative asset from such transferor to such transferee. Kansas insurance statutes and regulations and the policies of the Kansas Insurance Department may require Ben Insurance to, among other things, maintain a minimum level of capital and surplus, satisfy solvency standards, restrict dividends and distributions, obtain prior approval for or provide notification of certain transactions, have at least one director or manager be a resident of Kansas, maintain a principal place of business in Kansas and hold at least one board meeting in Kansas annually, and provide for the performance of certain periodic examinations of Ben Insurance and its financial conditions.

In addition, we may or may not apply for regulatory approval for our existing Bermuda insurance subsidiary, Pen, to commence operations as a Bermuda Class 3 insurer. If we choose to seek such approval, subject to receiving the necessary regulatory approvals, we would intend to offer similar insurance products to those described above for the Kansas captive insurer, through Pen to managers of, and investors in, alternative asset funds, such as private equity funds. Bermuda insurance statutes and regulations, and the policies of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (“BMA”) require Pen, among other things, maintain a minimum level of capital and surplus, satisfy solvency standards, restrict dividends and distributions, obtain prior approval or provide notification to the BMA of certain transactions, maintain a head office in Bermuda, have a representative, secretary or director resident in Bermuda, appoint and maintain a principal representative in Bermuda, annual reporting requirements and provide for the performance of certain periodic examinations of itself and its financial conditions.

A failure to meet these conditions may subject us to examination or corrective action by the BMA or result in the failure to obtain the required regulatory approvals or, if obtained, a suspension or revocation of our authority to do business as an insurance company, which would mean that we would not be able to provide the planned insurance products until the approvals are obtained or any suspension or revocation of the required approvals is resolved. If obtained, any suspension or revocation of regulatory approvals would negatively impact our reputation in the marketplace and could have a material adverse effect on our ability to grow our exposure to alternative assets.

The insurance and reinsurance regulatory framework have been subject to increased scrutiny in the United States at the federal and state levels. In the past, there have been congressional and other initiatives in the United States regarding increased supervision and regulation of the insurance industry, including proposals to supervise and regulate alien reinsurers. We cannot predict the future impact, if any, of changing law or regulation on our operations.

If we seek authority to operate our proposed international insurance business, for which we have no prior experience, we may be subject to additional costs and economic, political, currency and other risks that could adversely affect our revenues or financial position.

We have no experience in operating our business internationally, which increases the risk that our proposed insurance business and any potential future expansion efforts that we may undertake may not be successful. If we seek authorization from the BMA to operate Pen, we may face adverse financial consequences and operational problems due to political or economic changes, such as changes in political or economic conditions in Bermuda and the surrounding region, laws and regulations that restrict repatriation of earnings or other funds or that could subject repatriated earnings or other funds to additional taxes, or changes in foreign currency exchange rates. If we invest substantial time and resources to grow our proposed insurance business and are unable to manage these risks effectively, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected. In addition, international expansion may increase our risks in complying with various laws and standards in Bermuda, including with respect to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, export controls, and trade and economic sanctions. Expansion into new markets abroad will require additional investments by us in both regulatory approvals and marketing. These incremental costs may include hiring additional personnel, as well as engaging third-party service providers and other research and development costs. If we fail to grow our international

insurance business, or if growth occurs at a slower rate than expected, our business, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Risks Related to Our Limited Operating History

We do not have significant operating history or an established customer base.

We commenced commercial operations in September 2017, and we do not have significant operating history under our current business plan. Additionally, our Kansas trust company subsidiary only recently received its charter and our broker-dealer business only recently received authorization to conduct business, while our proposed insurance line of business has not received an operational charter or authorization to conduct business and has no operating history.

While we believe that the market demand for liquidity for alternative assets held by MHNW investors, STMI investors, FAMOs and GPs is high and that our liquidity and other products are unique and designed to address Customers who have historically possessed few attractive options to access early liquidity from their alternative assets, we do not have an established customer base. Our operating business and structure are novel, including the issuance of our own securities as part of our business plan, which involves risk. In addition, we cannot predict whether our products will be attractive to our target market. The success of our liquidity, financing and custody products will depend upon, among other things, their acceptance by MHNW investors, STMI investors, FAMOs and GPs. In addition to our direct marketing efforts, we seek to enter into arrangements with larger financial institutions, private banks, fund managers and their managed funds and other institutions appointing the Company as a preferred liquidity provider with respect to the MHNW investors, STMI investors, FAMOs and GPs who are clients of or investors in such institutions. Our business must be considered in light of these and other risks, expenses and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in their early stages of operation. If any of our products do not achieve and maintain an adequate level of acceptance among MHNW investors, STMI investors, FAMOs and GPs, or if such preferred liquidity provider arrangements are not successful, we may not generate material revenues from sales of these products.

We may be unable to operate our business successfully, which would negatively impact the results of operations and our ability to generate distributable cash flow.

We operate our business through our operating subsidiaries, which include Ben Custody, Ben Liquidity, and Ben Markets. Our success will depend primarily on our operating subsidiaries' ability to operate our business successfully and generate earnings and positive cash flow. In general, companies that seek to implement business plans similar to ours present substantial business and financial risks and uncertainties. Furthermore, to date, Ben Liquidity's originations of liquidity products have been transacted primarily with a limited number of FAMOs, GPs, and fund-of-funds. Institutional Customers may not represent the primary target market of our liquidity products in the future, and we have only recently begun transactions with individual investors. In addition, the TEFFI Act, our policies require that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas economic growth zone. If we are unable to operate our business successfully and generate earnings and positive cash flow in the future, such inability will negatively impact our operations and liquidity and may result in an impairment of goodwill.

While BFF has received an unconditional Kansas TEFFI charter, we may continue to encounter delays in effecting certain parts of our current business plan related to BFF's operating Kansas TEFFI charter, which could hinder our ability to successfully pursue our current business plan.

Through Ben Liquidity, our ExAlt Plan liquidity products are designed to facilitate the delivery of, at a Customer's election, cash, equity securities or debt securities, or a combination of cash and equity or debt securities for their alternative assets. Our structure is intended to provide our Customers with liquidity for alternative assets in as little as 30 days – and within two to three days for certain qualifying assets. Ben Custody presently provides services to the trustee of Customer ExAlt Trusts for the ongoing administration of the exchanged alternative assets following closing of a liquidity transaction. In order to further grow these businesses, BFF has obtained an operating TEFFI charter in Kansas. BFF has only recently commenced operations.

In April 2021, the Kansas Legislature adopted, and the governor of Kansas signed into law, a bill that allows for the chartering and creation of Kansas financial institutions that provide fiduciary financing, custodian and trustee services to participants in the alternative assets market known as TEFFIs, as well as the establishment of alternative asset trusts. The legislation, which names us as the pilot TEFFI, became effective on July 1, 2021. As part of the pilot program, BFF received a conditional charter on July 1, 2021 and BFF received a formal operating charter on December 31, 2021. We currently conduct our liquidity business through BFF as a Kansas TEFFI. As a result of BFF's receipt of the operating TEFFI charter in Kansas, BFF has become subject to regulation by the OSBC and new rules and regulations that it is expected to promulgate

throughout and following the pilot program. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. Such regulations could prove to be burdensome on our business and could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Because our current business plans are based in part on obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval to operate one or more regulated trust subsidiaries, a failure to do so may materially and adversely impact our financial performance and prospects, which would likely diminish our ability to effect certain parts of our business plan and growth strategies. While BFF has received the operating TEFFI charter in Kansas, it is subject to certain conditions including, among others, that BFF satisfy certain minimum restricted capital requirements. There is no assurance that BFF will be able to satisfy all the conditions imposed by the OSBC. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient.

Additional legislation passed by the Kansas legislature or any repeal or amendment to the TEFFI Act could materially and adversely affect our ability to successfully pursue our business plan and our financial performance and prospects.

Notwithstanding the adoption of the TEFFI Act in Kansas and BFF's receipt of a formal operating charter on December 31, 2021, it is possible that the Kansas legislature could adopt further amendments to the TEFFI Act, could pass additional legislation and/or the OSBC may promulgate rules and regulations that may adversely affect our business plans and operations which could adversely affect our financial performance and prospects. For example, we are aware that legislation has been introduced that seeks to provide the OSBC the authority to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to approve any TEFFI charter and to authorize the OSBC to assess a civil monetary penalty of not less than \$5,000 per violation of state law or regulation. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. In addition, we are also aware that one Kansas state legislator has suggested the repeal of the TEFFI Act. Because our business plans are based in part on obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval to operate one or more regulated trust companies, whether under the Kansas TEFFI Act or otherwise, a failure to do so may materially and adversely affect our ability to successfully pursue our business plan and our financial performance and prospects.

Risks Related to the Company's Organizational Structure

The Company may engage in transactions that represent a conflict of interest, with the review of such transactions subject to the Nevada statutory business judgment rule.

As part of its business plan, the Company intends to engage in transactions that may be deemed to represent a conflict of interest, including transactions between Beneficient and its non-wholly owned subsidiary, BCH. Certain officers and directors of Beneficient hold interests in BCH, directly or indirectly, in different proportions than they hold in Beneficient. Therefore, they could be seen as benefiting from transactions that will invest money in the Company's operating subsidiaries. Beneficient will be a Nevada corporation, and under Nevada law, the statutory liability standard of the Nevada business judgment rule codified in Chapter 78.138 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (the "NRS") is the principal avenue to hold directors and officers individually liable for damages arising from official conduct. Nevada does not use the "entire fairness" doctrine in evaluating transactions, which doctrine may be applicable if Beneficient was incorporated in another jurisdiction, and the Nevada Supreme Court has rejected the "entire fairness" doctrine, even when the challenged transaction involves a controlling stockholder and there are allegations of conflicts of interest. In Nevada, the existence of a conflict of interest, in and of itself, does not rebut the codified business judgment rule and shifts the burden of proof to directors.

A determination that we are an unregistered investment company would have serious adverse consequences.

The 1940 Act defines an "investment company" as an issuer that is engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities and owns "investment securities" having a value exceeding 40 percent of the issuer's unconsolidated assets, excluding cash items and securities issued by the federal government. We believe that we are not an investment company. We do not hold ourselves out as an investment company. On December 31, 2021, BFF was issued an operating trust company charter from the State of Kansas to establish a fiduciary financial institution within the State of Kansas. We believe that BFF's operations following receipt of the operating charter as a Kansas trust company exempts us from being deemed an investment company subject to registration under the 1940 Act. In addition, we filed an application for an insurance charter from the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas to transact business as a captive insurer under the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws. If we receive such insurance charter, we believe that our receipt of such insurance charter will provide us a further exemption under the 1940 Act. However, there is no assurance we will be able to obtain an insurance company charter.

A determination that we, or any of the proposed trust subsidiaries, are required to register as an investment company under the 1940 Act would have serious adverse consequences. We do not believe we could operate our business effectively as a registered investment company. As a result, we would have to change our operations so as not to be an investment company.

Changes could include refraining from raising capital, being unable to participate in liquidity transactions as they are currently structured, changing the types of products and services that we provide, and changing the nature of the Collateral. Furthermore, if at any time it were established that we, or any of the proposed trust subsidiaries, have been operating as an investment company in violation of the registration requirements of the 1940 Act, there would be a risk, among other material adverse consequences, that (i) we could become subject to SEC enforcement and investigation, monetary penalties or injunctive relief, or both, (ii) we would be unable to enforce contracts with third parties or that third parties could seek to obtain rescission of transactions with such company undertaken during the period in which it was established that we were an unregistered investment company, and (iii) BFF would face adverse action from the OSBC in connection with our regulated subsidiary. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. Such developments would be likely to have material and adverse consequences for us.

The Company's only cash-generating assets are its indirect interests in BCH and the Company's cash flow is dependent on the ability of BCH to make distributions. In addition, the Company's ability to pay periodic distributions to its common and preferred stockholders may be limited by the Company's holding company structure, applicable provisions of Nevada law and contractual restrictions and obligations, and the Company's stockholders may be liable to repay dividends.

The Company is Ben's holding company and has no material assets other than the indirect ownership of the Class A Units of BCH in its non-wholly-owned subsidiary, BCH ("BCH Class A Units"). As a holding company, the Company conducts its business through its subsidiaries. The Company has no independent means of generating revenue and therefore its cash flow is completely dependent on BCH making distributions to its partners, including the Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. ("Ben LLC"), which is the general partner of BCH and owned by the Company. Accordingly, the Company intends, to the extent permitted under the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, to cause BCH to make distributions to its partners, including Ben LLC, to fund any distributions the Company may declare on the Beneficient common stock or preferred stock. If the Company's subsidiaries are unable to make dividend payments or distributions to the Company and sufficient cash or liquidity is not otherwise available, the Company may not be able to pay dividends. If BCH makes such distributions, certain limited partners of BCH will have priority with respect to such distributions and will be entitled to receive distributions in accordance with the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA.

The Company's ability to pay dividends is also limited by the laws of Nevada. Under Nevada law, a Nevada corporation generally may not make a distribution if, after giving effect to the distribution, the corporation would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business, or the corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus, unless the corporation's charter provides otherwise, the amount that would be needed, if the corporation were dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of stockholders whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution. Accordingly, the Company generally may not make a distribution if, after giving effect to the distribution, the Company would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business or its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus, unless the terms of such class or series of stock provide otherwise, the amount that would be needed to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of the holders of shares of any class or series of stock then outstanding, if any. In addition, the terms of any credit facility or other financing arrangements involving the Company, or BCH, as a party to or may enter into in the future may include covenants or other restrictions that could constrain the Company's, or BCH's ability to make distributions.

Shares of our Class A common stock, Series A preferred stock, and any additional series of preferred stock we issue are and will be structurally subordinated to interests in BCH.

Because the Company has a holding company structure, as an interest in the Company, Class A common stock, Series A preferred stock and any additional series of preferred stock we issue are and will be structurally subordinated to interests in BCH, including creditors and holders of certain equity interests. With respect to BCH, upon its sale, liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the Class A Units the Company indirectly owns in BCH will be entitled to distributions ranking junior to all other currently issued and outstanding classes and series of BCH's preferred units, which as of March 31, 2023, had an aggregate estimated capital account balance determined in accordance with Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code of \$2.2 billion, other than the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, which will share any such distributions with the Class A Units held by the Company on a pro rata basis. In addition, BCH or Ben LLC could issue securities in the future that have a senior preference on payment to the BCH Class A Units indirectly owned by the Company or that are otherwise structurally senior to Class A common stock any preferred stock we issue.

Therefore, in any bankruptcy, liquidation or similar proceeding, all claims of creditors (including trade creditors) of BCH will have priority over the Company's equity interests in BCH (and therefore the claims of the Class A common stock and any preferred stock we issue) with respect to the assets of BCH. Even if the Company is recognized as a creditor of BCH, the Company's claims would still be effectively subordinated to any security interests in the assets of BCH and to any indebtedness or other liabilities of BCH senior to the Company's claims. Consequently, Class A common stock and Series A

preferred stock are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities (including trade payables) of BCH and any subsidiaries that we may in the future acquire or establish as financing vehicles or otherwise. In addition, future debt and security agreements entered into by BCH may contain various restrictions, including restrictions on payments by BCH to the Company and the transfer by BCH of assets pledged as collateral.

The Class A Units the Company indirectly owns in BCH are junior to certain existing classes of limited partner interests in BCH.

The Company's indirect interest in BCH is structurally subordinate to certain outstanding classes of limited partner interests in BCH that have priority over the BCH Class A Units the Company indirectly owns in BCH with respect to any distributions made by BCH. The distributions payable to such senior non-controlling equity interests in BCH are based, in part, upon the capital accounts of the holders of such senior equity interests, which in turn may be increased by the preferred returns that accrue with respect to certain senior limited partner interests and the amount included in the hypothetical capital account with respect to such senior limited partner interests.

Pursuant to the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, which became effective on June 7, 2023, in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the preferred returns on the BCH Class S Preferred Units and the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts have been waived and shall not accrue until December 31, 2024, unless there are allocations of income up to the amount of such quarterly returns, in which event such returns have not be waived. As of March 31, 2023, there are substantial amounts in the capital accounts and hypothetical capital accounts of the senior limited partner interests in BCH that continue to exist and have priority over the BCH Class A Units indirectly held by the Company. As of March 31, 2023, the estimated capital account balances and the estimated hypothetical capital account balances of the limited partner interests entitled to preferred returns are as follows: BCH Class S Preferred Units – capital account \$1.3 million and hypothetical capital account \$1.5 million; BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts – capital account \$1.0 billion and hypothetical capital account \$1.1 billion; and BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts – capital account \$205.2 million and hypothetical capital account \$224.7 million. In addition, the aggregate estimated capital account balance as of March 31, 2023 for the remaining limited partner interests that are senior to the BCH Class A Units indirectly held by the Company is \$252.8 million.

The estimated capital account balances and estimated hypothetical capital account balances disclosed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K have been prepared and disclosed for informational purposes only to provide an indication of the amounts that will have priority over the BCH Class A Units that are held indirectly by Beneficient. The estimates are based upon a deemed liquidation value of \$3.45 billion and are subject to adjustment based upon actual results of operations, including the financial performance of BCH's underlying investments and an adjustment to the carrying value of the assets of BCH in connection with Beneficient's Business Combination. The holders of these senior limited partner interests in BCH with such capital account and hypothetical capital account balances will have priority over any distributions payable to the Company as the indirect holder of the BCH Class A Units.

Beneficient's Articles of Incorporation (the "Charter") and Bylaws ("Bylaws") provide for the indemnification of our officers and directors at our expense to the fullest extent allowed by Nevada law, and Nevada law correspondingly limits their liability, which may result in a major cost to us and harm the interests of our stockholders because corporate resources may be expended for the benefit of officers and/or directors.

Beneficient's Charter and Bylaws provide for the indemnification of our officers and directors at our expense to the fullest extent allowed by Nevada law and include provisions that eliminate the personal liability of our directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent possible under Nevada law. Nevada law generally permits a corporation to indemnify any director or officer who acted in good faith and in a manner in which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. Under Nevada law, the person seeking indemnity may also be indemnified if he or she is not liable for his or her actions under Nevada law. Furthermore, under Nevada law, a director or officer is not liable for damages as a result of an act or failure to act in his or her capacity as a director or officer unless a statutory presumption that such person acted in good faith, on an informed basis and with a view to the interests of the corporation, has been rebutted. For a director or officer to be personally liable, it must be proven that (i) the act or omission constituted a breach of the director's or officer's fiduciary duties and (ii) the act or omission involved intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law. Subject to our obligations to indemnify our directors and officers, these provisions do not affect a director's or officer's liabilities under the federal securities laws or the recovery of damages by third parties.

Stockholders will experience dilution of their ownership interests upon the issuance of additional shares of the Company's common stock or securities convertible into shares of Company common stock.

As a part of its business plan, the Company expects to issue additional equity securities in capital raising transactions or otherwise, resulting in the dilution of the ownership interests of its present stockholders. The Charter authorizes the issuance of 1,770,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of: 1,500,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, 20,000,000 shares of

Class B common stock and 250,000,000 shares of preferred stock, 50,000,000 shares are shares of Series A preferred stock pursuant to a certificate of designation.

The Company may in the future raise additional capital through public or private offerings of its common stock or other securities that are convertible into or exercisable for its common stock. Any future issuance of the Company's equity or equity-linked securities may dilute then-current stockholders' ownership percentages and could also result in a decrease in the fair market value of the Company's equity securities, because the Company's assets would be owned by a larger pool of outstanding equity. The Company may also issue such securities in connection with hiring or retaining employees and consultants, as payment to providers of goods and services, in connection with future acquisitions and investments, development, redevelopment and repositioning of assets, or for other business purposes. Subject to the rights of certain holders of preferred stock, the Company's board of directors may at any time authorize the issuance of additional common stock without stockholder approval, unless the approval of its common stockholders is required by applicable law, rule or regulation, including Nasdaq regulations, or the Company's Charter. The terms of preferred or other equity or equity-linked securities we may issue in future transactions may be more favorable to new investors, and may include dividend and/or liquidation preferences, anti-dilution protection, pre-emptive rights, superior voting rights and the issuance of warrants or other derivative securities, among other terms, which may have a further dilutive effect. Also, the future issuance of any such additional shares of common stock or other securities may create downward pressure on the trading price of our common stock. There can be no assurance that any such future issuances will not be at a price or have conversion or exercise prices below the price at which shares of the common stock are then traded.

The protective provisions contained in the Stockholders Agreement may have unintended negative effects.

On June 6, 2023, in connection with the Business Combination, certain holders of Class B common stock entered into that certain Stockholders Agreement, which includes certain protective provisions on behalf of the holders of the Class B common stock (the "Stockholders Agreement"). Pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, Beneficient agreed not to authorize, approve or ratify certain matters without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of Class B common stock, including (but not limited to) certain actions related to Ben LLC, Beneficient, and the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, and certain additional issuances of shares of Class B common stock (the "Protective Provisions"). These Protective Provisions vest control over certain matters to the holders of Class B common stock and may have an unintended "anti-takeover" effect if the holders of Class B common stock do not approve such a transaction, which could cause the value of the Class A common stock to suffer.

We have, and may continue to, offer certain investors the opportunity to acquire participation interests in ExAlt Loans.

Ben Liquidity has sold participation interests in certain ExAlt Loans to certain investors and may continue to offer and sell to certain investors the opportunity to acquire participation interests in ExAlt Loans. This participation has allowed, and may allow in the future, these investors to purchase, on a pro rata basis, interests in these loans resulting in their receipt of a portion of the amounts payable under such loans. This may result in our receipt of less fees on such ExAlt Loans compared to what we would receive if we did not sell participation interests in such ExAlt Loans. Our right to receive payment of our fees as they relate to the portions of the ExAlt Loans sold as participation interests will be subordinate to the amounts due under such participation interests.

Our Charter designates certain courts as the sole and exclusive forum for certain types of actions and proceedings that may be initiated by Company stockholders, which could limit the ability of the Company's stockholders to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with the Company or its directors, officers or other employees.

Our Charter provides that, subject to limited exceptions, the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada (or, if such court does not have jurisdiction, any other state district court located in the State of Nevada, or, if no state court located within the State of Nevada has jurisdiction, a federal court located in the State of Nevada) will be the sole and exclusive forum for any or all actions, suits and proceedings, other than actions, suits and proceedings brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction, (i) brought in the name or right of the Company or on its behalf, (ii) asserting a claim for breach of any fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company to the Company or the Company's stockholders, (iii) arising or asserting a claim pursuant to any provision of the NRS Chapters 78 or 92A or any provision of the Company's organizational documents, (iv) to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Company's organizational documents or (v) asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine. In addition, the Charter provides that, unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act. These provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with the Company or the Company's directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits against the Company and the

Company's directors, officers and employees. Alternatively, if a court were to find these provisions inapplicable to, or unenforceable in respect of, one or more covered proceedings, the Company may incur additional costs associated with resolving such matters in other jurisdictions, which could adversely affect the Company's business and financial condition.

The Company depends upon cash distributions from its subsidiaries, and regulatory requirements, contractual restrictions on distributions to the Company or adverse events at one of our operating subsidiaries could materially and adversely affect our ability to pay our debts and the Company's ability to continue operating its business.

The Company conducts its operations through operating subsidiaries, and as such its most significant assets are cash and its ownership interests in its subsidiaries, controlled affiliates and equity investees. Accordingly, our ability to meet our obligations, including our debt-related and dividend-payment obligations, materially depends upon the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute cash to us. In this regard, the ability of the Company's subsidiaries to distribute cash to the Company is, and will continue to be, restricted by certain negative covenants in the credit agreements governing our secured loans from HCLP.

These negative covenants include, among others, subject to certain exceptions:

- incurring any lien, including any pledge, upon any of BCH's property;
- incurring any indebtedness;
- disposing of any Funding Trust loan or loan agreement;
- making any restricted payment, including dividends or other distributions with respect to any equity interests of any person, including the Company; and
- issuing any securities that are senior to the BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts or the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts.

If any of these limitations were to materially impede the flow of cash to us, our ability to service and repay our debt and pay dividends would be materially and adversely affected. In addition, any adverse corporate event at the subsidiary level, such as a declaration of bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization or any other event of default under the credit agreements governing our secured loans from HCLP, could adversely affect the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute cash to us, and thereby materially and adversely affect our ability to service and repay our debt and make cash dividend payments, and negatively impact our ability to continue operations.

Furthermore, our subsidiaries BFF and Ben Securities are subject to significant regulatory restrictions limiting their ability to declare and pay dividends to the Company. For more information regarding the regulations with which we and our subsidiaries must comply, see the risks set forth under the heading "Legal and Regulatory Risks" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our ability to receive payment on the ExAlt Loans and fee income from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is limited by the distributions the Customer ExAlt Trusts receive.

The primary source of funds for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to repay our ExAlt Loans is distributions from the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Any delay in receiving such distributions could adversely impact our liquidity and ability of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to repay the ExAlt Loans. To the extent the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not receive distributions, such as if managers of the professionally managed funds comprising the alternative assets determine to delay distributions or transactions that would result in cash distributions to their limited partners, the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans, and therefore, Ben Liquidity's ability to receive principal and interest payments, may be adversely impacted. For example, during the year ended March 31, 2023, largely as a result of macro-economic conditions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts received fewer distributions from their alternative assets than was originally anticipated, which adversely impacted the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans and our liquidity.

Risks Related to Our Relationship with GWG

GWG filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

On April 20, 2022 and October 31, 2022, GWG, our former parent and a significant equity owner in BCG, and certain of its subsidiaries (the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") thereby commencing those certain chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). On December 1, 2022, the Debtors filed the Debtor's Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the "Plan") and the Disclosure Statement for the Debtor's Joint Chapter 11 Plan.

On February 10, 2023, the Debtors filed an amended Plan with an accompanying disclosure statement. On March 9, 2023, the Debtors, the Official Committee of Bondholders (the “OCB”) and L Bond Management, LLC (“LBM”) entered into the Mediated Settlement in the Chapter 11 Cases (the “Mediated Settlement”), and on March 22, 2023, the Debtors filed their Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (as further amended on April 19, 2023 and April 20, 2023, the “Second Amended Plan”) and Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Plan (the “Disclosure Statement”). The Debtors filed the Second Amended Plan jointly with the OCB and LBM as co-proponents of the Second Amended Plan. The Second Amended Plan remain subject to further amendment and/or modification.

The Second Amended Plan incorporates the terms of a Mediated Settlement and provides for the creation of two liquidating trusts to effectuate a liquidation of the Debtors: (i) the Wind Down Trust (the “Wind Down Trust”) and (ii) the Litigation Trust (the “Litigation Trust”).

The Second Amended Plan provides that the Wind Down Trust will take all necessary steps to wind down the business affairs of the Debtors and maximize the value of the Debtors’ non-litigation assets, including the Debtors’ equity interests in the Company. Under the Second Amended Plan, the trustee for the Wind Down Trust will be Elizabeth C. Freeman (or an affiliate of Ms. Freeman).

The Second Amended Plan provides that the Litigation Trust will receive all non-released litigation assets of the Debtors as well as the Debtors’ interest in any insurance policies covering current and former directors and officers of the Debtors. The initial funding amount of the Litigation Trust will be \$3 million in cash. The Second Amended Plan further provides that the trustee for the Litigation Trust will be Michael I. Goldberg (the “Litigation Trustee”), who will have the sole authority to make decisions and act with respect to the Litigation Trust assets. Proceeds from the Litigation Trust will be distributed to the Wind Down Trust for distribution to holders of trust interests in accordance with the waterfall set forth in the Second Amended Plan.

The Second Amended Plan also provides that, pursuant to the Mediated Settlement, the Company will not receive a release under the Second Amended Plan, and all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors’ estates against the Company, including the potential claims and causes of action described in the OCB’s Standing Motion (as defined below), will be assigned to and, potentially, pursued by the Litigation Trust. Upon the effective date of the Second Amended Plan, the Litigation Trustee will have the sole authority to pursue or settle potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors’ estates against the Company.

On June 20, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Second Amended Plan (the “Confirmation Order”). Pursuant to the Second Amended Plan, the Second Amended Plan will not go effective until various conditions precedent are satisfied or waived. The satisfaction or waiver of such conditions is not in the Company’s control, and it is possible that such conditions are not satisfied or waived and the Second Amended Plan does not go effective.

A potential restructuring or liquidation of GWG, whether it is implemented in the Chapter 11 Cases or otherwise, could create significant uncertainties and risks for our continued operations and/or materially and adversely impact our financial operating results. Additionally, the uncertainties and risks associated with the Chapter 11 Cases and the OCB’s Standing Motion has negatively impacted and may continue to negatively impact investors’ willingness to engage with us until the Second Amended Plan becomes effective and the Chapter 11 Cases and any related claims are resolved. More specifically, these uncertainties and risks have resulted in one investor refusing to invest in connection with the Business Combination, and we have received indications from other potential investors that they would withhold their potential investments until these matters are resolved or until further clarity is available. As noted above, should the Second Amended Plan go effective, such claims will not be resolved as of the effective date thereof, but instead, the Litigation Trustee thereafter will have sole authority to pursue or resolve such claims.

Among other things, as of March 31, 2023, the Company held approximately 2.5 million shares of GWG common stock, and the Customer ExAlt Trusts held 9.8 million shares of GWG common stock and \$94.8 million of outstanding principal amount of L Bonds of GWG (the “L Bonds”). Through March 31, 2023, the Company has recognized a net loss of \$24.2 million related to its holdings of GWG common stock, and the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recognized a net loss of \$103.2 million on the GWG common stock and L Bonds, all of which is reflected in the consolidated financial statements of Ben. If the value of such GWG common stock and L Bonds were to continue to significantly drop, the value of the Company’s or the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ holdings of GWG common stock and L Bonds would also continue to significantly drop potentially, which could result in a decline in our value and/or have a negative impact on our operating results. Such a decline in the perceived value or operating results of the Company, on a consolidated basis, could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities, which could adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future.

A subsidiary of the Company has loans to certain Customer ExAlt Trusts in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$145.9 million (net of unamortized discounts), which are collateralized by the 9.8 million shares of GWG common stock and

\$94.8 million of outstanding principal on L Bonds held by these certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. The value and/or availability of the L Bonds and GWG common stock to satisfy the loans have been materially impacted as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases and may also be materially impacted as a result of potential litigation against the Company relating to its transactions with GWG. As of March 31, 2023, an allowance for loan losses of \$94.9 million was recorded on these loans, principally related to the decline in the value of the GWG common stock and L Bonds. The allowance for loan losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the income (loss) allocable to the Company's and BCH's equity holders. Additionally, the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) an inception-to-date credit loss on the L Bonds of \$31.3 million and an inception-to-date loss of \$81.6 million on the GWG common stock. We may be required to record additional impairment charges on the loans and a further reduction in the value of the L Bonds or GWG common stock could have a material adverse effect on the Customer ExAlt Trust's ability to repay the current carrying value of the loans. Any further impairment charges would be reflected in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) and would impact the income (loss) allocatable to Beneficiary's equity holders, each of which could result in a decline in our value. Such a decline in the perceived value of the Company could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities, which could adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future.

We have completed certain transactions with GWG, including the recent repayment of certain indebtedness with BCG's common units.

We have had numerous transactions with GWG since 2018, including transactions that have recently been completed. As part of the Chapter 11 Cases, GWG adopted resolutions (the "Resolution"), which, among other things, formed the Special Committee and the Investigations Committee of the GWG board of directors, comprised of certain independent directors (the "Independent Directors"). The Resolutions gave (i) the Special Committee the authority to, among other things, examine, investigate, analyze, assess, evaluate and negotiate the terms and conditions of any proposed plan of reorganization or liquidation submitted by GWG and its debtor-affiliates to the Bankruptcy Court for confirmation in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases and (ii) the Investigations Committee the authority to, among other things, conduct an investigation of claims and causes of action that arise under or relate to any transactions, relationships or conduct involving the Debtors and any third party, including, without limitation, the Company, as well as its officers and directors, relating to the Company's transactions with GWG. It is possible that claims or causes of action arising from these transactions could be advanced against the Company as part of the Chapter 11 Cases or in separate litigation. Such claims and causes of action could include avoidance actions and other causes of actions related to such transactions, including: (i) challenges whereby GWG released its right to appoint a majority of the members of Beneficiary Management, L.L.C.'s ("Ben Management") board of directors, (ii) challenges to the reasonableness of the value received by the Debtors in such transactions, and (iii) efforts to recover the value of, or avoid, any transfers to the Company. The Special Committee filed a motion seeking the appointment of a mediator to oversee the mediation of issues between the Company, GWG and its debtor-affiliates, the Independent Directors (in their capacities as members of both the Special Committee and the Investigations Committee) and certain other creditor constituencies as a means to reach a "global consensus" and negotiate a value-maximizing chapter 11 plan, including (i) the terms of the GWG's plan of reorganization, including governance of the reorganized GWG, and (ii) the framework for maximizing the value of the GWG's interests in the Company. The Bankruptcy Court granted the motion for mediation on January 5, 2023, subject to the requirement that any settlements disclose all credible allegations of misconduct that are being settled or released, and the mediation commenced on January 30, 2023. On March 9, 2023, the Debtors, the OCB and LBM entered into the Mediated Settlement. The terms of the Mediation Settlement are incorporated into the Second Amended Plan, and the OCB and LBM are co-proponents of the Second Amended Plan.

Further, the OCB in the Chapter 11 Cases has also filed a motion seeking standing to pursue causes of actions challenging several transactions by and between the Debtors and Ben, which could also (i) seek to avoid some or all of the transactions between the Debtors and Ben, (ii) challenge whether the Debtors received reasonably equivalent value in the transactions, and (iii) seek recovery from Ben and the other named individuals, including Mr. Heppner and certain other members of the Company's board (the "Standing Motion"). The OCB's Standing Motion has been abated pending the effective date of the plan of reorganization. Upon the effective date of the Second Amended Plan, the Standing Motion will be deemed withdrawn, but it is possible that the hearing on the Standing Motion may be reset to a future date if, among other things, the Second Amended Plan does not go effective.

The Second Amended Plan provides for the creation of a Litigation Trust, and all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors' estates against the Company would, unless otherwise settled, be assigned to and, potentially, pursued by the Litigation Trust, including those claims described in the OCB's Standing Motion. Under the Second Amended Plan, the initial funding amount of the Litigation Trust would be \$3 million in cash, and the Litigation Trust will receive all non-released litigation assets of the Debtors as well as the Debtors' interest in any insurance policies covering directors and officers of the Debtors. The Second Amended Plan further provides for the appointment of the Litigation Trustee who would

have the sole authority to make decisions and act with respect to the Litigation Trust assets. Proceeds from the Litigation Trust would be distributed to the Wind Down Trust for distribution to holders of trust interests in accordance with the waterfall set forth in the Second Amended Plan. We vehemently deny the allegations in the OCB's Standing Motion, intend to vehemently contest the Standing Motion if the Second Amended Plan does not go effective such that the Standing Motion is not deemed withdrawn, and intend to vehemently contest any prosecution of any alleged claims and causes of action asserted by or on behalf of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates (including by the Liquidation Trust) against the Company.

In connection with any mediation or otherwise, the Company intends to seek to resolve any claims that could be bought by GWG as debtor, GWG's debtor-subsidaries, the Litigation Trustee, and GWG's creditors against the Company, BCH, their respective officers and directors, and certain other related, affiliated, or associated parties. If such potential claims and causes of action are not released or resolved through such mediation or otherwise, any attendant litigation, including causes of action asserted by the Litigation Trust, depending on its outcome, or the potential for such litigation, could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial condition and could result in a decline of the value or perceived value of the Company, which could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities.

We may face risks related to allegations in GWG's Chapter 11 Cases, which could damage our reputation and otherwise be disruptive to our business.

In connection with GWG's Chapter 11 Cases, the OCB has filed a motion seeking standing to pursue causes of actions on behalf of the Debtors' estate. On February 22, 2023, the Company's CEO, Brad Heppner, filed motions to object to the OCB's Standing Motion that refutes the allegations. The Debtors have indicated that they oppose the OCB's Standing Motion for standing and under the Second Amended Plan, the Standing Motion is deemed to be withdrawn upon the effective date of the Second Amended Plan.

On March 9, 2023, the Debtors, the OCB and LBM entered into the Mediated Settlement in the Chapter 11 Cases. The terms of the Mediation Settlement are incorporated into the Second Amended Plan, and the OCB and LBM are co-proponents of the Second Amended Plan. The Second Amended Plan provides for the creation of a Litigation Trust with an initial funding amount of \$3 million in cash, and all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors' estates against the Company would, unless otherwise settled, be assigned to and, potentially, pursued by the Litigation Trust, including those claims related to the OCB's Standing Motion. On June 20, 2023, the Chapter 11 plan of reorganization of GWG Holdings and its co-debtors was confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

The OCB's Standing Motion sets forth proposed causes of action that include (i) avoidance actions including challenges to transactions between GWG and the Company under theories of actual or constructive fraudulent transfer, (ii) allege claims for breach of fiduciary duty against former and current Company directors and officers, including Ben's CEO, for approving such transactions, (iii) advance a basis for the claims that GWG did not receive reasonably equivalent value in these transactions and (vi) seek recovery from the Company and the other named individuals, including Ben's CEO. More specifically, such challenged transactions relate to (i) GWG's commitment to loan the Company \$65 million that GWG funded in two tranches on May 31, 2019 (\$50 million on June 3, 2019 and \$15 million on November 22, 2019), (ii) GWG's purchase of \$10 million of equity in the Company on June 12, 2019, (iii) GWG's capital contribution to the Company of \$79 million on December 31, 2019, (iv) \$130.2 million in contributions by GWG to the Company pursuant to a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement, and (v) the Company's ultimate decoupling from GWG. Additionally, the motion includes proposed claims against certain of GWG's former directors for an illegal dividend under Delaware law and claims for unjust enrichment against certain of GWG's former directors, individuals and corporate entities affiliated with or controlled by Ben's CEO, transferees of certain allegedly fraudulent transfers, and certain broker-dealers who marketed and sold L Bonds. The OCB's Standing Motion states that the proposed claims could add in excess of \$500 million worth of additional value to the Debtors' estate. The Company intends to vigorously defend against any claims, should they be brought by GWG, the OCB or the Litigation Trust.

Even if no litigation is brought as a result of the motion, or if we prevail in any litigation stemming from the allegations, the existence of the allegations alone could result in reputational harm as a result of negative public sentiment, increased scrutiny from our regulators, and reduced investor and stakeholder confidence. Additionally, the allegations may impact the willingness of our customers and other parties to transact business with us.

Furthermore, in the event that the Standing Motion is not deemed withdrawn or the Debtors or Litigation Trustee assert claims, we may face significant risk, including the cost of protracted litigation.

GWG owns a substantial percentage of the Company and continues to have voting power with respect to those matters on which our common stock has the right to vote.

As of July 10, 2023, GWG held approximately 67% of the shares of common stock of the Company. In addition, as of March 31, 2023, GWG held BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$205.2 million. Pursuant to the Unit Purchase Agreement, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts converted into shares of Class A common stock following the Business Combination at approximately \$4.66 per share resulting in the issuance of 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock. As long as GWG (or, upon the effective date of the Second Amended Plan, its successor, the Wind Down Trust) continues to own a significant percentage of our securities, it (or the Wind Down Trust) may have the ability to affect the outcome of certain matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders and its interests may differ from the interests of other stockholders.

A regulatory investigation involving GWG has diverted and may continue to divert time and attention of our management.

GWG, Beneficient's former parent company and current holder of limited partner interests in the Company and BCH, received a subpoena in October 2020 from the SEC's Division of Enforcement indicating the existence of a nonpublic investigation involving GWG. As GWG publicly disclosed, GWG is cooperating in the investigation. According to press reports, GWG received at least 16 subpoenas from the SEC requesting information primarily related to GWG's investment products, including L Bonds issued by GWG, the consolidation for financial reporting purposes of the Company by GWG, goodwill valuation, and the accounting related to the Customer ExAlt Trusts, related party transactions, life insurance policies, and the calculation of the debt-coverage ratio.

Additionally, according to public information including bankruptcy filings by GWG, the SEC has issued subpoenas to and may be investigating certain brokerage firms and registered persons for violative sales of the L Bonds issued by GWG. One such firm and its representatives have been charged by the SEC for violations of Regulation Best Interest in selling the L Bonds to retail investors despite GWG's disclosure that "the L bonds were high risk, illiquid, and only suitable for customers with substantial financial resources." Beneficient does not know what action may result, if any, from the SEC's investigations nor whether the bankruptcy of GWG and other litigation matters may result in actions against Beneficient. The investigations regarding GWG and its selling brokers has taken and may continue to take significant time, attention and resources of our directors and management, which has resulted and may continue to result in substantial costs to us.

Risks Related to Litigation

The Company is currently involved in legal proceedings and may be a party to additional claims and litigation in the future.

On February 18, 2022, Paul Capital Advisors ("PCA") filed a lawsuit against MHT Financial, L.L.C. ("MHT"), BCG, and two trust advisors (the "Trust Advisors"), Murray Holland (part-owner of MHT and former Chairman, President and CEO of GWG) and James Turvey (an employee of BCG) in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the "Court" or the "Court of Chancery"). While BCG was named as a defendant, PCA did not assert claims against or seek relief from BCG but instead asserted one cause of action that only sought the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. The lawsuit concerns a set of transactions that utilized a trust structure with MHT as the sole beneficiary. Through this trust structure, PCA sold illiquid investments with a net asset value of approximately \$500 million to MHT in exchange for a contractual right from MHT to receive proceeds derived from an auction of BCG securities held in certain trusts (the "Trusts"). Pursuant to a separate contingent value right ("CVR") contract (the "CVR Contract") between BCG, affiliates of BCG (collectively, the "BEN CVR Parties"), and MHT, BCG agreed to undertake certain obligations if consideration from the auction of the BCG securities held in the Trusts resulted in an amount less than the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (a "Shortfall ET Amount"), and other precedent conditions occurred. These obligations included, among other things, making quarterly distributions of "Available Cash" to the Trusts until the distributions equaled the Shortfall ET Amount.

Ultimately, GWG won the auction of the Company securities with a winning bid comprised of cash, GWG common stock, and L Bonds. While the cash consideration has been paid to PCA, the GWG stock and L Bonds remain in the Trusts until they are liquidated. The original complaint asserted one cause of action: that the Trust Advisors had breached their purported fiduciary duties to PCA. The sole relief PCA sought was the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. On March 14, 2022, the defendants moved to dismiss the original complaint, disputing in their briefs filed on March 28, 2022 that PCA is a beneficiary of any kind to the Trusts, and therefore not owed fiduciary duties by the Trust Advisors, and that PCA has no right to remove and replace the Trust Advisors. Further, the Company sought to dismiss the original complaint on the grounds that no claims were asserted against the Company and no relief was sought from it.

On April 18, 2022, PCA amended its original complaint. The amended complaint asserted six new causes of action arising out of the same set of transactions, including: (1) purported breaches of contract against BCG, MHT, and the Trust Advisors,

including a purported breach of the CVR Contract; (2) purported fraud by the Company and MHT pertaining to the execution of the Second Amendment to the CVR Contract; and (3) promissory estoppel against MHT, the Company, and Murray Holland in his capacity as a Trust Advisor. The amended complaint also sought additional relief in the form of (1) damages “in an amount to be proven at trial” and (2) an order granting rescission of an amendment to the CVR Contract or a holding declaring it invalid.

On April 18, 2022, Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey resigned as Trust Advisors to the Trusts that were the subject matter of the complaint.

On April 19, 2022, MHT, as the sole beneficiary of the Trusts, appointed Dr. John Stahl as the new Trust Advisor.

On April 28, 2022, the Court found that PCA’s original cause of action to remove Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey as Trust Advisors was moot.

On May 6, 2022, PCA amended its complaint again to request that Dr. Stahl be removed as Trust Advisor.

Additionally, while the second amended complaint maintains the prior causes of action, it retracts PCA’s prior, false statements claiming that the Company had not supplied PCA’s representative the relevant documents before he signed an amendment to the CVR Contract. PCA still, however, requests that the Court rescind this amendment which memorialized the parties’ prior agreements regarding certain definitions negotiated and approved by PCA and its counsel.

On August 17, 2022, the Court issued a memorandum opinion that dismissed count I of PCA’s complaint, which requested Dr. Stahl’s removal, after finding that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts and, therefore, lacks standing to request the removal of any Trust Advisor. Additionally, because the Court held that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts, the parties agreed that count II, which alleged breach of fiduciary duty against the Trust Advisors, should also be dismissed.

On October 3, 2022, the Court entered an order dismissing count I of PCA’s complaint in accordance with its memorandum opinion and count II in light of the parties’ agreement that it should also be dismissed.

On November 1, 2022, defendants filed their opening briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On December 20, 2022, PCA filed its answering brief in opposition to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On January 24, 2023, defendants filed their reply briefs. Oral argument on the motions to dismiss was held on May 8, 2023, and the Court took the matter under advisement.

This litigation can subject us and certain of our directors to substantial costs and divert resources and the attention of management from our business. If these claims are successful, our business could be seriously harmed. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management’s resources and adversely affect our business.

The CVR Contract is an agreement between the BEN CVR Parties, and MHT, which was dated as of September 1, 2017. PCA is not a party to the CVR Contract nor an intended third-party beneficiary of the CVR Contract. In the CVR Contract, among other things, the Company agreed to undertake certain obligations if: (1) the consideration from the auction of the Company securities held in the Trusts resulted in an amount less than the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (a Shortfall ET Amount) and (2) certain other conditions were not satisfied, resulting in what the CVR Contract referred to as a “Distribution Trigger Event.” Under the CVR Contract, a Distribution Trigger Event could potentially occur if the BEN CVR Parties failed to undertake an Initial Public Listing (as defined in the CVR Contract) within 24 months of the auction closing date of the Company securities, which was defined to include a transaction or event resulting in the listing of the Company’s common units (or any securities into which the common units may be exchanged in a business combination or similar transaction) on a national stock exchange or quotation in an automated quotation system. In the event of the occurrence of a Distribution Trigger Event, the BEN CVR Parties potentially would have had to comply with specified obligations arising in certain circumstances, including making quarterly distributions of “Available Cash” to the Trusts until the distributions equaled the Shortfall ET Amount, if any (a “Mandatory Distribution Period”). During such a Mandatory Distribution Period, the CVR Contract may have also required the BEN CVR Parties to cease certain business activities, including the financing or acquisition of future private equity or other alternative asset loans unless financed through the issuance of equity or debt that is subordinate to the obligations under the CVR Contract. Except where the description of the CVR Contract expressly refers to PCA, the description of the CVR Contract’s terms is as asserted by the Company, and they are currently in dispute and being litigated in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

As a threshold matter, the parties disagree about whether PCA is an intended third-party beneficiary of the CVR Contract. PCA asserts it is an intended third-party beneficiary with standing to enforce the CVR Contract. The BEN CVR Parties disagree with PCA because Section 4.9 of the CVR Contract expressly disclaims that there are any third-party beneficiaries of CVR Contract other than the Trusts.

In addition to the threshold issue of standing, the parties disagree about (1) whether there is a Shortfall ET Amount under the CVR Contract’s definition of Net Auction Consideration, (2) whether there was an Initial Public Listing as defined in the CVR Contract, and (3) whether the CVR Contract terminated under these disputed definitions.

First, PCA asserts that a Shortfall ET Amount exists because it alleges that the Trusts have not received Net Auction Consideration, which PCA argues is defined to only include cash, in an amount equal to the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (net asset value (“NAV”) of ~\$500 million). As a result, PCA claims damages in the amount of \$350 million. In contrast, the BEN CVR Parties believe there is no Shortfall ET Amount because the Trusts have received Net Auction Consideration that PCA’s valuation expert determined had a value exceeding the NAV of the investments purchased from PCA (valued at ~\$550 million), which was comprised of \$150 million in cash and approximately \$400 million in GWG L-Bonds and GWG common stock. The BEN CVR Parties disagree that Net Auction Consideration only includes cash received by the Trusts in light of (1) an acknowledgement in which PCA agreed that “for all purposes Net Auction Consideration included all Auction Consideration” and that “the fair market value of all Auction Consideration shall be the fair market value as reflected [by PCA’s valuation expert]” and (2) an amendment to the CVR Contract that amended the definition of Net Auction Consideration to include non-cash consideration received by the Trusts and that was signed by a PCA general partner serving as a BEN director for purposes of approving such an amendment.

Second, PCA asserts the BEN CVR Parties failed to undertake an Initial Public Listing, alleging the BEN CVR Parties never filed a registration statement. The BEN CVR Parties disagree because they did exchange common units for GWG stock, satisfying the CVR Contract’s definition of an Initial Public Listing.

Third, as a result of the disputed terms above, the parties disagree about whether the CVR Contract terminated. Under the BEN CVR Parties’ view of the disputed terms, the CVR Contract terminated under its terms. But because PCA asserts that a Shortfall ET Amount exists, PCA disagrees that the CVR Contract has terminated and claims that the amendment to the CVR Contract was fraudulently induced.

To date, PCA has not sought any equitable relief with respect to the CVR Contract and instead has only requested monetary damages. If PCA is successful in its claim that it has standing to enforce the CVR Contract, that the CVR Contract has not terminated on its terms, and that the Company and its related parties have breached certain obligations under the CVR Contract, PCA may be able to recover substantial damages from the Company. Such damages could include an award to PCA of monetary damages in an amount of up to \$350 million, the alleged Shortfall ET Amount, plus costs and expenses. Any such recovery against the Company (or Beneficient) could materially affect the ability of the Company (or Beneficient) to continue its operations.

Additionally, on December 16, 2022, a former member of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, LLC initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney’s fees and punitive damages. The deadline to respond has not yet passed, but the Company denies the claims asserted in the arbitration. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management’s resources and adversely affect our business.

On February 18, 2022, Shirin Bayati and Mojan Kamalvand, on behalf of themselves and of all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against GWG, its former President and Chief Executive Officer, Murray Holland, its former Chief Financial Officer, Timothy Evans, and certain past and present members of the board of directors of GWG and The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. (Roy Bailey, Peter Cangany, Jr., David Chavenson, Brad Heppner, Thomas Hicks, Dennis Lockhart, Bruce Schnitzer, and David DeWeese) (the “Bayati Action”). The suit alleges that the defendants violated Sections 11, 12, and 15 of the Securities Act by issuing materially misleading statements in a June 3, 2020 registration statement (the “Offering”). On April 20, 2022, GWG filed for bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of Texas. On April 21, 2022, the district court ordered all parties to submit statements by May 5, 2022 on whether the automatic stay in bankruptcy extends to the non-debtor defendants. On April 25, 2022, Movants Thomas Horton and Frank Moore filed a Motion for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Their Selection of Lead Counsel. On May 2, 2022, a notice of dismissal was filed, dismissing defendants Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer. On May 12, 2022, the district court extended the bankruptcy stay to all non-debtor defendants, although it permitted a limited modification of lifting of the stay to allow the court to consider the pending lead plaintiff motion. On August 5, 2022, the district court entered an order appointing Thomas Horton and Frank Moore as lead plaintiffs for the putative class. On May 26, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated, filed a second class action lawsuit against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging

Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering. The defendants have not yet responded to the complaint, and they intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

On March 30, 2023, David Scura and Clifford Day, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against Ben, certain members of its board of directors (Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Richard W. Fisher, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer), certain past members of the board of directors of GWG (Jon R. Sabes and Steven F. Sabes), FOXO Technologies Inc. (“FOXO”), and Emerson Equity LLC (“Emerson”) (the “Scura Action”). The suit alleges that the defendants defrauded GWG investors in connection with the sale of GWG’s L Bonds and preferred stock, and it asserts claims on behalf of a putative class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired GWG’s L Bonds or preferred stock of GWG between December 23, 2017 and April 20, 2022. The suit alleges that (i) the Company, the individual defendants, and FOXO violated Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, (ii) that the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and (iii) that Emerson violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act. On May 3, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the lead plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a motion to lift the automatic stay in the Chapter 11 Cases in order to file a motion in the Northern District of Texas seeking to consolidate the Bayati and Scura Actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On June 8, 2023, the plaintiffs in the Scura Action filed a voluntary notice of dismissal without prejudice.

On June 29, 2023, the Company received a “Wells Notice” from the staff (the “Staff”) of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement, stating that the Staff has made a preliminary determination to recommend that the SEC file a civil enforcement action against the Company alleging violations of certain provisions of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act relating to the Company’s association with GWG Holdings. The Company understands that other parties, including Brad Heppner, also received Wells Notices related to the investigation of GWG Holdings. A Wells Notice is not a formal allegation or a finding of wrongdoing, but is a preliminary determination by the Staff to recommend to the SEC that a civil enforcement action or administrative proceeding be brought against the recipient. The Company maintains that our actions were appropriate and intends to vigorously defend this matter, including by making a Wells submission to the SEC, engaging in further dialogue with the SEC Staff, and contesting any allegations of wrongdoing. Additionally, Mr. Heppner has communicated to the Company that he intends to vigorously defend himself and contests any allegations of wrongdoing. He also intends to make a submission and engage in further dialogue with the SEC. If the SEC were to authorize an action against us, it could seek an order enjoining the Company from engaging in future violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws, imposing civil monetary penalties, and/or providing for other equitable relief within the SEC’s authority. The results of the Wells Notice process and any corresponding enforcement action, including the costs, timing and other potential consequences of responding and complying therewith, are unknown at this time.

Risks Related to Reliance on Technology, Third Parties and Our Employees

We rely on other companies to provide key components of our business infrastructure.

Third-party vendors provide, and are expected to continue to provide, key components of our business infrastructure, including for certain information systems, legal services, technology, administration, tax and compliance matters. The failure of any such third-party vendors to provide their services for any reason or to perform their services adequately could adversely affect our ability to deliver products and services to Customers, impair our ability to conduct our business efficiently and effectively, and/or result in regulatory action, financial loss, litigation, and loss of reputation. We may be unsuccessful in seeking reimbursement or indemnification from these third parties, and replacing any third-party vendors could also entail significant delay and expense.

A failure in our operational systems could impair our liquidity, disrupt our business, result in the disclosure of confidential information, damage our reputation, and cause losses.

Our financial, accounting, data processing or other operational systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled as a result of events that are wholly or partially beyond our control. Although we have backup systems in place, including backup data storage, our backup procedures and capabilities in the event of a failure or interruption may not be adequate. We must continuously update such systems to support our operations and growth, and to avoid disruption of, or constraints on, our operations. Enhancements and updates to systems, as well as the requisite training, including in connection with the integration of new businesses, entail significant costs and create risks. We may experience malfunctions in such systems, which may be severe. If, for example, our secure online portal experiences a glitch or other program-related error, Ben Liquidity could experience delays in processing liquidity transactions, which could result in negative reputational effects, and/or otherwise materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are not able to innovate and develop enhancements to our products and services, keep pace with technological developments or respond to future disruptive technologies, our business could be adversely affected.

As a technology-enabled company, we heavily rely on technology and innovation to support and build our business. In order to attract new customers and increase revenue from customers that currently use our products and services, we will need to continually adapt, develop, innovate, enhance, add new features and improve upon our products and services. The success of our products and services and any enhancements or new features in the future will depend on several factors, including timely completion and market acceptance of such enhancements and new features. We may expend significant time and resources developing and pursuing Customers that may not result in revenues in our anticipated time frame or at all, or may not result in revenue growth sufficient to offset any increased expenses due to enhancements or new features. If we are unable to successfully develop enhancements or new features to meet our customers' needs in the future, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

In addition, because our products and services will be designed to operate on a variety of network, hardware and software platforms using internet tools and protocols, we will need to continuously modify and enhance our products and services to keep pace with changes in internet-related hardware, software, communication, browser and database technologies. If we are unable to respond in a timely and cost-effective manner to these rapid technological developments, our products and services may become less marketable and less competitive or even obsolete.

Our success depends on certain key personnel and the ability to attract, retain, and develop new professionals.

Our success depends in large part upon the skills, experience, personal reputations and network of business relationships of our executives, and the synergies among the diverse fields of expertise and knowledge held by such executives. Our key personnel are directly responsible for setting our strategic direction, operating our business, maintaining and expanding business and other critical relationships with Customers and business partners and identifying expansion opportunities.

Competition for qualified personnel in the financial services industry is intense. Under the Kansas TEFFI charter, BFF is required to notify the OSBC of any change in the chief executive officer, president or directors of BFF. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. We may not be successful in retaining our key personnel, and the unexpected loss of services of one or more of our key personnel could have an adverse effect on our business because of their skills, knowledge of our primary markets, years of industry experience and the difficulty of promptly finding qualified replacement personnel. The loss of any of these key personnel, or our inability to recruit and retain qualified replacements, could cause disruption in our business and could prevent us from fully implementing our business strategy.

Our employees may take excessive risks which could negatively affect our financial condition and business.

We accept certain risks in the ordinary course of our business. The employees who conduct our business, including executive officers and other members of management, sales intermediaries, investment professionals and other associates, do so in part by making decisions and choices that involve exposing us to risk. These include decisions such as setting underwriting guidelines and standards, pricing and other decisions. We endeavor, in the design and implementation of our compensation programs and practices, to avoid giving our employees incentives to take excessive risks; however, employees may take such risks regardless of the structure of our compensation programs and practices. Similarly, although we employ controls and procedures designed to monitor employees' business decisions and prevent them from taking excessive risks, and to prevent employee misconduct, these controls and procedures may not be effective. If our employees take excessive risks, the impact of those risks could harm our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and business operations.

Our Chief Executive Officer's and employees' ability to participate in our equity incentive programs, our profit participation programs and awards of restricted equity units may create an incentive for them to effect more speculative liquidity transactions and determinations than would be the case in the absence of such arrangement.

Our employees sometimes receive equity units or other Company performance-based fees or allocations, and our Chief Executive Officer receives profit participation through interests in BCH held by Beneficient Holdings, Inc. ("BHI"), that may create an incentive for them to effect more speculative liquidity transactions and determinations, directly or indirectly on behalf of our Customers, or otherwise take or refrain from taking certain actions than it would otherwise make in the absence of such equity units or performance-based fees or allocations. In addition, we may have an incentive to make exit determinations based on factors that maximize economics in favor of us or our employees. Certain of our senior management employees or related persons may receive a portion of our equity interests or Company performance-based fees or allocations with respect to one or more of our subsidiaries, which may similarly influence such employees' or related persons' judgments. Our failure to appropriately manage any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest resulting from such

employees' ability to receive equity interests could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, which could materially and adversely affect our business in a number of ways, including an inability to effect liquidity transactions, attract new Customers or retain existing Customers.

Misconduct by our employees, advisors or third-party service providers could harm us by impairing our ability to attract and retain Customers and subjecting us to significant legal liability and reputational harm.

There is a risk that our employees, advisors or third-party service providers could engage in misconduct that adversely affects our business. We are subject to a number of laws, regulations and other obligations arising from our businesses and expect to become subject to additional laws and regulations as a result of the issuance of our operational TEFFI charter in Kansas. The violation of such laws, regulations or obligations by any of BFF's employees, advisors or third-party service providers could adversely affect Customers and us. Our business often requires that we deal with confidential matters of great significance to Customers. It is not always possible to detect or deter misconduct, and the extensive precautions we take that seek to detect and prevent undesirable activity may not be effective in all cases. If our employees, advisors or third-party service providers were to engage in fraudulent activity, violate regulatory standards or improperly use or disclose confidential information, we could be subject to legal or regulatory action and suffer serious harm to our reputation, financial position and current and future business relationships.

Any cybersecurity attack or other security breach of our technology systems, or those of third-party vendors we rely on, could subject us to significant liability and harm our business operations and reputation.

Cybersecurity attacks and security breaches of our technology systems, including those of Customers and third-party vendors, may subject us to liability and harm our business operations and overall reputation. Our operations rely on the secure processing, storage and transmission of confidential and other information in our computer systems and networks. Threats to information technology systems associated with cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents continue to grow, and there have been a number of highly publicized cases involving financial services companies, consumer-based companies and other organizations reporting the unauthorized disclosure of Customer or other confidential information in recent years.

We conduct the majority of our business through our information technology systems and process Customers' personally identifiable information through certain of such systems. In addition, we and our employees have been and expect to continue to be the target of "phishing" attacks, and the subject of impersonations and fraudulent requests for money, and other forms of such activities. Cybersecurity risks could result in the theft of our proprietary information and our Customers' personally identifiable information, disrupt our operations, negatively impact our ability to compete and result in injury to our reputation, downtime, loss of revenue, and increased costs to prevent, respond to or mitigate cybersecurity events. We may also need to commit additional management, operational and financial resources to identify new professionals to join our firm and to maintain appropriate security systems and policies to adequately support expansion. In addition, we may not be able to obtain or maintain sufficient insurance on commercially reasonable terms or with adequate coverage levels against potential liabilities we may face in connection with potential claims, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. Although we have developed, and continue to invest in, systems and processes that are designed to detect and prevent security breaches and cyber-attacks, and while we expect to periodically test this security, there can be no assurance that our security measures, information technology and infrastructure will be sufficient to prevent disruptions to our systems, especially because the cyber-attack techniques used change frequently or are not recognized until launched, and because cyber-attacks can originate from a wide variety of sources. In addition, cybersecurity has become a top priority for regulators around the world. Many jurisdictions in which we operate or that manage one or more interests in alternative investment vehicles underlying our collateral portfolio have laws and regulations relating to data privacy, cybersecurity and protection of personal information, including the General Data Protection Regulation in the European Union.

If any of our systems do not operate properly or are disabled for any reason or if there is any unauthorized disclosure of data, whether as a result of tampering, employee error, a breach of our network security systems, a cyber-incident or attack or otherwise, we could experience unauthorized disclosure or loss of sensitive information, damage to our reputation, the incurrence of additional expenses, additional regulatory scrutiny or penalties, or our exposure to civil or criminal litigation and possible financial liability, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Third parties upon whom we rely face similar threats, which could directly or indirectly impact our business and operations. The occurrence of a cybersecurity-incident or attack on our third-party vendors could have a material adverse effect on our reputation and on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business could be negatively affected.

Our commercial success will be impacted by our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection in the United States and other countries covering our technology, products and product candidates. Obtaining, maintaining and enforcing this protection is costly and uncertain. The patentability of our structures and processes, including the ExAlt Plan Exchange, generally is highly uncertain and involves complex legal questions. We cannot be certain that any patents will be granted to us, or that we will be able successfully to enforce any patents we obtain. Our success protecting our intellectual property depends significantly on our ability to:

- obtain and maintain U.S. and foreign patents, including defending those patents against adverse claims of invalidity or unenforceability;
- protect trade secrets relating to our technology, data and products;
- operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others; and
- prevent others from infringing our proprietary rights.

We may not be able to obtain issued patents relating to our technology or products. All of the patents we have applied for with the USPTO are for utility patents. There is no guarantee that the USPTO will issue us patents based on our patent applications. Further, obtaining a utility patent may present additional difficulty due to the current legal and political climate.

Even if issued, patents may inadvertently lapse or be challenged, narrowed, invalidated or circumvented, which could limit our ability to stop competitors from marketing similar products or limit the duration of patent protection we may have for our products. Furthermore, if issued, we may face disputes over the ownership of our intellectual property. We may not own all of the patents that we use, and certain of our employees may have the right to utilize our patents.

The cost of litigation to enforce patents, trade secrets, and other intellectual property could be substantial. Some of our competitors may be better able to sustain the costs of complex patent litigation because they may have substantially greater financial resources. Intellectual property lawsuits are expensive and unpredictable and would consume management's time and attention and other resources, even if the outcome is successful. In addition, there is a risk that a court would decide that our patents or trade secrets are not valid or enforceable, and that we do not have the right to stop the other party from offering competing products or services. There is also a risk that, even if the validity of a patent or trade secret were upheld, a court would refuse to stop the other party from using the patented invention(s), including on the grounds that its activities do not infringe the patent, or did not misappropriate the trade secret. If any of these events were to occur, our business, financial condition and operating results could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition to patent litigation in court, for any patent we obtain we may be a party to later adversarial proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the "PTAB"). Potential proceedings before the PTAB include inter parties review proceedings, post-grant review proceedings and interference proceedings. Depending on our level of success at the PTAB, these proceedings could adversely impact our intellectual property rights with respect to our products and technology.

We may be sued by third parties for alleged infringement of their proprietary rights.

Considerable intellectual property development activity exists in our industry, and we expect that we will increasingly be subject to infringement claims as our business grows and its functionality overlaps with different industry segments. Our competitors, as well as a number of other entities and individuals, may own or claim to own intellectual property in technology areas relating to our technology, products and product candidates. In addition, we may increasingly be subject to trademark infringement claims as our presence grows in the marketplace. From time to time, third parties may assert that we are infringing on their intellectual property rights, and we may be found to be infringing upon such rights. A claim of infringement may also be made relating to technology that we acquire or license from third parties. However, we may be unaware of the intellectual property rights of others that may cover, or may be alleged to cover, some or all of our technology, products and product candidates.

The outcome of litigation is inherently unpredictable and, as a result, any future litigation or claim of infringement could (i) cause us to enter into an unfavorable royalty or license agreement, pay ongoing royalties or require that we comply with other unfavorable terms, (ii) require us to discontinue the sale of our technology, products and product candidates, (iii) require us to indemnify our clients or third-party service providers or (iv) require us to expend additional development resources to redesign our platform. Any of these outcomes could harm our business. Even if we were to prevail, any litigation regarding

our intellectual property could be costly and time consuming and divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business and operations.

Risks Related to Accounting Policies

Changes in accounting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) or other standard-setting bodies may adversely affect our financial statements.

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP as defined in the Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) of the FASB. From time to time, we are required to adopt new or revised accounting standards or guidance that are incorporated into the ASC. It is possible that future accounting standards we are required to adopt could change the current accounting treatment that we apply to our combined and consolidated financial statements and that such changes could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, the FASB is working on several projects with the International Accounting Standards Board, which could result in significant changes as GAAP converges with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), including how our financial statements are presented. Furthermore, the SEC is considering whether and how to incorporate IFRS into the U.S. financial reporting system. The accounting changes being proposed by the FASB will be a complete change to how we account for and report significant areas of our business. The effective dates and transition methods are not known; however, issuers may be required to or may choose to adopt the new standards retrospectively. In this case, issuers would report results under the new accounting method as of the effective date, as well as for all periods presented. Any such changes to GAAP or conversion to IFRS would impose special demands on issuers in the areas of governance, employee training, internal controls and disclosure and would likely affect how we manage our business.

Our financial results depend on management’s selection of accounting methods and certain assumptions and estimates.

The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amount of related revenues and expenses. Certain accounting policies are inherently based to a greater extent on estimates, assumptions and judgments of management and, as such, have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally estimated. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to change, in the near term, relate to the fair value determination of investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the fair value determination of equity in connection with modifications to the equity securities of the Company and BCH, the determination of the allowance for loan losses as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to the Company’s and BCH’s equity holders, evaluation of potential impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and determining grant date fair value for share-based compensation awards. Management’s judgment and the data relied upon by management may be based on assumptions that prove to be inaccurate, particularly in times of market stress or other unforeseen circumstances. Even if the relevant factual assumptions are accurate, our decisions may prove to be inadequate or inaccurate because of other flaws in the design or use of analytical tools used by management. Any such failures in our processes for producing accounting estimates and managing risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The accuracy of the Company’s financial statements and related disclosures could be adversely affected if the judgments, assumptions or estimates used in the Company’s critical accounting policies are inaccurate.

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosure in conformity with GAAP requires us to make judgments, assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related notes. The Company’s critical accounting policies, which are included in the section captioned “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, describe those significant accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of the Company’s consolidated financial statements that the Company considers “critical” because they require judgments, assumptions and estimates that materially affect the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. As a result, if future events differ significantly from the judgments, assumptions and estimates in the Company’s critical accounting policies, those events or assumptions could have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In addition, changes in accounting interpretations or assumptions could impact the Company’s financial statements and the Company’s ability to timely prepare the Company’s financial statements. The Company’s inability to timely prepare the Company’s financial statements in the future could materially and adversely affect the Company’s share price.

The implementation of the Current Expected Credit Loss accounting standard will require us to increase our allowance for loan losses and may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, including the allocation of income (loss) to the Company's and BCH's equity holders.

The FASB has issued an accounting standard that will supersede the standard for establishing allowances for loan and lease losses that we currently utilize under GAAP and as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to the Company's and BCH's equity holders with respect to the ExAlt Loans, which eliminate in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. The current methodology generally considers only past events and current conditions and is being replaced with a forward-looking methodology that reflects the expected credit losses over the lives of financial assets, starting when such assets are first originated or acquired. We are in the process of adopting this standard referred to as Current Expected Credit Loss ("CECL"). Upon adoption on April 1, 2023, the CECL standard requires us to record, at the time of origination, credit losses expected throughout the life of the asset portfolio on loans and held-to-maturity securities, as opposed to the current practice of recording losses when it is probable that a loss event has occurred. The accounting standard also requires us to record a cumulative-effect adjustment to equity on the adoption date. The adoption of the CECL standard may materially affect how we determine allowance for loan losses and will require us to significantly increase the allowance, including those allowances that eliminate in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are utilized as an input in determining the allocation of income (loss) to the Company's and BCH's equity holders. Moreover, the CECL standard may create more volatility in the level of the allowance. Material increases to the level of the allowance for any reason could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, including the allocation of income (loss) to the Company's and BCH's equity holders.

If we fail to develop, implement and maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, the accuracy and timing of our financial reporting in future periods may be adversely affected.

Prior to November 29, 2021, we were a consolidated subsidiary of GWG, and we have been subject to GWG's policies with respect to the maintenance and assessment of internal control over financial reporting. As a result of GWG giving up its right to appoint a majority of the members of the board of directors of Ben Management, we are no longer a consolidated subsidiary of GWG.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") and related rules and regulations require that management report annually on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and assess the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures on a quarterly basis. Effective internal controls are necessary for us to provide timely and reliable financial reports and effectively prevent fraud.

To comply with the requirements of being a public company, the Company has undertaken various actions, and will take additional actions, such as implementing additional internal controls and procedures and hiring internal audit staff or consultants. Testing and maintaining internal controls can divert our management's attention from other matters that are important to the operation of our business. If we fail to develop and maintain proper and effective internal controls, our ability to produce accurate financial statements could be impaired, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, failure to maintain adequate financial and management processes and controls could lead to fraud or errors in our financial reporting and could harm our ability to manage our expenses or collect on our service agreements. Implementing any necessary and appropriate changes to our internal controls may entail substantial costs in order to modify our existing accounting and information technology systems, may take a significant period of time to complete and may distract our officers, directors and employees from the operation of our business. Any failure to maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting, or consequent inability to produce accurate financial statements, could increase our operating costs and could materially impair our ability to operate our business.

Additionally, when evaluating internal controls over financial reporting, the Company may identify material weaknesses that it may not be able to remediate in time to meet the applicable deadline imposed upon us for compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If the Company identifies any material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting or if the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an unqualified opinion as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting once it is no longer an emerging growth company, or if the Company is unable to conclude in our quarterly and annual reports that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of the Company's financial reports and the market price of our common stock could be negatively affected, and the Company could become subject to investigations by the stock exchange on which our securities are listed, the SEC or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources. In addition, if the Company fails to remediate any material weakness, our financial statements could be inaccurate, and the Company could face restricted access to capital markets.

Risks Related to Our Growth Strategy

Our failure to correctly identify mergers, acquisitions, divestitures or other strategic transactions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may seek to facilitate our growth through mergers, acquisitions or other strategic transactions. Mergers, acquisitions, and other strategic transactions involve inherent risks that could compromise the success of the combined business and dilute the holdings of our unitholders. If we are incorrect when assessing the value, strengths, weaknesses, liabilities and potential profitability of such transactions, or if we fail to adequately integrate the acquired businesses or individuals, the success of the combined business could be compromised.

Business acquisitions are subject to the risks commonly associated with such transactions including, among others, potential exposure to unknown liabilities of acquired companies and to acquisition costs and expenses, the difficulty and expense of integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired companies, potential disruptions to the business of the combined company and potential diversion of management's time and attention, the impairment of relationships with and the possible loss of key employees and Customers as a result of changes in management, potential litigation or other legal risks, potential write-downs related to goodwill impairments in connection with acquisitions and dilution to the unitholders of the combined company if the acquisition is made for equity of the combined company. In addition, investment strategies, technologies or businesses of acquired companies may not be effectively assimilated into our business or may have a negative effect on the combined company's revenues or earnings. The combined company may also incur significant expenses to complete acquisitions and support acquired investment strategies and businesses. Further, any such acquisitions may be funded with cash, debt or equity, which could dilute the holdings or limit the rights of our unitholders. Finally, we may not be successful in identifying attractive acquisition candidates or completing acquisitions on favorable terms.

If an acquisition is unsuccessful, we may decide to divest, liquidate, wind down and/or discontinue it. Divestitures and liquidations involve inherent risks that could compromise the success of our business. Risks related to divestitures can include difficulties in the separation of the divested business, loss of Customers, retention or obligation to indemnify certain liabilities, the failure of counterparties to satisfy payment obligations, unfavorable market conditions that may impact any earnout or contingency payment due to us and unexpected difficulties in losing employees of the divested business. A liquidation could negatively affect our business relationships, could subject us to litigation or regulatory inquiries and could expose us to additional expenses, including impairment charges.

There is no assurance that we will be successful in overcoming these or other risks encountered with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other strategic transactions. These risks may prevent us from realizing the expected benefits from mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other strategic transactions and could result in the failure to realize the full economic value of a strategic transaction.

Economic Environment, Capital Markets-Related and General Risks

Our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, the capital markets.

Many factors will affect our capital needs and their amount and timing, including our growth and profitability, as well as market disruptions and other unforeseeable developments. Our liquidity may be impaired by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, equity markets or otherwise allocate liquidity optimally, an inability to sell assets or redeem our interests in the Collateral, or unforeseen outflows of cash or collateral. This situation may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as a general market disruption or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, a disruption of the financial markets or negative views about the financial services industry generally, including concerns regarding fiscal matters in the United States and other geographic areas.

In addition, our ability to raise funding could be impaired if investors or lenders develop a negative perception of our long-term or short-term financial prospects. An increase in our debt may increase our leverage and reduce our interest coverage. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the future sale of equity, the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted.

If we are unable to raise additional capital through the methods above, then we may have difficulty entering into liquidity transactions, which would lead to a decrease in income earned by us.

Adverse developments affecting the financial services industry, such as actual events or concerns involving liquidity, defaults, or non-performance by financial institutions or transactional counterparties, could adversely affect our current and projected business operations and our financial condition and results of operations.

Actual events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse developments that affect financial institutions, transactional counterparties or other companies in the financial services industry or the financial services industry generally, or concerns or rumors about any events of these kinds or other similar risks, have in the past and may in the future lead to market-wide liquidity problems. For example, since March of 2023, several financial institutions have been closed and been taken into receivership by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). Similarly, these events, concerns or speculation could result in less favorable commercial financing terms, including higher interest rates or costs and tighter financial and operating covenants, or systemic limitations on access to credit and liquidity sources, thereby making it more difficult for us to acquire financing on acceptable terms or at all.

Although we are not a borrower or party to any such instruments with any other financial institution currently in receivership, if any of our lenders or counterparties to any such instruments were to be placed into receivership, we may be unable to access such funds. In addition, if any of our customers or other parties with whom we conduct business are unable to access funds pursuant to such instruments or lending arrangements with such a financial institution, such parties’ ability to pay their obligations to us or to enter into new commercial arrangements requiring additional payments to us could be adversely affected.

Furthermore, we regularly maintain domestic cash deposits in FDIC insured banks which exceed the FDIC insurance limits. The failure of a bank, or events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse conditions in the financial or credit markets impacting financial institutions at which we maintain balances, or concerns or rumors about such events, may lead to disruptions in access to our bank deposits or otherwise adversely impact our liquidity and financial condition. There can be no assurance that our deposits in excess of the FDIC or other comparable insurance limits will be backstopped by the U.S. or that any bank or financial institution with which we do business will be able to obtain needed liquidity from other banks, government institutions or by acquisition in the event of a failure or liquidity crisis.

Our operations, products and services may be negatively impacted by changes in economic and market conditions.

Our operations, products and services may be negatively impacted by changes in general economic and market conditions including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, slowdown in global growth, changes in laws (including laws relating to taxation and regulations on the financial industry), disease, pandemics or other severe public health events, trade barriers, commodity prices, currency exchange rates and controls and national and international political circumstances (including government shutdowns, wars, terrorist acts or security operations) because the performance of our liquidity products and value of the assets in our collateral portfolio is directly affected by conditions in the financial and securities markets. The financial markets and businesses operating in the securities industry are highly volatile and are directly affected by, among other factors, domestic and foreign economic conditions, geopolitics and general trends in business and finance, all of which are beyond our control. Declines in the financial markets or a lack of sustained growth may result in a corresponding decline in our performance and may adversely affect the assets comprising the collateral and the loans against the assets comprising the Collateral. In addition, we may not be able to, or may choose not to, manage our exposure to these conditions and/or events by using forward contracts, options, swaps, caps, collars and floors or using other forms of derivative instruments.

We use hedging transactions to manage certain market risks; our business, profitability and liquidity may be adversely affected by unanticipated market conditions including interest rates, currency exchange rates, equity market behavior, and other relevant market factors that generate losses not covered or offset by a hedge.

When managing our and the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ ultimate beneficiary’s exposure to market risks, we may make use of forward contracts, options, swaps, caps, collars and floors and may pursue other strategies or use other forms of derivative instruments to limit our exposure to changes in the relative values of investments that may result from market developments, including changes in prevailing interest rates and currency exchange rates. On April 1, 2022, Beneficiary, through our subsidiary CT Risk Management, L.L.C., made aggregate payments of approximately \$5 million to purchase put options against a decrease in the S&P 500 Index. The options have an aggregate notional amount of approximately \$141 million. Half of the notional expires in April 2024, while the other half expires in April 2025. On April 27, 2022, CT Risk Management, L.L.C., sold an equity interest to a third-party involved in a participation loan transaction for \$2.4 million and utilized the proceeds to purchase additional put options similar to the put options purchased on April 1, 2022. The put options are designed to protect the net asset value of the interests in alternative assets, which generate the collateral to certain of the loans in Ben Liquidity’s loan portfolio or the loans related to the participation loan transaction and provide for distributions to the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ ultimate beneficiary, against market risk. Through March 31, 2023, there was a net decrease in value

totaling \$3.5 million on the put options held as of that date, of which approximately \$2.5 million is attributable to Beneficient or Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loans related to the participation loan transaction.

The use of hedging transactions and other derivative instruments to reduce the effects of changes in the value of a position does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the value of the position or prevent losses if the value of the position declines. However, such activities can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of the position. Such transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of a position increases. Moreover, it may not be possible to limit the exposure to a market development that is so generally anticipated that a hedging or other derivative transaction cannot be entered into at an acceptable price. Although Beneficient has entered into and may continue to enter into hedging transactions in order to reduce our exposure to market risks, unanticipated market changes may result in poorer overall investment performance than if the transaction had not been executed. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in connection with hedging activities and price movements in a position being hedged may vary. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, Beneficient may not be successful in establishing a sufficient correlation or a sufficient matching of cash flows between the instruments used in a hedging or other derivative transaction and the position being hedged. An insufficient correlation could prevent us from achieving the intended result and create new risks of loss. In addition, Beneficient will not be able to fully limit exposure against all changes in the values of the alternative assets underlying our liquidity transactions, because the values of such assets are likely to fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, some of which will be beyond our control, and we may not be able to respond to such fluctuations in a timely manner or at all.

Fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates may negatively impact our business.

Fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates may negatively impact our business. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions, both domestic and foreign, and the monetary and fiscal policies of various governmental and regulatory authorities. As a result, we may adopt asset and liability management policies to minimize the potential adverse effects of changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, primarily by altering the mix and maturity of liquidity transactions, interests in the Collateral, funding sources, and derivatives. However, even with these policies in place, a change in interest rates and foreign exchange rates can impact our financial condition.

The interest rates under our loan and other agreements may be impacted by the phase-out of London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR").

LIBOR has been the basic rate of interest used in lending between banks on the London interbank market and has been widely used as a reference for setting the interest rates on loans globally. Most of Ben Liquidity's loans bear contractual interest at the greater of a fixed rate of interest or a rate based on LIBOR plus an applicable margin. In 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), which regulates LIBOR, announced that it intended to phase out LIBOR by the end of 2021. Pursuant to an announcement by the FCA in March 2021, one week and two-month LIBOR ceased to be published immediately after December 31, 2021, and all remaining USD LIBOR tenors will cease to be published or lose representativeness immediately after June 30, 2023. The U.S. Federal Reserve, in conjunction with the Alternative Reference Rates Committee, a steering committee comprised of large U.S. financial institutions, recommended replacing LIBOR with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), an index calculated by short-term repurchase agreements, backed by U.S. Treasury securities. SOFR is a more generic measure than LIBOR and considers the cost of borrowing cash overnight, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. Given the inherent differences between LIBOR and SOFR or any other alternative benchmark rate that may be established, there are many uncertainties resulting from the transition from LIBOR. Our loan agreements contain fallback provisions providing for alternative rate calculations in the event LIBOR is unavailable, prior to any LIBOR rate transition. The transition from LIBOR to an alternative could result in financial market disruptions, significant increases or volatility in risk-free benchmark rates, or borrowing costs to borrowers, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We are dependent on the continued success of the alternative asset industry.

Our success depends, in part, on the continued success of alternative asset managers, and the alternative asset industry that has enjoyed a prolonged period of expansion and profitability. Such expansion and profitability are subject to market conditions and other factors outside of our control (and the control of managers of alternative assets). There is no assurance that such expansion and profitability will continue. Beyond business and financial success, the alternative asset industry may also become subject to greater or different governmental regulation and investigation which could have a negative effect on us.

During economic downturns, alternative asset owners may suffer from decreasing returns (including negative returns and loss of principal investment), liquidity pressure, increased volatility and difficulty maintaining targeted asset allocations, and

investors may decrease or suspend making new fund investments during and after such periods. As the economy begins to recover from these periods, investors may elect to reduce their exposure to alternative assets, resulting in a smaller overall pool of potential Customers in the industry and Customers for our services and products in the future. Such circumstances would involve increased competition among liquidity providers and could lead to terms less favorable to us as well as difficulty in reaching new Customers, which could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

Business disruptions and interruptions due to natural disasters, pandemics and other external events beyond our control can adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our operations can be subject to natural disasters, pandemics and other external events beyond our control, such as earthquakes, fires, severe weather, public health issues, power failures, telecommunication loss, major accidents, terrorist attacks, acts of war, and other natural and man-made events. Such events, whether natural or attributable to human beings, could cause severe destruction, disruption or interruption to our operations or property. If we were to suffer a disruption or interruption and are not able to resume normal operations within a period consistent with industry standards, our business could suffer serious harm. In addition, depending on the nature and duration of the disruption or interruption, we might be vulnerable to fraud, additional expense or other losses, or to a loss of business and/or Customers. There is no assurance that our business continuity plan can adequately mitigate the risks of such business disruptions and interruptions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe disruptions in the U.S. and global economies and may adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many countries around the world, including the United States. There have been numerous reports of the virus outbreak disrupting or restricting supply chains, facility closures, voluntary and mandatory quarantines, and federal, state and local governments and foreign governments requiring business to temporarily close or severely curtail commercial activity. It is also possible that the spread of COVID-19 or variants derived therefrom may have direct effects on our operations, such as high levels of employee sickness and absences, limiting employee travel or increasing telecommuting arrangements. The coronavirus coincided with heightened volatility in financial markets in the U.S. and worldwide. We and other financial institutions generally must resume operations promptly following any interruption. If we were to suffer a disruption or interruption and were not able to resume normal operations within a period consistent with industry standards, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected in a material manner. In addition, depending on the nature and duration of the disruption or interruption, we might become vulnerable to fraud, additional expense or other losses, or to a loss of business and Customers. Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic could exacerbate many other risks identified in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. If the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affects our business operations or leads to a significant or prolonged impact on global markets or economic growth, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and may otherwise adversely impact our business operations. We and our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness.

As of March 31, 2023, we had approximately \$99.3 million of debt (including unamortized premium thereon), \$97.2 million (including unamortized premium thereon) of which is derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP, a Delaware limited liability company, that is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP. Furthermore, we could raise additional debt to fund our operations. Our indebtedness could have significant effects on our business and the holders of our equity. For example, it could:

- require us to use a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service our indebtedness, which would reduce the available cash flow to fund acquisitions of alternative assets, working capital and other general corporate purposes;
- require payments of principal and interest that may be greater than our cash flow from operations;
- force us to dispose of loans or other investments, possibly on disadvantageous terms, to make payments on our debt;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industries in which we operate;
- restrict us from exploiting other business opportunities;
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations; and
- place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt.

The loan agreement with HCLP is collateralized by all of the assets of BCH and the loans, excluding the ExAlt Participation Loans, originated by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and certain of the custody trusts.

Ben, through its subsidiaries, is a party to a secured loan agreement (the “HCLP Loan Agreement”) with HCLP. HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP and Ben’s CEO is a beneficiary and trustee of the trusts that control and are the partners of Highland Consolidated, LP; however, he has relinquished his authority as a trustee of such trusts with respect to Highland Consolidated, L.P. The HCLP Loan Agreement provides for accruing interest at the rate of 9.5%, and is guaranteed by affiliates of BCH as borrower. It contains standard provisions, including customary events of default and termination events and related covenants. As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$97.2 million (including unamortized premium thereon) of debt was outstanding under the HCLP Loan Agreement (the “HCLP Loan”).

The HCLP Loan Agreement is collateralized by substantially all income producing assets of BCH, as well as the loans originated by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and custody trusts, excluding the ExAlt Participation Loans. If we do not raise enough capital to fully repay such obligations, HCLP’s collateral interest will remain in place, and the value of the collateral security of the HCLP Loan Agreement may significantly exceed amounts owed under the HCLP Loan.

We are dependent on future near-term capital to fund our business plan.

We have not historically generated positive cash flow from operations on a consolidated basis and may not generate positive cash flow from operations on a consolidated basis in the near term. We believe that we will need substantial additional capital to fund our business plan in addition to any revenues we may generate in the future until we reach positive sustainable operating cash flow. Such additional capital may include the issuance and sale of additional equity securities and/or commercial borrowing. If we are unable to obtain capital in the amounts and on terms deemed acceptable to us, we may be unable to continue building our business and as a result may be required to scale back or cease operations for our business, the result of which may be that you could lose some or all of your investment.

Regulatory and Legal Risks

We operate in a highly regulated environment, which could restrain our growth and profitability.

We operate in a highly regulated environment and are subject to supervision and regulation by several governmental agencies. In the short term, we intend to conduct substantially all of our operations through our regulated subsidiaries, which will include our Kansas state-chartered TEFFI, which could be subject to extensive regulation, supervision, and legal requirements that govern almost all aspects of its operations. These laws and regulations, and the supervisory framework that oversees the administration of these laws and regulations, are primarily intended to protect trust assets and the public, and not shareholders or creditors. All of these laws and regulations, and the supervisory framework applicable to us, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

As our business grows, we expect to become subject to additional regulatory agencies’ regulation.

Compliance with the myriad of laws and regulations applicable to our organization can be difficult and costly. In addition, these laws, regulations and policies are subject to continual review by governmental authorities, and changes to laws, regulations and policies, including changes in their interpretation or implementation, could affect us in substantial and unpredictable ways and often impose additional compliance costs. Changes in regulations or the regulatory environment may have an adverse effect on the industry generally and/or us, specifically. It is impossible to determine the extent of the impact of any new laws, regulations, initiatives or regulatory guidance that may be proposed or may become law on our business or the markets in which we operate. If enacted, any new law, regulation, initiatives or regulatory guidance could negatively impact us in a number of ways, including: increasing our regulatory operating costs; imposing additional burdens on our staff; and potentially requiring the disclosure of sensitive information. In addition, we may be materially and adversely affected by changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules by governmental authorities and self-regulatory organizations. New laws, regulations, initiatives or regulatory guidance could make compliance more difficult or more expensive, affect the manner in which we conduct business and divert significant management and operational resources and attention from our operations. Moreover, an increase in regulatory investigations and new or enhanced reporting requirements on investment activities of alternative asset investment companies, including us, is possible. Such investigations and reporting requirements could impose additional expenses on us, require the attention of senior management, increase the complexity of managing our business, or result in fines or other sanctions if we are deemed to have violated any law or regulations.

As a result of BFF's receipt of an operating TEFFI charter in Kansas the OSBC will periodically conduct examinations of BFF's trust business, and our failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, or any supervisory actions to which BFF is or becomes subject as a result of such examinations, could result in regulatory action or penalties.

As a result of BFF's receipt of an operating TEFFI charter in Kansas then as part of the regulatory framework applicable to state-chartered trust companies, the OSBC will periodically conduct examinations of BFF's trust business, including BFF's compliance with laws and regulations. If, as a result of an examination, the OSBC were to determine that BFF's trust operations had become unsatisfactory, or were in violation of any law or regulation, it may take a number of different remedial actions as it deems appropriate. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. These actions may include enjoining BFF from engaging in certain practices, requiring affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, issuing an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, directing an increase in capital, restricting the ability to pay dividends, restricting growth, assessing civil monetary penalties against them, or any of their respective officers or directors, removing officers and directors and, under certain limited circumstances, placing our trust subsidiaries into receivership or conservatorship. Compliance with any such regulatory action may result in having to expend substantial management and financial resources in furtherance of remediation. Moreover, any such restrictions on BFF's operations or activities could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

We are or will become subject to comprehensive governmental regulation and supervision.

We and our subsidiaries operate in a highly regulated environment and will be subject to supervision and regulation by several governmental agencies, including but not limited to the regulation of BFF by the OSBC. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. If we were to open a branch office in Texas, we would be subject to Texas law and the oversight of the Texas Department of Banking. We and our subsidiaries are subject to changes in federal and state laws, regulations, governmental policies, tax laws and accounting principles. As our business grows, we and our subsidiaries expect to become subject to additional regulatory agencies' regulation. Changes in regulations or the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business.

We face a risk of noncompliance and enforcement action with the Bank Secrecy Act, other anti-money laundering statutes and regulations and sanctions regulations.

The Bank Secrecy Act, the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, and other laws and regulations require financial institutions and broker-dealers, among other duties, to institute and maintain an effective anti-money laundering program and file reports such as suspicious activity and currency transaction reports. Under these laws, non-depository trust companies and broker-dealers are required to implement comprehensive anti-money laundering compliance programs that are consistent with the requirements for covered financial institutions. We expect that our regulators will routinely examine our regulated subsidiaries for compliance with applicable anti-money laundering obligations and will consider our compliance in connection with the regulatory review of applications, including potential future applications for mergers and acquisitions. Failure of a regulated financial institution or broker-dealer to maintain and implement adequate programs to combat money laundering and terrorist financing and comply with Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") sanctions, or to comply with relevant laws and regulations, could have serious legal, reputational and financial consequences for our regulated subsidiaries and for us.

New activities and expansion require regulatory approvals, and failure to obtain them may restrict our growth.

We may complement and expand our trust business by pursuing strategic acquisitions of other complementary businesses or their assets. Generally, as a result of BFF's receipt of an operating TEFFI charter in Kansas, BFF will be required to receive prior regulatory approval from the OSBC with respect to an acquisition by, or merger with, these entities. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. While regulations for BFF's Kansas TEFFI have not yet been adopted, we expect review requirements will be required for BFF's Kansas TEFFI to purchase assets from another trust institution or seller, or sell all or any portion of their respective assets to another trust institution or buyer, unless the purchase or sales price, as applicable, is not more than an amount equal to three times the sum of the applicable trust company's equity capital less intangible assets.

In determining whether to approve a proposed acquisition, regulators may consider, among other factors, the financial and regulatory condition of the companies, the capital adequacy of the resulting organization, the competence, experience, and integrity of management and its record of compliance with laws and regulations, and the effectiveness of the acquiring institution in combating money laundering activities. Such regulatory approvals may be granted subject to certain conditions imposed by the OSBC, which may not be acceptable to BFF, or may not be granted at all. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. The inability to engage in expansionary activities on terms and conditions acceptable to us could have a material adverse effect on our growth and prospects.

The failure of our trust subsidiaries to maintain certain minimum amounts of capital may result in regulatory sanctions or restrictions, limitations on their respective activities and operations, or require them to raise additional capital.

As regulated entities, BFF's Kansas TEFFI is required to maintain minimum levels of capital under a framework determined by the OSBC. In the case of BFF, the minimum amount is \$250,000 at this time, although such amounts could change in the future. In addition, the failure of our trust companies to maintain minimum required levels of capital could subject them to administrative action from the OSBC, which could include restrictive constraints on operations, management, and activities, monetary sanctions, orders to raise additional capital, or, under certain limited circumstances, in the commencement of receivership or conservatorship proceedings. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. Any of these actions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

We will be subject to certain limitations with respect our investments and liquidity as a result of the minimum capital requirements applicable to our trust subsidiaries, which could adversely impact our results of operations.

The TEFFI Act does not currently include a liquidity requirement with respect to the restricted capital for a TEFFI. However, the OSBC has not yet adopted implementing regulations, and so liquidity requirements may yet be imposed. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient. These restrictions, taken together, limit the ability of management of our trust companies to allocate assets in a manner that they deem to be most appropriate, taking into consideration the anticipated liquidity needs of each charter. Given the current and expected interest rate environment for short-term liquid assets, these restrictions could have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

As a result of BFF's receipt of an operating TEFFI charter in Kansas, the OSBC would have the authority to increase the minimum amount of capital required to be maintained by our trust subsidiaries under certain circumstances, which may result in lower returns on equity.

The OSBC does not have the same discretionary authority under the TEFFI Act to increase a TEFFI's minimum capital so long as: (i) the TEFFI does not accept deposits, other than alternative asset custody accounts; (ii) the TEFFI maintains no third-party debt except debts owed to its members or its affiliates; and (iii) the TEFFI has secured an agreement from its members whereby such members agree to contribute additional capital to the TEFFI, if needed, to ensure the safety and soundness of the fiduciary financial institution. However, if those requirements are not satisfied, the OSBC may have the authority to require the TEFFI to maintain additional capital.

Any increase in the minimum amount of capital required for BFF will further limit our ability to direct the allocation of those capital resources in the most optimal manner, including through cash distributions to us. In addition, a requirement to maintain higher minimum levels of capital at those entities may result in lower returns on equity, which could have a material adverse effect on the price of our securities. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient.

We are subject to laws regarding the privacy, information security, and protection of personal information and any violation of these laws or another incident involving personal, confidential, or proprietary information of individuals could damage our reputation and otherwise adversely affect our operations and financial condition.

Our business requires the collection and retention of Customer data, including personally identifiable information in various information systems that we maintain and in those maintained by third-party data service providers. We also maintain important internal company data such as personally identifiable information about our employees and information relating to our operations. We are subject to complex and evolving laws and regulations governing the privacy and protection of personal information of individuals (including Customers, employees, suppliers, and other third parties). Various regulatory bodies and governmental agencies have also enacted data security breach notification requirements with varying levels of notification in certain circumstances in the event of a security breach. Ensuring that our collection, use, transfer, and storage of personal information complies with all applicable laws and regulations can increase our costs. Furthermore, we may not be able to ensure that all of our Customers, suppliers, counterparties, and other third parties have appropriate controls in place to protect the confidentiality of the information that they exchange with us, particularly where such information is transmitted by electronic means. If personal, confidential, or proprietary information of Customers or others were to be mishandled or misused (in situations where, for example, such information was erroneously provided to parties who are not permitted to have the information, or where such information was intercepted or otherwise compromised by third parties), we could be exposed to litigation or regulatory sanctions under personal information laws and regulations. Concerns regarding the effectiveness of our measures to safeguard personal information, or even the perception that such measures are inadequate, could cause us to lose Customers or potential Customers for our products and services and thereby reduce our revenues. Accordingly, any failure or perceived failure to comply with applicable privacy or data protection laws and regulations may subject us to inquiries, examinations, and investigations that could result in requirements to modify or cease certain

operations or practices or incur significant liabilities, fines, or penalties, and could damage our reputation and otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may incur fines, penalties and other negative consequences from regulatory violations.

We may fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations and be held accountable for such violations, even if such violations are inadvertent. Some legal/regulatory frameworks provide for the imposition of fines, suspensions of personnel or other penalties for noncompliance, including censure, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders or the suspension or expulsion of applicable licenses and memberships. Any of the foregoing may damage our relationships with existing Customers, impair our ability to raise capital for successor funds, impair our ability to carry out certain business strategies, or contravene provisions concerning compliance with law in agreements to which we are a party. Even if a sanction is not imposed or the sanction imposed against us or our personnel by a regulator were small in monetary amount, the adverse publicity relating to the regulatory activity or imposition of these sanctions could harm our reputation and cause us to fail to gain new Customers. For example, we are subject to regulations issued by the OFAC that prohibit financial institutions from participating in the transfer of property belonging to the governments of certain foreign countries and designated nationals of those countries. OFAC may impose penalties for inadvertent or unintentional violations even if reasonable processes are in place to prevent the violations. There may be other negative consequences resulting from a finding of noncompliance, including restrictions on certain activities.

While we seek to insure against potential risks, we may not be able to obtain insurance to cover certain risks, or obtain coverage on favorable terms, and the insurance that we have may be inadequate to cover certain civil or criminal proceedings or regulatory investigations and associated costs.

We may be impacted adversely by claims or litigation, including claims or litigation relating to our fiduciary responsibilities.

Our business involves the risk that Customers or others may sue us, claiming that we have failed to perform under a contract or otherwise failed to carry out a duty perceived to be owed to them. This risk would be heightened when our trust subsidiaries begin serving as fiduciaries for their clients following the issuance of state charters.

Specifically, our trust subsidiaries would be required to (i) adhere to the fiduciary standard of care required under the terms of the governing documents or applicable law and (ii) properly discharge their fiduciary duties. If we fail to comply with these fiduciary obligations, we could incur significant costs and possibly liability, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Liability for breach of fiduciary duty may be difficult to assess or quantify and its existence and magnitude may remain unknown for a substantial period of time. Claims made or actions brought against us, whether founded or unfounded, may result in injunctions, settlements, damages, fines or penalties, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, could adversely affect our ability to raise additional funding or attract new Customers, and could require changes to our business. Even if we defend ourselves successfully, the cost of litigation is often substantial, and public reports regarding claims made against us may cause damage to our reputation among existing and prospective Customers or negatively impact the confidence of counterparties, rating agencies, and holders of our securities, consequently affecting our earnings negatively.

We may face risks from regulatory investigations and proceedings and from private actions.

From time to time, we may be named as a defendant or otherwise become involved in various legal proceedings, including class actions and other litigation or disputes with third parties. Future actions against us may result in judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other results adverse to us, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations, or cause serious reputational harm to us.

Our businesses and operations are also subject to increasing regulatory oversight and scrutiny, which may lead to additional regulatory investigations or enforcement actions. These and other initiatives from federal and state officials may subject us to judgments, settlements, fines or penalties, or cause us to be required to restructure our operations and activities, all of which could lead to reputational issues, or higher operational costs, thereby reducing our profitability.

While we seek to insure against potential risks, we may not be able to obtain insurance to cover certain risks, or obtain coverage on favorable terms, and the insurance that we have may be inadequate to cover certain civil or criminal proceedings or regulatory investigations and associated costs.

The Company incurs significant costs as a result of operating as a newly-public company, and its management devotes and will continue to devote substantial time to new compliance initiatives.

The Company has incurred significant legal, accounting and other expenses as a newly-public company that it did not incur as a private company, and these expenses may increase even more after the Company is no longer an emerging growth company, as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act.

As a public company, the Company will be subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act, as well as rules adopted, and to be adopted, by the SEC and the Nasdaq. The Company's management and other personnel will need to devote a substantial amount of time to these compliance initiatives. Moreover, the Company expects these rules and regulations to substantially increase its legal and financial compliance costs and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. The Company cannot predict or estimate the amount or timing of additional costs it may incur to respond to these requirements. The impact of these requirements could also make it more difficult for the Company to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on its board of directors, its board committees or as executive officers.

Changes in laws or regulations, or a failure to comply with any laws and regulations, may adversely affect the Company's business, investments and results of operations.

The Company is subject to laws and regulations enacted by national, regional and local governments. In particular, it will be required to comply with certain SEC and other legal requirements. Compliance with, and monitoring of, applicable laws and regulations may be difficult, time consuming and costly. Those laws and regulations and their interpretation and application may also change from time to time and those changes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, investments and results of operations. In addition, a failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations, as interpreted and applied, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

Risks Related to the Ownership of Class A Common Stock and Warrants

We may not be able to maintain our listing on Nasdaq, which could have a material adverse effect on us and our stockholders.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. To maintain our listing, we are required to satisfy continued listing requirements. There can be no assurance we will continue satisfying such continued listing requirements, which include that the closing bid price of our common stock be at least \$1 per share, that we have at least 400 round lot holders and at least 750,000 publicly held shares, that the market value of our publicly held securities be at least \$5 million, and that we meet one of these standards: stockholders' equity of at least \$10 million; market value of listed securities of at least \$50 million; or total assets and total revenues of at least \$50 million each in the latest fiscal year or in two of the last fiscal years.

If we are delisted from Nasdaq, our securities may be eligible for trading on an over-the-counter market. If we are not able to obtain a listing on another stock exchange or quotation service for our securities, it may be extremely difficult or impossible for stockholders to sell their shares. If we are delisted from Nasdaq, but obtain a substitute listing for our securities, it will likely be on a market with less liquidity, and therefore experience potentially more price volatility than experienced on Nasdaq. Stockholders may not be able to sell their securities on any such substitute market in the quantities, at the times, or at the prices that could potentially be available on a more liquid trading market. As a result of these factors, if our securities are delisted from Nasdaq, the value and liquidity of our securities would likely be significantly adversely affected. A delisting of our securities from Nasdaq could also adversely affect our ability to obtain financing for our operations and/or result in a loss of confidence by investors, employees and/or business partners.

In the event of a delisting, we can provide no assurance that any action taken by us to restore compliance with listing requirements would allow our securities to become listed again, stabilize the market price or improve the liquidity of our securities, prevent our securities from dropping below the Nasdaq minimum bid price requirement or prevent future non-compliance with the listing requirements of Nasdaq. There can be no assurance that we will maintain the compliance of our securities with the Nasdaq listing requirements.

A substantial number of the Company's Class A common stock are restricted securities and as a result, there may be limited liquidity for Class A common stock.

Approximately 97% of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock currently constitute restricted securities, including approximately 91% of such shares that are "control" securities for purposes of Rule 144 of the Securities Act. As a result, there may initially be limited liquidity in the trading market for Class A common stock until these shares are sold pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or the shares become available for resale without volume

limitations or other restrictions under Rule 144. Even once these are no longer restricted or a registration statement for such shares has become effective, the liquidity for Class A common stock may remain limited given the substantial holdings of such stockholders, which could make the price of Class A common stock more volatile and may make it more difficult for investors to buy or sell large amounts of Class A common stock. Additionally, approximately 3.7% of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock are subject to contractual lockups with the Company.

Future resales of our Class A common stock may cause the market price of Class A common stock to drop significantly, even if the Company's business is doing well.

The Company's pre-Business Combination equity holders hold approximately 96% of Class A and Class B common stock (which is convertible to Class A common stock on a one-to-one basis at the election of the holder thereof). Upon the effectiveness of any registration statement the Company files, including our registration rights agreements with (i) the holders of Warrants, (ii) certain persons who would become holders in connection with the Business Combination, (iii) GWG, (iv) Hatteras and (v) holders of Class B common stock and equity interests in BCH that are convertible into Class A common stock, in a registered offering of securities pursuant to the Securities Act or otherwise in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, such Company stockholders may sell Class A common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, which could have the effect of increasing the volatility in the trading price of Class A common stock or putting significant downward pressure on the price of Class A common stock.

Further, sales of Class A common stock upon expected expiration of resale restrictions could encourage short sales by market participants. Generally, short selling means selling a security, contract or commodity not owned by the seller. The seller is committed to eventually purchase the financial instrument previously sold. Short sales are used to capitalize on an expected decline in the security's price. As such, short sales of Class A common stock could have a tendency to depress the price of Class A common stock, which could further increase the potential for short sales.

The Company cannot predict the size of future issuances or sales of Class A common stock or the effect, if any, that future issuances and sales of Class A common stock will have on the market price of Class A common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of Class A common stock, including issuances made in the ordinary course of the Company's business, or the perception that such sales could occur, may materially and adversely affect prevailing market prices of Class A common stock.

Furthermore, registration rights we may grant in the future, including in the ordinary course of the Company's business, may further depress market prices if these registration rights are exercised or shares of Class A common stock are sold under the registration statements, the presence of additional shares trading in the public market may also adversely affect the market price of Class A common stock.

The market price for Class A common stock may be subject to substantial fluctuations, which may make it difficult for you to sell your shares at the volumes, prices and times desired.

The market price of Class A common stock may be highly volatile, which may make it difficult for you to sell your shares at the volumes, prices and times desired. Some factors that may have a significant effect on the market price of Class A common stock include:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results or those of our competitors;
- changes in economic or business conditions;
- changes in governmental regulation; and
- publication of research reports about us, our competitors, or our industry, or changes in, or failure to meet, estimates made by securities analysts or ratings agencies of our financial and operating performance, or lack of research reports by industry analysts or ceasing of analyst coverage.

During certain periods we have received, and may continue to receive, a high degree of media coverage that is published or otherwise disseminated by third parties, including blogs, articles, message boards and social and other media. This may include coverage that is not attributable to statements made by the Company or our Board of Directors. Information provided by third parties may not be reliable or accurate and could materially impact the trading price of our common stock which could cause stockholders to lose their investments.

The Company is an “emerging growth company” and a “smaller reporting company” within the meaning of the Securities Act, and if we take advantage of certain reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies or smaller reporting companies, this could make our Class A common stock less attractive to investors.

The Company is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (the “JOBS Act”). The Company could continue to be considered an emerging growth company for up to five years, although the Company would lose that status sooner if the Company’s gross revenues exceed \$1.235 billion, if it issues more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt in a three-year period, or if the fair value of Class A common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter (and the Company has been a public company for at least 12 months and has filed one annual report on Form 10-K). For as long as the Company continues to be an emerging growth company, the Company may take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements that apply to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in the Company’s periodic reports and proxy statements and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. It is unclear whether investors will find Class A common stock less attractive because the Company may rely on these exemptions. If some investors find Class A common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for Class A common stock, and the Company’s stock price may be more volatile.

In addition, the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. The Company has elected to avail itself of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards and, therefore, while the Company is an emerging growth company, the Company will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time that they become applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. As a result, the Company’s financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates, and the Company will incur additional costs in connection with complying with the accounting standards applicable to public companies at such time or times as they become applicable to the Company.

Additionally, the Company is a “smaller reporting company” as defined in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K. Smaller reporting companies may take advantage of certain reduced disclosure obligations, including, among other things, providing only two years of audited financial statements. The Company will remain a smaller reporting company until the last day of the fiscal year in which (1) the market value of our ordinary shares held by non-affiliates exceeds \$250 million as of the prior September 30, or (2) our annual revenues exceeded \$100 million during such completed fiscal year and the market value of our ordinary shares held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the prior September 30. It is unclear whether investors will find Class A common stock less attractive because the Company may rely on these reduced disclosure requirements. If some investors find Class A common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for Class A common stock, and the Company’s stock price may be more volatile. To the extent the Company takes advantage of such reduced disclosure obligations, it may also make comparison of our financial statements with other public companies difficult or impossible.

In order for our liquidity products to be attractive, there must be an active trading market for our common stock, and our stock price must remain stable.

We plan to offer our common equity to provide our customers with liquidity as one of our primary product offerings. As customers decide whether to exchange their alternative investments for our stock, of primary concern will be whether the stock price is stable and whether there is sufficient public float and trading activity. If we have a low public float or a liquid trading market does not develop for Class A common stock, our stock will be more susceptible to volatility. This could limit the marketability of our stock, and potential customers may choose to not participate in our liquidity products or take advantage of our other services.

Certain provisions in the Charter, the Bylaws, the Stockholders Agreement and of Nevada law may prevent or delay attempts to acquire a controlling interest in the Company, which could decrease the trading price of Class A common stock.

The Charter and Bylaws contain, and Nevada law contains, provisions that are intended to deter coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids by making such practices or bids unacceptably expensive to the bidder and to encourage prospective acquirers to negotiate with our board of directors rather than to attempt a hostile takeover. These provisions include, among others, those establishing:

- holders of our Class B common stock have the ability to elect the majority of the board of directors until the Class B Threshold is no longer met;

- holders of our Class B common stock are entitled to 10 votes per share with respect to all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote;
- the inability of holders of our Class A common stock to call a special meeting;
- authorizing the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to increase the number of outstanding shares and thwart a takeover attempt;
- prohibiting the use of cumulative voting for the election of directors;
- removal of incumbent directors only by the vote of stockholders with not less than two-thirds of the voting power of the applicable class of our outstanding common stock;
- requiring that our board of directors adopt a resolution in order to propose any amendment to our articles of incorporation before it may be considered for approval by our stockholders; and
- requiring all actions of holders of Class A common stock to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders.

The Stockholders Agreement also contains certain provisions that may prevent or delay attempts to acquire a controlling interest in Beneficient. These include the following provisions:

- Beneficient has agreed not to authorize, approve or ratify certain matters without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of Class B common stock, including (but not limited to) certain actions related to Ben LLC, Beneficient, and the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, and certain additional issuances of shares of Class B common stock.

The Company’s operating results and other operating metrics may fluctuate significantly from period to period, which could lead to a decline in the trading price of Class A common stock.

The Company’s operating results and other operating metrics have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future as a result of a number of factors, including variations in the Company’s operating performance or the performance of the Company’s competitors, changes in accounting principles, the success of the Company’s hedging strategy, research analyst reports about the Company, the Company’s competitors or the Company’s industry, the Company’s inability to meet analysts’ projections or guidance, strategic decisions by the Company or the Company’s competitors, such as acquisitions, capital investments or changes in business strategy, adverse outcomes of litigation, changes in or uncertainty about economic conditions, industry trends, geographies, or customers, activism by any large stockholder or group of stockholders, speculation by the investment community regarding the Company’s business, actual or anticipated growth rates relative to the Company’s competitors, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, changes in consumer preferences and market trends, seasonality, the Company’s ability to retain and attract customers, the Company’s ability to complete liquidity transactions, and other factors described elsewhere in this risk factors section. Fluctuations in the Company’s operating results due to these factors or for any other reason could cause the market price of Class A common stock to decline. In addition, the stock markets have experienced price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market price of equity securities issued by many companies. In the past, some companies that have had volatile market prices for their securities have been subject to class action or derivative lawsuits. The filing of a lawsuit against the Company, regardless of the outcome, could have a negative effect on the Company’s business, financial condition and results of operations, as it could result in substantial legal costs, a diversion of management’s attention and resources, and require the Company to make substantial payments to satisfy judgments or to settle litigation.

Beneficient’s board of directors and management have significant control over Beneficient’s business.

As a result of the Stockholders Agreement, Beneficient is a “controlled company” within the meaning Nasdaq rules and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance standards. In addition, with respect to all matters on which Beneficient stockholders generally are entitled to vote, the Charter provides that the holders of Class B common stock are entitled to 10 votes per share. As a result, in addition to their day-to-day management roles, the Company’s executive officers and directors are able to exercise significant influence on the Company’s business as stockholders, including influence over election of members of the board of directors and the authorization of other corporate actions requiring stockholder approval. Furthermore, our lack of an independent compensation committee presents the risk that an executive officer on the board may have influence over his or her personal compensation and may obtain benefits levels that may not be commensurate with our financial performance.

The Charter of Beneficient provides that with respect to all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote, holders of Class B common stock are entitled to 10 votes per share. As a result of this provision and the potential issuance of additional shares of Class A common stock upon the conversion and exchange of BCH limited partner interests, additional

control over Beneficient and its operations may be concentrated in existing holders of the equity interests in the Company and BCH. Additionally, the Stockholders Agreement provides additional governance rights to the holders of Class B common stock. The Stockholders Agreement provides that, for so long as the Class B Holders satisfy the Class B Threshold, they are entitled to elect the Class B Directors and have the right to designate the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Beneficient board of directors. In the event that a vacancy is created at any time by the death, disability, retirement, removal or resignation of a director designated by holders of Class B common stock, the applicable designating holder of Class B common stock has the right to designate a replacement to fill such vacancy. The Stockholders Agreement also includes certain protective provisions on behalf of the holders of the Class B common stock such as Beneficient has agreed not to authorize, approve or ratify certain matters without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of Class B common stock, including (but not limited to) certain actions related to Ben LLC, Beneficient, and the BCH Partnership Agreement, and additional issuances of any shares of Class B common stock.

If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they publish negative evaluations of our shares, the price of our shares could decline.

The trading market for Beneficient securities is influenced by the research and reports that any industry or securities analysts may publish about Beneficient, its business, market or competitors. Securities and industry analysts may never engage in, or may discontinue, research on Beneficient. If no securities or industry analysts cover Beneficient, Beneficient's share price and trading volume would likely be negatively impacted. If any of the analysts covering the Company change their recommendation regarding Class A common stock adversely, or provide more favorable relative recommendations about its competitors, the price of Class A common stock would likely decline. If any analyst who may cover the Company were to cease coverage or fail to regularly publish reports, the Company could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause its share price or trading volume to decline.

Because there are no current plans to pay cash dividends on Class A common stock for the foreseeable future, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell Class A common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it.

Beneficient may retain future earnings, if any, for future operations, expansion and debt repayment and has no current plans to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Any decision to declare and pay dividends as a public company in the future will be made at the discretion of Beneficient's board of directors and will depend on, among other things, Beneficient's results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, contractual restrictions, including limitations in the HCLP Loan Agreement, applicable law and other factors that Beneficient board of directors may deem relevant. In addition, Beneficient's ability to pay dividends may be limited by covenants of any existing and future outstanding indebtedness it or its subsidiaries incur. As a result, you may not receive any return on an investment in Class A common stock unless you sell your shares for a price greater than that which you paid for it.

An active trading market for Class A common stock may not develop, and you may not be able to resell your Class A common stock at or above the price you paid for it.

Prior to the Business Combination, there was no public market for Class A common stock. We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in us will lead to the development of a trading market on Nasdaq or otherwise, or how liquid that market might become. If an active market does not develop, you may have difficulty selling any Class A common stock. An inactive market may also impair Beneficient's ability to raise capital by selling Class A common stock and may impair our ability to acquire or make investments in companies, products or technologies for which we may issue equity securities to pay for such acquisition or investment.

Beneficient's issuance of additional capital stock in connection with financings, acquisitions, investments, our equity incentive plans, raising additional capital or otherwise would dilute all other stockholders.

Beneficient may issue additional capital stock in the future. Any such issuance would result in dilution to all other stockholders. In the future, Beneficient may issue additional stock, including as a part of its ordinary course of business of financing liquidity transactions, as a grant of equity awards to employees, directors and consultants under our equity incentive plans, to raise capital through equity financings or to acquire or make investments in companies, products or technologies for which we may issue equity securities to pay for such acquisition or investment. Any such issuances of additional capital stock may cause stockholders to experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and the per share value of Class A common stock to decline.

Additionally, as part of our business plan, our subsidiaries including Ben LLC and BCH may issue additional securities, which would be structurally senior to Beneficient common stock, which could have a dilutive effect.

Provisions in the Charter and Nevada law may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against its directors and officers.

The Charter requires, unless Beneficient consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, that (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on Beneficient's behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee to Beneficient or its stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against Beneficient, our directors, officers or employees arising pursuant to any provision of NRS Chapters 78 or 92A or the Charter or Bylaws, (iv) any action to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Charter or Bylaws, and any action asserting a claim against us, our directors, officers or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine may be brought only in the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada. In the event that the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada does not have jurisdiction over any such action, then any other state district court located in the State of Nevada shall be the exclusive forum for such action. In the event that no state district court in the State of Nevada has jurisdiction over any such action, then a federal court located within the State of Nevada shall be the exclusive forum for such action. Although we believe this provision benefits us by providing increased consistency in the application of Nevada law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, the provision may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and other employees. Alternatively, if a court were to find this provision to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, our stockholders are not be deemed to have waived our compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, and the Charter provides that the exclusive forum provision does not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Beneficient's board of directors may issue blank check preferred stock, which may discourage or impede acquisition efforts or other transactions.

Beneficient's board of directors has the power, subject to applicable law, to issue series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of the series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt, including Series A preferred stock. For instance, subject to applicable law, a series of preferred stock or other securities may impede a business combination by including class voting rights, which would enable the holder or holders of such series to block a proposed transaction. Furthermore, Beneficient's subsidiaries could also issue securities. Beneficient's board of directors will make any determination to issue shares of preferred stock based on its judgment as to our and our stockholders' best interests. Beneficient's board of directors, in so acting, could issue shares of preferred stock having terms which could discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of the stockholders may believe to be in their best interests or in which stockholders would have received a premium for their stock over the then-prevailing market price of the stock.

The Company may redeem unexpired Warrants prior to their exercise at a time that is disadvantageous to the holder, thereby making the Warrants worthless.

We have the ability to redeem the outstanding Warrants at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration, at a price of \$0.01 per Warrant, if, among other things, the Reference Value equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Warrant as described in Exhibit 4.2.1 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K). If and when the Warrants become redeemable by us, we may exercise our redemption right even if we are unable to register or qualify the underlying securities for sale under all applicable state securities laws. As a result, we may redeem the Warrants listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market (the "Public Warrants") as set forth above even if the holders are otherwise unable to exercise the Warrants. Redemption of the outstanding Warrants as described above could force holders to (i) exercise your Warrants and pay the exercise price therefor at a time when it may be disadvantageous for holders to do so, (ii) sell the Warrants at the then-current market price when holders might otherwise wish to hold the Warrants or (iii) accept the nominal redemption price which, at the time the outstanding Warrants are called for redemption, we expect would be substantially less than the market value of the Warrants. None of the warrants issued by Avalon in a private placement completed in connection with Avalon's initial public offering, which were assumed in connection with the closing of the Business Combination, will be redeemable by us so long as they are held by our sponsor or their permitted transferees.

In addition, we have the ability to redeem the outstanding Warrants at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration, at a price of \$0.10 per Warrant if, among other things, the Reference Value equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share (as adjusted for adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Warrants). In such a case, the holders will be able to exercise their Warrants prior to redemption for a number of shares of Class A common

stock determined based on the redemption date and the fair market value of Class A common stock. The value received upon exercise of the Warrants (1) may be less than the value the holders would have received if they had exercised their Warrants at a later time where the underlying share price is higher and (2) may not compensate the holders for the value of the Warrants, including because the number of common stock received is capped at 0.361 shares of Class A common stock per Warrant (subject to adjustment) irrespective of the remaining life of the Warrants.

We have the ability to require holders of the Public Warrants to exercise such warrants on a cashless basis, which will cause holders to receive fewer Class A common stock upon their exercise of the Public Warrants than they would have received had they been able to exercise their Public Warrants for cash.

If the Company calls the Public Warrants for redemption after the redemption criteria described elsewhere in Annual Report on Form 10-K have been satisfied, we have the option to require any holder that wishes to exercise their Public Warrants to do so on a “cashless basis.” If the Company’s management chooses to require holders to exercise their Public Warrants on a cashless basis, the number of Class A common stock received by a holder upon exercise will be fewer than it would have been had such holder exercised the Public Warrant for cash. This will have the effect of reducing the potential “upside” of the holder’s investment in the Company.

ITEM 1B — UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2 — PROPERTIES

Our principal executive offices are located at 325 North St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201. We believe these facilities are adequate for our current needs and that suitable additional space will be available as needed.

Our phone number is 214-445-4700. Our website is <https://www.trustben.com/>. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 3 — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On February 18, 2022, Shirin Bayati and Mojan Kamalvand, on behalf of themselves and of all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against GWG Holdings, Inc., its former President and Chief Executive Officer, Murray Holland, its former Chief Financial Officer, Timothy Evans, and certain past and present members of the board of directors of GWG and Ben (Roy Bailey, Peter Cangany, Jr., David Chavenson, Brad Heppner, Thomas Hicks, Dennis Lockhart, Bruce Schnitzer, and David DeWeese) (the “Bayati Action”). The suit alleges that the defendants violated Sections 11, 12, and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 by issuing materially misleading statements in a June 3, 2020 registration statement. On April 20, 2022, GWG filed for bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of Texas. On April 21, 2022, the district court ordered all parties to submit statements by May 5, 2022 on whether the automatic stay in bankruptcy extends to the non-debtor defendants. On April 25, 2022, Movants Thomas Horton and Frank Moore filed a Motion for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Their Selection of Lead Counsel. On May 2, 2022, a notice of voluntary dismissal without prejudice was filed, dismissing defendants Peter Cangany, Jr., Brad Heppner, Thomas Hicks, Dennis Lockhart, and Bruce Schnitzer. On May 12, 2022, the district court extended the bankruptcy stay to all non-debtor defendants, although it permitted a limited modification or lifting of the stay to allow the court to consider the pending lead plaintiff motion. On June 1, 2022, the bankruptcy court entered an order modifying the automatic stay in order to allow the Court to appoint lead plaintiffs. The next day, the Court lifted the stay in accordance with the bankruptcy court order. On August 5, 2022, the district court entered an order appointing Thomas Horton and Frank Moore as lead plaintiffs for the putative class. On May 26, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a second class action lawsuit against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering. The defendants have not yet responded to the complaint, and they intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation. Ben is not named as a defendant, and the defendants intend to vigorously defend the litigation.

On February 18, 2022, Paul Capital Advisors filed a lawsuit against MHT Financial, L.L.C., BCG, and two Trust Advisors, Murray Holland (part-owner of MHT and former Chairman, President and CEO of GWG) and James Turvey (an employee of BCG). While BCG was named as a defendant, PCA did not assert claims against or seek relief from BCG but instead only sought the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. The lawsuit concerns a series of transactions that utilized a trust structure with MHT as the sole beneficiary. Through this trust structure, PCA sold illiquid investments with a net asset value

of approximately \$500 million to MHT and certain trusts (the “Trusts”) in exchange for a contractual right from MHT to receive proceeds derived from an auction of BCG securities held in the Trusts. Ultimately, GWG won with a winning bid comprised of cash, GWG common stock, and GWG L-Bonds. While the cash consideration has been paid to PCA, the GWG stock and GWG L-Bonds remain in the Trusts until they are liquidated. The original complaint asserted one cause of action: that the Trust Advisors had breached their purported fiduciary duties to PCA. The sole relief PCA sought was the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. On March 14, 2022, the defendants moved to dismiss the original complaint, disputing in their briefs filed March 28, 2022 that PCA is a beneficiary of any kind to the Trusts and therefore not owed fiduciary duties by the Trust Advisors, and that PCA has no right to remove and replace the Trust Advisors. Further, BCG sought to dismiss the original complaint on the grounds that no claims were asserted against BCG and no relief was sought from it.

On April 18, 2022, PCA amended its original complaint. The amended complaint asserted six new causes of action arising out of the same series of transactions, including: (1) purported breaches of contract against BCG, MHT, and the Trust Advisors; (2) purported fraud by BCG and MHT pertaining to the execution of the Second Amendment to the CVR Contract; and (3) promissory estoppel against MHT, BCG, and the Trust Advisors. The amended complaint also sought additional relief in the form of (1) damages “in an amount to be proven at trial” and (2) an order granting rescission of an amendment to one of the transaction agreements or a holding declaring it invalid.

On April 18, 2022, Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey resigned as Trust Advisors to the Trusts that were the subject matter of the complaint.

On April 19, 2022, MHT, as the sole beneficiary of the Trusts, appointed Dr. John Stahl as the new Trust Advisor.

On April 28, 2022, the Court found that PCA’s original cause of action to remove Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey as Trust Advisors was moot.

On May 6, 2022, PCA amended its complaint to request that Dr. Stahl be removed as Trust Advisor.

On August 17, 2022, the Court of Chancery issued a memorandum opinion that dismissed PCA’s claim under the first count, which requested Dr. Stahl’s removal, after finding that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts, and, therefore, has no standing to request the removal of any Trust Advisor. In addition, because the Court held that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts, the parties have agreed that the claim for breach of fiduciary duty against the Trust Advisors should be dismissed.

On October 3, 2022, the Court entered an order dismissing count I of PCA’s complaint in accordance with its memorandum opinion and count II in light of the parties’ agreement that it should also be dismissed.

On November 1, 2022, defendants filed their opening briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On December 20, 2022, PCA filed its answering brief in opposition to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On January 24, 2023, defendants filed their reply briefs. Oral argument on the motions to dismiss was held on May 8, 2023, and the Court took the matter under advisement.

Defendants continue to believe PCA’s claims are baseless and intend to vigorously defend against each and every cause of action asserted against them in the second amended complaint. Briefing related to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts recently concluded. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, we cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of this matter. Given the uncertainty of litigation and the preliminary stage of this claim, we are currently unable to estimate the probability of the outcome of these actions or the range of reasonably possible losses, if any, or the impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Additionally, on December 16, 2022, a former member of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, LLC initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney’s fees and punitive damages. The deadline to respond has not yet passed, but the Company denies the claims asserted in the arbitration.

Furthermore, on March 30, 2023, David Scura and Clifford Day, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against Ben, certain members of its board of directors (Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Richard W. Fisher, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer), certain past members of the board of directors of GWG (Jon R. Sabes and Steven F. Sabes), FOXO and Emerson. The suit alleges that the defendants defrauded GWG investors in connection with the sale of GWG’s L Bonds and preferred stock, and it asserts claims on behalf of a putative class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or

otherwise acquired GWG's L Bonds or preferred stock of GWG between December 23, 2017 and April 20, 2022. The suit alleges that (i) BCG, the individual defendants, and FOXO violated Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, (ii) that the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and (iii) that Emerson violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act. On May 3, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the lead plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a motion to lift the automatic stay in the Chapter 11 Cases in order to file a motion in the Northern District of Texas seeking to consolidate the Bayati and Scura Actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On June 8, 2023, the plaintiffs in the Scura Action filed a voluntary notice of dismissal without prejudice.

On June 29, 2023, the Company received a "Wells Notice" from the Staff of the SEC's Division of Enforcement, stating that the Staff has made a preliminary determination to recommend that the SEC file a civil enforcement action against the Company alleging violations of certain provisions of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act relating to the Company's association with GWG Holdings. The Company understands that other parties, including Brad Heppner, also received Wells Notices related to the investigation of GWG Holdings. A Wells Notice is not a formal allegation or a finding of wrongdoing, but is a preliminary determination by the Staff to recommend to the SEC that a civil enforcement action or administrative proceeding be brought against the recipient. The Company maintains that our actions were appropriate and intends to vigorously defend this matter, including by making a Wells submission to the SEC, engaging in further dialogue with the SEC Staff, and contesting any allegations of wrongdoing. Additionally, Mr. Heppner has communicated to the Company that he intends to vigorously defend himself and contests any allegations of wrongdoing. He also intends to make a submission and engage in further dialogue with the SEC. If the SEC were to authorize an action against us, it could seek an order enjoining the Company from engaging in future violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws, imposing civil monetary penalties, and/or providing for other equitable relief within the SEC's authority. The results of the Wells Notice process and any corresponding enforcement action, including the costs, timing and other potential consequences of responding and complying therewith, are unknown at this time.

This litigation can subject us and certain of our directors to substantial costs and divert resources and the attention of management from our business. If these claims are successful, our business could be seriously harmed. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management's resources and adversely affect our business.

In addition, from time to time, we may be subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business activities. Regardless of the outcome of such ordinary course of business legal proceedings, such litigation can have a material adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources, and other factors. For more information, see the section titled "*—Risk Factors.*"

A description of the legal proceedings can also be found in Note 20, Commitments and Contingencies, to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4 — MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5 — MARKET FOR REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

Beneficient’s Class A common stock and Warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market and the Nasdaq Capital Market, respectively, under the symbols “BENF” and “BENFW,” respectively. Our Class A common stock and Warrants began public trading on June 8, 2023. As of June 15, 2023, there were 23 holders of record of our Class A Common Stock, and 2 holders of record of our Warrants, which does not include holders whose shares are held in nominee or “street name” accounts through banks, brokers or other financial institutions.

Dividend Policy

We have not declared or paid any dividends on our Common Stock. We currently anticipate that we will retain all of our future earnings, if any, for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the sole discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash requirements, financial condition, contractual restrictions, including those under any current or future debt instruments, and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

On June 8, 2023, we issued 202,484 shares of Class A common stock to ACE Portal, Inc. in exchange for its BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Furthermore, we issued 202,058 shares of Class A common stock to Peter Williams in exchange for his BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Such BCH Class S Ordinary Units held by ACE Portal, Inc. and Peter Williams converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement and the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. The issuance of such shares to ACE Portal, Inc. and Peter Williams was not registered under the Securities Act and were issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On June 27, 2023, we issued 274,500 shares of our Class A common stock to Maxim Group LLC pursuant to a Settlement and Release Agreement dated June 7, 2023, entered into in connection with the Business Combination. We believe that the issuance of the shares was exempt from registration with the SEC pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act.

On July 15, 2020, BCG and BCH entered into the UPA with GWG Holdings to issue BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts to GWG Holdings during a period which commenced on the date of the UPA and continued until November 29, 2021, when BCG ceased to be a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings. Pursuant to the UPA, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts held by the GWG Holdings and GWG Life, LLC converted into shares of Class A common stock on July 10, 2023, at a conversion price of approximately \$4.66 per share for a total of 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock. The issuance of such shares to GWG Holdings and GWG Life, LLC were not registered under the Securities Act and was issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On July 10, 2023, we issued 456,204 shares of Class A common stock to YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”) pursuant to a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with Yorkville dated June 27, 2023. The issuance of such shares to Yorkville pursuant to the SEPA was not registered under the Securities Act and were issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

Comparative Stock Performance

We are a smaller reporting company as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act. As a result, we are not required to provide the information required by Item 201(e) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 6 — [RESERVED]

Not applicable.

ITEM 7 — MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements,” “Business,” “Risk Factors” and the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of Beneficient (f/k/a The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.) appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. This discussion and analysis is based on the beliefs of our management, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, our management. On June 6, 2023, the registrant converted from a Delaware limited partnership, called “The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.” to a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient” in connection with the closing of its de-SPAC merger transaction with Avalon Acquisition Inc., a special purpose acquisition vehicle and a Delaware corporation. Except as otherwise required by the context, references to the “Company,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” “our” and “our operating subsidiaries,” prior to the effective time of the conversion, refers to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries (but excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts (as defined below)) and such references following the effective time of the conversion, refer to the registrant in its current corporate form as a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient” and its consolidated subsidiaries (but excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts). All references to “Beneficient” refer solely to Beneficient, a Nevada corporation, all references to “BCG” refer solely to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. and all references to “BCH” refer solely to Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., a subsidiary of BCG.

Risk Relating to Forward-Looking Statements

This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, our operations and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not strictly relate to historical or current facts. They use words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “outlook,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “seek,” “should,” “will,” “would,” the negative version of these words, or other comparable words or phrases. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, statements regarding future performance or results and anticipated services or products, sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies, trends in operations and financial results. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. See “—Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

Overview

We are a technology-enabled financial services company that provides simple, rapid, and cost-effective liquidity solutions and trust products and services to participants in the alternative assets industry through our end-to-end online regulated platform, Ben AltAccess. Our products and services are designed to meet the unmet needs of mid-to-high net worth (“MHNW”) individual investors, small-to-midsize institutional (“STMI”) investors, family offices (“FAMOs”) and fund general partners and sponsors (“GPs” and together with MHNW individuals, STMI investors and FAMOs, “Customers”). We provide Customers seeking an early exit from their alternative asset investments a suite of liquidity solutions for their otherwise illiquid alternative asset investments through a proprietary financing and trust structure, which we implement for our customers and refer to such trusts collectively as the “Customer ExAlt Trusts.”

Our primary operations currently relate to our liquidity, trustee, and trust administration products and services through Ben Liquidity, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Liquidity”) and Ben Custody, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Custody”), respectively.

Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its customers through the use of customized trust vehicles, or the “Customer ExAlt Trusts,” which facilitate the exchange of a Customer’s alternative assets for consideration using a proprietary financing structure (such structure and related process, the “ExAlt PlanTM”). In the ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. (“BFF”), a Kansas based trust company that provides fiduciary financing to fidfin trusts, makes loans (each, an “ExAlt Loan”) to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the Customer in exchange for their alternative assets. BFF is chartered as a Kansas Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution (“TEFFI”) under the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution Act (the “TEFFI Act”) and regulated by the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (the “OSBC”). Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Ben. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with the ExAlt Loans, which are collateralized by a portion of the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets (the “Collateral”). While the ExAlt Loans and the related interest and fee income and provision for loan losses are eliminated upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts solely for financial reporting purposes, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG’s and BCH’s equity holders.

Ben Custody currently provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees, including BFF, of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which own the exchanged alternative assets following liquidity transactions for fees payable quarterly.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts' earnings on alternative assets support the repayment of the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. For financial reporting purposes, even though they are not legally owned by Ben, the Customer ExAlt Trusts are required to be consolidated subsidiaries of BCG under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). As a result, Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income and provision for loan losses and Ben Custody's fee income are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements solely for financial reporting purposes; however, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's or BCH's equity holders.

Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain Texas and Kansas charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (which we refer to as "Charities" or "Economic Growth Zones" respectively, and collectively, the "Charitable Beneficiaries"), and their interests are reported as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated financial statements. The TEFPI Act requires that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas Economic Growth Zone. Accordingly, for ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, Economic Growth Zones are paid \$0.025 for every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, the Charitable Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to such date, are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the applicable ExAlt Loan lender. To facilitate the payments to the Economic Growth Zones and Charities, we engage in an effort to deploy assets and cash and may experience costs as a result. As our business expands, we expect that these costs could grow.

While Ben's financial products and services are presently offered through Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, Ben plans to expand its capabilities under Ben Custody and provide additional products and services through Ben Insurance, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Ben Insurance Services") and Ben Markets L.L.C., including its subsidiaries ("Ben Markets") in the future. Ben Insurance Services plans to offer to affiliated Customer ExAlt Trusts certain customized insurance products and services covering risks relating to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets. Ben Markets, through one of its subsidiaries, will operate as a captive registered broker-dealer that would conduct activities attendant to offering our products and services, and, through another of its subsidiaries, will operate as a registered transfer agent with respect to its securities that would provide various services for customers transacting with Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Business Units

We offer our products and services through our principal business units, which generally align with our operating subsidiaries, including Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody, and Ben Markets.

- **Ben Liquidity** is our primary business line and offers Ben's alternative asset liquidity and fiduciary financing products through Ben AltAccess.
- **Ben Custody** addresses the administrative and regulatory burden of holding alternative assets by offering custody and trust administration support services to trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including BFF, and also offers document custodian services to Customers.
- **Ben Markets** provides broker-dealer and transfer agency services in connection with offering certain of our liquidity products and services.

In connection with our principal business units, we offer products and services through the following business units and operating subsidiaries.

- **Ben AltAccess** is our primary, customer-facing application serving as the access point through which a Customer accesses our suite of products and services.
- **Ben Data** provides the Customer Exalt Trusts with certain data collection, evaluation, and analytics products and services.

In the future, we plan to offer additional products and services through Ben Insurance Services. Through Ben Insurance Services, we plan to provide insurance services to certain affiliates (as defined in the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws), including the Customer ExAlt Trusts and other trusts for which BFF serves as the trustee or custodian, to cover risks related to ownership, management, and transfer of alternative assets and the financing related to alternative asset purchases.

Certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which, while not legally owned by Ben, are consolidated subsidiaries of Ben for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our

consolidated financial statements. However, such amounts are earned by Ben's business lines from the Customer ExAlt Trusts and directly impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of amounts charged by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts, such as interest income and certain fee revenue, has no effect on the net income (loss) attributable to Ben, BCH or to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

Business Segments

Under U.S. GAAP, we have three reportable business segments: Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody and Customer ExAlt Trusts. Our Ben Liquidity and Ben AltAccess business units comprise the Ben Liquidity operating segment. Our Ben Custody and Ben Data business lines comprise the Ben Custody operating segment.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts, which hold interests in alternative assets and pay interest and principal to Ben Liquidity, transaction fees to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody in connection with liquidity transactions and fees to Ben Custody for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, comprise the Customer ExAlt Trusts segment. Such amounts paid to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's and BCH's equity holders. The elimination of intercompany transactions are included in "Consolidating Eliminations."

The Corporate/Other category includes unallocated corporate overhead and administrative costs, gains (losses) on changes in the fair value of GWG Holdings, Inc. ("GWG Holdings") common stock held by Ben, interest expenses incurred on corporate-related debt transactions, and the operations of Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets, which are not considered reportable segments as they do not meet the quantitative criteria to be separately reported.

We have allocated certain expenses to our operating segments, such as salaries, legal expenses, other general operating expenses. We have not allocated certain other expenses, including equity compensation and interest expense for certain debt agreements, to our operating segments. We may in the future determine to allocate certain additional expenses to the operating segments, which could have a material impact on the presentation of the results of our operating segments in any future segment presentation.

How We Generate Revenue

On a consolidated basis with the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are variable interest entities ("VIEs") and not owned directly or indirectly by our equity holders, we primarily recognize revenue through increases in the fair value of investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The increases in the fair value of these investments are also the primary source of revenue recognized by the Customer ExAlt Trusts business segment.

Our Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, which relate to our current operating subsidiaries that are owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), recognize revenue through (i) interest income on ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with our liquidity transactions for Customers, (ii) fee income billed at closing, but recognized as revenue ratably over the expected life of the alternative asset, for each liquidity transaction with Customers for services including access to and use of the AltAccess Platform, transfer of the alternative assets, and delivery of the consideration to the client, and (iii) recurring fee income recognized each period for providing services including trustee, custody, and trust administration of the Customer ExAlt Trusts while they hold investments.

- a. Ben Liquidity recognized \$50.8 million, \$17.8 million, \$55.9 million, and \$51.8 million in interest income during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022 and the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- b. Ben Custody recognized \$29.0 million, \$8.4 million, \$20.3 million, and \$19.4 million in trust services and administration revenues during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022 and the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, comprised of both the fee income billed at the closing of the transactions that is being amortized into revenue and the recurring fee income billed during the periods.

Such revenues earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated in presentation of our consolidated financial statements, however the cash flows received upon repayment of the ExAlt Loans and in payment of Ben Custody fees are allocable to our and BCH's equity holders and not the beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

In addition, Corporate/Other, which also relates to Ben or subsidiaries owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), may include fee revenue recognized through services provided to Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts through business lines not included within Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody.

The following table presents a reconciliation of operating income (loss) of our reportable segments, excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts, to net income (loss) attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholder. This reconciliation serves to provide users of our financial statements an understanding and visual aide of the reportable segments that impact net income (loss) attributable to the common unitholder and reiterates that the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts has no impact on the net income (loss) attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholder.

	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Operating income (loss)*				
Ben Liquidity	\$ (46,512)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 21,191	\$ 25,238
Ben Custody	24,046	7,301	16,193	15,922
Corporate & Other	(112,845)	(31,607)	(77,991)	(136,155)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, related parties	—	—	(34,013)	—
Less: Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,072)	1,072	—	3,459
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests – Ben	19,081	5,038	12,870	40,414
Less: Noncash deemed contribution on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	14,200	—
Less: Noncash deemed dividend on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	(46,202)	—
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(15,822)	(3,788)	(1,264)	—
Net income (loss) attributable to common unitholders	\$ (130,980)	\$ (44,427)	\$ (95,016)	\$ (58,040)

*Includes amounts eliminated in consolidation.

For information concerning the noncontrolling interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts and in our subsidiary, BCH, see “—*Basis of Presentation – Noncontrolling Interests.*”

Basis of Presentation

Change in Fiscal Year

On March 30, 2022, the board of directors of Beneficient Management, L.L.C., the general partner of BCG (“Ben Management”), approved a change in the Company’s fiscal year end from December 31 to March 31. The Company elected to change its fiscal year end in order to better align with its peers and with the timing in which more recent audited financial statements of its investments, whose cash flows serve as collateral to the ExAlt Loans, would be available. The change in the Company’s fiscal year end resulted in a transition period that began on January 1, 2022 and ended on March 31, 2022.

To facilitate comparisons in this Management’s Discussion and Analysis, we have presented similar audited and unaudited periods, including the audited results for the year ended March 31, 2023 as compared to the unaudited results for the year ended March 31, 2022. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the information in our consolidated financial statements and other financial information included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Elimination of Fee and Interest Income in Consolidation

Certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated subsidiaries of Ben solely for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

As a result, Ben’s primary tangible assets reflected on our consolidated statements of financial condition are investments, mainly comprised of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and the primary sources of revenue reflected on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) are investment income (loss), net, which represents changes in the net asset value of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and gain (loss) on financial instruments, net, which represents changes in fair value of equity securities, debt securities, a derivative liability, and put options, primarily held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such investment income (loss), net, and gain (loss) on financial instruments that are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including debt and equity securities issued by GWG Holdings, is included in the net income

(loss) allocated to noncontrolling interests – Customer ExAlt Trusts in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The revenues and expenses recognized in these line items for the activities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not directly impact net income (loss) attributable to Ben’s or BCH’s equity holders.

Instead, the interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, directly impact the share of net income (loss) attributable to Ben’s and BCH’s equity holders. First, such eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are a noncontrolling interest. As a result, the eliminated amounts earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve to increase the attributable share of net income (loss) to BCG and BCH equity holders. Second, the terms of the BCH limited partnership agreement provide that certain BCH income constituting the Excluded Amounts (as defined in the BCH limited partnership agreement) are allocated to certain BCH equity holders that are noncontrolling interests. Excluded Amounts are directly impacted by the interest and/or fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. Such allocation to these noncontrolling interest holders is expected to grow as we expand our operations.

Additionally, Ben Liquidity’s provision for loan losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the net income (loss) attributable to the various equity securities of Ben and BCH. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben’s operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of net income (loss) attributable to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Noncontrolling Interests

The consolidated financial statements of Ben include the accounts of Ben, its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries, certain VIEs, in which the Company is the primary beneficiary, and certain noncontrolling interests. The noncontrolling interests reflected in our consolidated financial statements represent the portion of BCH’s limited partnership interests or interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are held by third parties. Amounts are adjusted by the noncontrolling interest holder’s proportionate share of the subsidiaries’ earnings or losses each period and for any distributions that are paid. The portion of income allocated to owners other than the Company is included in “net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests” in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Our primary noncontrolling interests are described below:

1. Ben is the general partner of BCH and owns 100% of the Subclass 1 Class A Units of BCH (“BCH Subclass 1 Class A Units”) and until their exchange for BCH Subclass 1 Class A Units in connection with the Conversion (as defined below), Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts”). BCH is primarily a holding company that directly or indirectly receives all active and passive income of the Company and allocates that income among the partnership interests issued by BCH. Other parties, including certain of our officers and directors, hold preferred and other limited partnership interests in BCH, and certain of our officers and directors also hold profits interests in BCH, including Class S Ordinary Units (“BCH Class S Ordinary Units”), Class S Preferred Units (“BCH Class S Preferred Units”), Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts”), Subclass 1 FLP Unit Accounts (the “BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts”), the Subclass 2 FLP Unit Accounts (the “BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts”) and the Subclass 3 FLP Unit Accounts (the “BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts”), Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts”), and Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts”), each of which constitutes a noncontrolling interest. Income or loss is allocated to the various noncontrolling interests described above in accordance with the limited partnership agreement of BCH.

Allocation of Income — Exclusive of Excluded Amounts and Guaranteed Payments

Ben’s ownership interest in BCH reflects a legal ownership interest. Legal ownership may, at times, not reflect Ben’s economic interest in BCH because of various provisions in the limited partnership agreement for BCH regarding the payment of guaranteed payments; the accrual for, and payment of, preferred returns; allocations of profits and losses and accruals to capital accounts and hypothetical capital accounts; and distributions to the holders of these interests based on capital accounts. Generally, the allocation of income (exclusive of the “Excluded Amounts” and following “Guaranteed Payments” described below) among the various limited partner interests in BCH, based on the limited partner interests outstanding as of March 31, 2023, is made in the following order:

- a. Up to the amount of previously allocated losses in each case, income is allocated first to the holders of the BCH Subclass 1 Class A Units, BCH Class S Ordinary Units, and BCH Class S Preferred Units (as a group on a pro-rata basis), then to the holders of the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts, and then to the holders of the BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts (following the Conversion, there are no longer any BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts outstanding);
- b. then to the holders of the BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts, an allocation for such quarter in an amount equal to such holder's BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts capital balance multiplied by 0.125% (following the Conversion, there are no longer any BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts outstanding);
- c. then to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, an allocation to the extent of previously allocated losses, followed by an allocation for such quarter in an amount equal to such holder's BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts hypothetical capital account balance multiplied by the Quarterly Preferred Series A Rate (as defined in the limited partnership agreement of BCH) (the weighted average preferred return rate was 1.38%, 3.92%, 2.33%, and 1.84% for the year ended March 31, 2023, three months ended March 31, 2022, year ended December 31, 2021, and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively);
- d. then to the holders of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, an allocation to the extent of previously allocated losses, followed by an allocation for such quarter in an amount equal to such holder's BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts hypothetical capital account balance multiplied by the Quarterly Preferred Series C Rate (as defined in the limited partnership agreement of BCH) (the weighted average preferred return rate was 1.38%, 3.92%, 2.33%, and 0.75% for the year ended March 31, 2023, three months ended March 31, 2022, year ended December 31, 2021, and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively);
- e. then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units, an allocation to the extent of previously allocated losses, followed by an allocation equal of for such quarter in an amount equal to such holder's BCH Class S Preferred Units' hypothetical capital account balance multiplied by the Quarterly Class S Preferred Rate (as defined in the limited partnership agreement of BCH) (the weighted average preferred return rate was 1.38%, 3.92%, 2.33%, and 1.84% for the year ended March 31, 2023, three months ended March 31, 2022, year ended December 31, 2021, and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively); and
- f. finally, the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, BCH Class S Ordinary Units, and BCH Class S Preferred Units, are allocated the residual income, pro rata based on the number of units outstanding for each security.

Allocation of Losses — Exclusive of Excluded Amounts and Guaranteed Payments

Generally, the allocation of losses (exclusive of the "Excluded Amounts" and following "Guaranteed Payments" described below) among the various limited partner interests in BCH, based on the limited partner interests outstanding as of March 31, 2023, is made in the following order:

- a. first to the holders of the BCH Subclass 1 Class A Units and BCH Class S Ordinary Units up to their associated capital account balances, pro rata based on their capital account balances;
- b. then losses are allocated to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units up to their associated capital account balance, then to the holders of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts up to their associated capital account balance, then to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts up to their associated capital account balance, then to the holders of the BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts up to their associated capital account balance (following the Conversion, there are no longer any BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts outstanding) and then to the holders of the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts up to their associated capital account balance; and
- c. any remaining losses are allocated to the holders of the BCH Subclass 1 Class A Units, BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units pro rata based on the number of units outstanding for each security.

Allocation of Income — Excluded Amounts

In addition, certain amounts referred to as “Excluded Amounts” in the limited partnership agreement of BCH, which relate to profits interests associated with the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, are separately allocated to the holders of certain outstanding limited partner interests as follows:

- a. BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, is allocated income equal to 50.5%, and BMP, as sponsor of the BMP Equity Incentive Plan and the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, is allocated income equal to 49.5%, of: (1) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries, exclusive of profits from other activities such as fees or reimbursement of expenses in connection with trustee or custodial services and insurance and insurance-related activities (this will generally include revenues from Ben Liquidity subsidiaries), and (2) the Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Ben, exclusive of financing activity revenues. The Excess EBITDA Margin for an applicable entity is equal to the lesser of (i) 50% of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding revenues from financing activities, and (ii) an amount of revenues that will cause the EBITDA of such entity divided by the gross revenues of such entity to equal 20% (this will generally include the subsidiaries of Ben Custody and Ben Insurance Services). BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, and BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, are entitled to quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, respectively, pursuant to the BCH LPA.
- b. BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts is allocated profits from net financing revenues on a quarterly basis equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the quarterly net financing revenues, or (ii) 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenue) of the quarterly average of new ExAlt Loans issued by any subsidiaries of Ben during the previous twelve fiscal quarters. BCH’s obligations to make such distributions are not subject to available cash.

The allocation of the “Excluded Amounts” may result in positive allocations to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts and corresponding increases in negative allocations to holders of other BCH equity securities when the Company is not profitable on a consolidated basis and/or when BCH is not profitable on an unconsolidated basis. Such positive allocations to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts would result in the issuance of additional Class S Units to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, and BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and additional distributions to the holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts.

Allocation of Income — Guaranteed Payments

The holders of the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive a quarterly “Guaranteed Payment,” which is not dependent upon allocable income, in an amount equal to such holder’s BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts capital balance multiplied by 1.5% (6.0% per annum).

For more information on these interests, see “Description of Securities,” which is filed as Exhibit 4.6 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and Notes 2 and 12 to the audited consolidated financial statements.

2. Ben is the primary beneficiary of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are VIEs, and accordingly consolidates the results of the Customer ExAlt Trusts for purposes of financial reporting. Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain charities are the ultimate legal beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and their interests are reported as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated financial statements. The TEFFI Act requires that 2.5% of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas Economic Growth Zone. Accordingly, for ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, Kansas Economic Growth Zones are paid \$0.025 for every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, certain Charities that are the ultimate beneficiaries of Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to such date are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the ExAlt Loan lender. For certain prior transactions, the ultimate legal beneficiary is also entitled to approximately 10% of the amount of excess cash collateral, if any, following the full repayment of the ExAlt Loans associated with those transactions. In the event that an ExAlt Loan’s principal balance is paid down to zero dollars (\$0), any remaining Collateral supporting such ExAlt Loan effectively cross-collateralizes other ExAlt Loans, as any such excess cash flows must be applied to pay off the outstanding balances of other ExAlt Loans pursuant to the terms of the trust agreements

governing certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. As such, if the cash proceeds on the interests underlying the collateral held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts are in excess of the amount required to repay the amounts owed under all of the ExAlt Loans in aggregate, such excess amount would be distributable to the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and would constitute a noncontrolling interest. Additional Customer ExAlt Trusts are created from new liquidity transactions with customers. These new Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated by Ben, result in the recognition of additional non-controlling interests in our consolidated financial statements.

Recent Developments

Business Combination

On September 21, 2022, we entered into a Business Combination Agreement (as amended on April 18, 2023, and as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Business Combination Agreement,” and the transactions contemplated thereby, collectively, the “Business Combination”) with Avalon Acquisition Inc. (“Avalon”), a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company.

On June 7, 2023, in accordance with the Business Combination Agreement, the Company completed its previously announced merger (the “Transaction”) with Avalon. In connection with the closing of the Transaction, among other things, the Company converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation and changed its corporate name from “The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.” to “Beneficient” (the “Conversion”). Pursuant to the Conversion, each BCG Class A Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, each BCG Class B Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, and the capital account balance of the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCG (“BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts”) converted into shares of Class A common stock at a rate based on a 20% discount to the \$10.00 valuation of the Class A common stock (or \$8.00). As a result, in the Conversion, we issued 86,116,884 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Class A Common Units, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock with respect to the BCG Class B Units and 94,050,534 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts.

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, the Company issued (i) an aggregate of approximately 7,971,864 shares of Class A common stock to the former holders of Class A Common Stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Avalon Class A common stock”), and Class B Common Stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Avalon Class B common stock”), outstanding immediately prior to June 7, 2023, and (ii) an aggregate of approximately 2,796,864 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series A preferred stock”) to non-redeeming Avalon Class A stockholders, and the outstanding Avalon warrants converted into an aggregate of 23,625,000 redeemable Beneficient Warrants, with each Warrant representing the right to purchase one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 (the “Beneficient Warrants”). In accordance with their terms, all shares of Series A preferred stock issued at closing of the Transaction were automatically converted into shares of Class A common stock. At closing, \$27.9 million of cash remained in the trust account of Avalon (the “Trust Account”). There were \$26.1 million in transaction expenses deducted from the Trust Account, \$20.0 million of which represented the Reserve Amount (as defined in the Forward Purchase Agreement) under the Forward Purchase Agreement (as defined herein), that were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or offset against proceeds received by the Company at closing, leaving \$1.8 million in net proceeds. Upon the Closing, the outstanding Series A preferred stock converted into an aggregate of approximately 699,216 shares of Class A common stock.

Forward Purchase Agreement

On June 5, 2023, we entered into a Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement, by and between the Company and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P. (the “Purchaser”), pursuant to which the Purchaser has to, among other things, effect certain purchases of shares of Avalon Class A common stock that would have been redeemed in connection with the special meeting of Avalon’s stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) to approve the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (as amended through June 25, 2023, the “Forward Purchase Agreement”). Pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, Purchaser agreed to purchase shares of Avalon Class A Common Stock (the “AVAC FPA Shares”) at a purchase price per share of \$10.588 (for aggregate consideration of \$25.0 million). The AVAC FPA Shares were not redeemed in connection with the Special Meeting and converted into shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock at the close of the Business Combination, which shares of Series A preferred stock were subsequently converted into shares of Class A common stock and Purchaser held an aggregate of 2,956,480 shares of Class A common stock following the conversion in respect of the AVAC FPA Shares (such shares of Class A common stock, the “FPA Shares”).

The \$25.0 million in proceeds (the “Disbursed Amount”) in respect of the FPA Shares was disbursed from the Trust Account following the consummation of the Business Combination. \$5.0 million of the Disbursed Amount was disbursed to

Beneficient, with the remaining \$20.0 million (the “Reserve Amount”) disbursed to Purchaser to be held by Purchaser until the Maturity Date (as defined below) or until its earlier release per the terms of the Forward Purchase Agreement.

The Forward Purchase Agreement provides for two categories of FPA Shares: (i) 1,064,333 FPA Shares are categorized as “Purchased Shares” (the “Purchased Shares”) and (ii) the remaining 1,892,147 FPA Shares are categorized as “Prepaid Forward Shares” (the “Prepaid Forward Shares”). If by the 10th anniversary of the close of the Business Combination, Purchaser has received less than \$5.0 million, in gross proceeds from, and Purchaser has used good faith efforts to sell, the Purchased Shares, Beneficient has agreed to cause BCH to issue Purchaser an amount of BCH Preferred Series A-0 Units (or such other senior most preferred security of Beneficient) as consideration for any shortfall amounts less than \$5.0 million from the sale of the Purchased Shares. Purchaser agreed for the first six months following the Business Combination not to sell any Purchased Shares below \$5.00 per share or to sell more than 10% of the daily trading volume of the Class A common stock if the volume weighted average price of the Class A common stock is between \$5.00 and \$8.00 for any such trading day.

Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company (“Designated Price”) by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price (“Designated Price Notice”) delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 (“Maturity Date”), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date.

Until December 8, 2023, the Purchaser agrees to the following sales conditions for the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption shares – (a) On a daily basis, all sales must either (i) exceed \$8.00 per share or (ii) represent less than 10% of daily volume of the Class A common stock and (b) No sales below \$5.00 per share; provided, however that, other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares for less than \$10.588 per share except in accordance with this paragraph (v) and further provided that other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares below \$10.588 once Purchaser has received \$5.0 million from the sale of such shares referenced in this Agreement.

Standby Equity Purchase Agreement

On June 27, 2023, the Company entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”). Pursuant to the SEPA, the Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of Class A common stock at the Company’s request any time during the commitment period commencing on June 27, 2023 (the “Effective Date”) and terminating on the 36-month anniversary of the Effective Date. Each issuance and sale by the Company to Yorkville under the SEPA (an “Advance”) is subject to a maximum limit equal to the greater of: (i) an amount equal to 100% of the aggregate volume traded of the Company’s Class A Common Stock on Nasdaq for the five trading days immediately preceding an Advance Notice (as defined in the SEPA), or (ii) \$10,000,000, which amount may be increased upon mutual consent.

The Company has paid YA Global II SPV, LLC, a subsidiary of Yorkville, a structuring fee in the amount of \$25,000. In addition, no later than three trading days following entry into the SEPA, the Company will pay a commitment fee in an amount equal to \$1.3 million (the “Commitment Fee”) by the issuance to Yorkville of such number of Class A common stock that is equal to the Commitment Fee divided by the closing price of the Class A common stock on the Nasdaq on the date immediately preceding entry into the SEPA. Yorkville has agreed that neither it nor any of its affiliates will engage in any short-selling or hedging of the Company’s Class A common stock during the term of the SEPA.

Conversion of BCH Preferred Series C-1

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Operating Cost Reduction Plan

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we have commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce. We also intend to reduce spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to reduce operating expenses. For more information, see Item 9B to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Recent Financings

In the course of our normal operations, on December 1, 2022, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a NAV of approximately \$5.3 million as of the date of the financing agreement (the “Recent Financings”). Pursuant to such transactions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts agreed to acquire the alternative assets, and in exchange for the alternative assets, the customers agreed to receive units at a price of \$10.00 of NAV (calculated as of December 1, 2022) per unit, with each unit consisting of (i) one share of Class A common stock and (ii) one-fourth (1/4) of a Beneficient Warrant. The Recent Financings closed in connection with the closing of the Business Combination, and the Company issued the investor 530,000 shares of Class A common stock and 132,500 Beneficient Warrants.

Transactions with GWG Holdings and GWG Life

In 2018 and 2019, we consummated a series of transactions with GWG Holdings. As a result of certain of these transactions, on December 31, 2019, GWG Holdings obtained the right to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of Ben Management, and we became a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings beginning on December 31, 2019.

On November 12, 2021, amendments to the organizational documents of BCG, BCH, and Ben Management were approved by the Boards of Directors of Ben Management and GWG Holdings (the “Amendments”). On November 29, 2021, the Amendments became effective. These Amendments are part of, and effectuate, the series of transactions (the “Decoupling Transactions”), which resulted in, among other things, (i) GWG Holdings converting its capital account balance of \$319.0 million in BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts to an equal amount of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts, which were a preferential class of equity in BCG with enhanced conversion rights that automatically converted to common stock in Beneficient in connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock; (ii) GWG Holdings no longer having certain voting rights, including the right to nominate or appoint members of the Board of Directors of Ben Management; and (iii) Ben no longer being a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings and therefore operating as a wholly independent and separate company.

The Amendments also reflected the creation of securities, including the BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts (with a corresponding security to be issued by BCH to BCG), that Ben issued in connection with its 2021 and 2022 product offerings. Such BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts automatically converted to common stock in Beneficient at the closing of the Transaction. The Amendments to the BCH limited partnership agreement included, among other things, (1) eliminating the mandatory redemption rights of the holders of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts should a public listing occur prior to December 31, 2030, and (2) modifying the terms of the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts to provide for a quarterly guaranteed payment and certain conversion and redemption rights.

Private Placement Liquidity Transactions

On December 7, 2021, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired alternative assets with an aggregate net asset value (“NAV”) of approximately \$352.0 million in exchange for BCG’s issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts with an initial capital account balance of approximately \$352.0 million. To facilitate such transaction, Ben Liquidity made a loan to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in an aggregate principal amount of \$246.0 million. In addition, Ben granted to certain of the purchasers of such securities certain registration rights and, if the initial registration statement under such registration rights has not been declared effective by June 30, 2023, the right to put any outstanding BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts to Ben for an amount equal to the corresponding capital account balance as of the date of exercise of such put right, subject to certain limitations. Further, Ben agreed to issue additional BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts based on the updated NAV of such acquired alternative assets as of December 31, 2021, as determined by the underlying fund general partners and/or investment managers. All such BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transactions, and as a result, the put right is no longer effective.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired additional alternative assets with an aggregate NAV of approximately \$12.0 million in exchange for BCG’s issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts with an initial capital account balance of \$12.0 million. To facilitate such transactions, Ben Liquidity made a loan to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in an aggregate principal amount of \$8.4 million.

Such BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts automatically converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transactions and the public listing of the Class A common stock.

Loan Participation

On March 24, 2022, Ben sold a \$72.5 million loan participation to an insurance company whereby Ben transferred a \$72.5 million loan receivable to the insurance company in return for \$72.5 million of cash. The loan participation represents a portion of over \$246.0 million of loans receivable that were issued in connection with the acquisition by the Customer ExAlt Trusts of approximately \$352.0 million of assets on December 7, 2021.

Issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts

As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, in connection with the \$352.6 million private placement liquidity transaction described above, the Company recorded a \$20.2 million liability, which was the value of the additional BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts that would be issued based on the updated NAV, using information that existed as of the date of the statement of financial condition but made available to the Company after the aforementioned periods and prior to the issuance of these consolidated financial statements. On September 1, 2022, the Company satisfied the contingent consideration liability in full by issuing BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$20.1 million. All BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transactions and the public listing of the Class A common stock.

Key Factors Affecting Our Business

Our business is affected by a variety of factors, including conditions in the financial markets and economic and political conditions in the markets in which we operate, as well as changes in global economic conditions and regulatory or other governmental policies or actions, which can materially affect the values of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the cash flows of which collateralize Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans.

In addition to these macroeconomic trends and market factors, we believe our future performance will be influenced by the following factors:

- *Ability to Execute Existing and New Strategies and Products and Services to Attract Customers.* We currently offer or plan to offer a suite of complementary fiduciary and other financial products and services designed to address many of the challenges alternative asset market participants face in connection with their ownership, management, and transfer of alternative assets. These products and services are generally not readily available in the marketplace today. We believe that these new products and services will meet the complex needs of potential Customers on a large scale across our target market.
- *The extent to which future investment allocations of potential Customers favor private markets investments.* Estimates of future performance of our future liquidity solutions business rely in part on the attractiveness of new capital being deployed by potential Customers to private markets relative to traditional asset classes. We believe that allocation to alternative assets by MHNW individual investors and STMI investors, along with the turnover rate demanded by MHNW individual investors and STMI investors will continue to increase, with annual alternative asset liquidity demands increasing due to the overall growth in the alternative asset market.
- *Successful Deployment of Financing Capital into Collateral Comprised of Attractive Investments.* The successful identification of attractive investments as collateral to the financing transactions executed in our liquidity solutions business will impact future performance. We believe we identify specific investments that provide sufficient collateral to our fiduciary financings and that we have established a repeatable process in order to capitalize on these fiduciary financing opportunities through our underwriting and risk processes culminating in a qualification determination and proposed fiduciary financing terms for our Customers.
- *Our ability to maintain our data and regulatory advantage relative to competitors.* Our proprietary data and technology platforms, analytical tools and deep industry knowledge allow us to provide our Customers with customized solutions, including trust custody and administration services, data and analytics products and services, and broker-dealer services in connection with our core liquidity products and services. Our ability to maintain our data advantage is dependent on a number of factors, including our continued access to a broad set of private market information and our ability to grow our relationships with potential Customers and their advisors throughout our distribution network. Additionally, we are or will become subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and international law. These complex regulatory and tax environments could restrict our operations and subject us to increased compliance costs and administrative burdens, as well as restrictions on our business activities.

- *Our ability to maintain our competitive position.* We believe we have several competitive and structural advantages that position us as a preferred provider of liquidity and other attendant services to the MHNW individual investor and STMI investor segments. We expect these advantages will enable us to provide unique products and services to potential Customers that have traditionally been difficult to access by the MHNW individual investor and STMI investor segments. Our ability to attract and successfully deploy capital in the future is dependent on maintaining our leading competitive positioning in our target markets.
- *Unpredictable global macroeconomic conditions.* Global economic conditions, including political environments, financial market performance, interest rates, credit spreads or other conditions beyond our control, all of which affect the performance of the assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, are unpredictable and could negatively affect the performance of our portfolio or the ability to raise funds in the future. In addition, the cash flows from these investments, which collateralize the ExAlt Loans, are exposed to the credit risks of the financial institutions at which they are held. Events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse developments that affect financial institutions, transactional counterparties, or the financial services industry generally, could lead to market-wide liquidity problems and jeopardize our ability to access existing cash, cash equivalents and investments.
- *Our ability to access capital at attractive rates.* Our ability to complete, and the costs associated with, future debt transactions depends primarily upon credit market conditions and our then perceived creditworthiness. We have no control over market conditions. Our ability to obtain credit depends upon evaluations of our business practices and plans, including our performance, ability to stagger our debt maturities and to balance our use of debt and equity capital so that our financial performance and leverage ratios afford us flexibility to withstand any reasonably anticipated adverse changes. We intend to conduct our business activities in a manner which will afford us reasonable access to capital for investment and financing activities. However, as discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the economic conditions, as well as the impacts of the current, and possibly future, inflationary conditions, increasing interest rates and a possible recession are uncertain and may have various negative consequences on us and our operations including a decline in financing availability and increased costs for financing. Further, such conditions could also disrupt the capital markets generally and limit our access to financing from public sources or on favorable terms, particularly if the global financial markets experience significant disruptions.

Current Events

In February 2022, the Russian Federation and Belarus commenced a military action with the country of Ukraine. As a result of this action, various nations, including the United States, have instituted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict could have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts currently holds investments or may hold investments in the future), and therefore, could adversely affect the performance of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments.

The extent and impact of any sanctions imposed in connection with the Russia-Ukraine conflict has caused and may continue to cause financial market volatility and impact the global economy. Volatility and disruption in the equity and credit markets can adversely affect the portfolio companies underlying the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and adversely affect the investment performance. Our ability to manage exposure to market conditions is limited. Market deterioration could cause the Company to experience reduced liquidity, earnings and cash flow, recognize impairment charges, or face challenges in raising capital and making investments on attractive terms. Adverse market conditions can also affect the ability of investment funds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to liquidate positions in a timely and efficient manner. As a result, this presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the performance of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, even though the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not hold any investments with material operations in Russia or Ukraine. The cash flows from the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve as the collateral to the ExAlt Loans and the fees that are paid by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to Ben for administering these trusts, both of which are key determinants in the income allocated to Beneficiary's and BCH's equity holders.

Further, uncertainty in the capital markets, generally due to increasing interest rates and inflation and their impact on the economy, may make it challenging to raise additional capital, and such capital may not be available to us on acceptable terms on a timely basis, or at all. If adequate funds are not available, or if the terms of potential funding sources are unfavorable, our business would be harmed.

As such, these events may result in reduced opportunities for future liquidity solution transactions with our customers and make it more difficult for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to exit and realize value from its existing investments, potentially resulting in a decline in the value of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such a decline could cause our

revenue and net income to decline, including the revenues and net income allocated to Beneficient's and BCH's equity holders.

We continue to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and our business. Our future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers.

Factors Affecting the Comparability of Our Financial Condition and Results of Operations

In addition to the items mentioned above in the "Significant Developments" section, our historical financial condition and results of operations for the periods presented may not be comparable, either from period to period or going forward, primarily for the following reasons:

- *Utilization of Derivative Instruments to Manage Risk.* Ben manages its exposure to market risks by utilizing various forms of derivative instruments to limit exposure to changes in the relative values of investments that may result from market developments. During 2020, Ben purchased put options for \$14.8 million that were sold in November 2021 for \$1.8 million, resulting in a recognized loss of \$12.9 million. In April 2022, Ben made aggregate payments of \$7.5 million to purchase additional put options, which had a fair value of \$4.0 million as of March 31, 2023. A portion of the put options purchased during April 2022 are attributable to the third party involved in the loan participation transaction. During the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben recognized net losses totaling \$3.5 million on the put options held as of that date, of which approximately \$2.5 million is attributable to Ben or Ben's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction.
- *Bankruptcy of GWG Holdings.* GWG Holdings, our former parent company, and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries ("co-debtors"), filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on April 20, 2022. As of March 31, 2023, BCG held 2.5 million shares of GWG Holdings common stock and the Customer ExAlt Trusts held 9.8 million shares of GWG Holdings common stock and L Bonds due 2023 of GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of GWG Holdings ("GWG Life") with an aggregate principal amount of \$94.8 million ("L Bonds"). Through March 31, 2023, Ben has recorded losses associated with its holdings of GWG Holdings common stock of \$24.2 million and the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recorded losses associated with its holdings of GWG Holdings common stock and L Bonds totaling \$103.2 million. As of March 31, 2023, the fair value of Ben's holdings of GWG Holdings common stock was \$0.8 million and the fair value of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' holdings of GWG Holdings common stock and L Bonds was \$76.2 million. Through March 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recognized credit related losses on the L Bonds totaling \$31.3 million. Additionally, through March 31, 2023, Ben has recognized losses on its related party receivable with GWG Holdings under the Shared Services Agreement (as defined below) totaling \$15.6 million. On June 20, 2023, the Chapter 11 plan of reorganization of GWG Holdings and its co-debtors was confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. We expect GWG Holdings will exit its Chapter 11 proceedings in the third quarter of 2023.
- *Settlement of Commercial Loan Agreement.* On November 26, 2021, GWG Holdings and BCG executed a payoff letter for a commercial loan agreement with GWG Life (the "Commercial Loan Agreement") pursuant to which BCG repaid the entire outstanding principal balance of the Commercial Loan Agreement of \$202.3 million, plus accrued interest of \$5.8 million, by issuing to GWG Life 19,250,795 BCG Common Units. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we recognized \$16.1 million and \$16.9 million, respectively, of interest expense (including the amortization of deferred financing costs) on the Commercial Loan Agreement.
- *Collateral Swap.* On September 30, 2020, certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (collectively, the "Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts"), at the sole direction of the independent trustee of each such trust, with the intention of protecting the value of certain assets of the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts underlying part of the Collateral portfolio, the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts entered into that certain Contribution and Exchange Agreement with certain exchange trusts, (collectively, the "Participating Exchange Trusts"), each of which entered into such agreement at the direction of its applicable trust advisor and by and through its applicable corporate trustee (the "Contribution and Exchange Agreement"). Under the Contribution and Exchange Agreement, the Participating Exchange Trusts agreed to exchange 9,837,264 shares of GWG Holdings' common stock valued at \$84.6 million, 543,874 BCG Common Units valued at \$6.8 million, and L Bonds due 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of \$94.8 million to the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts for \$94.3 million in NAV of the alternative asset investments held by the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts. This transaction (the "Collateral Swap") resulted in

the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts recognizing an additional \$84.6 million of investment in public equity securities of related party, \$94.8 million of debt securities of related party, \$3.4 million of treasury BCG's Common Units, and gain of \$88.5 million, which was recorded in investment income (loss), net, in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2020.

- *Promissory Note Repayment.* On September 30, 2020, GWG Holdings, GWG Life, and certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the (“LiquidTrust Borrowers”) agreed to the repayment of that certain promissory note issued on May 31, 2019 (the “Promissory Note”), and any related accrued interest for Ben’s issuance of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$75.0 million to the LiquidTrust Borrowers. The Company determined the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts was \$71.2 million as of September 30, 2020. The carrying value of the Promissory Note on September 30, 2020, with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, was \$65.1 million. The difference between the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and the carrying value of the settled debt was settled between equity holders. Additionally, as a result of the change in ownership while Ben retained a controlling interest in BCH, a rebalancing of the noncontrolling interests was performed in accordance with ASC 810-10, which resulted in a \$3.2 million net increase to noncontrolling interest. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Customer ExAlt Trusts recognized \$4.7 million of interest expense on the Promissory Note.
- *Repurchase Options.* During the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, the remainder of the unexercised repurchase options issued in 2017 and 2018 to the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts expired, resulting in the recognition of \$61.7 million in income by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is recorded in investment income (loss), net, in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2020.
- *Equity compensation.* Our Board of Directors adopted the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, the Ben Equity Incentive Plan, and the BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts issued to certain directors (collectively, the “Equity Incentive Plans”) in 2018 and 2019 and approved the granting of equity incentive awards during the second quarter of 2019 to certain directors and in the first quarter of 2020 to certain employees. Awards are generally subject to service-based vesting over a multi-year period from the recipient’s date of hire, although certain awards fully vested upon the grant date. As such, a significant amount of equity based compensation was recognized during the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 for awards fully vested upon grant compared to latter years in which service based vesting occurred.
- *Vesting of performance based awards.* Certain of our restricted equity units were granted with a performance-based condition. Upon the closing of the Transactions, such condition was met, which is expected to result in \$12.9 million of share-based compensation expense.

Key Performance Indicators

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures to supplement our consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures include adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss). A non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure that departs from U.S. GAAP because it includes or excludes amounts that are required under U.S. GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with U.S. GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used by Ben may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures provides additional information to investors regarding our results of operations that management believes is useful for trending, analyzing and benchmarking the performance of our business. See “—*Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information*,” below, for a reconciliation of adjusted revenue to revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) to operating income (loss), the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures, respectively.

In addition to our U.S. GAAP and non-GAAP financial information, we utilize several key indicators of financial condition and operating performance to assess the various aspects of our business. We monitor the following operating metrics to help us evaluate our business, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans and make strategic decisions. We believe the following key metrics are useful in evaluating our business:

	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Year Ended March 31, 2022	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Ben Liquidity					
Loan payments received	\$ 47,105	\$ 19,667	\$ 1,189	\$ 30,270	\$ 22,042
Operating income (loss)	(46,512)	(2,211)	(20,299)	21,191	25,238
Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾	9,693	33,424	17,329	22,239	25,885
Ben Custody					
Fee payments received	\$ 18,314	\$ 33,689	\$ 20,673	\$ 15,091	\$ 7,945
Operating income	24,046	19,791	7,301	16,193	15,922
Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾	24,046	19,791	7,301	16,193	15,922
Consolidated:					
Revenue	\$ (104,903)	\$ (13,671)	\$ (66,618)	\$ 55,311	\$ 140,329
Adjusted revenue ⁽¹⁾	(41,367)	(3)	(10,607)	11,189	40,128
Operating loss	(253,172)	(147,717)	(99,834)	(71,120)	(47,413)
Adjusted operating loss ⁽¹⁾	(143,872)	(69,910)	(29,698)	(57,142)	(16,320)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Ben Liquidity				
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 366,760	\$ 418,792	\$ 508,910	\$ 239,067
Allowance to total loans	26.04 %	10.36 %	2.73 %	2.20 %
Nonperforming loans to total loans	37.03 %	5.23 %	4.67 %	2.58 %
Ben Custody				
Fees receivable	\$ 45,054	\$ 44,208	\$ 59,009	\$ 33,251
Deferred revenue	41,614	51,434	54,074	34,063
Customer ExAlt Trusts				
Investments, at fair value	\$ 491,859	\$ 659,921	\$ 733,488	\$ 385,444
Distributions to Original Loan Balance	1.16 x	0.61 x	0.53 x	0.69 x
Total Value to Original Loan Balance	1.66 x	1.25 x	1.28 x	1.28 x

(1) Adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) are non-GAAP financial measures. For a definition and reconciliation to comparable U.S. GAAP metrics, please see the section titled “—Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information.”

Adjusted revenue. We define adjusted revenue as revenue adjusted to exclude the effect of mark-to-market adjustments on related party equity securities that were acquired both prior to and in the Collateral Swap, and excludes the effect of interest income on related party available-for-sale debt securities, and income from the forfeiture of vested share-based compensation awards.

Operating income (loss) represents total revenues less operating expenses prior to the provision for income taxes.

Adjusted operating income (loss). We define adjusted operating income (loss) as operating income (loss), adjusted to exclude the effect of the adjustments to revenue described above, credit losses on related party available-for-sale debt securities acquired in the Collateral Swap, and receivables from a related party that filed for bankruptcy, share-based compensation expense, audit fee normalization, and legal, professional services, and public relations costs related to the GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, and a defunct product offering.

Loan payments received represents cash received during the respective period from the Customer ExAlt Trusts as payments on the ExAlt Loans.

Fee payments received represents cash received during the respective period from the Customer ExAlt Trusts as payments on the fees receivable from the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net represents the total ExAlt Loan receivable outstanding, net of any allowance for loan losses. The ExAlt Loans are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Allowance to Total Loans. Allowance to total loans is calculated as total allowance for loan loss divided by total loans. The increase in the allowance for loans losses from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023 was primarily driven by the deterioration in value of the GWG Holdings’ common stock and L Bonds, which collateralize certain of the ExAlt Loans.

Nonperforming Loans to Total Loans. Nonperforming loans to total loans is calculated as total nonperforming loans divided by total loans. The increase in nonperforming loans from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023 was primarily driven by the deterioration in value of the GWG Holdings' common stock and L Bonds, which collateralize certain of the ExAlt Loans.

Fees receivable represents the transaction fees charged to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with liquidity transactions and fees charged for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such fees are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Deferred revenue represents fees charged at the origination of the liquidity transaction that are recognized ratably over the life of the LiquidTrust. Such amount is eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer Exalt Trusts.

Investments, at fair value. Investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts include investments in alternative assets, investments in the public equity and debt securities (principally of a related party), and investments in private equity securities. These cash flows from these investments serve as Collateral to the ExAlt Loans.

Distributions to Original Loan Balance, as it relates to the Collateral, is calculated as the total inception-to-date payments from the ExAlt Loans received divided by the initial loan balances of the ExAlt Loans.

Total Value to Original Loan Balance is calculated as the then-current fair value of the Collateral plus the total inception-to-date payments from the ExAlt Loans received, divided by the initial loan balances of the ExAlt Loans.

Principal Revenue and Expense Items

During the year ended March 31, 2023, three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we earned revenues on a consolidated basis from the following primary sources:

- *Investment Income (Loss), net.* Investment income (loss), net, includes the change in NAV of the alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. During the year ended December 31, 2020, also includes a gain recognized as a result of the Collateral Swap, and the change in fair value of repurchase options issued in 2017 and 2018 by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. These unexercised repurchase options expired during 2020.

For the aforementioned periods, our main components of consolidated expense are summarized below:

- *Interest Expense.* Interest expense includes interest paid to our senior lender under our amended and restated First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement (as described under "Liquidity and Capital Resources — Amended Credit Agreements"), interest paid to GWG Holdings on the Promissory Note and Commercial Loan Agreement, interest paid on the ExAlt Trust Loan Payable, and interest paid on our other debt due to related parties. When we issue debt, we amortize the financing costs (commissions and other fees) associated with such indebtedness over the outstanding term of the financing and classify it as interest expense.
- *Employee Compensation and Benefits.* Employee compensation and benefits include salaries, bonuses and other incentives and costs of employee benefits. Also included are significant non-cash expenses related to the Equity Incentive Plans.
- *Professional Services.* Professional services includes consulting fees, legal fees, audit fees, and other services.

Additional components of our consolidated net earnings include:

- *Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments, net.* Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net includes the change in fair value of our derivative liability, investments in public equity securities, private equity securities, and options. Included in our investment in public equity securities is our interest in GWG Holdings (a total of 12,337,364 common shares held as of all periods presented). The initial investment in put options was entered into during the third quarter of calendar year 2020 and subsequently sold in the fourth quarter of calendar year 2021. Another investment in put options was entered into during the first quarter of fiscal year 2023. Fair value is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis.
- *Interest Income.* Interest income includes interest earned on cash held in banks. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, interest income also includes interest income on the investment in debt securities held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.
- *Other Income.* Includes income totaling \$36.3 million recognized during the second quarter of calendar year 2020 as a result of the forfeiture of vested equity-based compensation related to one former director.

- *Provision for Credit Losses.* Provision for credit losses represents the amount charged to earnings each period for other than temporary credit losses incurred on available-for-sale debt securities, allowances taken on aged receivables, and for allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings.
- *Other Expenses.* We recognize and record expenses in our business operations as incurred. Other expenses include software license and maintenance expenses, IT consulting fees, travel and entertainment expenses, other insurance and tax expense, supplies, costs associated with employee training and dues, transaction expenses, depreciation and amortization expense, and various other expenses.

Our operating subsidiaries, Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, also earn revenue from interest and fees, which are eliminated in consolidation, on the ExAlt Loans between Ben Liquidity and the Customer ExAlt Trusts. These sources of intersegment revenues, which ultimately impact the net income (loss) attributable to Ben and BCH equity holders, are summarized below.

- *Interest Income.* Interest income is generally comprised of contractual interest, which is a computed variable rate that compounds monthly, interest recognized on certain of the ExAlt Loans through the effective yield method, and an amortized discount that is recognized ratably over the life of the ExAlt Loan. The ExAlt Loans have a maturity of twelve years, and all principal and interest due thereon is payable at maturity. Since we began our operations in 2017, substantially all of our interest income since inception has been non-cash income that has been capitalized onto the outstanding principal of the ExAlt Loans.

Interest income reflects interest earned by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, on a gross basis, and a portion of the economic interests of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, held by the residual beneficiaries, are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Interest income earned by Ben from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. However, because the eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, noncontrolling interests, on a consolidated basis, our attributable share of the net income from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is increased by the amounts eliminated. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of interest income and certain fee revenue (as described below) has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to Ben or BCH or to equity holders of Ben or BCH.

- *Trust Services and Administration Revenues.* Trust services and administration revenues include trust administration fees and upfront fees. Trust administration fees are earned for providing administrative services to trustees for existing liquidity solution customers. Fees are recognized monthly based upon the beginning of quarter (in advance) NAV plus any remaining unfunded loan commitments and the applicable fee rate of the account as outlined in the agreement. Non-refundable upfront fees are earned for setting up and providing the customer access to the ExAlt Plan™. Upfront fees are billed at the origination of the liquidity transaction and are based on a percentage of NAV plus any unfunded capital commitments. Upfront fees are deferred upon receipt and are recognized ratably over the period of benefit, which is generally consistent with estimated expected life of LiquidTrusts (typically 7 to 10 years). All such fees and related deferred revenue are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. As described above, the elimination in consolidation of this fee revenue has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to Ben or BCH or to equity holders of Ben or BCH.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 AND 2022
(in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (54,010)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (54,010)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(35,085)	(16,336)	—	(51,421)
Interest income	—	—	54	358	—	412
Trust services and administration revenues	—	30	—	—	—	30
Other income	—	—	—	86	—	86
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	50,819	—	—	—	(50,819)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	29,012	—	—	(29,012)	—
Total revenues	50,819	29,042	(89,041)	(15,892)	(79,831)	(104,903)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,527	2,219	—	34,781	—	45,527
Interest expense	2,893	—	8,957	3,621	—	15,471
Professional services	2,849	2,018	5,033	28,522	—	38,422
Provision for credit losses	—	—	13,843	6,737	—	20,580
Other expenses	2,313	759	1,905	23,292	—	28,269
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	110,905	—	(110,905)	—
Provision for loan losses	80,749	—	—	—	(80,749)	—
Other expenses	—	—	18,354	—	(18,354)	—
Total expenses	97,331	4,996	158,997	96,953	(210,008)	148,269
Operating income (loss)	\$ (46,512)	\$ 24,046	\$ (248,038)	\$ (112,845)	\$ 130,177	\$ (253,172)
Income tax benefit						(1,072)
Net loss						\$ (252,100)

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 AND 2022 (cont'd)
(in thousands) (unaudited)

	Year Ended March 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,632	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,632
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(15,149)	(6,845)	—	(21,994)
Interest income	—	—	5,332	202	—	5,534
Trust services and administration revenues	121	32	—	—	—	153
Other income	—	—	—	4	—	4
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	56,706	—	—	—	(56,706)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	23,846	—	—	(23,846)	—
Total revenues	56,827	23,878	(7,185)	(6,639)	(80,552)	(13,671)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,476	2,075	—	37,187	—	47,738
Interest expense	7,571	—	1,046	13,766	—	22,383
Professional services	3,135	1,457	350	13,369	—	18,311
Provision for credit losses	—	—	19,092	9,046	—	28,138
Other expenses	2,013	555	2,343	12,565	—	17,476
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	78,821	—	(78,821)	—
Provision for loan losses	37,843	—	—	—	(37,843)	—
Other expenses	—	—	14,871	—	(14,871)	—
Total expenses	59,038	4,087	116,523	85,933	(131,535)	134,046
Operating income (loss)	\$ (2,211)	\$ 19,791	\$ (123,708)	\$ (92,572)	\$ 50,983	\$ (147,717)
Loss on debt extinguishment						(34,013)
Income tax expense						1,345
Net loss						\$ (183,075)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022 AND 2021
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (10,811)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (10,811)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(44,661)	(11,350)	—	(56,011)
Interest income	—	—	—	73	—	73
Trust services and administration revenues	121	8	—	—	—	129
Other income	—	—	—	2	—	2
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	17,790	—	—	—	(17,790)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	8,408	—	—	(8,408)	—
Total revenues	17,911	8,416	(55,472)	(11,275)	(26,198)	(66,618)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	2,200	517	—	7,408	—	10,125
Interest expense	538	—	1,046	526	—	2,110
Professional services	915	446	—	4,088	—	5,449
Provision for credit losses	—	—	4,774	4,609	—	9,383
Other expenses	436	152	1,860	3,701	—	6,149
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	24,694	—	(24,694)	—
Provision for loan losses	34,121	—	—	—	(34,121)	—
Other expenses	—	—	5,767	—	(5,767)	—
Total expenses	38,210	1,115	38,141	20,332	(64,582)	33,216
Operating income (loss)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 7,301	\$ (93,613)	\$ (31,607)	\$ 38,384	\$ (99,834)
Income tax expense						1,072
Net loss						\$ (100,906)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022 AND 2021 (cont'd)
(in thousands) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,091	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,091
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	—	(2,180)	—	(2,180)
Interest income	—	—	1,777	160	—	1,937
Trust services and administration revenues	508	8	—	—	—	516
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	16,920	—	—	—	(16,920)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	4,820	—	—	(4,820)	—
Total revenues	17,428	4,828	3,868	(2,020)	(21,740)	2,364
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	1,903	454	—	8,553	—	10,910
Interest expense	2,304	—	—	4,880	—	7,184
Professional services	859	432	—	3,648	—	4,939
Other expenses	525	109	211	1,723	—	2,568
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	16,814	—	(16,814)	—
Provision for loan losses	5,158	—	—	—	(5,158)	—
Other expenses	—	—	3,076	—	(3,076)	—
Total expenses	10,749	995	20,101	18,804	(25,048)	25,601
Operating income (loss)	\$ 6,679	\$ 3,833	\$ (16,233)	\$ (20,824)	\$ 3,308	\$ (23,237)
Income tax benefit						(273)
Net loss						\$ (22,964)

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020
(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2021					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,534	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,534
Gain on financial instruments, net	—	—	29,512	2,325	—	31,837
Interest income	—	—	7,110	288	—	7,398
Trust services and administration revenues	510	30	—	—	—	540
Other income	—	—	—	2	—	2
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	55,929	—	—	—	(55,929)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	20,258	—	—	(20,258)	—
Total revenues	56,439	20,288	52,156	2,615	(76,187)	55,311
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,328	2,031	—	38,164	—	48,523
Interest expense	12,812	—	—	14,645	—	27,457
Professional services	3,100	1,552	350	12,799	—	17,801
Provision for credit losses	—	—	14,318	4,437	—	18,755
Other expenses	2,127	512	695	10,561	—	13,895
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	70,963	—	(70,963)	—
Provision for loan losses	8,881	—	—	—	(8,881)	—
Other expenses	—	—	12,180	—	(12,180)	—
Total expenses	35,248	4,095	98,506	80,606	(92,024)	126,431
Operating income (loss)	\$ 21,191	\$ 16,193	\$ (46,350)	\$ (77,991)	\$ 15,837	\$ (71,120)
Loss on debt extinguishment						(34,013)
Income tax expense						—
Net loss						\$ (105,133)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (cont'd)
(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2020					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 132,620	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 132,620
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(15,838)	(14,832)	—	(30,670)
Interest income	—	—	1,819	285	(22)	2,082
Trust services and administration revenues	—	30	—	—	—	30
Other income	—	—	—	36,267	—	36,267
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	51,819	—	—	—	(51,819)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	19,379	—	—	(19,379)	—
Total revenues	51,819	19,409	118,601	21,720	(71,220)	140,329
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	6,216	1,915	—	120,451	—	128,582
Interest expense	11,496	—	4,675	16,380	—	32,551
Professional services	3,656	1,190	—	14,199	—	19,045
Other expenses	(165)	382	502	6,845	—	7,564
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	63,463	—	(63,463)	—
Provision for loan losses	5,378	—	—	—	(5,378)	—
Other expenses	—	—	12,177	—	(12,177)	—
Total expenses	26,581	3,487	80,817	157,875	(81,018)	187,742
Operating income (loss)	\$ 25,238	\$ 15,922	\$ 37,784	\$ (136,155)	\$ 9,798	\$ (47,413)
Income tax expense						3,459
Net loss						\$ (50,872)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

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Results of Operations — Year Ended March 31, 2023 Compared to the Year Ended March 31, 2022, Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021, and the Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Revenues (in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)			
Investment income (loss), net	\$ (54,010)	\$ 2,632	\$ (10,811)	\$ 2,091	\$ 15,534	\$ 132,620
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	(51,421)	(21,994)	(56,011)	(2,180)	31,837	(30,670)
Interest income	412	5,534	73	1,937	7,398	2,082
Trust services and administration revenues	30	153	129	516	540	30
Other income	86	4	2	—	2	36,267
Total revenues	\$ (104,903)	\$ (13,671)	\$ (66,618)	\$ 2,364	\$ 55,311	\$ 140,329

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income (loss), net decreased \$56.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment loss was \$54.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, which was driven by \$37.3 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, \$12.9 million of downward quoted market price adjustments, and \$2.9 million of downward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Investment income was \$2.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2022, which represented a net increase in the NAV of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loss on financial instruments increased \$29.4 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended March 31, 2023 includes a \$63.0 million decrease in the fair value of the public equity securities combined with a \$3.5 million decrease in the fair value of put options held, partially offset by a \$4.6 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability and a \$10.5 million upward adjustment to private equity securities. The decline in market price was due to a variety of factors, primarily declines in the fair values of securities of GWG Holdings due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended March 31, 2022 includes a \$19.0 million decrease in the fair value of securities of GWG Holdings and a \$3.0 million decrease in the fair value of put options held.

Interest income decreased \$5.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022. This decrease was primarily driven by interest income earned by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on their investment in debt securities for the year ended March 31, 2022. These debt securities were moved to nonaccrual on December 31, 2021.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Investment income (loss), net decreased \$12.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment loss was \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which represented a decrease in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer Exalt Trusts. Investment income was \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, which represents an increase in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loss on financial instruments increased \$53.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended March 31, 2022 represented a \$56.0 million decrease in the fair value of the public equity securities. The decline in market price from December 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022, was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. No put options were held during the three months ended March 31, 2022. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended March 31, 2021 represented a \$2.2 million decrease in the fair value of

put options held. The fair value of our investments in public equity securities did not change during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Interest income decreased \$1.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021. This decrease was primarily driven by interest income earned by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on their investment in debt securities for the three months ended March 31, 2021. These debt securities were moved to nonaccrual on December 31, 2021.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Investment income decreased \$117.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$15.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, which represented an increase in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$132.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2020, and included a \$61.7 million increase in fair value of repurchase options issued by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts partially offset by a \$17.6 million decrease in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. These repurchase options, which were unexercised, expired during 2020. Additionally, a gain of \$88.5 million was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2020, in investment income related to the Collateral Swap on September 30, 2020.

Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net increased \$62.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Gain on financial instruments, net for the year ended December 31, 2021, included a \$37.0 million increase in the fair value of public equity securities partially offset by a \$5.2 million decrease in the fair value of put options. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended December 31, 2020, included a \$22.9 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with a \$7.8 million decrease in the fair value of put options. The investment in put option was entered into during third quarter of 2020.

Interest income for the year ended December 31, 2021, represented interest income earned for the full year by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on their investment in debt securities compared to one quarter of interest earned during the year ended December 31, 2020. These debt securities were acquired on September 30, 2020 in connection with the Collateral Swap.

Trust services and administration revenues were \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, which represents fees earned on liquidity transactions during the year then ended.

Other income was \$36.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, which represents income recognized as a result of the forfeiture of vested equity-based compensation related to one former director.

Interest and Operating Expenses (in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
	<i>(unaudited)</i>		<i>(unaudited)</i>			
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 45,527	\$ 47,738	\$ 10,125	\$ 10,910	\$ 48,523	\$ 128,582
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	15,471	22,383	2,110	7,184	27,457	32,551
Professional services	38,422	18,311	5,449	4,939	17,801	19,045
Provision for credit losses	20,580	28,138	9,383	—	18,755	—
Other expenses	28,269	17,476	6,149	2,568	13,895	7,564
Total expenses	\$ 148,269	\$ 134,046	\$ 33,216	\$ 25,601	\$ 126,431	\$ 187,742

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$2.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022. The decrease was driven by a \$10.9 million decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans, partially offset by an \$8.7 million increase in payroll and other benefit related costs.

Interest expense decreased \$6.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to the settlement of the Commercial Loan Agreement in November 2021, which contributed \$11.7 million to interest expense during the year ended March 31, 2022, combined with a \$5.3 million

increase in the amortization of deferred financing costs. Deferred financing costs during the year ended March 31, 2023, represented the amortization of a premium for the entirety of the year. Deferred financing costs during the year ended March 31, 2022, represented the amortization of a discount for the majority of the year, which was offset by the amortization of premium in the fourth quarter, resulting in a net premium for the year. These decreases were partially offset by a \$7.9 million increase in interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable, which was recognized as a result of the loan participation transaction entered into on March 24, 2022, combined with a \$2.2 million increase in combined interest expense on the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement and other borrowings.

Professional services expenses increased \$20.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, primarily due to an increase in legal fees of \$11.8 million combined with increases in other professional fees due to costs associated with public relations and consulting fees.

Provision for credit losses decreased \$7.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022. Provision for credit losses included a \$12.6 million credit related loss on the investments in L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, \$6.7 million of additional allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings existing on the date that GWG Holdings filed for bankruptcy, and \$1.2 million of allowances taken on aged receivables for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to \$18.7 million, \$9.5 million, and nil, respectively for the previously mentioned items during the year ended March 31, 2022.

Other expenses increased \$10.8 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, primarily driven by the recognition of \$4.4 million more in lease and direct operating expense related to the Aircraft Sublease (as defined below) for the respective periods, combined with a \$5.3 million increase in other insurance and taxes and a \$1.5 million increase in depreciation and amortization, partly offset by a \$1.0 million TEFFI application fee incurred during the year ended March 31, 2022. The table below provides additional detail regarding our other expenses.

Other Expenses (in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
		(unaudited)
Other insurance and taxes	\$ 7,851	\$ 2,581
Travel and entertainment	7,826	4,326
Depreciation and amortization	3,606	2,089
Software license and maintenance	2,343	2,240
Occupancy and equipment	1,212	666
Other expenses	5,431	5,574
Total other expenses	\$ 28,269	\$ 17,476

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$0.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. The decrease was driven by a \$2.2 million decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans, partially offset by a \$1.4 million increase in payroll and other benefit related costs principally related to an increase in headcount.

Interest expense decreased \$5.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to the settlement of the Commercial Loan Agreement in November 2021, which contributed \$4.4 million to interest expense during the three months ended March 31, 2021, combined with a \$2.7 million decrease in deferred financing costs on the recent debt amendments to the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, which was driven by the amortization of a premium for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the amortization of a discount for the three months ended March 31, 2021. These decreases were partially offset by \$1.0 million of interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable, which was recognized as a result of the loan participation transaction entered into on March 24, 2022, combined with a \$1.0 million increase in interest expense on the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement.

Provision for credit losses was \$9.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which represents a \$4.9 million credit related loss on the investments in GWG L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts combined with \$4.4 million of additional allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings existing on the date that GWG Holdings filed for bankruptcy.

Professional services expenses increased \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021, primarily due to an increase in legal fees partly offset by a decrease in audit fees and recruiting expense.

Other expenses increased \$3.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021, primarily driven by the recognition of \$1.7 million in lease and direct operating expense related to the Aircraft Sublease combined with a \$1.8 million increase in other expenses. The table below provides additional detail regarding our other expenses.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021 (unaudited)
Travel and entertainment	\$ 1,800	\$ 58
Depreciation and amortization	612	513
Software license and maintenance	597	554
Other insurance and taxes	593	699
Occupancy and equipment	174	142
Other expenses	2,373	602
Total other expenses	\$ 6,149	\$ 2,568

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$80.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. The decrease was driven by a \$84.7 million decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans, partially offset by a \$4.6 million increase in payroll and other benefit related costs. Equity based compensation decreased due to the full vesting of some awards upon grant during the first quarter of 2020 compared to predominately service-based vesting during 2021.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$5.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020. The decrease in interest expense was primarily driven by the \$4.7 million of interest expense on the Promissory Note recognized by the Customer ExAlt Trust during the year ended December 31, 2020. The Promissory Note was settled on September 30, 2020. Such decrease was combined with a decrease in certain other borrowings and liabilities and a decrease in amortization of deferred financing costs.

Provision for credit losses was \$18.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, which represents a \$13.7 million credit related loss on the investments in GWG L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts combined with \$5.0 million of additional allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings existing on the date that GWG Holdings filed for bankruptcy.

Professional services expenses decreased \$1.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020, primarily due to a decrease in consulting and other professional fees, partially offset by an increase in internal audit fees.

Other expenses increased \$6.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020, primarily driven by the \$1.0 million TEFFI application fee incurred during the second quarter of calendar year 2021, a \$0.9 million increase in depreciation and amortization, and a \$1.3 million partial expense reversal of a service provider accrual during the first quarter of calendar year 2020. The table below provides detail regarding our other expenses.

Other Expenses (in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
Other insurance and taxes	\$ 2,687	\$ 2,105
Travel and entertainment	2,584	1,513
Software license and maintenance	2,197	1,524
Depreciation and amortization	1,990	1,055
Occupancy and equipment	634	633
Other expenses	3,803	734
Total other expenses	\$ 13,895	\$ 7,564

BEN LIQUIDITY

Results of Operations — Year Ended March 31, 2023 Compared to the Year Ended March 31, 2022, Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021, and the Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2020

(in thousands)	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)			
Revenues:						
Interest income	\$ 50,819	\$ 56,706	\$ 17,790	\$ 16,920	\$ 55,929	\$ 51,819
Trust services and administration revenues	—	121	121	508	510	—
Total revenues	50,819	56,827	17,911	17,428	56,439	51,819
Expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,527	8,476	2,200	1,903	8,328	6,216
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	2,893	7,571	538	2,304	12,812	11,496
Professional services	2,849	3,135	915	859	3,100	3,656
Provision for loan losses	80,749	37,843	34,121	5,158	8,881	5,378
Other expenses	2,313	2,013	436	525	2,127	(165)
Total expenses	97,331	59,038	38,210	10,749	35,248	26,581
Operating income (loss)	\$ (46,512)	\$ (2,211)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 6,679	\$ 21,191	\$ 25,238

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Interest income decreased \$5.9 million during the year ended March 31, 2023 compared to the year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease was primarily driven by a \$21.0 million decrease in interest income earned from loans moving to nonaccrual, the majority of which are backed by the assets acquired during the Collateral Swap, during the year ended March 31, 2023 combined with a decrease in interest income earned due to loan prepayments resulting in lower outstanding loan balances. The decrease was mostly offset by a \$15.0 million increase in interest earned on new originations, primarily the ExAlt Loan originated in December 2021 with an aggregate original principal amount of approximately \$246.0 million.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$4.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2023 compared to the year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease in interest expense was primarily driven by a \$5.3 million increase in the amortization of a premium for deferred financing costs, partially offset by a \$0.7 million increase in interest expense on the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement. Deferred financing costs during the year ended March 31, 2023, represented the amortization of a premium for the entirety of the year. Deferred financing costs during the year ended March 31, 2022, represented the amortization of a discount for the majority of the year, which was offset by the amortization of premium in the fourth quarter, resulting in a net premium for the year.

Provision for loan losses increased \$42.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily due to a net decrease in collateral values and resulting expected cash flows related to the loan portfolio.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Interest income increased \$0.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. The increase was primarily driven by interest earned on ExAlt Loans originated in December 2021 with an aggregate original principal amount of approximately \$246 million. This increase was mostly offset by a decrease in interest income earned through accelerated discount amortization resulting from loan prepayments during the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, combined with lower effective interest on the purchased credit impaired (“PCI”) portfolio due to declining carrying values.

Trust services and administration revenues decreased \$0.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, driven by fewer liquidity transactions during the three months ended March 31, 2022.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. The decrease in interest expense was primarily driven by the amortization of a premium during the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the amortization of a discount in the comparable period.

Provision for credit losses increased \$29.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, primarily due to a decrease in collateral values to the ExAlt Loans, most notably driven by declines in the fair value of the securities of GWG Holdings held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the resulting decline in the expected cash flows from the collateral related to this portion of the loan portfolio.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Interest income increased \$4.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, due to accelerated discount amortization resulting from loan prepayments and an increase in originations for the comparable periods related mainly to ExAlt Loans originated in December 2021 with an aggregate original principal amount of approximately \$246 million.

Trust services and administration revenues were \$0.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, which represents upfront fees earned on liquidity transactions during 2022. There were no such fees for the comparable period.

Employee compensation and benefits increased \$2.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, primarily driven by increases in commissions, average salaries, and headcount.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, increased \$1.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, primarily driven by an increase in amortization of deferred financing costs.

Professional services expenses decreased \$0.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, primarily due to a decrease in legal fees.

Provision for credit losses increased \$3.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, primarily due to declines in the collateral value for certain assets.

Other expenses increased \$2.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily driven by a \$1.3 million partial expense reversal of a service provider accrual in the first quarter of calendar year 2020 combined with increases in depreciation and amortization expense and other operating expenses.

BEN CUSTODY

Results of Operations — Year Ended March 31, 2023 Compared to the Year Ended March 31, 2022, Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021, and the Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2020

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
		<i>(unaudited)</i>		<i>(unaudited)</i>		
Revenues						
Trust services and administration revenues	\$ 29,042	\$ 23,878	\$ 8,416	\$ 4,828	\$ 20,288	\$ 19,409
Expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	2,219	2,075	517	454	2,031	1,915
Professional services	2,018	1,457	446	432	1,552	1,190
Other expenses	759	555	152	109	512	382
Total expenses	4,996	4,087	1,115	995	4,095	3,487
Operating income	\$ 24,046	\$ 19,791	\$ 7,301	\$ 3,833	\$ 16,193	\$ 15,922

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Trust services and administration revenues increased \$5.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by an increase in the amortization of upfront fees and the recognition of recurring administration fees, both driven by new liquidity transactions during December 2021 increasing the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is an input into the calculation of the recurring trust services revenues.

Professional services increased \$0.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily driven by increases in consulting fees, temporary employee fees, and other professional fees.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Trust services and administration revenues increased \$3.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, driven by an increase in the amortization of upfront fees and the recognition of recurring administration fees, both driven by new liquidity transactions during December 2021 increasing the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is an input into the calculation of the recurring trust services revenues.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Trust services and administration revenues increased \$0.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to the same period in 2020, driven by a larger volume of new liquidity transactions during December 2021 increasing the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is an input into the calculation of the recurring trust services revenues.

CUSTOMER EXALT TRUSTS

Results of Operations — Year Ended March 31, 2023 Compared to the Year Ended March 31, 2022, Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021, and the Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2020

(in thousands)	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)			
Revenues						
Investment income (loss), net	\$ (54,010)	\$ 2,632	\$ (10,811)	\$ 2,091	\$ 15,534	\$ 132,620
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	(35,085)	(15,149)	(44,661)	—	29,512	(15,838)
Interest income	54	5,332	—	1,777	7,110	1,819
Total revenues	(89,041)	(7,185)	(55,472)	3,868	52,156	118,601
Expenses						
Interest expense	119,862	79,867	25,740	16,814	70,963	68,138
Professional services	5,033	350	—	—	350	—
Provision for credit losses	13,843	19,092	4,774	—	14,318	—
Other expenses	20,259	17,214	7,627	3,287	12,875	12,679
Total expenses	158,997	116,523	38,141	20,101	98,506	80,817
Operating income (loss)	\$ (248,038)	\$ (123,708)	\$ (93,613)	\$ (16,233)	\$ (46,350)	\$ 37,784

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income (loss), net decreased \$56.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment loss was \$54.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, which was driven by \$37.3 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, \$12.9 million of downward quoted market price adjustments, and \$2.9 million of downward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S.

dollar. Investment income was \$2.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2022, which represents an increase in the NAV of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loss on financial instruments increased \$19.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended March 31, 2023 included a \$50.1 million decrease in the fair value of our investment in GWG Holdings' equity securities partially offset by a \$4.6 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability and a \$10.5 million upward adjustment to private equity securities. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended March 31, 2022 represented a decrease in the fair value of our investment in GWG Holdings' equity securities.

Interest income for the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily represented interest income earned on the investment in debt securities, which moved to nonaccrual on December 31, 2021.

Interest expense increased \$40.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, which reflects an increase in contractual interest on the ExAlt Loans, driven by the origination of new liquidity transactions and the compounding effects of paid-in-kind interest, combined with \$7.9 million of interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable, which was recognized as a result of the loan participation transaction entered into on March 24, 2022.

Professional services increased \$4.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, which represented increases in general professional expenses such as legal, audit, consulting, and other professional fees.

Provision for credit losses decreased \$5.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by a decrease of \$6.5 million in credit losses on the investments in L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, partially offset by \$1.2 million in bad debt expense on aged receivables taken during the year ended March 31, 2023.

Other expenses increased \$3.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, due to an increase in trust administration fees and other expenses principally driven by an increase in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Investment income (loss), net decreased \$12.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment loss was \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which represented a decrease in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$2.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, which represents an increase in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loss on financial instruments increased \$44.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended March 31, 2022 represented a \$44.7 million decrease in the fair value of the public equity securities held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The decline in market price from December 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022, was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The fair value of our investments in public equity securities did not change during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2021, represented interest income earned on the investment in debt securities which were consideration received as part of the Collateral Swap on September 30, 2020. No interest was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2022 on these debt securities due to credit deterioration of the issuer, namely GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Interest expense increased \$8.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021, which reflects an increase in contractual interest on the ExAlt Loans, driven by the origination of new liquidity transactions and the compounding effects of paid-in-kind interest, combined with \$1.0 million of interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable, which was recognized as a result of the loan participation transaction entered into on March 24, 2022.

Provision for credit losses was \$4.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which represents the credit related loss on the investments in GWG L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Other expenses increased \$4.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021, due to an increase in trust administration fees and other expenses principally driven by an increase in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Investment income decreased \$117.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$15.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, which represented an increase in fair value of the alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$132.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2020, and included a \$61.7 million increase in fair value of repurchase options issued by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts partially offset by a \$17.6 million decrease in the fair value of the alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Additionally, a gain of \$88.5 million was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2020, in investment income related to the Collateral Swap on September 30, 2020.

Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net increased \$45.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Gain on financial instruments, net for the year ended December 31, 2021, represented an increase in the fair value of public equity securities. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended December 31, 2020, represents a \$15.8 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities, which was received as part of the Collateral Swap on September 30, 2020.

Interest income increased \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to 2020, due to a full year of interest income earned in 2021 on the investment in L Bonds compared to one quarter of interest income earned in 2020. The debt securities were consideration received as part of the Collateral Swap on September 30, 2020.

Interest expense increased \$2.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020, primarily driven by the origination of new liquidity transactions and the compounding of interest. This increase was partially offset by the settlement of the Promissory Note on September 30, 2020, which contributed \$4.7 million of interest expense during the year ended December 31, 2020.

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Results of Operations — Year Ended March 31, 2023 Compared to the Year Ended March 31, 2022, Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021, and the Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2020

(in thousands)	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
		(unaudited)		(unaudited)		
Revenues						
Gain (loss) on financial instrument, net	\$ (16,336)	\$ (6,845)	\$ (11,350)	\$ (2,180)	\$ 2,325	\$ (14,832)
Interest income	358	202	73	160	288	285
Other income	86	4	2	—	2	36,267
Total revenues	(15,892)	(6,639)	(11,275)	(2,020)	2,615	21,720
Expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	34,781	37,187	7,408	8,553	38,164	120,451
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	3,621	13,766	526	4,880	14,645	16,380
Professional services	28,522	13,369	4,088	3,648	12,799	14,199
Provision for credit losses	6,737	9,046	4,609	—	4,437	—
Other expenses	23,292	12,565	3,701	1,723	10,561	6,845
Total expenses	96,953	85,933	20,332	18,804	80,606	157,875
Operating loss	\$ (112,845)	\$ (92,572)	\$ (31,607)	\$ (20,824)	\$ (77,991)	\$ (136,155)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Year Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Loss on financial instruments, net increased \$9.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended March 31, 2023, includes a \$12.9 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings, in addition to a \$3.5 million decrease in the fair value of put options held. Loss on investments in securities and options for the year ended March 31, 2022, included a \$3.9 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with a \$3.0 million decrease in the fair value of put options held. The fair value of shares of GWG Holdings was calculated using quoted market prices at each period end.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$2.4 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease was driven by a \$10.9 million decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans partially offset by a \$8.5 million increase in payroll and other benefit-related costs attributable to higher employee headcount and average salaries.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$10.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease was primarily due to the settlement of the Commercial Loan Agreement in November 2021, which contributed \$11.7 million to interest expense during the year ended March 31, 2022, and was partially offset by an increase of \$1.5 million in interest expense on other borrowings.

Professional services increased \$15.2 million during the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily due to an increase in legal fees of \$11.1 million combined with increases in other professional fees due to costs associated with public relations and consulting fees for technical accounting matters.

Provision for credit losses was \$6.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to \$9.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease primarily represents fewer allowances recorded against receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings for the comparable periods.

Other expenses increased \$10.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, compared to the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily driven by the recognition of \$4.4 million more in lease and direct operating expense related to the Aircraft Sublease (as defined below) combined with a \$5.3 million increase in other insurance and taxes and a \$1.3 million increase in depreciation and amortization expenses, partially offset by a \$1.0 million TEFFI application fee incurred during the second quarter of calendar year 2021.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Loss on financial instruments increased \$9.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instrument, net for the three months ended March 31, 2022 represents a \$11.4 million decrease in the fair value of the public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings. The decline in market price from December 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022, was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. No put options were held during the three months ended March 31, 2022. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended March 31, 2021 represented a \$2.1 million decrease in the fair value of put options held. The fair value of our investments in public equity securities did not change during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021. The decrease was driven by a decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans, partially offset by an increase in payroll and other benefit-related costs.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$4.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021. The decrease in interest expense was due to the settlement of the Commercial Loan Agreement in November 2021, which contributed \$4.4 million to interest expense during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Professional services increased \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period of 2021, which was primarily driven by an increase in legal fees partially offset by decreases in consulting fees and audit fees.

Other expenses increased \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021, primarily driven by the recognition of \$1.7 million in lease and direct operating expense related to the Aircraft Sublease combined with increased depreciation and amortization expenses.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net increased \$17.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Gain on financial instrument, net for the year ended December 31, 2021, included a \$7.5 million increase in the fair value of public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings, partially offset by a \$5.2 million decrease in the fair value of put options. Loss on financial instruments, net for the year ended December 31, 2020, included a \$7.1 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with a \$7.8 million decrease in the fair value of put options. The investment in the put options was entered into during third quarter of 2020.

Other income was \$36.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, which represented income recognized as a result of the forfeiture of vested equity-based compensation related to one former director.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$82.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the same period of 2020. The decrease was driven by a \$84.7 million decrease in equity-based compensation related to the Equity Incentive Plans, partially offset by a \$2.4 million increase in payroll and other benefit related costs principally related to an increase in headcount. Equity based compensation decreased due to the full vesting of some awards upon grant during the first quarter of 2020 compared to predominately service-based vesting during 2021.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, decreased \$1.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to the November 2021 settlement of the Commercial Loan Agreement, which averaged approximately \$1.5 million in interest and amortization of deferred financing costs per month.

Professional services decreased \$1.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020, which was primarily driven by a decrease in consulting fees.

Other expenses increased \$3.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to 2020, primarily driven by the \$1.0 million TEFFI application fee incurred during the second quarter of calendar year 2021, increases in computer and software expenses, and depreciation and amortization.

Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information

Adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) are non-GAAP financial measures. We present these non-GAAP financial measures because we believe it helps investors understand underlying trends in our business and facilitates an understanding of our operating performance from period to period because it facilitates a comparison of our recurring core business operating results. These non-GAAP financial measures are intended as a supplemental measure of our performance that is neither required by, nor presented in accordance with, U.S. GAAP. Our presentation of these measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Our computation of these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures computed by other companies, because all companies may not calculate such items in the same way.

We define adjusted revenue as revenue adjusted to exclude the effect of mark-to-market adjustments on related party equity securities that were acquired both prior to and during the Collateral Swap, and excludes the effect of interest income on related party, available-for-sale debt securities, and income from the forfeiture of vested share-based compensation awards.

We define adjusted operating income (loss) as operating income (loss), adjusted to exclude the effect of the adjustments to revenue as described above, and credit losses on related party available-for-sale debt securities that were acquired in the Collateral Swap and receivables from a related party that filed for bankruptcy, share-based compensation expense, audit fee normalization, and legal, professional services, and public relations costs related to the GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, and a defunct product offering.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not a measure of performance or liquidity calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. They are unaudited and should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, revenue or operating income (loss) as an indicator of our operating performance. Uses of cash flows that are not reflected in adjusted operating income (loss) include capital expenditures, interest payments, debt principal repayments, and other expenses, which can be significant. As a result, adjusted operating income (loss) should not be considered as a measure of our liquidity.

Because of these limitations, adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for performance measures calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our U.S. GAAP results and using adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) on a supplemental basis. You should review the reconciliation of revenue to adjusted revenue and operating income (loss) to adjusted operating income (loss) set forth below and not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

The following tables set forth a reconciliation of adjusted revenue to revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) to operating income (loss), the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures, using data derived from our consolidated financial statements for the periods indicated:

(in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 50,819	\$ 29,042	\$ (89,041)	\$ (15,892)	\$ (79,831)	\$ (104,903)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	50,661	12,875	—	63,536
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted revenues	\$ 50,819	\$ 29,042	\$ (38,380)	\$ (3,017)	\$ (79,831)	\$ (41,367)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (46,512)	\$ 24,046	\$ (248,038)	\$ (112,845)	\$ 130,177	\$ (253,172)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	50,661	12,875	—	63,536
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	56,205	—	—	—	(56,205)	—
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	12,607	14	—	12,621
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	6,723	—	6,723
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	10,085	—	10,085
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	12,521	—	12,521
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	3,814	—	3,814
Audit fee normalization	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 9,693	\$ 24,046	\$ (184,770)	\$ (66,813)	\$ 73,972	\$ (143,872)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations, and employee matters.

(in thousands)

(in thousands)

	Year Ended March 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 56,827	\$ 23,878	\$ (7,185)	\$ (6,639)	\$ (80,552)	\$ (13,671)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	15,150	3,850	—	19,000
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(5,332)	—	—	(5,332)
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted revenues	\$ 56,827	\$ 23,878	\$ 2,633	\$ (2,789)	\$ (80,552)	\$ (3)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (2,211)	\$ 19,791	\$ (123,708)	\$ (92,572)	\$ 50,983	\$ (147,717)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	15,150	3,850	—	19,000
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(5,332)	—	—	(5,332)
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intersegment reversal of provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	35,635	—	—	—	(35,635)	—
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	18,500	169	—	18,669
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	592	8,877	—	9,469
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	20,975	—	20,975
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	11,694	—	11,694
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	2,504	—	2,504
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	1,001	—	1,001
Audit fee normalization ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	(173)	—	(173)
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 33,424	\$ 19,791	\$ (94,798)	\$ (43,675)	\$ 15,348	\$ (69,910)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to initial registration initiatives, GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations, and employee matters.

⁽²⁾ Represents adjustment to increase our recognized audit fees for the respective period. Actual audit fees were less than expected due to delays in the timing of our audit.

(in thousands)

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 17,911	\$ 8,416	\$ (55,472)	\$ (11,275)	\$ (26,198)	\$ (66,618)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	44,661	11,350	—	56,011
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted revenues	\$ 17,911	\$ 8,416	\$ (10,811)	\$ 75	\$ (26,198)	\$ (10,607)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 7,301	\$ (93,613)	\$ (31,607)	\$ 38,384	\$ (99,834)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	44,661	11,350	—	56,011
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	37,628	—	—	—	(37,628)	—
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	4,774	169	—	4,943
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	4,440	—	4,440
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	2,828	—	2,828
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	1,766	—	1,766
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	148	—	148
Audit fee normalization	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 17,329	\$ 7,301	\$ (44,178)	\$ (10,906)	\$ 756	\$ (29,698)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to initial registration initiatives, GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations, and employee matters.

(in thousands)

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated	
Total revenues	\$ 17,428	\$ 4,828	\$ 3,868	\$ (2,020)	\$ (21,740)	\$ 2,364	
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(1,777)	—	—	(1,777)	
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Adjusted revenues	\$ 17,428	\$ 4,828	\$ 2,091	\$ (2,020)	\$ (21,740)	\$ 587	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 6,679	\$ 3,833	\$ (16,233)	\$ (20,824)	\$ 3,308	\$ (23,237)	
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(1,777)	—	—	(1,777)	
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	2,378	—	—	—	(2,378)	—	
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	3,953	—	3,953	
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Legal and professional fees	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	5,007	—	5,007	
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	188	—	188	
Audit fee normalization ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	(58)	—	(58)	
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 9,057	\$ 3,833	\$ (18,010)	\$ (11,734)	\$ 930	\$ (15,924)	

⁽¹⁾ Represents adjustment to increase our recognized audit fees for the respective period. Actual audit fees were less than expected due to delays in the timing of our audit.

(in thousands)

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2021						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated	
Total revenues	\$ 56,439	\$ 20,288	\$ 52,156	\$ 2,615	\$ (76,187)	\$ 55,311	
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	(29,512)	(7,500)	—	(37,012)	
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(7,110)	—	—	(7,110)	
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Adjusted revenues	\$ 56,439	\$ 20,288	\$ 15,534	\$ (4,885)	\$ (76,187)	\$ 11,189	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 21,191	\$ 16,193	\$ (46,350)	\$ (77,991)	\$ 15,837	\$ (71,120)	
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	(29,512)	(7,500)	—	(37,012)	
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(7,110)	—	—	(7,110)	
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	1,048	—	—	—	(1,048)	—	
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	13,726	—	—	13,726	
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	592	4,437	—	5,029	
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	23,153	—	23,153	
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	14,644	—	14,644	
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	737	—	737	
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	1,041	—	1,041	
Audit fee normalization ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	(230)	—	(230)	
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 22,239	\$ 16,193	\$ (68,654)	\$ (41,709)	\$ 14,789	\$ (57,142)	

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to GWG Holdings regulatory matters and internal employee matters.

⁽²⁾ Represents adjustment to increase our recognized audit fees for the respective period. Actual audit fees were less than expected due to delays in the timing of our audit.

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2020					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 51,819	\$ 19,409	\$ 118,601	\$ 21,720	\$ (71,220)	\$ 140,329
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	(69,232)	7,075	—	(62,157)
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(1,777)	—	—	(1,777)
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	(36,267)	—	(36,267)
Adjusted revenues	\$ 51,819	\$ 19,409	\$ 47,592	\$ (7,472)	\$ (71,220)	\$ 40,128
Operating income (loss)	\$ 25,238	\$ 15,922	\$ 37,784	\$ (136,155)	\$ 9,798	\$ (47,413)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	(69,232)	7,075	—	(62,157)
Interest income on related party available-for-sale debt security	—	—	(1,777)	—	—	(1,777)
Share-based compensation income	—	—	—	(36,267)	—	(36,267)
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	647	—	—	—	(647)	—
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	—	—	—	—
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	107,808	—	107,808
Interest expense on Commercial Loan Agreement	—	—	—	16,378	—	16,378
Interest expense on Promissory Note	—	—	4,675	—	—	4,675
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	2,336	—	2,336
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Audit fee normalization ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	97	—	97
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 25,885	\$ 15,922	\$ (28,550)	\$ (38,728)	\$ 9,151	\$ (16,320)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to internal employee matters and technical accounting consulting services related to the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

⁽²⁾ Represents adjustment to decrease our recognized audit fees for the respective period. Actual audit fees were more than expected due to onboarding of a new auditor.

Financial Condition

Ben Liquidity's Loan Portfolio and Customer ExAlt Trusts' Investment in Alternative Assets

Our primary operations currently consist of offering our liquidity and trust administration services to our customers, primarily through certain of our operating subsidiaries, Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, respectively. Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its customers using a proprietary financing and trusts structure, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which facilitate the exchange of a customer's alternative assets for consideration using a unique financing structure, the ExAlt PlanTM. In ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, BFF, makes ExAlt Loans to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the customer, in exchange for their alternative assets. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with such ExAlt Loans to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are collateralized by the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets, or the "Collateral." The Collateral held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts supports the repayment of the loans plus any related interest and fees. In the event that an ExAlt Loan's principal balances to zero dollars (\$0), any remaining Collateral supporting such ExAlt Loan effectively cross-collateralizes other ExAlt Loans, as any such excess cash flows must be applied to pay off the outstanding balances of other ExAlt Loans pursuant to the terms of the trust agreements governing certain of the ExAlt Trusts. Ben Custody provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including BFF, which own the exchanged alternative asset following a liquidity transaction for fees payable quarterly.

As of March 31, 2023, Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio consisted of ExAlt Loans to the Customer ExAlt Trusts with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$495.9 million, including accrued interest that has been capitalized on the ExAlt Loans. Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans are structured as loans with a maturity date of 12 years that bear contractual interest at a variable rate that compounds monthly. The ExAlt Loans made prior to December 31, 2020 have a variable interest rate established off of a base rate of 14%, and ExAlt Loans made on or after December 31, 2020 have a variable interest rate established off a base rate of 10%. Ben Liquidity may make ExAlt Loans in the future with a variable interest rate established off of different base rates. Since the Customer ExAlt Trusts are consolidated, the ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements; however, such amounts directly impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's or BCH's equity holders.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments are the source of the Collateral supporting the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. These investments, either through direct ownership or through beneficial interests, consist primarily of limited partnership interests in various alternative assets, including private equity funds. These alternative investments are recorded at fair value using NAV as a practical expedient. Changes in the fair value (i.e., NAV) of these alternative investments are recorded in investment income (loss), net in our consolidated statements of operations. The Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets and investments in equity and debt securities provide the economic value creating the Collateral to the ExAlt Loans made in connection with each liquidity transaction.

The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests. The transfer of the investments in private equity funds generally requires the consent of the corresponding private equity fund manager, and the transfer of certain fund investments is subject to rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights, potentially further limiting the ExAlt PlanTM from transferring an investment in a private equity fund. Distributions from funds are received as the underlying investments are liquidated. Timing of liquidation is currently unknown. As of March 31, 2023, \$16.4 million in NAV of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' interests in alternative assets was redeemable, with no restrictions apart from the notice period.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts held interests in alternative assets with a NAV of \$385.9 million, \$524.9 million, \$551.7 million, and \$219.2 million as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, respectively. As of March 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts' portfolio had exposure to 286 professionally managed alternative investment funds, comprised of 952 underlying investments, 91 percent of which are investments in private companies. Additionally, the Customer ExAlt Trusts directly hold investments in debt and equity securities. The aggregate value of these investments was \$106.0 million, \$135.0 million, \$181.8 million, and \$166.2 million as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, respectively.

The following sections provide more detailed information for Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio and related allowance for loan losses and the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets and other equity and debt securities.

Ben Liquidity

Loans Receivable

The following table provides the carrying value of the loan portfolio by collateral type and classification (in thousands):

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets				
PCI loans	\$ 73,119	\$ 66,316	\$ 64,247	\$ 58,142
Loans excluding PCI loans	257,365	257,854	323,452	75,048
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities				
PCI loans	117,424	111,745	106,503	86,971
Loans excluding PCI loans	47,981	31,257	28,967	24,284
Total loans receivable	\$ 495,889	\$ 467,172	\$ 523,169	\$ 244,445
Allowance for loan losses	(129,129)	(48,380)	(14,259)	(5,378)
Total loans receivable, net	\$ 366,760	\$ 418,792	\$ 508,910	\$ 239,067

The following table provides certain information concerning our loan portfolio by collateral type and maturity as of March 31, 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Original Principal	Interest Accrued	Aggregate Payments	Outstanding Balance ⁽¹⁾	Allowance	Carrying Value
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets						
After 5 Years Within 10 Years	\$ 414,648	\$ 207,307	\$ 346,498	\$ 146,977	\$ 32,631	\$ 114,346
After 10 Years	189,775	29,792	36,060	183,506	—	183,506
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities						
After 5 Years Within 10 Years	172,457	130,519	16,630	157,568	96,498	61,070
After 10 Years	7,006	832	—	7,838	—	7,838
Total	\$ 783,886	\$ 368,450	\$ 399,188	\$ 495,889	\$ 129,129	\$ 366,760

⁽¹⁾ This balance includes \$257.3 million in unamortized discounts as of March 31, 2023.

Loan to Value Ratio

The loan to value ratio is calculated as the carrying value of loans receivable after any allowance for loan losses over the Collateral Value of the loan portfolio. The value of the Collateral (the “Collateral Value”) is defined as the mutual beneficial interest of the respective Customer ExAlt Trust, which we refer to as the “Collective Trust” that is owned by the Customer ExAlt Trust, which we refer to as the “Funding Trust,” that borrows from Ben Liquidity’s subsidiary, BFF. The Collateral Value is derived from the expected cash flows from the various alternative assets held by other trusts included within the Customer ExAlt Trust structure. The Collateral is valued using industry standard valuation models which includes assumptions related to (i) equity market risk premiums, (ii) alternative asset beta to public equities, (iii) NAVs, (iv) volatilities, (v) distribution rates, and (vi) market discount rates. The fair value of the mutual beneficial interests collateralizing the loan portfolio as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, was \$393.4 million, \$483.8 million, \$619.8 million, and \$342.7 million, respectively.

The loan to value ratio for the entire loan portfolio was 0.93, 0.87, 0.82, and 0.70 as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is an input to the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's or BCH's equity holders. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. Management's determination of the allowance is based upon an evaluation of the loan portfolio, impaired loans, economic conditions, volume, growth and composition of the collateral to the loan portfolio, and other risks inherent in the portfolio. Currently, management individually reviews all ExAlt Loans due to the low volume and non-homogenous nature of the current portfolio. Management relies heavily on statistical analysis, current NAV or fair value of the investments, and distribution performance of the underlying alternative asset and industry trends related to alternative asset investments to estimate losses. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance by reviewing relevant internal and external factors that affect credit quality. The cash flows generated from the alternative asset interests or other types of investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts supporting the collateral are the sole source of repayment of the ExAlt Loans and related interest. Ben recognizes any charge-off in the period in which it is confirmed. Therefore, impaired ExAlt Loans are written down to their estimated net present value.

The following table provides the allowance for loan losses by collateral type and by classification (in thousands):

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets				
PCI loans	\$ 16,173	\$ 6,973	\$ 10,404	\$ 3,785
Loans excluding PCI loans	16,459	2,302	2,335	902
Loans collateralized by interest in debt and equity securities				
PCI loans	72,787	32,538	1,277	489
Loans excluding PCI loans	23,710	6,567	243	202
Total allowance for loan losses	<u>\$ 129,129</u>	<u>\$ 48,380</u>	<u>\$ 14,259</u>	<u>\$ 5,378</u>

The following tables provide a rollforward of the allowance for loan losses by collateral type (in thousands):

	Year Ended March 31, 2023		Year Ended March 31, 2022	
	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities
			<i>(unaudited)</i>	
Beginning balance	\$ 9,275	\$ 39,105	\$ 7,432	\$ 3,104
Provision for loan losses	23,357	57,392	1,843	36,001
Ending balance	<u>\$ 32,632</u>	<u>\$ 96,497</u>	<u>\$ 9,275</u>	<u>\$ 39,105</u>

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022		Three Months Ended March 31, 2021	
	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities
			<i>(unaudited)</i>	
Beginning balance	\$ 12,739	\$ 1,520	\$ 4,687	\$ 691
Provision for (reversal of) loan losses	(3,464)	37,585	2,745	2,413
Ending balance	<u>\$ 9,275</u>	<u>\$ 39,105</u>	<u>\$ 7,432</u>	<u>\$ 3,104</u>

	Year Ended December 31, 2021		Year Ended December 31, 2020	
	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities
Beginning balance	\$ 4,687	\$ 691	\$ —	\$ —
Provision for loan losses	8,052	829	4,687	691
Ending balance	<u>\$ 12,739</u>	<u>\$ 1,520</u>	<u>\$ 4,687</u>	<u>\$ 691</u>

Credit Quality

The following tables presents certain credit quality metrics (in thousands):

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Loans collateralized by alternative assets				
Period-end loans	\$ 330,484	\$ 324,170	\$ 387,699	\$ 133,190
Nonperforming loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 37,237	\$ 10,573	\$ 10,672	\$ 6,317
Allowance for loan losses ⁽¹⁾	\$ 32,632	\$ 9,275	\$ 12,739	\$ 4,687
Allowance/loans	9.87 %	2.86 %	3.29 %	3.52 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	11.27 %	3.26 %	2.75 %	4.74 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans	0.88x	0.88x	1.19x	0.74x
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities				
Period-end loans	\$ 165,405	\$ 143,002	\$ 135,470	\$ 111,255
Nonperforming loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 146,379	\$ 13,860	\$ 13,761	\$ —
Allowance for loan losses ⁽²⁾	\$ 96,497	\$ 39,105	\$ 1,520	\$ 691
Allowance/loans	58.34 %	27.35 %	1.12 %	0.62 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	88.50 %	9.69 %	10.16 %	— %
Allowance to nonperforming loans	0.66x	2.82x	0.11x	0.00x
Consolidated				
Period-end loans	\$ 495,889	\$ 467,172	\$ 523,169	\$ 244,445
Nonperforming loans ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 183,616	\$ 24,433	\$ 24,433	\$ 6,317
Allowance for loan losses ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 129,129	\$ 48,380	\$ 14,259	\$ 5,378
Allowance/loans	26.04 %	10.36 %	2.73 %	2.20 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	37.03 %	5.23 %	4.67 %	2.58 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans	0.70x	1.98x	0.58x	0.85x

⁽¹⁾ The increase from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023 was primarily driven by the deterioration in values of the underlying funds whose cash flows collateralize an ExAlt Loan.

⁽²⁾ The increase from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023 was primarily driven by the deterioration in value of the GWG Holdings' common stock and L Bonds, which collateralize certain of the ExAlt Loans.

Customer ExAlt Trusts — Alternative Asset Portfolio

The portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts covers the following industry sectors and geographic regions for the periods shown below (dollar amounts in thousands):

Industry Sector	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022		December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
Software and Services	\$ 54,944	14.2 %	\$ 91,507	17.4 %	\$ 112,601	20.4 %	\$ 21,623	9.9 %
Diversified Financials	52,544	13.6	88,418	16.8	92,683	16.8	28,462	13.0
Food and Staples Retailing	38,210	9.9	33,817	6.4	27,653	5.0	24,450	11.2
Utilities	28,043	7.3	29,865	5.7	22,636	4.1	20,742	9.5
Capital Goods	27,707	7.2	32,049	6.1	32,160	5.8	10,152	4.6
Energy	26,721	6.9	29,238	5.6	30,338	5.5	1,658	0.8
Health Care Equipment and Services	23,626	6.1	28,361	5.4	29,600	5.4	14,682	6.7
Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment	17,935	4.6	22,589	4.3	31,221	5.7	21,271	9.7
Not Applicable (e.g., Escrow, Earnouts)	11,667	3.0	14,641	2.8	4,394	0.8	18,138	8.3
Telecommunication Services	5,634	1.5	28,910	5.5	30,695	5.6	27,401	12.5
Other ⁽¹⁾	98,820	25.7	125,532	24.0	137,741	24.9	30,626	13.8
Total	\$ 385,851	100.0 %	\$ 524,927	100.0 %	\$ 551,722	100.0 %	\$ 219,205	100.0 %

(1) Industries in this category each comprise less than 5 percent. Telecommunication Services, Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment, and Not Applicable (e.g., Escrow, Earnouts) are shown separately as they each comprised greater than 5 percent in prior periods.

Geography	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022		December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
North America	\$ 239,951	62.2 %	\$ 326,039	62.1 %	\$ 349,855	63.4 %	\$ 92,879	42.4 %
Asia	62,016	16.1	88,183	16.8	104,100	18.9	43,728	19.9
Europe	38,874	10.1	66,790	12.7	59,408	10.8	57,343	26.2
South America	41,423	10.7	39,406	7.5	32,607	5.9	25,255	11.5
Africa	3,587	0.9	4,509	0.9	5,752	1.0	—	—
Total	\$ 385,851	100.0 %	\$ 524,927	100.0 %	\$ 551,722	100.0 %	\$ 219,205	100.0 %

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Assets in the portfolio consist primarily of interests in alternative investment vehicles (also referred to as “funds”) that are managed by a group of U.S. and non-U.S. based alternative asset management firms that invest in a variety of financial markets and utilize a variety of investment strategies. The vintages of the funds in the portfolio as of March 31, 2023 ranged from 1993 to 2022.

As Ben Liquidity originates additional ExAlt Loans, it monitors the diversity of the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts through the use of concentration guidelines. These guidelines were established, and are periodically updated, through a data driven approach based on asset type, fund manager, vintage of fund, industry segment and geography to manage portfolio risk. Ben Liquidity refers to these guidelines when making decisions about new financing opportunities; however, these guidelines do not restrict Ben Liquidity from entering into financing opportunities that would result in Ben Liquidity having exposure outside of its concentration guidelines. In addition, changes to the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts may lag changes to the concentration guidelines. As such, the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts may, at any given time, have exposures that are outside of Ben Liquidity’s concentration guidelines to reflect, among other things, attractive financing opportunities, limited availability of assets, or other business reasons. Given our operating history of relatively few transactions at significant NAV, the portfolio as of March 31, 2023 had exposure to certain alternative investment vehicles and investments in private companies that were outside of those guidelines.

Classifications by industry sector, exposure type and geography reflect classification of investments held in funds or companies held directly in the portfolio. Investments reflect the assets listed by the general partner of a fund as held by the fund and have a positive or negative NAV. Typical assets include portfolio companies, limited partnership interests in other funds, and net other assets, which are a fund's cash and other current assets minus liabilities. The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests, and the limited partnership agreements governing those interests generally include restrictions on disclosure of fund-level information, including fund names and company names in the funds.

Industry sector is based on Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) Level 2 classification (also known as "Industry Group") of companies held in the portfolio by funds or directly, subject to certain adjustments by us. "Other" classification is not a GICS® classification. "Other" classification reflects companies in the GICS® classification categories of Consumer Durables & Apparel, Materials, Commercial & Professional Services, Food, Beverage & Tobacco, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Banks, Household & Personal Products, Retailing, Real Estate and Technology Hardware & Equipment. "N/A" includes investments assets that we have determined do not have an applicable GICS® Level 2 classification, such as Net Other Assets and investments that are not operating companies.

Geography reflects classifications determined by us based on each underlying investment.

Cash Flow

The following table presents a summary of cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for periods presented below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)			
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (95,118)	\$ (50,614)	\$ (11,332)	\$ (17,721)	\$ (57,003)	\$ (54,010)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	63,017	51,777	11,490	4,304	44,591	(5,980)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(34,459)	57,193	55,626	13,288	14,855	43,858
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$ (66,560)	\$ 58,356	\$ 55,784	\$ (129)	\$ 2,443	\$ (16,132)

Years Ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022

Net cash used in operating activities was \$95.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$63.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, primarily driven by \$72.6 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets combined with proceeds from sale of public equity securities slightly offset by purchases of put options and premises and equipment. Net cash used in financing activities was \$34.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, largely driven by debt payments, redemptions of preferred equity securities, payments of deferred equity costs, and payments of employee taxes on restricted equity units issued under the Equity Incentive Plans.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$50.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2022, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$51.8 million for the year ended March 31, 2022, primarily driven by \$55.2 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets combined with proceeds from sale of put options slightly offset by purchases of premises and equipment and purchases of debt securities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$57.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2022, largely driven by proceeds from the loan participation transaction combined with proceeds from debt due to related parties, partially offset by the redemption of BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts, principal debt payments, and payments of deferred financing costs.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

Net cash used in operating activities was \$11.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$11.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, primarily driven by \$13.3

million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets partially offset by purchases of premises and equipment and purchases of debt securities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$55.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, largely driven by proceeds from the loan participation transaction, offset by principal debt payments and the payment of deferred financing costs for debt.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$17.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$4.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, primarily driven by \$9.5 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets partially offset by purchases of investments in alternative assets and purchases of premises and equipment. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$13.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021, largely driven by the issuance of preferred equity partially offset by payments of employee taxes on restricted equity units issued under the Equity Incentive Plans.

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Net cash used in operating activities was \$57.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$44.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily driven by \$51.4 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets, partially offset by the purchases of premises and equipment and investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$14.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, largely driven by proceeds from debt due to related parties, partially offset by the payment of deferred financing costs and tax distributions to noncontrolling interests.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$54.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, largely driven by professional services associated with our growth objectives. Net cash used by investing activities was \$6.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, primarily driven by the purchase of put options partially offset by \$20.4 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$43.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, largely driven by the issuance of preferred equity partially offset by principal payments on debt due to related parties.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, we had \$8.7 million, \$70.6 million, \$13.7 million, and \$12.5 million, respectively, in combined available unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

Our business is capital intensive, and we generated net losses for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, of \$252.1 million, \$100.9 million, \$105.1 million and \$50.9 million, respectively.

We have historically financed our business through a combination of cash distributions from the Customer ExAlt Trusts' alternative asset portfolio, receipt of fees for performing trust services, dividends and interest on investments, debt offerings, and equity offerings, including those between us and our former parent company, GWG Holdings. We have traditionally used proceeds from these sources for cash obligations arising from our initial capitalization and formative transactions, funding liquidity transactions and potential unfunded capital commitments, working capital, debt service payments, and costs associated with potential future products. BFF is also required to maintain sufficient regulatory capital due to its Kansas charter, though such amount is not significant.

The ability of Ben, BCH, and our operating subsidiaries to access the cash distributions from the Customer ExAlt Trusts' alternative asset portfolio is limited by the terms of the ExAlt Loans from Ben Liquidity to the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Historically, Ben Liquidity has elected to capitalize interest that accrues on the ExAlt Loans and only receives payments on the ExAlt Loans, at the discretion of the applicable trustee, following the Customer ExAlt Trusts' receipt of cash distributions on their alternative asset portfolio. The trustee of the Customer ExAlt Trusts intends to make principal payments on the ExAlt Loans out of the proceeds of the distributions from the alternative assets. To the extent the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not receive distributions, such as if the managers of the professionally managed funds comprising the alternative assets determine to delay distributions or transactions that would result in the distributions to its limited partners, the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans, and therefore, Ben Liquidity's ability to receive principal and interest payments in cash may be adversely impacted. During the year ended March 31, 2023, largely as a result of macro-economic conditions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts received fewer distributions from their alternative assets than was originally anticipated, which adversely impacted the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans and our liquidity. Such conditions have continued into the first quarter of fiscal 2024 and are expected to continue throughout the remainder of fiscal year 2024.

We expect to satisfy our obligations and fund our operations for the next twelve months through anticipated operating cash flows, proceeds on ExAlt Loan payments and fee income derived from distributions on investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts or other investments held by Ben, potentially refinancing some or all of the existing borrowings due prior to their maturity, with either our current lender or other lenders, and through the implementation of measures designed to reduce corporate overhead, including through the use of furloughs, potential workforce reductions and other expense reductions. We also intend to raise capital through equity or debt investments in us by third parties. As further discussed above in the section titled, “Recent Developments,” on June 27, 2023, we entered into the SEPA with Yorkville, whereby we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of shares of the Company’s common stock.

We may not be able to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing on terms favorable to the Company, or at all. To the extent that Ben or its subsidiaries raise additional capital through the future sale of equity or debt, the ownership interest of our existing equity holders may be diluted. The terms of these future equity or debt securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of our existing equity unitholders or involve negative covenants that restrict Ben’s ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt or making additional investments in growing the operations of the Company. If Ben defaults on these borrowings, then the Company will be required to either (i) sell participation or other interests in our loans or other of our assets or (ii) to raise additional capital through the sale of equity and the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted.

We expect to utilize our cash flows to continue to invest in our business, including new product initiatives and growth strategies, including any potential acquisitions, and, if determined by our Board, pay dividends to our equity holders, including guaranteed payments on certain of BCH’s preferred equity securities, and fund tax distributions for certain noncontrolling interest holders. Our ability to fund these capital needs will depend on our ongoing ability to generate cash from operations and potentially via the capital markets. We believe that our future cash from operations, access to financing through the SEPA, and together with our access to funds on hand, will provide adequate resources to fund our operating and financing needs for at least the next twelve months. We are continuing to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and our business. The Company’s future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers.

Capital expenditures have historically not been material and we do not anticipate making material capital expenditures through the remainder of fiscal year 2023.

Equity Issuances

Unit Purchase Agreement

On July 15, 2020, the Company entered into a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement (“UPA”) with GWG Holdings.

Pursuant to the UPA, and provided it has adequate liquidity, GWG Holdings agreed to make capital contributions from time to time to BCH in exchange for BCH’s issuance of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts during a purchasing period commencing on the date of the UPA and continuing until the earlier of (i) the occurrence of a Change of Control Event (as defined in the UPA) and (ii) the mutual agreement of the parties (the “Purchasing Period”). Following the Amendments, BCG ceased to be a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings. As a result, the Purchasing Period under the UPA terminated.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, BCH issued \$14.8 million and \$130.2 million, respectively of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts to GWG Holdings related to this agreement for cash consideration of equal value. No additional issuances of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts are expected to occur under the UPA.

Option Agreement Conversion

Effective August 11, 2020, as a result of the Exchange Agreement entered into by the parties on December 31, 2019, and the mutual agreement of the parties, the Option Agreement between Ben and GWG Holdings was exercised under the provisions of the Option Agreement. As such, GWG Holdings received \$57.5 million of BCG Common Units at a price per unit equal to \$12.50.

Promissory Note Repayment

On September 30, 2020, GWG Holdings, GWG Life, and the LiquidTrust Borrowers agreed to the repayment of the Promissory Note, and any related accrued interest for Ben’s issuance of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$75.0 million to the LiquidTrust Borrowers. The Company determined the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts was \$71.2 million as of September 30, 2020. The carrying value of the Promissory Note on September 30, 2020, with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, was \$65.1 million. The difference between the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and the carrying value of the settled debt was settled between equity holders. Additionally, as a

result of the change in ownership while Ben retained a controlling interest in BCH, a rebalancing of the noncontrolling interests was performed in accordance with ASC 810-10, which resulted in a \$3.2 million net increase to noncontrolling interest.

Conversion of BCH Preferred Series C-1

On November 23, 2021, GWG Holdings converted \$14.8 million of its BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts into an equal amount of BCH Preferred Series C Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts”). The Company and GWG Holdings entered into a Unit Account Redemption Agreement, effective December 1, 2021, whereby the Company redeemed GWG Holdings’ entire \$14.8 million BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts for an equal amount of cash. In exchange for such payment, GWG Holdings agreed to pay BCH an early redemption fee in the amount of \$1.0 million.

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Decoupling Transactions

As discussed above, on November 29, 2021, the Amendments to the organizational documents of BCG, BCH, and Ben Management became effective. The Amendments primarily reflect the creation of the following securities, (i) BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts (with a corresponding security to be issued by BCH to BCG), which Ben issued in connection with its 2021 and 2022 product offerings, and (ii) BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts.

The Amendments to the BCH limited partnership agreement reflect, among other things, (1) eliminating the mandatory redemption rights of the holders of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts should a public listing occur prior to December 31, 2030, (2) modifying the terms of the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts to provide for a quarterly guaranteed payment and certain conversion and redemption rights, and (3) GWG Holdings converting its capital account balance of \$319.0 million in BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts to BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts, which were a preferential class of equity in Ben with enhanced conversion rights, that automatically converted to common stock in Beneficient in connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock. The conversion of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts to BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts resulted in the issuance of \$319.0 million of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts.

As part of the amendments to the BCH limited partnership agreement taking effect, 20% of the current outstanding capital accounts of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts, with the exception of the capital accounts held by GWG Holdings, were automatically converted into BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts. This resulted in the issuance of \$251.7 million of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts.

In addition, on November 26, 2021, GWG Holdings and BCG executed a payoff letter for the Commercial Loan Agreement pursuant to which BCG repaid the entire outstanding principal balance of the Commercial Loan Agreement of \$202.3 million, plus accrued interest of \$5.8 million, by issuing to GWG Life 19,250,795 BCG Common Units.

Liquidity Transactions

On December 7, 2021, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired alternative assets with an aggregate NAV of approximately \$352 million in exchange for BCG’s issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts with an initial capital account balance of approximately \$352 million. To facilitate such transaction, Ben Liquidity made a loan to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in an aggregate principal amount of \$246 million. In addition, Ben granted to certain of the purchasers of such securities certain registration rights and, if the initial registration statement under such registration rights has not been declared effective by June 30, 2023, the right to put any then outstanding BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts to Ben for an amount equal to the corresponding capital account balance as of the date of exercise of such put right, subject to certain limitations. All of such BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock, and as a result, the put right is no longer effective. Additionally, all BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts automatically converted to Class A common stock upon such public listing.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired alternative assets with an aggregate NAV of approximately \$12.0 million in exchange for BCG’s issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts with an initial capital account balance of \$12.0 million. To facilitate such transaction, Ben Liquidity made a loan to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in an aggregate principal amount of \$8.4 million.

The BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts automatically converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock.

Issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts

On September 1, 2022, the Company satisfied the contingent consideration liability (see “—*Contingent Consideration Payable*” section below) in full by issuing \$20.1 million of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts, which converted to Class A common stock in connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock.

Amended Credit Agreements

On May 15, 2020, Ben, through its subsidiary, executed a term sheet with HCLP Nominees, L.L.C (“HCLP” or the “lender”), to amend its First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement dated September 1, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively. The resulting Second Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the “Second A&R Agreements”) were executed on August 13, 2020. Prior to the execution of the Second A&R Agreements, other amendments extended the June 30, 2020 maturity dates of both loans to August 13, 2020, while Ben and the lender finalized the Second A&R Agreements. The Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is referred to herein as the “First Lien Credit Agreement” and the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement is referred to herein as the “Second Lien Credit Agreement.” Additional agreements were entered into on June 10, 2020, and on June 19, 2020, consistent with the term sheet, whereby Ben agreed to repay \$25.0 million of the then outstanding principal balance due under the First Lien Credit Agreement and pay an extension fee of 2.5% of the outstanding aggregate principal balance of both loans, calculated after the \$25.0 million repayment, on July 15, 2020. A total of \$28.6 million was paid on July 15, 2020, which included the \$25.0 million principal payment, related accrued interest thereon, and the extension fee described above.

As part of Ben’s formative transactions in 2017, the First Lien Credit Agreement proceeds were loaned by HCLP to a subsidiary of Ben. Ben’s subsidiary then loaned the amount on to the Customer Trusts so that the Customer Trusts could acquire investments in alternative assets purchased from the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts. The balance of this related party debt at the time of Ben’s September 1, 2017 commencement of Ben’s commercial operations reduced the balance of the preferred equity held by Ben’s founders.

The Second A&R Agreements extended the maturity date of both loans to April 10, 2021, and increased the interest rate on each loan to 1-month LIBOR plus 8.0%, with a maximum interest rate of 9.5%. Prior to the amendments described below, the loans were payable in three installments of \$25.0 million on each of September 10, 2020, December 10, 2020, and March 10, 2021, with the remaining balance payable on April 10, 2021. On March 10, 2021, and again on June 28, 2021, Ben executed an amendment to, among other items, extend the maturity date to May 30, 2022, as more fully described below.

On March 10, 2021, Ben executed Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender. The amendments extend the maturity date of both loans to May 30, 2022. Prior to the amendments described below, the loans were payable in three installments of \$5.0 million on each of September 10, 2021, December 10, 2021, and March 10, 2022, with the remaining balance payable on May 30, 2022. The amendments also provide for the payment of an extension fee equal to 1.5% of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements, which was added to the outstanding amount under the credit agreements as provided for in the amendments.

On June 28, 2021, Ben executed Amendment No. 2 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 2 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender. The amendments removed certain terms related to obligations owed by GWG and certain of its subsidiaries. Further, Ben executed the Amendment No. 3 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 3 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender, effective as of July 15, 2021, pursuant to which the parties agreed to change the first installment payment date from September 10, 2021 to December 10, 2021. Both the first and second installment payments were to be paid on December 10, 2021.

On December 1, 2021, Ben executed a binding term sheet with HCLP to amend the Second A&R Agreements. Pursuant to the term sheet, HCLP agreed to return up to \$20 million of principal and interest payments (the “*Returned Amount*”) previously made by BCG to HCLP pursuant to the Second A&R Agreements and the parties agreed to combine the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, as amended, into one senior credit agreement. The Returned Amount would be applied to, and increase the outstanding principal balance of, the First Lien Credit Agreement. HCLP paid \$17.95 million in cash to BCG on December 1, 2021, and the remainder of the Returned Amount is available for return to BCG at its discretion. BCH used a portion of such payment to redeem GWG’s entire Preferred C.0 Unit Accounts as described in “—*Unit Purchase Agreement with GWG*.” BCG agreed to pay HCLP an amendment fee of \$1 million as well as HCLP’s legal fees incurred in connection with the amendment.

On March 24, 2022 (the “Consent Effective Date”), HCLP, BCH and BCG entered into a consent with respect to the Second A&R Agreements, pursuant to which (i) HCLP consented to BFF’s entrance into that certain Participation Interest Purchase

Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022, pursuant to which a third-party purchased from BFF for an aggregate purchase price of \$72.5 million a 100% participation interest in a \$72.5 million loan made by BFF to The EP-00117 Funding Trust, a common law trust formed under Texas law; (ii) HCLP's security interests in the collateral that supported the repayment of the loan participation was terminated and released; and (iii) the collateral that supported the repayment of the loan participation ceased to count as collateral for purposes of the Second A&R Agreements.

In addition, on the Consent Effective Date, HCLP, BCH and BCG entered into those certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 4 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, "Amendments No. 4") with its lender, pursuant to which HCLP consented to the transfer of certain loans to wholly owned subsidiaries of BCH and consented to all accrued interest and unpaid interest for the period beginning as of July 15, 2021 (the "Interest Consent Date") through the Consent Effective Date being paid on the Consent Effective Date. HCLP, BCH and BCG also agreed, pursuant to the Amendments No. 4, to make the following amendments to the Second A&R Agreements: (i) defer the payment of all accrued and unpaid interest from the Interest Consent Date to the Consent Effective Date; (ii) amend the interest rate specifically for the period beginning on the Interest Consent Date and ending on the Consent Effective Date to be 10.5% per annum; (iii) extend the final maturity date of the loan from May 30, 2022 to August 31, 2023; (iv) change the principal payments of the Second A&R Agreements to consist of \$5 million payments on each of May 10, 2022, December 10, 2022 and April 10, 2023, with the outstanding balance to be due on August 31, 2023, so long as each such payment does not cause BCG to incur a going concern qualification; and (v) amending the occurrence of an event of default to require notice (written or oral) from HCLP on almost all potential defaults listed under the Second A&R Agreements. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately 6.5% of the outstanding principal before giving effect to the amendments.

In connection with the term sheet executed on December 1, 2021 and Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben recorded a \$19.5 million loss on extinguishment of debt during the year ended December 31, 2021, which is reflected in the loss on extinguishment of debt line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Through March 31, 2022, all required principal and interest payments due under the Second A&R Agreements have been paid.

On February 15, 2023, Ben executed those certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with HCLP, pursuant to which, as required by Amendments No. 4, certain Ben subsidiaries became subsidiary guarantors and entered into those certain Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (First Lien) and Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (Second Lien), that certain first lien Guaranty and that certain second lien Guaranty.

In connection with the Second A&R Agreements, BHI, a Related Entity (as defined below) that owns a majority of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts, and BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, will grant certain tax-related concessions to HCLP as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In exchange for the tax-related concessions, 5% of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts held by BHI, which will be held by HCLP, may convert to BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts. In addition, recipients of a grant of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts from BHI will have the right to put an amount of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts to Ben equal to any associated tax liability stemming from any such grant; provided that the aggregated associated tax liability shall not relate to more than \$30.0 million of grants of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts from BHI; and provided further, that such put right could not be exercised prior to July 1, 2021. A liability of \$3.8 million was recorded for the put right as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 related to the grants of BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts to a director in 2022. No such liability existed as of March 31, 2023 as the liability was settled for cash during June 2022.

The Second A&R Agreements and ancillary documents contain covenants that (i) prevent Ben from issuing any securities senior to the BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts or BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts; (ii) prevent Ben from incurring additional debt or borrowings greater than \$10.0 million, other than trade payable, while the loans are outstanding; and (iii) prevent, without the written consent of the lender, GWG from selling, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts held as of May 15, 2020, other than to its subsidiary GWG DLP Funding V, LLC. As of March 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

In connection with the amendments to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben agreed to pay extension fees on a percentage of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements as of the date of the respective amendment. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022 and years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, Ben paid nil, \$8.6 million, \$1.1 million, and \$3.2 million, respectively, in deferred financing costs to HCLP, a Related Entity. The parties to the Second A&R Agreements no longer plan to combine the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, as amended, into one senior credit agreement.

Ben may be required to pay an additional extension fee to extend the maturity date of the Second A&R Agreements beyond August 31, 2023.

Inflation

Changes in inflation do not necessarily correlate with changes in interest rates. We presently do not foresee any material impact of inflation on our results of operations in the periods presented in our consolidated financial statements.

Unfunded Capital Commitments

The Customer ExAlt Trusts had \$61.1 million, \$69.1 million, \$71.4 million, and \$35.6 million of potential gross capital commitments as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, respectively, representing potential limited partner capital funding commitments on the interests in alternative asset funds. The trust holding the interest in the limited partnership for the alternative asset fund is required to fund these limited partner capital commitments per the terms of the limited partnership agreement. Capital funding commitment reserves are maintained by the associated trusts within the ExAlt PlanTM created at the origination of each trust for up to \$0.1 million. To the extent that the associated Customer ExAlt Trust cannot pay the capital funding commitment, Ben is obligated to lend sufficient funds to meet the commitment. Any amounts advanced by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts for these limited partner capital funding commitments above the associated capital funding commitment reserves held by the associated Customer ExAlt Trusts are added to the ExAlt Loan balance between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts and are expected to be recouped through the cash distributions from the alternative asset fund that collateralizes such ExAlt Loan.

Capital commitments generally originate from limited partner agreements having fixed or expiring expiration dates. The total limited partner capital funding commitment amounts may not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The majority, or 88%, of our portfolio with an unfunded commitment has a vintage of 2012 and prior. As the vintages continue to age, a cash requirement becomes less likely. We consider the creditworthiness of the investment on a case-by-case basis. As of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, there were no reserves for losses on unused commitments to fund potential limited partner capital funding commitments.

Unfunded Commitments

The Company had \$1.1 million of unfunded commitments on liquidity solution transactions as of December 31, 2020 related to liquidity transactions in process as of that date. There were no reserves for unfunded commitments as of December 31, 2020, and all amounts in process were fully funded in the first quarter of 2021.

Contingent Consideration Payable

In connection with the \$352.6 million acquisition of alternative assets by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on December 7, 2021, the Company had a contingent obligation to issue additional BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts based on the updated NAV of such acquired alternative assets as of December 31, 2021 as determined by the underlying fund general partners and/or investment managers. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company recorded a \$20.2 million liability, which is the value of the additional BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts that would be issued based on the updated NAV, using information that existed as of the date of the statement of financial condition but made available to the Company after the aforementioned periods and prior to the issuance of these consolidated financial statements. The obligation was satisfied in full on September 1, 2022.

Dependence on Related Party Transactions

In the ordinary course of business, we depend on certain transactions with related parties. For example, as discussed above, Ben, through its subsidiaries, is a party to the Second A&R Agreements with HCLP. HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, L.P. Ben's CEO is a beneficiary and trust investment advisor of the trusts that control, and are the partners of, Highland Consolidated, L.P. As of March 31, 2023, we had approximately \$97.2 million (including an unamortized premium thereon) of debt outstanding derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP.

Furthermore, Ben and BCH are parties to a Services Agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C. ("Bradley Capital") and Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. effective June 1, 2017 and effective as of January 1, 2022, the parties entered into the First Amended and Restated Services Agreement. Bradley Capital is an entity associated with Ben's CEO. During the year ended March 31, 2023, three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, Ben recognized expenses totaling \$2.6 million, \$0.6 million, \$4.1 million, and \$3.8 million related to this services agreement, respectively. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, \$3.6 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, was owed to Bradley Capital related to the Services Agreement.

Additionally, prior to 2022, we historically relied on investments from GWG Holdings, Ben’s former parent company. As of March 31, 2023, GWG Holdings and its subsidiaries held approximately 98% of the Common Units of BCG, a \$319 million capital account balance of Preferred B-2 Units of BCG and BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$205.2 million. In connection with the closing of the Transaction and the public listing of the Class A common stock, such BCG Common Units and BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts converted into an aggregate of 125,710,725 shares of Class A common stock or approximately 66% of the outstanding Class A common stock as of June 8, 2023. On July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share.

For more information on our transactions with related parties, see the footnote titled “—*Related Parties*” in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. GAAP requires us to make significant judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We base our judgments, estimates, and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates. We evaluate our judgments, estimates, and assumptions on a regular basis and make changes accordingly.

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to change, in the near term, relate to the fair value determination of investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the fair value determination of equity in connection with modifications to the equity securities of BCG and BCH, the determination of the allowance for loan losses as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to BCG’s and BCH’s equity holders, evaluation of potential impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and determining grant date fair value for share-based compensation awards. A description of the estimates that involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and that we believe have had or are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial condition and results of operations of our Company is set forth below.

Valuation of Investments in Alternative Assets

Investments in alternative assets represent the ownership interests in alternative assets and, along with other investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, constitute the source of Collateral for the ExAlt Loans. These investments are predominately private equity funds and are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, either through direct ownership or a beneficial interest. We have elected to use NAV as a practical expedient to measure the fair value of these investments, as permitted by ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. These investments are valued based on the most recent available information, which typically has a delay due to the timing of financial information received from the individual investments. Accordingly, in determining the value of the investment, we may consider whether adjustments to the NAV are necessary in certain circumstances in which management is aware of material events that affect the value of the investments during the intervening period.

Due to the nature of our strategy, our portfolio includes illiquid investments that are privately held. Valuations of privately held investments are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates. The determination of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these investments existed. Our NAV could be materially affected if the determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially higher or lower than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such investments.

Valuation of Equity

In connection with the limited partnership agreements of BCG and BCH and related modifications to equity securities issued as described in Note 13 to the audited consolidated financial statements, certain of the Company’s equity securities, including noncontrolling interests, were measured at fair value as of December 1, 2021. To determine the fair value of the equity securities, the Company used a linear interpolation method between two valuation dates, which were each valued using third-party market transactions involving the Company’s equity securities. The total enterprise value was then allocated to the various classes of equity based on the various attributes of each class of equity security.

The following table provides information regarding the significant unobservable inputs utilized in determining the fair value of the non-recurring measurement as of December 1, 2021:

(Dollars in thousands)

Equity Class	Fair Value at December 1, 2021	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Target
BCH Preferred Series A-0 Unit Accounts	\$ 249,907	Interpolation	Discount rate	28.26%
			Preferred rate of return	6.00%
BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts	\$ 961,801	Interpolation	Discount rate	29.26%
			Preferred rate of return	5.78%
			Growth rate	4.00%
BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts	\$ 358,515	Interpolation	Discount rate	29.30%
			Preferred rate of return	5.09%
			Growth rate	4.00%

As a result of the modifications, each of the above listed equity securities were recorded at their respective fair values, which resulted in a net deemed dividend of \$32.0 million from extinguishment for accounting purposes of redeemable noncontrolling interests and preferred equity during the year ended December 31, 2021 as a result of modifications to the terms of these equity securities. There were no other valuations of equity performed during any of the periods presented herein.

Income Allocation

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, investment income and cash flows of Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts that hold the collateral for the ExAlt Loans, on a gross basis, and a portion of the economic interests of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, held by the residual beneficiaries, are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Interest income earned by Ben Liquidity and certain fees earned by Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes in consolidation. However, because the eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, noncontrolling interests, equity holders of BCG's or BCH's attributable share of the net income from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is increased by the amounts eliminated. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of interest income and certain fee revenue has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to Ben, BCH or to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

For purposes of income allocation to equity holders of Ben or BCH, interest income is generally comprised of contractual interest, interest recognized on certain of the ExAlt Loans through the effective yield method, and an amortized discount that is recognized ratably over the life of the ExAlt Loan. Contractual interest income is a computed variable rate that compounds monthly. Upfront fees are deferred upon receipt and are recognized ratably over the period of benefit, which is generally consistent with estimated expected life of LiquidTrusts (typically seven to ten years). Fees are recognized monthly based upon the NAV at the beginning of the quarter (in advance) plus any remaining unfunded capital commitments and the applicable fee rate of the account as outlined in the agreement.

As a result of the change-of-control event on December 31, 2019 for which Ben elected pushdown accounting and the resulting valuation performed under ASC 805, Ben's existing loan portfolio composed of ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts was evaluated as of December 31, 2019 for credit deterioration based on the intentions of all parties that the income allocations provisions of Ben operate under U.S. GAAP as if the Customer ExAlt Trusts were not consolidated for financial reporting purposes. Further, as required under ASC 805, each loan between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts was evaluated and classified as either PCI or non-purchased credit impaired ("non-PCI"). For PCI loans, expected cash flows as of the date of valuation in excess of the fair value of loans are recorded as interest income over the life of the loans using a level yield method if the timing and amount of the future cash flows is reasonably estimable. Subsequently, increases in cash flows over those expected at the acquisition date are recognized prospectively as interest income. Decreases in expected cash flows due to credit deterioration are recognized by recording an allowance for loan loss. For non-PCI loans, the difference between the fair value and unpaid principal balance of the loan as of the date of valuation is amortized or accreted to interest income over the contractual life of the loans using the effective interest method. In the event of prepayment, the remaining unamortized amount is recognized in interest income, which is eliminated upon the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts solely for financial reporting purposes.

Allowances for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses, which is eliminated in consolidation, is an input to Ben's and BCH's allocation of income to equity holders of Ben and BCH. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. Management's determination of the allowance is based upon an evaluation of the loan portfolio, impaired loans, economic conditions, volume, growth and composition of the collateral to the loan portfolio, and other risks inherent in the portfolio. Currently, management individually reviews all ExAlt Loans due to the low volume and non-homogenous nature of the current portfolio. Management relies heavily on statistical analysis, current NAV and distribution performance of the underlying alternative asset and industry trends related to alternative asset investments to estimate losses. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance by reviewing relevant internal and external factors that affect credit quality. The cash flows generated from the alternative asset interests supporting the Collateral are the sole source of repayment of the ExAlt Loans and related interest. Ben recognizes any charge-off in the period in which it is confirmed. Therefore, impaired ExAlt Loans are written down to their estimated net present value.

Interest income for purposes of determining income allocations to Ben's and BCH's equity holders is adjusted for any allowance for loan losses, which was approximately \$80.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, \$34.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, and \$8.9 million and \$5.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments, Credit Losses* (Topic 326) will be effective for Ben in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Ben's most significant implementation activities included selection of measurement methodologies and related model development, data accumulation and verification, identification of reasonable and supportable forecast periods, selection of timelines and methods for reversion to unadjusted historical information, multiple preliminary analyses including parallel runs against existing loan loss estimation processes, and design and evaluation of internal controls over the new estimation processes. Ben will utilize discounted cash flow methods.

Based on implementation efforts, Ben expects to incur an increase of approximately \$61.1 million as of April 1, 2023, related to an increase in the allowance for loan losses as well as an increase in the reserve for unfunded commitments. A significant portion of this impact relates to the initial recognition of an allowance for newly originated loans. Management is in the final stages of documenting the accounting, reporting and governance processes associated with the adoption of Topic 326.

Ben also assessed asset classes other than loans receivable that are within the scope of CECL and determined that the adoption effects for the change in measurement of credit risk were minimal for these classes. Additionally, Ben has also evaluated the composition of its AFS securities and determined that the changes in Topic 326 will not have a significant effect on the current portfolio.

Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets

Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets are initially recorded at their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The majority of our goodwill was derived from the 2019 change-of-control event with GWG Holdings, in which we elected push down accounting resulting in Ben recording \$2.4 billion of goodwill on December 31, 2019. Goodwill and other intangible assets having an indefinite useful life are not amortized for financial statement purposes. In the event that facts and circumstances indicate that the goodwill or other identifiable intangible assets may be impaired, an interim impairment test would be required. If the estimated fair value is less than the carrying value, we will recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, any loss recognized will not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their useful lives.

The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 on October 1 of each fiscal year. The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and year ended March 31, 2023 on January 1. Conducting the annual impairment test on January 1 was considered a change in accounting principle for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as the impairment test for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were for the twelve-month periods. The change of impairment to January 1 date better aligns with the Company's new fiscal year end.

For 2021, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and 2023, the Company used a linear interpolation method to estimate the enterprise value between two valuation dates, which were each valued using third-party market transactions involving the Company's equity securities. The significant assumptions used in these two approaches include growth rates and the weighted-average cost of capital used to discount future cash flows. The Company believes that the linear interpolation methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuation of its enterprise value because the Company did not

identify any significant events that occurred during the intervening periods that would have caused a material change in fair value.

Prior to 2023, the Company had one reporting unit. As previously mentioned, Ben filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 on December 9, 2022, which initiated the requirement for Ben to comply with segment reporting and thus allocate its goodwill to its reporting units based on their relative fair values. As such, for 2023, the Company allocated the total enterprise value to each of its reporting units. This allocation involved the use of multiple assumptions, including estimated discounted cash flows and other estimates that may change over time. For example, a key assumption in determining the allocation of Ben's overall enterprise value to each of our reporting units involves the use of forecasted free cash flows generated by our business over the next five years and includes assumptions regarding expected growth of new service offerings and products. While our assumption reflects management's best estimates of future performance, predicting the rate of growth attributable to newly launched products results in increased estimation uncertainty.

For 2020, two valuation approaches were used in the assessment. The income approach, comprised of the discounted cash flow method, and the market approach, comprised of the guideline public company method were completed. Significant assumptions utilized in the discount cash flow method include management operating forecasts and the discount rate. Significant assumptions used in the guideline public company method include management revenue forecasts.

For year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the twelve months ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, the annual goodwill impairment analysis did not result in any impairment charges, either at a reporting unit or consolidated level, since the results of the annual test indicated that the estimated fair values of \$3.3 billion, \$3.1 billion, \$2.5 billion, and \$2.8 billion exceeded their carrying values by approximately \$606.5 million or 22.2%, \$165.2 million or 5.7%, \$85.4 million or 3.6%, and \$468.1 million or 19.8%, respectively.

Equity-Based Compensation

We measure and recognize compensation expense for all equity-based payments at fair value on the grant date over the requisite service period using various methods to determine the grant date fair value of the awards.

The fair value of the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. ("BMP") equity units is determined on the grant date using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis. This fair value measurement is based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement within the fair value hierarchy. The resultant probability-weighted cash flows are then discounted using a rate that reflects the uncertainty surrounding the expected outcomes, which we believe is appropriate and representative of a market participant assumption, and for lack of marketability given the underlying units of the awards are not publicly traded.

The table below summarizes the key inputs used in the valuation of the BMP Equity Units (as defined below) granted during each of the periods presented below:

Unobservable Inputs	Range of Targets			
	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Expected term in years	4	4	4	4
Discount rate	32.1%	32.1%	32.1%	27.8%
Discount for lack of marketability	23.1%	23.1%	23.1%	19.4%
Long-term growth rate (after discrete projection period)	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

The expected term represents the average estimated time that a recipient will be an employee of Ben and thus eligible to participate fully in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. The discount rate is based on a modified capital asset pricing model, which includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The discount for lack of marketability is based on a Finnerty put-option model, which similarly includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The long-term growth rate is the estimated growth rate of the earnings related to BMP Equity Units that is applied to the years subsequent to Ben's discrete cash flow periods.

The fair value of our restricted equity units ("REUs") was determined for substantially all of the awards granted in 2020, by using the valuation techniques consistent with those utilized to determine the acquisition date equity values arising from GWG Holdings obtaining a controlling financial interest in Ben. These valuation techniques relied upon the OPM Backsolve approach under the market method. For the REUs granted in the second half of 2020, which is a *de minimis* amount of the

total number of REUs granted in 2020, and for periods thereafter as presented herein, we utilized valuation techniques consisting of the income approach and market approach.

ITEM 7A — QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to a broad range of risks inherent in the financial markets in which we participate, including price risk, interest-rate risk, access to and cost of financing risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk and foreign exchange-rate risk. Potentially negative effects of these risks may be mitigated to a certain extent by those aspects of our fiduciary financing underwriting approach, risk management strategies, or other business activities that are designed to benefit, either in relative or absolute terms, from periods of economic weakness, tighter credit markets or financial market dislocations. Once a fiduciary financing transaction has been consummated, our underwriting team closely monitors the performance of the investments collateralizing the financings, generally through frequent contact with the investment manager and the receipt of financial and management reports.

Uncertainty with respect to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has introduced significant volatility in the financial markets, and the effects of this volatility could materially impact our market risks, including those listed below.

Market Risk

Our predominant exposure to market risk is related to our fiduciary financings, which are solely collateralized by the investment assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are principally comprised of alternative asset investments. The sensitivities to movements in the fair value of these alternative asset investments would adversely affect the investment income (loss) recorded in our consolidated financial statements. Movements in the fair value of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts would also impact certain fee revenues that are based on the net asset value of the alternative asset investments and may impact the net interest income, both of which are eliminated in consolidation solely for financial reporting purposes but are important factors in determining the income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

The trust service fees charged to the Customer ExAlt Trusts is computed based on the net asset value of the interest in the alternative asset fund plus any unfunded commitments. During the year ended March 31, 2023, net asset value-based trust services fees represent all of the intersegment revenues of the Ben Custody segment and 45% of the revenues included in determining the income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. We estimate that a 10% decline in market value of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts as of March 31, 2023 would result in an approximate \$1.4 million decrease to annual trust services fees.

Similarly, the interest income earned by Ben Liquidity on the fiduciary financing transactions with the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is solely paid by distributions from the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, could be impacted by a decline in market value. The overall impact is mitigated by the diversification of the portfolio of investments included in the Customer ExAlt Trusts along with the cross-collateralization benefits of the trust structure.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments may fluctuate in response to changes in the fair value of a fund's underlying investments, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and interest rates. Investment income (loss) and gain (loss) on financial instruments reported in our consolidated financial statements changes in relation to realized and unrealized gains and losses of the underlying investments in the alternative asset funds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Based on investments held as of March 31, 2023 by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, we estimate that a 10% decline in fair value of these investments would result in an additional \$49.2 million loss reported in the revenue section of our consolidated financial statements.

Exchange Rate Risk

Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts that collateralize our fiduciary financings hold investments denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies that may be affected by movements in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies, which could affect the investment income (loss) reported on our consolidated financial statements and impact certain fee revenues that are based on the net asset value of the alternative asset investments and may impact the net interest income utilized in determining the income (loss) allocable to Ben's equity holders. The currency exposure related to investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts in foreign currency assets is approximately 14% of the total fair value of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Changes in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar had an unfavorable impact of \$2.9 million on our investment income (loss), net for the year ended March 31, 2023, respectively, in particular due to changes in the Euro.

Our business is affected by movements in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and non-U.S. dollar currencies in respect to certain cash balances we hold in non-functional currencies. The amount of cash balances in non-functional currencies is not material. Therefore, changes in exchange rates are not expected to materially affect our consolidated financial statements.

Interest-Rate Risk

Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts directly hold debt investments, principally L Bonds, which have a fixed interest rate. Due to GWG's pending reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Customer ExAlt Trusts are not recognizing interest income on the L Bonds. Other debt investments held directly by the Customer ExAlt Trusts are not material and thus changes in interest rates would not be expected to materially affect our consolidated financial statements. The Customer ExAlt Trusts principally hold alternative asset funds, which may hold debt investments that generate interest income based on variable interest rates. For these alternative asset funds, a decrease in variable interest rates could materially impact the interest income earned and resulting net asset value and investment income (loss) reflected on our consolidated financial statements as well as certain fee revenues that are based on the net asset value of the alternative asset investments and may impact the net interest income utilized in determining the income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

As of March 31, 2023, we had \$94.6 million in borrowings outstanding under our Senior Credit Agreements. The debt due under the Senior Credit Agreements accrues interest at a variable rate with an interest rate cap of 9.5%. As of March 31, 2023, due to the variable rate exceeding the interest rate cap, interest expense would not increase as a result of increase in interest rates. Certain other debt and liabilities accrue interest at a variable rate without a cap on the interest rate. Interest expense associated with these other debt and liabilities would increase by \$0.5 million on an annualized basis as a result of a 100 basis point increase in interest rates.

As of March 31, 2023, we had cash of \$8.7 million and restricted cash of \$0.8 million. The cash and restricted cash deposited in various bank accounts, some of which are interest bearing accounts while others are non-interest bearing accounts. Interest-earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk, but we do not expect changes in interest to materially affect our interest income recognized related to these assets. We do not enter into investments for trading or speculative purposes and have not used any derivative financial instruments to manage our interest rate risk exposure.

Credit Risk

We are party to agreements providing for various financial services and transactions that contain an element of risk in the event that the counterparties are unable to meet the terms of such agreements. In such agreements, we depend on the respective counterparty to make payment or otherwise perform. We generally endeavor to minimize our risk of exposure by limiting the counterparties with which we enter into financial transactions to reputable financial institutions. In other circumstances, availability of financing from financial institutions may be uncertain due to market events, and we may not be able to access these financing markets.

ITEM 8 — CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Beneficient
(f/k/a The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.)

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of Beneficient (f/k/a The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of March 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the years ended March 31, 2023, December 31, 2021 and 2020, and three months ended March 31, 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of March 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended March 31, 2023, December 31, 2021 and 2020, and three months ended March 31, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Change in Fiscal Year End

As discussed in Note 2, the Company changed its fiscal year end from December 31 to March 31. In the accompanying consolidated financial statements, the three months ended March 31, 2021 is provided for comparative purposes, and is indicated as “unaudited,” and as such, we express no opinion specific to aforementioned period, including period-specific disclosures. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

/s/ Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.
San Antonio, Texas
July 13, 2023

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2022.

BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	As of	
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
<i>(Dollars and units in thousands)</i>		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,726	\$ 70,588
Restricted cash	819	5,517
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments held by Customer ExAlt Trusts (related party of \$76,154 and \$127,284)	491,859	659,921
Investments held by Ben (related party of \$1,371 and \$14,249)	5,362	14,249
Other assets, net (related party of \$2,195 and nil)	32,903	19,883
Intangible assets	3,100	3,100
Goodwill	2,367,926	2,367,750
Total assets	\$ 2,910,695	\$ 3,141,008
LIABILITIES, TEMPORARY EQUITY, AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 65,724	\$ 37,332
Other liabilities (related party of \$100 and \$748)	14,622	12,359
Contingent consideration payable	—	20,152
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	52,129	65,674
Debt due to related parties	99,314	105,917
Total liabilities	231,789	241,434
Redeemable preferred equity	786,359	721,790
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		
Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts, nonunitized	251,051	249,907
Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts, nonunitized	893,302	936,191
Total temporary equity	1,930,712	1,907,888
The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. Partners' Capital:		
Common units (67,486 units issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022)	599,524	718,568
Treasury common units, at cost (544 units as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022)	(3,444)	(3,444)
Noncontrolling interests	142,214	277,888
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	9,900	(1,326)
Total equity	748,194	991,686
Total liabilities, temporary equity, and equity	\$ 2,910,695	\$ 3,141,008

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022	2021
			<i>(unaudited)</i>
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>			
Revenues			
Investment income (loss), net	\$ (54,010)	\$ (10,811)	\$ 2,091
Loss on financial instruments, net (related party of \$(63,536), \$(56,011), and nil, respectively)	(51,421)	(56,011)	(2,180)
Interest income (related party of nil, nil, and \$1,777, respectively)	412	73	1,937
Trust services and administration revenues (related party of \$30, \$8, and \$8, respectively)	30	129	516
Other income	86	2	—
Total revenues	(104,903)	(66,618)	2,364
Operating expenses			
Employee compensation and benefits	45,527	10,125	10,910
Interest expense (related party of \$2,797, \$514, and \$6,651, respectively)	15,471	2,110	7,184
Professional services	38,422	5,449	4,939
Provision for credit losses	20,580	9,383	—
Other expenses (related party of \$8,704, \$2,297, and \$576, respectively)	28,269	6,149	2,568
Total operating expenses	148,269	33,216	25,601
Operating loss	(253,172)	(99,834)	(23,237)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,072)	1,072	(273)
Net loss	(252,100)	(100,906)	(22,964)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests—Customer ExAlt Trusts	117,861	55,229	12,832
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests—Ben	19,081	5,038	3,336
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(15,822)	(3,788)	—
Net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholders	\$ (130,980)	\$ (44,427)	\$ (6,796)
Other comprehensive income:			
Unrealized gain on investments in available-for-sale debt securities	11,226	110	—
Total comprehensive loss	(119,754)	(44,317)	(6,796)
Less: comprehensive gain attributable to noncontrolling interests	11,226	110	—
Total comprehensive loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.	\$ (130,980)	\$ (44,427)	\$ (6,796)
Net loss per common unit attributable to common unitholders—basic and diluted	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.14)
Weighted average common units outstanding—basic and diluted	67,486,168	67,486,168	48,205,800

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BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (CONT'D)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>		
Revenues		
Investment income (loss), net (related party of nil and \$88,514)	\$ 15,534	\$ 132,620
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net (related party of \$37,012 and \$(22,913))	31,837	(30,670)
Interest income (related party of \$7,110 and \$1,777)	7,398	2,082
Trust services and administration revenues (related party of \$30 and \$30)	540	30
Other income	2	36,267
Total revenues	55,311	140,329
Operating expenses		
Employee compensation and benefits	48,523	128,582
Interest expense (related party of \$25,307 and \$30,171)	27,457	32,551
Professional services	17,801	19,045
Provision for credit losses	18,755	—
Other expenses (related party of \$4,105 and \$3,763)	13,895	7,564
Total operating expenses	126,431	187,742
Operating loss	(71,120)	(47,413)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, related parties	(34,013)	—
Loss before income taxes	(105,133)	(47,413)
Income tax expense	—	3,459
Net loss	(105,133)	(50,872)
Less: Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests—Customer ExAlt Trusts	30,513	(47,582)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests—Ben	12,870	40,414
Less: Noncash deemed contribution on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	14,200	—
Less: Noncash deemed dividend on extinguishment of preferred equity interests of noncontrolling interest holders	(46,202)	—
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(1,264)	—
Net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholders	\$ (95,016)	\$ (58,040)
Other comprehensive loss:		
Unrealized loss on investments in available-for-sale debt securities	(1,436)	—
Total comprehensive loss	(96,452)	(58,040)
Less: comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,436)	—
Total comprehensive loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.	\$ (95,016)	\$ (58,040)
Net loss per common unit attributable to common unitholders—basic and diluted	\$ (1.84)	\$ (1.27)
Weighted average common units outstanding—basic and diluted	51,534,365	45,807,648

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BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the year ended March 31, 2023:

	The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.							
<i>(Dollars and units in thousands)</i>	Common units	Common units (\$)	Treasury Stock	Noncontrolling interests (Note 13)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total equity	Redeemable Preferred Series B	Redeemable noncontrolling interests (Note 13)
Balance, December 31, 2021	67,486	\$ 760,200	\$ (3,444)	\$ 337,676	\$ (1,436)	\$ 1,092,996	\$ 713,366	\$ 1,195,812
Net income (loss)	—	(44,427)	—	(58,977)	—	(103,404)	—	2,498
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	2,828	—	—	—	2,828	—	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(33)	—	—	—	(33)	—	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	(811)	—	(811)	—	—
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	(120)	—	—	—	(120)	—	—
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	120	—	—	—	120	—	—
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	110	110	—	—
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,424	(8,424)
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,788)
Balance, March 31, 2022	67,486	718,568	(3,444)	277,888	(1,326)	991,686	721,790	1,186,098
Net income (loss)	—	(130,980)	—	(132,644)	—	(263,624)	—	11,524
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	10,085	—	—	—	10,085	—	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(206)	—	(919)	—	(1,125)	—	—
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	(131)	—	(131)	—	—
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest and redeemable preferred equity	—	—	—	299	—	299	11,674	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	(1,719)	—	(1,719)	—	—
Issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	2,430	—	2,430	—	—
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	(147)	—	—	—	(147)	—	—
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	147	—	—	—	147	—	—
Deemed dividend upon issuance for U. S. GAAP to tax basis true-up	—	—	—	—	—	—	314	(314)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	11,226	11,226	—	—
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,133	(37,133)
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(15,822)
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	(933)	—	(933)	—	—
Equity issuance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	(15)	—
Redemption of BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,637)	—
Issuance of BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,100	—
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	2,057	—	(2,057)	—	—	—	—
Balance, March 31, 2023	67,486	\$ 599,524	\$ (3,444)	\$ 142,214	\$ 9,900	\$ 748,194	\$ 786,359	\$ 1,144,353

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONT'D)

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021:

	The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.								
(Dollars and units in thousands)	Common units	Common units (\$)	Treasury Stock	Noncontrolling interests (Note 13)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total equity	Redeemable Preferred Series B	Redeemable noncontrolling interests (Note 13)	
Balance, December 31, 2019 (As Restated)	44,147	\$ 563,966	\$ —	\$ 112,527	\$ —	\$ 676,493	\$ —	\$ 1,588,604	
Net income (loss)	—	(58,040)	—	43,045	—	(14,995)	—	(35,877)	
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	107,808	—	—	—	107,808	—	—	
Forfeiture of vested share-based compensation	—	(36,267)	—	—	—	(36,267)	—	—	
Payment for employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(1,522)	—	—	—	(1,522)	—	—	
Tax distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5,592)	
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	5,978	—	5,978	—	—	
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	(737)	—	(737)	—	—	
Common units in treasury	(544)	—	(3,444)	—	—	(3,444)	—	—	
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	(2,931)	—	—	—	(2,931)	—	—	
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	2,931	—	—	—	2,931	—	—	
Exercise of option	4,603	57,456	—	—	—	57,456	—	—	
Cash contribution for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	130,200	—	130,200	—	—	
Noncash issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	313	—	313	—	—	
Promissory note exchange for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	(5,220)	—	70,285	—	65,065	—	—	
Adjustment for change in ownership interest	—	(3,233)	—	3,233	—	—	—	—	
Balance, December 31, 2020	48,206	624,948	(3,444)	364,844	—	986,348	—	1,547,135	
Net income (loss)	—	(63,014)	—	(33,851)	—	(96,865)	—	(8,268)	
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	29	23,153	—	—	—	23,153	—	—	
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(275)	—	(1,190)	—	(1,465)	—	—	
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest and redeemable preferred equity	—	—	—	9,189	—	9,189	343,798	—	
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	(1,539)	—	(1,539)	—	—	
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	(830)	—	—	—	(830)	—	—	
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	830	—	—	—	830	—	—	
Settlement of commercial loan agreement for common units	19,251	207,390	—	—	—	207,390	—	—	
Cash contribution for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	14,800	—	14,800	—	—	
Noncash issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	246	—	246	—	—	
Redemption of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	(14,800)	—	(14,800)	—	—	
Deemed dividend upon issuance for GAAP to tax basis true-up	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,247	(9,247)	
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	(1,436)	(1,436)	—	—	
Exchange of BCH Preferred Series A.1 Unit Accounts for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	312,312	(312,312)	
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,239	(2,239)	
Put option liability on grant of BCH Preferred A.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,793)	
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,264)	
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	(23)	—	(23)	—	—	
Equity issuance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	(432)	—	
Deemed dividend for extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest and preferred equity	—	(32,002)	—	—	—	(32,002)	46,202	(14,200)	
Balance, December 31, 2021	67,486	\$ 760,200	\$ (3,444)	\$ 337,676	\$ (1,436)	\$ 1,092,996	\$ 713,366	\$ 1,195,812	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONT'D)

For the three months ended March 31, 2021 (unaudited):

	The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.							
<i>(Dollars and units in thousands)</i>	Common units	Common units (\$)	Treasury Stock	Noncontrolling interests (Note 13)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total equity	Redeemable Preferred Series B	Redeemable noncontrolling interests (Note 13)
Balance, December 31, 2020	48,206	\$ 624,948	\$ (3,444)	\$ 364,844	\$ —	\$ 986,348	\$ —	\$ 1,547,135
Net income (loss)	—	(6,796)	—	(13,243)	—	(20,039)	—	(2,925)
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	5,007	—	—	—	5,007	—	—
Tax distribution for share-based compensation	—	(38)	—	(1,190)	—	(1,228)	—	—
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	374	—	374	—	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	(621)	—	(621)	—	—
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	205	—	—	—	205	—	—
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	(205)	—	—	—	(205)	—	—
Cash contribution for BCH Preferred C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	14,800	—	14,800	—	—
Noncash issuance of BCH Preferred C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	246	—	246	—	—
Balance, March 31, 2021	48,206	\$ 623,121	\$ (3,444)	\$ 365,210	\$ —	\$ 984,887	\$ —	\$ 1,544,210

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BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022	2021
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			<i>(unaudited)</i>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (252,100)	\$ (100,906)	\$ (22,964)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	3,606	612	512
Net amortization of debt premium and discount (related party of \$(6,154), \$(1,972), and \$2,616, respectively)	(4,478)	(1,098)	2,616
Loss on financial instruments, net (related party of \$63,536, \$56,011, and nil, respectively)	51,421	56,011	2,180
Return on investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	12,409	173	551
Investment (income) loss, net	54,010	10,811	(2,091)
Non cash interest expense (related party of \$324, \$199, and \$1,287, respectively)	11,223	899	1,796
Non cash interest income	(359)	(73)	(67)
Non cash share-based compensation	10,085	2,828	5,007
Provision for credit losses	20,580	9,383	—
Provision for deferred taxes	(1,072)	1,072	(273)
Write-off of deferred financing costs for equity and fixed assets	1,653	—	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Changes in other assets	(13,013)	10,021	256
Changes in accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,236	(1,002)	(5,198)
Changes in other liabilities	(319)	(63)	(45)
Net cash used in operating activities	(95,118)	(11,332)	(17,720)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Return of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	72,551	13,280	9,476
Purchase of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	(2,589)	—	(4,452)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(2,077)	(975)	(720)
Proceeds from sale of public equity securities held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	2,583	—	—
Purchase of debt securities of related party	—	(815)	—
Purchase of put options	(7,451)	—	—
Net cash provided by investing activities	63,017	11,490	4,304
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable	—	72,500	—
Payments on Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable	(17,907)	(3,822)	—
Redemption of BCG Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts	(4,637)	—	—
Redemption of BCH Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts	(3,793)	—	—
Issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts to related party	—	—	14,800
Payment of deferred financing costs for debt	—	(8,628)	(100)
Payment of deferred financing costs for equity	(6,116)	—	(185)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(131)	—	—
Payment of employee income taxes on restricted equity units	(1,125)	(33)	(1,228)
Payments on debt due to related parties	(750)	(4,391)	—
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(34,459)	55,626	13,287
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(66,560)	55,784	(129)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	76,105	20,321	17,878
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 9,545	\$ 76,105	\$ 17,749

Refer to Note 21 for supplemental cash flow disclosures, including reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash used in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

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BENEFICIENT
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONT'D)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (105,133)	\$ (50,872)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,990	1,055
Net amortization of debt premium and discount (related party of \$8,837 and \$9,392)	8,837	9,392
Loss on extinguishment of debt, related parties	34,013	—
(Gain) loss on financial instruments, net (related party of \$(37,012) and \$22,913)	(31,837)	30,670
Return on investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	8,745	3,683
Investment income, net (related party of nil and \$(88,514))	(15,534)	(132,620)
Non cash interest expense (related party of \$11,134 and \$8,757)	13,188	11,045
Non cash interest income	(881)	(875)
Non cash share-based compensation	23,153	107,808
Non cash forfeiture of vested share-based compensation	—	(36,267)
Provision for credit losses	18,755	—
Provision for deferred taxes	—	3,459
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Changes in other assets	(16,992)	(2,258)
Changes in accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,194	1,977
Changes in other liabilities	(501)	(207)
Net cash used in operating activities	(57,003)	(54,010)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Return of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	51,403	20,394
Purchase of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	(4,452)	(8,378)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(4,203)	(3,221)
Proceeds from sale of put options held by Ben	1,843	—
Purchase of put options	—	(14,775)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	44,591	(5,980)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts to related party	14,800	130,200
Redemption of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts by related party	(14,800)	—
Payment of deferred financing costs for debt	(1,114)	(3,207)
Payment of deferred financing costs for equity	(517)	(633)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	(5,592)
Payment of employee income taxes on restricted equity units	(1,464)	(1,554)
Proceeds from borrowings on debt due to related parties	17,950	—
Payments on debt due to related parties	—	(75,356)
Net cash provided by financing activities	14,855	43,858
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	2,443	(16,132)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	17,878	34,010
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 20,321	\$ 17,878

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Overview of the Business

Legal Structure

Beneficient, a Nevada corporation (formerly known as The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. (“BCG”), a Delaware limited partnership), is a technology-enabled financial services holding company (including its subsidiaries, but excluding its Non-Controlling Interest Holders, collectively, “Ben,” “our,” “the Company,” or “we”) that provides simple, rapid, cost-effective liquidity solutions and trust products and services to participants in the alternative assets industry through its end-to-end online regulated platform, Ben AltAccess. Beneficient Management, L.L.C. (“Ben Management”), a Delaware limited liability company, is Ben’s general partner. Ben is controlled by, and the exclusive and complete authority to manage the operations and affairs of Ben is granted to, Ben Management’s Board of Directors. Ben, formerly known as Highland Consolidated Business Holdings, L.P., was formed on September 16, 2003. As of March 31, 2023, Ben is the general partner of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (“BCH”) and owns 100% of the Subclass 1 Class A Units of BCH and 100% of the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Units of BCH.

BCH is a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 1, 2010. BCH is primarily a holding company that directly or indirectly receives all active and passive income of the Company and allocates that income among the partnership interests issued by BCH. As of March 31, 2023, BCH has issued general partnership Subclass 1 Class A Units, Class S Ordinary Units, Class S Preferred Units, FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1, Subclass 2, and Subclass 3), Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A.0”), Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A.1”), Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred B.2”), and Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred C.1”).

Business Combination and Registration Statement

On September 21, 2022, we entered into a Business Combination Agreement (as amended on April 18, 2023, and as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Business Combination Agreement,” and the transactions contemplated thereby, collectively, the “Business Combination”) with Avalon Acquisition Inc. (“Avalon”), a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company.

BCG initially filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on December 9, 2022 along with subsequent amendments on January 24, 2023, March 6, 2023, April 19, 2023, May 8, 2023, and May 11, 2023, in connection with the registration of the shares of Beneficient’s Class A common stock to be issued under the Business Combination Agreement. Such Registration Statement was declared effective by the SEC on May 12, 2023.

On June 6, 2023, the Company converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation and changed its corporate name from “The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.” to “Beneficient” (the “Conversion”). On June 7, 2023, in accordance with the Business Combination Agreement, the Company completed its previously announced de-SPAC merger transaction (the “Transaction”) with Avalon. On June 8, 2023, Beneficient began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market.

The Transaction is a capital transaction in substance and not a business combination under ASC 805, *Business Combinations* (“ASC 805”). As a result, Beneficient is treated as the accounting acquirer and Avalon is treated as the acquired company for financial reporting purposes per ASC 805. Accordingly, for accounting purposes, the Transaction will be treated similar to an equity contribution in exchange for the issuance of Common Shares. The financial statements of the combined entity will represent a continuation of the financial statements of Beneficient, and the net assets of Avalon will be stated at historical cost, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded. The equity and net loss per unit attributable to common equity holders of the Company, prior to the closing, will be retroactively restated as shares reflecting the common unit conversion ratio.

At closing, \$27.9 million of cash remained in the trust account of Avalon. There were \$26.1 million in transaction expenses, \$20.0 million of which represented the Reserve Amount under the Forward Purchase Agreement, that were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or offset against proceeds received by the Company at closing, resulting in \$1.8 million in net proceeds. Refer to Note 22 for additional information.

Business Overview

Ben markets an array of liquidity, trustee, and trust administration products and services to alternative asset investors primarily comprised of mid-to-high net worth (“MHNW”) individual investors (generally those with a net worth of \$5.0 million to \$30.0 million), small-to-midsize institutional (“STMI”) investors, family offices (“FAMOs”) and fund general partners and sponsors (“GPs” and together with MHNW individuals, STMI investors and FAMOs, “Customers”). Ben provides Customers seeking an early exit from their alternative asset investments a suite of bespoke liquidity solutions for their otherwise illiquid alternative asset investments through a proprietary financing and trust structure, which we implement for our customers (we refer to such trusts collectively as the “Customer ExAlt Trusts”). We plan to offer comprehensive alternative asset trust and custody services, and novel insurance products covering risks attendant to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets, and additional broker-dealer services in connection with our liquidity products and services.

Ben’s primary operations, which commenced on September 1, 2017, relate to its liquidity and trust administration products and services. Ben offers or plans to offer its products and services through its operating subsidiaries, which include: (i) Ben AltAccess, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“Ben AltAccess”), which offers an online platform designed to provide a digital experience for Customers seeking liquidity, custody, trust and data services for their alternative assets, (ii) Ben Liquidity, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Liquidity”), which offers liquidity products; (iii) Ben Custody, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Custody”), which provides services for private fund, trustee, and trust administration; (iv) Ben Data, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“Ben Data”), which provides data analytics and evaluation services, (v) Ben Markets L.L.C., including its subsidiaries (“Ben Markets”), was recently launched and intends to provide broker-dealer services and transfer agency services in connection with offering Ben’s products and services; and (vi) Ben Insurance, L.L.C., including its subsidiaries (“Ben Insurance Services”), which intends to offer insurance products and services covering risks attendant to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets. Ben serves as trustee of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which operate for the benefit of the Charities (defined below) and Economic Growth Zones (defined below).

Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its Customers through the use of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which facilitate the exchange of a Customer’s alternative assets for consideration using a proprietary financing and trust structure (such structure and related process, the “ExAlt PlanTM”). In ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. (“BFF”), a Kansas based trust company that provides fiduciary financing to fidfin trusts, makes fiduciary loans (each, an “ExAlt Loan”) to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the Customer, in exchange for their alternative assets. BFF is registered as a chartered Kansas Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution (“TEFFI”) under the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution Act (the “TEFFI Act”) and regulated by the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (“OSBC”). Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Ben. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with the ExAlt Loans, which are collateralized by a portion of the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets, then owned by Customer ExAlt Trusts (the “Collateral”). The ExAlt Loans are eliminated upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts solely for financial reporting purposes.

Ben Custody currently provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees (including BFF) of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which own the exchanged alternative assets following liquidity transactions in exchange for fees payable quarterly.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts’ earnings on its alternative assets supports the repayment of the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. Since Ben consolidates the Customer ExAlt Trusts, Ben Liquidity’s ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income and provision for loan losses and Ben Custody’s fee income are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements solely for financial reporting purposes; however, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG’s or BCH’s equity holders. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben’s operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of income (loss) to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Refer to Note 3 for additional information.

Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain Texas and Kansas charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (which we refer to as “Charities” or “Economic Growth Zones” respectively, and collectively, the “Charitable Beneficiaries”), and their interests are reported as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated financial statements. The TEFFI Act requires that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash

distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas Economic Growth Zone. Accordingly, for ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, Economic Growth Zones are paid \$0.025 for every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, the Charitable Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to such date, are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the applicable ExAlt Loan lender.

Ben's existing and planned products and services are designed to be delivered digitally and provide liquidity, trust and custody solutions, data analytics and news, support the tax and estate planning objectives of its Customers, facilitate asset diversification and provide administrative management and reporting solutions tailored to the goals of investors of alternative investments. While Ben's financial products and services are presently offered through Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, Ben plans to expand its capabilities under Ben Custody and provide additional products and services through Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets in the future. Ben Insurance Services, through two subsidiaries, PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, Ltd. ("Pen"), which has been chartered as a Bermuda based insurance company, and Beneficient Insurance Company, L.L.C. ("BIC"), an entity through which the Company has applied to become a Kansas captive property and casualty insurer, plans to offer to affiliated Customer ExAlt Trusts certain customized insurance products and services covering risks relating to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets. Ben Markets, through one of its subsidiaries, Ben Markets Management Holdings, L.P., received regulatory approval to acquire, and subsequently acquired, a captive registered broker-dealer, Beneficient Securities Company, L.P., an entity that will conduct its activities attendant to offering a suite of products and services from the Ben family of companies. Ben Markets, through another of its subsidiaries, Beneficient Transfer & Clearing Company, L.L.C., also received regulatory approval from the SEC on June 24, 2022 to operate as a registered transfer agent with respect to its securities, and intends to provide various services for customers transacting with Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

As discussed further in Note 3, certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated subsidiaries of BCG solely for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

Regulatory Developments

Pen has been registered and licensed as a Class 3 insurer under the Bermuda Insurance Act of 1978, and Ben plans to seek approval from the Bermuda authorities for Pen to become operational. Pending approval from the Bermuda authorities, if approval is sought, Pen would write primary and re-insurance policies consistent with policies that would be underwritten domestically by BIC and fiduciary liability policies for managers and investors in alternative asset funds to cover losses from contractual indemnification and exculpation provisions arising under the governing documents of such funds.

On March 28, 2022, a subsidiary of Ben Markets completed its 100% acquisition of MHT Securities, L.P. ("MHT Securities"), for \$0.3 million. MHT Securities is an SEC-registered broker dealer and Financial Industry Regulation Authority ("FINRA") member that is authorized to engage in private placements of securities. On May 3, 2022, FINRA issued its full approval of the change in ownership and MHT Securities' name was changed to Beneficient Securities Company, L.P. As of May 3, 2022, Beneficient Securities Company, L.P. is registered as a securities broker-dealer with the SEC, FINRA, and certain states as determined by its business operations.

On December 9, 2022, BIC submitted an application, which remains under review by the Kansas Insurance Department, to become a Kansas captive property and casualty insurer.

Liquidity and Going Concern

As of March 31, 2023, we had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$8.7 million. For the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we generated net losses totaling \$252.1 million, \$100.9 million, \$105.1 million, and \$50.9 million, respectively. As of May 31, 2023, we had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$3.5 million. All of these conditions raised substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

We expect to satisfy our obligations and fund our operations through anticipated operating cash flows, proceeds on ExAlt Loan payments and fee income derived from distributions on investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts or other investments held by Ben, potentially refinancing some or all of the existing borrowings due prior to their maturity, with either our current lender or other lenders, and through the implementation of measures designed to reduce corporate overhead, including through the use of furloughs, potential workforce reductions and other expense

reductions. We also intend to raise capital through equity or debt investments by third parties. As further discussed in Note 22, on June 27, 2023, we entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”), whereby we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of shares of the Company’s common stock.

Ben may not be able to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing on terms favorable to the Company, or at all. To the extent that Ben or its subsidiaries raise additional capital through the future sale of equity or debt, the ownership interest of our existing equity holders may be diluted. The terms of these future equity or debt securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of our existing equity unitholders or involve negative covenants that restrict Ben’s ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt or making additional investments in growing the operations of the Company. If Ben defaults on these borrowings, then the Company will be required to either i) sell participation or other interests in our loans or other of our assets or ii) to raise additional capital through the sale of equity and the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted.

Based on projections of growth in revenue and net income in the coming quarters, the expected additional investments into Ben by third parties, potentially refinancing certain existing borrowings with either our current lender or other lenders, the additional financing source from the SEPA, and expected proceeds from our debt and equity offerings, we believe that we will have sufficient cash resources to finance our operations, satisfy other obligations, and to fund expected lending transactions within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are issued. These consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Change in Fiscal Year

On March 30, 2022, the Board of Directors of Ben Management approved a change in the Company’s fiscal year end from December 31 to March 31. The Company elected to change its fiscal year end in order to better align with its peers and with the timing in which more recent audited financial statements of its investments, whose cash flows serve as collateral to the ExAlt Loans, would be available. The change in the Company’s fiscal year end resulted in a transition period that began on January 1, 2022 and ended on March 31, 2022.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of Ben are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and include the accounts of Ben, its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and, certain variable interest entities (“VIEs”), in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. An enterprise is determined to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE if it holds a controlling financial interest consistent with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 810, *Consolidation* (“ASC 810”), as amended.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts are considered VIEs for which Ben has a variable interest and is considered the primary beneficiary. Thus, Ben is required to consolidate all of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The entities in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold an ownership interest are investment companies (i.e., funds) under ASC 946, *Financial Services — Investment Companies* (“ASC 946”). Thus, the investments in non-investment companies made by these funds are accounted for in accordance with ASC 946 and are not subject to consolidation or the disclosure requirements of ASC 810. Moreover, further consolidation provisions of ASC 946 are not applicable to Ben since these investment companies do not have an investment in an operating entity that provides services to the investment company or to Ben.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation, and the portion of income allocated to owners other than the Company is included in “net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests” in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). With the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, interest and fees income and any related receivable charged by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody to the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. While these amounts are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes, such amounts are earned by Ben Liquidity and/or Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts and directly impact the income (loss) allocable to BCG’s and BCH’s equity holders as further discussed in Note 3.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and could differ from actual results. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to change in the near term relate to the fair value determination of investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the fair value determination of the investment in debt securities, determination of the allowance for loan losses as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's or BCH's equity holders, evaluation of potential impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and determining the grant date fair value for share-based compensation awards.

Reclassification

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. Specifically, our redeemable noncontrolling interests as of March 31, 2022, were separated to show each class on the consolidated statements of financial condition to maintain consistency with the current year presentation. This reclassification had no effect on the total redeemable noncontrolling interests or temporary equity.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash held in banks or money market funds with original maturities of three months or less. Interest income from cash and cash equivalents is recorded in interest income in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Under the terms of certain of the ExAlt PlanTM trust agreements, certain trusts are required to maintain capital call reserves and administration reserves. These reserves are used to satisfy capital call obligations and pay fees and expenses for the trusts as required. The fees and expenses are primarily paid to Ben for serving as the administrative agent to the current trustees of certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. These reserves represent cash held in banks and are classified as restricted cash on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Refer to Note 21 for the reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash on our consolidated statements of cash flows.

Investments, at Fair Value

Investments held by Ben or held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts include investments in alternative assets, investments in public equity and debt securities (principally of a related party), investments in private equity securities, and put options.

- *Investments in Alternative Assets*

Investments in alternative assets represent the ownership interests in alternative assets and, along with other investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, constitute the source of Collateral for the ExAlt Loans. These investments are predominantly private equity funds and are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, either through direct ownership or a beneficial interest. ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, permits, as a practical expedient, to estimate the fair value of these types of investments based on the net asset value ("NAV") per share, or its equivalent, if the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value and if the NAV of such investments is calculated in a manner consistent with the measurement principles of ASC 946. The Company has elected to use NAV as a practical expedient to measure the fair value of these investments. These investments are valued based on the most recent available information, which typically has a delay due to the timing of financial information received from the individual investments. Accordingly, in determining the value of the investment, we may consider whether adjustments to the NAV are necessary in certain circumstances in which management is aware of material events that affect the value of the investments during the intervening period.

When a distribution is received, it is generally recorded as a reduction to the carrying value of that investment. Likewise, when a contribution is made, it is recorded as an increase to the carrying value of that investment. When our ownership percentage of an investment is less than three to five percent, the distribution is considered a return of investment and is classified on our consolidated statement of cash flows as a cash inflow from investing activities in accordance with ASC Topic 321, *Investments — Equity Securities*. When our ownership percentage of an investment is greater than three to five percent, we categorize distributions from investments in alternative assets on our consolidated statement of cash flows using the cumulative earnings approach in accordance with ASC Topic 323, *Investments — Equity Method and Joint Ventures*. Under this approach, distributions received are classified as

cash inflows from operating activities until such time that the cumulative distributions exceed cumulative earnings for the investment. When such an excess occurs, the excess portion of the current period distribution is considered a return of investment and is classified as a cash inflow from investing activities.

- *Investments in Public Equity Securities and Options*

Investments in public equity securities and options primarily represent common stock ownership in GWG Holdings, Inc. (“GWG Holdings” or “GWG”) along with investments in other public companies and investments made by Ben in put options, all of which are carried at fair value. Fair value is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

- *Investments in Debt Securities*

Investments in debt securities primarily represent ownership in GWG Holdings’ L Bonds by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investments in debt securities also represent ownership in privately held debt owned by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. These investments are classified and accounted for as available-for-sale (“AFS”) securities and are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses presented as a separate component of equity in the accumulated other comprehensive income line item.

The Company follows ASC 320 to assess whether an investment in debt securities is impaired in each reporting period. An investment in debt securities is impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its amortized cost. If the Company intends to sell the debt security (that is, it has decided to sell the security), an other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) is considered to have occurred. If the Company more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis or it otherwise does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, an OTTI is considered to have occurred. The Company considers the expected cash flows from the investment based on reasonable and supportable forecasts as well as several other factors to estimate whether a credit loss exists. If the Company intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the OTTI is recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment’s amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. During the year ended March 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recognized an OTTI on its investment in debt securities of \$12.6 million, \$4.9 million, \$13.7 million, and nil, respectively, which substantially results from its investment in GWG Holdings’ L Bonds. The impairment is recorded in the provision for credit losses line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

- *Investments in Other Equity Securities*

Investments in other equity securities are held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and represent ownership in equity securities of privately held companies. Equity securities that do not have readily determinable fair values are initially recorded at cost and subsequently remeasured when there is (i) an observable transaction involving the same investment, (ii) an observable transaction involving a similar investment from the same issuer, or (iii) an impairment. These remeasurements are reflected in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Leases

We account for leases in accordance with ASC 842, *Leases*. We determine if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Operating leases with a term greater than one year are included in right-of-use-assets and lease liabilities. The right-of-use asset represents the Company’s right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. Related lease liabilities represent the Company’s obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the estimated present value of lease payments over the lease term, using the rate the Company would pay to borrow amounts equal to the lease payments over the lease term (the Company’s incremental borrowing rate). Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term in other expenses in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Common area maintenance and other related costs are considered variable lease payments and are expensed as incurred. The Company made an accounting policy election not to recognize short-term lease assets and liabilities (less than a 12-month term) or immaterial equipment leases in its balance sheets. The Company recognizes the lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets, including leasehold improvements, are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Expenditures related to leasehold improvements; furniture and fixtures; computer hardware and software; and most

office equipment purchases are capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets (from three to five years). For leasehold improvements, amortization is computed based on the shorter of the useful life or the lease term. Software in process is composed of costs related to internally developed software projects in the application development phase. Gains or losses on disposition of fixed assets are reflected in net income (loss). Normal costs of maintenance and repairs are treated as current expenses in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

The Company capitalizes certain costs related to the development of internal-use software. Costs incurred during the application development phase are capitalized. The types of costs capitalized during the application development phase primarily include consulting fees for third-party developers working on these projects. Costs related to the preliminary project stage and post-implementation activities are expensed as incurred. Internal-use software is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset, which ranges from one to three years.

Goodwill and Other Intangibles

The Company accounts for goodwill and intangible assets in accordance with ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. The amount of goodwill initially recorded is based on the fair value of the acquired entity at the time of acquisition. Management performs goodwill and intangible asset impairment testing annually, as of January 1, or when events occur, or circumstances change that would more likely than not indicate impairment has occurred. Goodwill impairment exists when the carrying value of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value.

The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 on October 1. The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the year ended March 31, 2023 on January 1. This was considered a change in accounting principle as of March 31, 2022, as the impairment test for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was for the twelve months ended. The Company deemed the change of impairment test timing to be appropriate as the January 1 date better aligns with the Company's new fiscal year end. The change in accounting principle related to the annual testing date did not delay, accelerate or avoid an impairment charge. This change was not applied retrospectively as it is impracticable to do so because retrospective application would require application of significant estimates and assumptions with the use of hindsight. Accordingly, the change was applied prospectively.

Intangible assets include insurance licensing, which has an indefinite life and is assessed for impairment annually. Factors that would require an impairment assessment include, among other things, a significant change in the extent or manner in which an asset is used, a continual decline in the Company's operating performance, or as a result of fundamental changes in a subsidiary's business condition.

Other Liabilities

Other liabilities consist principally of a liability related to an interest commitment, payables to affiliates, and trust payables. Refer to Note 9 for more information on these other liabilities.

Business Combinations

The Company includes the results of operations of the businesses that it acquires from the acquisition date. In allocating the purchase price of a business combination, the Company records all assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value as of the date of acquisition, with the excess of the purchase price over the aggregate fair values recorded as goodwill. The Company determines the estimated fair values after review and consideration of relevant information, including discounted cash flows, quoted market prices and estimates made by management. The fair value assigned to identifiable intangible assets acquired is based on estimates and assumptions made by management at the time of the acquisition. The Company adjusts the preliminary purchase price allocation, as necessary, during the measurement period of up to one year after the acquisition closing date as it obtains more information as to facts and circumstances existing as of the acquisition date. Acquisition-related costs are recognized separately from the business combination and are expensed as incurred.

Income Taxes

The Company and most of its subsidiaries operate in the U.S. as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Certain of our entities are corporations for tax purposes. In addition, certain of the wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company will be subject to federal, state, and local corporate income taxes at the entity level and the related tax provision attributable to the Company's share of this income tax is reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

Income taxes are accounted for using the asset and liability method of accounting. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of differences between the carrying

amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis, using tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect on deferred assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period when the change is enacted. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Current and deferred tax liabilities, if any, are recorded within accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Company analyzes its tax filing positions in all of the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as for all open tax years in these jurisdictions. The Company records uncertain tax positions on the basis of a two-step process: (a) determination is made whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained based on the technical merits of the position and (b) those tax positions that meet the more likely than not threshold are recognized as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the related tax authority. The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in other expenses within the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Noncontrolling interests – Redeemable and Non-redeemable

Noncontrolling interests represent the portion of certain consolidated subsidiaries' limited partnership interests or interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are held by third parties. Amounts are adjusted by the noncontrolling interest holder's proportionate share of the subsidiaries' earnings or losses each period and for any distributions that are paid.

Noncontrolling interests are reported as a component of equity unless the noncontrolling interest is considered redeemable, in which case the noncontrolling interest is recorded as mezzanine or temporary equity (between liabilities and equity) in our consolidated statements of financial condition. The redeemable noncontrolling interest is adjusted at each balance sheet date to its maximum redemption value if the amount is greater than the carrying value. Changes in our redeemable noncontrolling interests are presented in the consolidated statements of changes in equity.

Noncontrolling interests include: (i) holders, which consist of Related Entities, as defined below, an entity affiliated with a related party, and third parties, of Class S Ordinary Units issued by BCH, (ii) holders, which consists of Related Entities, an entity affiliated with a related party, and third parties, of Class S Preferred Units issued by BCH, (iii) holder, which consists of GWG Holdings, of Preferred Series C Unit Accounts issued by BCH, (iv) holders, which consists of unrelated charity organizations, of residual beneficial interests issued by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and (v) holder, which consists of a third-party, of Class A of CT Risk Management.

Redeemable noncontrolling interests are held by holders, which consist of (i) a Related Entity, an entity affiliated with a related party, a third party, and certain directors, of Preferred A.0 issued by BCH, and (ii) a Related Entity, an entity affiliated with a related party, a third party, and certain directors, of Preferred A.1 issued by BCH.

Related Entities are defined as certain trusts and those entities held by such trusts that are controlled by our founder and in which our founder and his family members are also among classes of economic beneficiaries whether or not our founder is entitled to economic distributions from such trusts.

See Note 13 for further information of the equity instruments of the Company, including those classified as redeemable noncontrolling interests and noncontrolling interests.

Earnings (Loss) per Common Unit

The Company computes net earnings (loss) per unit attributable to common unitholders using the two-class method required for participating securities. The two-class method requires income available to common unitholders for the period to be allocated between common and participating securities based upon their respective rights to receive dividends as if all income for the period had been distributed. The two-class method also requires losses for the period to be allocated between common and participating securities based on their respective rights if the participating security contractually participates in losses. The Company determined that it had participating securities in the form of convertible, preferred equity securities.

Basic net earnings (loss) per unit attributable to common unitholders is computed by dividing net earnings (loss) available to common unitholders by the weighted average number of common units outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common units is computed in a similar manner, except that first the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common units that would have been outstanding if potentially dilutive common

shares were issued using the treasury stock method or if-converted method based on the nature of such securities. See Note 14 for additional details.

Investment Income (Loss), Net

Investment income (loss), net consists of unrealized gains (losses) due to changes in NAV of alternative assets. For certain periods presented herein, it also consists of unrealized gains (losses) on repurchase options and unrealized gains (losses) on other noncash transactions. Refer to Note 5 for a reconciliation of the financial statement line item.

Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments, Net

Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net consists of unrealized gains (losses) due to changes in fair value of financial instruments and realized gains (losses) from the sale of public equity securities. See Note 6 for a reconciliation of the financial statement line item.

Administration Revenues

Third-party administration fees are earned for the administration of third-party customer accounts. The Company's performance obligation is satisfied over time and the resulting fees are recognized monthly, generally based upon the beginning of the quarter (in advance) net asset value under management and the applicable fee rate, depending on the terms of the contract. Third-party administration fee receivables are recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition in the other assets line item and in administration revenues in the trust services and administration revenues line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Professional Services

Professional services primarily consist of legal fees, net of insurance reimbursable, consulting fees, and advertising costs, which are expensed as incurred and are included in professional services in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Share-based Compensation

Compensation expense for all equity-based compensation awards is determined using the grant date fair value. For all equity-based plans, we record the impact of forfeitures when they occur. Expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award, which is generally equal to the vesting period. The details of our equity-based compensation programs are discussed in Note 12.

Provision for Credit Losses

The provision for credit losses consists of charges against earnings for OTTI on AFS debt securities and bad debt expense on receivables related to the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings. A reconciliation of provision for credit losses for each of the periods presented herein is presented below:

	Year Ended March 31,			Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2021	2020
(in thousands)			(unaudited)		
OTTI on AFS debt securities (Note 5)	\$ 12,621	\$ 4,943	\$ —	\$ 13,726	\$ —
Bad debt expense on related party receivable (Note 9)	6,723	4,440	—	5,029	—
Bad debt expense on other receivables	1,236	—	—	—	—
Provision for credit losses	\$ 20,580	\$ 9,383	\$ —	\$ 18,755	\$ —

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) includes unrealized gains and losses on investments in available for sale debt securities carried at fair value, which are reported as a separate component of equity.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, (Topic 820) defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance also specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are

observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our market assumptions.

Fair values of financial instruments are estimated using relevant market information and other assumptions. Fair value estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment regarding interest rates, credit risk, and other factors, especially in the absence of broad markets for particular items. Changes in assumptions or market conditions could significantly affect these estimates.

Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments, Credit Losses*, (Topic 326) was issued in June 2016. This standard broadens the information that an entity must consider in developing its current expected credit loss (“CECL”) estimate for loans and other financial assets measured either collectively or individually. Current U.S. GAAP delays recognition of credit losses until it is probable a loss has occurred, generally only considering past events and current conditions in measuring the incurred loss. Once implemented, this new standard will eliminate the probable initial recognition threshold and instead, will require the measurement of expected credit losses based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts covering the entire term of the instrument through contractual maturity. An entity must use judgment in determining the relevant information and estimation methods that are appropriate in its circumstances. This standard requires enhanced disclosures around significant estimates and judgments used in estimating credit losses, as well as the credit quality and underwriting standards of the portfolio. The effective date of Topic 326 has been extended for smaller reporting companies and private companies to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years.

Our most significant implementation activities included selection of measurement methodologies and related model development, data accumulation and verification, identification of reasonable and supportable forecast periods, selection of timelines and methods for reversion to unadjusted historical information, multiple preliminary analyses including parallel runs against existing loan loss estimation processes, and design and evaluation of internal controls over the new estimation processes. We have determined we will utilize discounted cash flow methods.

Based on implementation efforts, we expect to incur an increase of approximately \$61.1 million as of April 1, 2023, related to an increase in the allowance for loan losses as well as an increase in the reserve for unfunded commitments. A significant portion of this impact relates to the initial recognition of an allowance for newly originated loans. Management is in the final stages of documenting the accounting, reporting and governance processes associated with the adoption of Topic 326.

We also assessed asset classes other than loans receivable that are within the scope of CECL and determined that the adoption effects for the change in measurement of credit risk were minimal for these classes. Additionally, we have also evaluated the composition of its AFS securities and determined that the changes in Topic 326 will not have a significant effect on the current portfolio.

ASU 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform*, (Topic 848) was issued in March 2020. The amendments in Topic 848 provide optional expedients and exceptions for applying U.S. GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. Topic 848 can be applied by all entities as of the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020, or any date thereafter, and entities may elect to apply the amendments prospectively through December 31, 2022. On December 31, 2022, ASU 2022-06, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848* was issued, which extends the period of time entities can utilize the reference rate reform relief guidance under ASU 2020-04 from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. We have not utilized the optional expedients and exceptions provided by this standard, and are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

3. Understanding our Financial Statements and the Impact to the Common Unitholder

Ben's current products and services, which are offered by the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, involve or are principally offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated VIEs solely for financial reporting purposes, and are not owned directly or indirectly by BCG or BCH equity holders. Transactions involving products and services between Ben's operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. Thus, the consolidated financial statements reflect the (i) assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, investment income and cash flows of Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which hold the collateral for the ExAlt Loans, on a gross basis, and (ii) a portion of the economic interests of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts held by the residual beneficiaries that are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

As a result, Ben's primary tangible assets reflected on its consolidated statements of financial condition are investments, mainly comprised of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and the primary sources of revenue reflected on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) are investment income (loss), net, which represents changes in the net asset value of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and gain (loss) on financial instruments, net, which represents changes in fair value of equity securities, debt securities, a derivative liability, and put options, primarily held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such investment income (loss), net, and gain (loss) on financial instruments that are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts is included in the net income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interests – Customer ExAlt Trusts in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The revenues and expenses recognized in these line items for the activities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not directly impact net income (loss) attributable to BCG's or BCH's equity holders.

Instead, the interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, directly impact the net income (loss) attributable to BCG's and BCH's equity holders. Our Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, which relate to our current operating subsidiaries, are owned by the Company's equity holders (including those of BCH), and recognize revenue through (i) interest income on ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with our liquidity transactions for Customers with interest rates between 7.0% and 14.0% per annum charged against the outstanding principal balance of the ExAlt Loan, (ii) fee income billed at closing, but recognized as revenue ratably over the expected life of the alternative asset, for each liquidity transaction with Customers for services including access to and use of the AltAccess Platform, transfer of the alternative assets, and delivery of the consideration to the client, with fee rates of 7.0% of the sum of the NAV and remaining unfunded commitment of the transacted alternative asset, and (iii) recurring fee income recognized each period for providing services including trustee, custody, and trust administration of the Customer ExAlt Trusts while they hold investments, with fee rates of 2.8% per annum of the sum of the NAV and remaining unfunded commitment of the alternative assets held.

- a. Ben Liquidity recognized \$50.8 million, \$17.8 million, \$55.9 million, and \$51.8 million, in interest income during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022 and the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- b. Ben Custody recognized \$29.0 million, \$8.4 million, \$20.3 million, and \$19.4 million, in trust services and administration revenues during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022, and the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, comprised of both the fee income billed at the closing of the transactions that is being amortized into revenue and the recurring fee income billed during the periods.

In addition, the Corporate/Other segment, which also relates to BCG or subsidiaries owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), may include fee revenue recognized through services provided to Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts through business lines not included within Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody.

Additionally, Ben Liquidity's provision for loan losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the net income (loss) attributable to the various equity securities of BCG and BCH. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben's operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of net income (loss) attributable to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The following table presents a reconciliation of operating income (loss) of our reportable segments, excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts, to net income (loss) attributable to The Beneficiary Company Group, L.P. common unitholder. This reconciliation serves to provide users of our financial statements an understanding and visual aide

of the reportable segments that impact net income (loss) attributable to the common unitholder and reiterates that the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts has no impact on the net income (loss) attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholder.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Operating income (loss)				
Ben Liquidity	\$ (46,512)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 21,191	\$ 25,238
Ben Custody	24,046	7,301	16,193	15,922
Corporate & Other	(112,845)	(31,607)	(77,991)	(136,155)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, related parties	—	—	(34,013)	—
Less: Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,072)	1,072	—	3,459
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests—Ben	19,081	5,038	12,870	40,414
Less: Noncash deemed contribution on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	14,200	—
Less: Noncash deemed dividend on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	(46,202)	—
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(15,822)	(3,788)	(1,264)	—
Net loss attributable to common unitholders	\$ (130,980)	\$ (44,427)	\$ (95,016)	\$ (58,040)

Significant Accounting Policies — Impacting Allocation of Net Income (Loss) to Beneficient’s Equity Holders

As described above, certain income and expenses involving transactions between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated for financial reporting purposes; however, the income or expenses are important to determine the net income (loss) allocable to BCG’s and BCH’s equity holders. Accounting policies related to the significant income and expense items eliminated in our consolidated financial statements but impacting the allocation of net income are described below.

Revenues Eliminated In Consolidated Financial Statements

In accordance with ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, the Company recognizes revenues when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. ASC Topic 606 does not apply to revenue associated with financial instruments, including debt or equity securities accounted for under ASC Topic 320, ASC Topic 321 or ASC Topic 323. ASC Topic 606 applies to income such as up-front fees, trust services fees and administration fees. Ben’s income considered in-scope of ASC Topic 606 is discussed below.

Interest Income

Interest income is generally comprised of contractual interest, interest recognized on certain of the ExAlt Loans through the effective yield method, and an amortized discount that is recognized ratably over the life of the ExAlt Loan. Contractual interest income is a computed variable rate that compounds monthly.

As a result of the change-of-control event on December 31, 2019 and the resulting valuation performed under ASC 805, Ben’s existing loan portfolio composed of ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts was evaluated as of December 31, 2019 for credit deterioration based on the intentions of all parties that the income allocations provisions of Ben operate under U.S. GAAP as if the Customer ExAlt Trusts were not consolidated for financial reporting purposes. Further, as required under ASC 805, each loan between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts was evaluated and classified as either purchased credit impaired (“PCI”) or non-purchased credit impaired (“non-PCI”). For PCI loans, expected cash flows as of the date of valuation in excess of the fair value of loans are recorded as interest income over the life of the loans using a level yield method if the timing and amount of the future cash flows is reasonably estimable. Subsequently, increases in cash flows over those expected at the acquisition date are recognized prospectively as interest income. Decreases in expected cash flows due to credit deterioration are recognized by recording an allowance for loan loss. For non-PCI loans, the difference between the fair value and unpaid principal balance of the loan as of the date of valuation is amortized or accreted to interest income over the

contractual life of the loans using the effective interest method. In the event of prepayment, the remaining unamortized amount is recognized in interest income, which is eliminated upon the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts for financial reporting purposes.

Fiduciary financing, trust services and administration revenues include the following fees:

Upfront Fees

Non-refundable upfront fees are earned and recognized for setting up and providing the customer access to the ExAlt PlanTM. These activities do not transfer a separate promised service; therefore, they represent advanced payments for trust administration services. Upfront fees are billed at the origination of the liquidity transaction and are generally based on a percentage of NAV plus any unfunded capital commitments. Payment of the fees occurs in the first step of the waterfall allocation provision per the trust agreement. Upfront fees are deferred upon receipt and are recognized ratably over the period of benefit, which is generally consistent with estimated expected life of LiquidTrusts (typically seven to ten years).

Trust Administration Revenues

Trust administration fees are earned for providing administrative services to trustees for existing liquidity solution customers. The Company's performance obligation under these agreements is satisfied over time as the administration and management services are provided. Fees are recognized monthly based upon the beginning of quarter (in advance) net asset value plus any remaining unfunded capital commitments and the applicable fee rate of the account as outlined in the agreement. Payment frequency is defined in the individual contracts, which primarily stipulate billings on a quarterly basis in advance.

Expenses Eliminated In Consolidated Financial Statements

Allowances for Loan Losses and related Provision

The allowance for loan losses is an input to the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's or BCH's equity holders. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. Management's determination of the allowance is based upon an evaluation of the loan portfolio, impaired loans, economic conditions, volume, growth and composition of the collateral to the loan portfolio, and other risks inherent in the portfolio. Currently, management individually reviews all ExAlt Loans due to the low volume and non-homogenous nature of the current portfolio. Management relies heavily on statistical analysis, current NAV and distribution performance of the underlying alternative asset and industry trends related to alternative asset investments to estimate losses. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance by reviewing relevant internal and external factors that affect credit quality. The cash flows generated from the alternative asset interests supporting the collateral are the sole source of repayment of the ExAlt Loans and related interest. Ben recognizes any charge-off in the period in which it is determined, at which time impaired ExAlt Loans are written down to their estimated net present value.

Interest income for purposes of determining income allocations to BCG's and BCH's equity holders is adjusted for any allowance for loan losses, which was approximately \$80.7 million, \$34.1 million, \$8.9 million, and \$5.4 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

4. Strategic Transactions with GWG Holdings, Inc. and GWG Life, LLC

In 2018 and 2019, we consummated a series of transactions with GWG Holdings, certain of which, relevant to the financial statements presented herein, are more fully described below. As a result of certain of these transactions, on December 31, 2019, GWG Holdings obtained the right to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of Ben Management, and Ben became a consolidated subsidiary for financial reporting purposes of GWG Holdings beginning on December 31, 2019.

Decoupling Transactions with GWG Holdings

On November 12, 2021, amendments to the organizational documents of BCG, BCH, and Ben Management were approved by the Board of Directors of Ben Management and GWG Holdings (the "Amendments"). On November 29, 2021, the Amendments became effective. These Amendments are part of, and effectuate, the series of transactions (the "Decoupling Transactions"), which resulted in, among other things, (i) GWG Holdings converting its capital account balance of \$319.0 million in BCH Preferred A.1 to an equal amount of Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts issued by BCG ("BCG Preferred B.2"), which are a preferential class of equity in BCG

with enhanced conversion rights; (ii) GWG Holdings no longer having certain voting rights or the right to nominate or appoint members of the Board of Directors of Ben Management; and (iii) Ben no longer being a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings and therefore operating as a wholly independent and separate company.

Commercial Loan Agreement

On December 28, 2018, BCG, as borrower, entered into a commercial loan agreement (the “Commercial Loan Agreement”) with GWG Life, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GWG Holdings (“GWG Life”), as lender, providing for a loan in a principal amount of \$192.5 million (the “Commercial Loan”). The principal amount under the Commercial Loan Agreement bore interest at 5.00% per year, compounded annually. One-half of the interest, or 2.50% per year, was due and payable monthly in cash, and one-half of the interest, or 2.50% per year, accrued and compounded annually.

In connection with the Decoupling Transactions, on November 26, 2021, GWG Holdings and BCG executed a payoff letter for the Commercial Loan Agreement pursuant to which BCG repaid the entire outstanding principal balance of the Commercial Loan Agreement of \$202.3 million plus accrued interest of \$5.8 million, by issuing to GWG Life 19,250,795 Common Units. The payoff of the Commercial Loan Agreement was accounted for as a debt extinguishment in accordance with ASC 470. Accordingly, BCG recorded a \$14.6 million loss on extinguishment related to the payoff for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is reflected in the loss on extinguishment of debt line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The loss on extinguishment represents the difference between the carrying value of the Commercial Loan Agreement at payoff of \$192.8 million, net of an unamortized discount of \$15.3 million, and the fair value of the Commercial Loan Agreement of \$207.4 million, which was determined to have the most readily determinable fair value at the time of the nonmonetary transaction.

Unit Purchase Agreement

On July 15, 2020, the Company entered into a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement (“UPA”) with GWG Holdings (acting through a then constituted special committee of the Board of Directors of GWG Holdings). Pursuant to the UPA, and provided it has adequate liquidity, GWG Holdings agreed to make capital contributions from time to time to BCH in exchange for Preferred Series C Unit accounts of BCH during a period which commenced on the date of the UPA and continued until November 29, 2021, when Ben ceased to be a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, BCH issued \$14.8 million and \$130.2 million, respectively, of Preferred Series C related to this agreement for cash consideration of equal value. The Company redeemed \$14.8 million of Preferred Series C during the year ended December 31, 2021 for cash consideration of equal value.

Option Agreement Conversion

Effective August 11, 2020, as a result of the Exchange Agreement entered into by the parties on December 31, 2019, and the mutual agreement of the parties, the Option Agreement was exercised under the provisions of the Option Agreement. As such, GWG Holdings received \$57.5 million of BCG Common Units at a price per unit equal to \$12.50. The exercise of the Option Agreement decreased other liabilities and increased common units outstanding.

Collateral Swap

On September 30, 2020, certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (collectively, the “Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts”), at the sole direction of the independent trustee of each such trust, with the intention of protecting the value of certain assets of the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts underlying part of the Collateral portfolio, the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts entered into that certain Contribution and Exchange Agreement with certain of the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, (collectively, the “Participating Exchange Trusts”), each of which entered into such agreement at the direction of its applicable trust advisor and by and through its applicable corporate trustee (the “Contribution and Exchange Agreement”). Under the Contribution and Exchange Agreement, the Participating Exchange Trusts agreed to exchange 9,837,264 shares of GWG Holdings’ common stock valued at \$84.6 million, 543,874 shares of BCG Common Units valued at \$6.8 million, and GWG Holdings’ L Bonds due 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of \$94.8 million to the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts for \$94.3 million in NAV of the alternative asset investments held by the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts. This transaction (the “Collateral Swap”) resulted in the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts recognizing an additional \$84.6 million of investment in public equity securities of related party, \$94.8 million of debt securities of related party, \$3.4 million of treasury shares of BCG’s Common Units, and gain of \$88.5 million, which was recorded in investment income, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

LiquidTrust Promissory Note Repayment

On May 31, 2019, certain LiquidTrusts executed a Promissory Note (the “Promissory Note”) with GWG Life (acting through a then constituted special committee of the Board of Directors of GWG Holdings) for a principal amount of \$65.0 million. On September 30, 2020, GWG Holdings, GWG Life (which, collectively with GWG Holdings, acted through a then constituted special committee of the Board of Directors of GWG Holdings), and the Borrowers agreed to the repayment of the Promissory Note and any related accrued interest for a \$75.0 million BCH Preferred C.1 Unit Account that BCG issued to the Borrowers. The Company determined the fair value of the BCH Preferred C.1 was \$71.2 million as of September 30, 2020. The carrying value of the Promissory Note on September 30, 2020, with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, was \$65.1 million. Accordingly, the difference between the fair value of the BCH Preferred C.1 and the carrying value of the settled debt was settled between equity holders. Additionally, as a result of the change in ownership of BCG while BCG retained a controlling interest in BCH, a rebalancing of the noncontrolling interests was performed in accordance with ASC 810-10, *Consolidation — Overall*, which resulted in a \$3.2 million net increase to noncontrolling interest.

5. Investments, at Fair Value

Investments held by Ben or held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts are comprised of investments in alternative assets, public debt and equity securities (principally of a related party), other equity securities and put options. The composition of investments recorded at fair value by holder is included in the table below (in thousands):

	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Ben	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Ben	Customer ExAlt Trusts
Alternative assets	\$ —	\$ 385,851	\$ —	\$ 524,927
Public equity securities and option	4,742	8,087	13,625	56,144
Debt securities available-for-sale	620	76,278	624	77,669
Other equity securities	—	21,643	—	1,181
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 5,362</u>	<u>\$ 491,859</u>	<u>\$ 14,249</u>	<u>\$ 659,921</u>

A reconciliation of investment income (loss), net for each of the periods presented herein is included in the table below (in thousands):

	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended March 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
			(unaudited)		
(Loss) gain from change in NAV of alternative assets	\$ (54,010)	\$ (10,811)	\$ 2,091	\$ 15,534	\$ (17,558)
Gain on repurchase options (see Note 6)	—	—	—	—	61,664
Gain on Collateral Swap (see Note 4)	—	—	—	—	88,514
Investment (loss) income, net	<u>\$ (54,010)</u>	<u>\$ (10,811)</u>	<u>\$ 2,091</u>	<u>\$ 15,534</u>	<u>\$ 132,620</u>

Investments in Alternative Assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts

The investments in alternative assets are held, either through direct ownership or through beneficial interests, by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and consist primarily of limited partnership interests in various alternative investments, including private equity funds. These alternative investments are valued using NAV as a practical expedient. Changes in the NAV of these investments are recorded in investment income (loss), net in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The investments in alternative assets provide the economic value that ultimately collateralizes the ExAlt Loans that Ben Liquidity originates with the Customer ExAlt Trusts in liquidity transactions and any associated fees due from the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The NAV calculation reflects the most current report of NAV and other data received from firm/fund sponsors. If no such report has been received, Ben estimates NAV based upon the last NAV calculation reported by the investment manager and adjusts it for capital calls and distributions made in the intervening time frame. Ben also considers whether adjustments to the NAV are necessary, in certain circumstances, in which management is aware of specific material events, changes in market conditions, and other relevant factors that have affected the value of an investment during the period between the date of the most recent NAV calculation reported by the investment

manager or sponsor and the measurement date. Public equity securities known to be owned within an alternative investment fund, based on the most recent information reported by the general partners, are marked to market using quoted market prices on the reporting date.

The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests. The transfer of the investments in private equity funds generally requires the consent of the corresponding private equity fund manager, and the transfer of certain fund investments is subject to rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights, potentially further limiting the ExAlt PlanTM from transferring an investment in a private equity fund. The majority (96 percent) of the investments are not subject to redemption with the funds. Distributions from funds are received as the underlying investments are liquidated. Timing of liquidation is currently unknown.

Portfolio Information

Our portfolio of alternative asset investments, held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts by asset class of each fund as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, is summarized below (in thousands):

Asset Class	Alternative Investments Portfolio Summary			
	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Carrying Value	Unfunded Commitments	Carrying Value	Unfunded Commitments
Venture Capital	\$ 165,933	\$ 2,810	\$ 209,912	\$ 3,035
Private Equity	145,073	47,218	199,280	55,269
Hedge Funds ⁽¹⁾	24,935	337	51,974	358
Natural Resources	27,756	5,240	31,736	4,994
Private Real Estate	10,391	4,800	15,757	4,802
Other ⁽²⁾	11,763	730	16,268	635
Total	\$ 385,851	\$ 61,135	\$ 524,927	\$ 69,093

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

⁽¹⁾ As of March 31, 2023, \$16.4 million of the investments in this asset class are currently redeemable with no restrictions apart from the notice period. The redemption frequency ranges from weekly to quarterly and the redemption notice period ranges from 2 to 90 days.

⁽²⁾ “Other” includes earnouts, escrow, net other assets, and private debt strategies.

As of March 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts collectively had exposure to 286 professionally managed alternative asset investment funds, comprised of 952 underlying investments, 91 percent of which are investments in private companies.

Public Equity Securities

Investment in public equity securities primarily represents ownership by both Ben and certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts in GWG Holdings combined with direct investments in other public companies. These investments are carried at fair value, which is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the fair value of the GWG Holdings’ common stock held by Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts is \$3.7 million and \$67.2 million, respectively. The fluctuation in the amount of GWG Holdings’ common stock between each period end is determined by the quoted market price. The decline in market price from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023, is due to a variety of factors, including GWG Holdings’ pending reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code. The fair value of the investments in other public companies was \$5.1 million and \$2.5 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

Put Options

On July 17, 2020, Ben, through its consolidated subsidiary, CT Risk Management, L.L.C, purchased put options with an aggregate notional amount of \$300.0 million for aggregate payments of \$14.8 million. Those options were sold in November 2021 for \$1.8 million, resulting in a recognized loss of \$12.9 million.

On April 1, 2022, Ben, through CT Risk Management, L.L.C., made aggregate payments of \$5.0 million to purchase additional put options in the S&P 500 Index with an aggregate notional amount of \$141.3 million. Half of the notional expires in April 2024, while the other half expires in April 2025. On April 27, 2022, CT Risk Management, L.L.C., sold an equity interest for \$2.4 million to the third-party involved in a participation loan transaction described in Note 10 and utilized the proceeds to purchase additional put options similar to the put options purchased on April 1, 2022.

The put options are designed to protect the NAV of the interests in alternative assets, which generate the collateral to certain of the ExAlt Loans in Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio or the loans related to the participation loan transaction and provide for distributions to the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ultimate beneficiary, against market risk. The options are carried at fair value, which is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

As of March 31, 2023, the fair value of the options was \$4.0 million. For the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben has recognized net losses totaling \$3.5 million on the put options, of which approximately \$2.5 million is attributable to Ben or Ben's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction. No options were held as of or during the three months ended March 31, 2022. The related loss recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, was \$5.2 million and \$7.8 million, respectively. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

Debt Securities Available-for-Sale

Investments in debt securities primarily represent ownership in corporate debt securities, specifically, GWG Holdings' L Bonds held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investments in debt securities also represent ownership in privately held debt securities. Investments in debt securities are classified and accounted for as available-for-sale, with unrealized gains and losses presented as a separate component of equity under the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) line item.

The L Bonds have a maturity of August 8, 2023; however, the Company expects that any recovery on the investment in L Bonds will occur during the calendar year ending 2025 upon GWG Holdings' emergence from bankruptcy and successful monetization of its assets that will provide for the recovery (if any) to GWG Holding's creditors. A portion of GWG Holdings' investment in the Ben Common Units, cash, or a combination thereof, may be used as consideration, at the option of GWG Holdings, for retiring the L Bonds upon a redemption event, which is at the option of the holder, or at the maturity of the L Bonds.

The amortized cost, estimated fair value, and unrealized gains and losses on investments in debt securities classified as available-for-sale as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 are summarized as follows:

	March 31, 2023			
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	\$ 64,313	\$ 17,433	\$ (7,924)	\$ 73,822
Other debt securities	2,685	1,347	(956)	3,076
Total available-for-sale debt securities	\$ 66,998	\$ 18,780	\$ (8,880)	\$ 76,898

	March 31, 2022			
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	\$ 76,934	\$ 132	\$ (2,771)	\$ 74,295
Other debt securities	2,685	1,313	—	3,998
Total available-for-sale debt securities	\$ 79,619	\$ 1,445	\$ (2,771)	\$ 78,293

The table below indicates the length of time individual debt securities have been in a continuous loss position as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022:

	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds):				
Less than twelve months	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 74,295	\$ 2,771
Twelve months or longer	73,822	7,924	—	—
Other debt securities:				
Less than twelve months	2,078	956	—	—
Total available-for-sale debt securities with unrealized losses	\$ 75,900	\$ 8,880	\$ 74,295	\$ 2,771

The noncredit-related portion of the net unrealized gains of \$11.2 million and \$0.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2022, respectively, and the net unrealized losses of \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, was recognized as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company determined the credit-related portion of OTTI on its investment in debt securities available-for-sale was \$12.6 million, \$4.9 million, and \$13.7 million respectively, which is recorded in the provision for credit losses on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The Company determined these losses were other-than-temporary as it does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security.

The following table is a rollforward of credit-related OTTI recognized in earnings for the periods presented below:

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 18,669	\$ 13,726	\$ —	\$ —
Credit related OTTI not previously recognized	—	—	13,726	—
Increase in OTTI amounts previously recognized	12,621	4,943	—	—
Balance, end of period	\$ 31,290	\$ 18,669	\$ 13,726	\$ —

The contractual maturities of available-for-sale debt securities as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 are as follows:

	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Due in one year or less	\$ 66,000	\$ 75,900	\$ 1,687	\$ 3,000
Due in one to five years	—	—	76,934	74,295
No fixed maturity	998	998	998	998
	\$ 66,998	\$ 76,898	\$ 79,619	\$ 78,293

Other Equity Securities

Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in equity securities that do not have a readily determinable fair value. These equity securities are measured at cost, less impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. The value of these equity securities was \$21.6 million and \$1.2 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. The increase in value is primarily due to new investments held as of March 31, 2023 that were not held as of March 31, 2022. Additionally, during the year ended March 31, 2023, one security received an upward adjustment of \$10.8 million based upon observable price changes, including a recent equity offering and stock to

stock transactions. Such adjustment also represents the cumulative adjustment. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein, which reflects any upward or downward adjustments to these equity securities for the periods presented herein. There were no impairments to these equity securities during the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, or the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

6. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is estimated based on a hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques into three broad levels whereby the highest priority is given to Level 1 inputs and the lowest to Level 3 inputs.

- Level 1 — Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets that the reporting entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 — Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable market data.
- Level 3 — Valuations for instruments with inputs that are significant and unobservable are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and are not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such instruments.

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Investments that are valued using NAV as a practical expedient are excluded from this hierarchy.

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the fair value of these investments using the NAV per share practical expedient was \$385.9 million and \$524.9 million, respectively. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, losses of \$54.0 million and \$10.8 million, gains of \$15.5 million, and losses of \$17.6 million, respectively, were recognized from changes in NAV, which are recorded within the investment income (loss), net, line item of our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Financial instruments on a recurring basis

The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis, including the level in the fair value hierarchy, on March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 are presented below.

(Dollars in thousands)	As of March 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Public equity securities	\$ 8,837	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 8,837
Put options	3,991	—	—	3,991
Debt securities available-for-sale				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	—	73,822	—	73,822
Other debt securities	—	998	2,078	3,076
Liabilities:				
Derivative liability	—	—	3,513	3,513

(Dollars in thousands)	As of March 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Public equity securities	\$ 69,769	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 69,769
Debt securities available-for-sale				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	—	74,295	—	74,295
Other debt securities	—	998	3,000	3,998
Liabilities:				
Derivative liability	—	—	8,108	8,108

A reconciliation of gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein is included in the tables below (in thousands):

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2021	2020
		(unaudited)			
Public equity securities					
Related party equity securities	\$ (63,536)	\$ (56,011)	\$ —	\$ 37,012	\$ (22,913)
Other public equity securities	523	—	—	—	—
Put options	(3,460)	—	(2,180)	(5,175)	(7,757)
Derivative liability	4,595	—	—	—	—
Other equity securities	10,457	—	—	—	—
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	<u>\$ (51,421)</u>	<u>\$ (56,011)</u>	<u>\$ (2,180)</u>	<u>\$ 31,837</u>	<u>\$ (30,670)</u>

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Investment in debt securities available-for-sale

Corporate debt securities (L Bonds). As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the fair value of these debt securities is calculated using quoted spreads for similar instruments observed in the fixed income market and is classified as a Level 2 investment in the fair value hierarchy.

Other debt securities. The fair value of these debt securities is calculated using the market approach adjusted for the recoverability of the security. The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measure of the Level 3 other debt securities (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Range	Weighted Average
March 31, 2023	\$ 2,078	Market Approach	Enterprise value-to-revenue multiple	0.2x – 18.9x	1.74x
March 31, 2022	\$ 3,000	Market Approach	Enterprise value-to-revenue multiple	0.2x – 18.9x	1.73x

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending fair value of our Level 3 other debt securities:

(Dollars in thousands)	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Beginning balance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,687	\$ —
Initial fair value of financial instrument	—	—	—	1,687
Gains (losses) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(922)	—	1,313	—
Ending balance	<u>\$ 2,078</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,687</u>

(1) Recorded in unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale debt securities.

Derivative liability

The fair value of the contingent interest feature derivative liability, as discussed in Note 10, is estimated using industry standard valuation models. Level 3 inputs were utilized to value the expected future cash flows from the portfolio held by the Customer ExAlt Trust and included the use of present value techniques employing cash flow estimates and incorporated assumptions that marketplace participants would use in estimating fair values. Specifically, the model includes assumptions related to i) equity market risk premiums, ii) alternative asset beta to public equities, iii) NAVs, iv) volatilities, v), distribution rates, and vi) market discount rates. These expected future cash flows were bifurcated between base cash flows and enhanced return cash flows (i.e., the contingent interest) and then the enhanced cash flows were further discounted to arrive at the fair value for the contingent interest feature derivative liability. In instances where reliable market information was not available, management used historical market data proxies and assumptions to determine a reasonable fair value.

The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Level 3 derivative liability at period end (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Targets
March 31, 2023	\$ 3,513	Discounted cash flow	Alternative asset beta to equity markets	0.42 – 1.67
			Alternative asset market discount rate	0.10
			Distribution rate	0.03 – 0.06
			Equity market risk premiums	0.07
			Net asset value volatilities	0.09 – 0.84
			Enhanced return discount rate	0.12
March 31, 2022	\$ 8,108	Discounted cash flow	Alternative asset beta to equity markets	0.51 – 1.69
			Alternative asset market discount rate	0.08
			Distribution rate	0.03 – 0.07
			Equity market risk premiums	0.08
			Net asset value volatilities	0.09 – 0.38
			Enhanced return discount rate	0.12

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending fair value of our Level 3 derivative liability:

	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 8,108	\$ —
Initial fair value of financial instrument	—	8,108
(Gains) losses recognized in earnings ⁽¹⁾	(4,595)	—
Ending balance	<u>\$ 3,513</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>

(1) Recorded in (gain) loss on financial instruments, net.

Repurchase options

Repurchase options were fair valued using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with a time-dependent strike price for the repurchase price. The option pricing model has assumptions related to a period of restricted exercise price, dividend yield, underlying NAVs, alternative asset growth rates, volatilities, and market discount rate. The Company uses Level 3 inputs for its fair value estimates. The unrealized impact of this Level 3 measurement on earnings is reflected in investment income (loss).

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending fair value of our Level 3 repurchase options:

	Year Ended December 31, 2020	
(Dollars in thousands)		
Beginning balance	\$	(61,664)
Total gain in earnings		61,664
Ending balance	\$	—

The repurchase options, all of which were unexercised, expired during the third and fourth quarters of 2020, which is recognized in the investment income line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

There have been no transfers between levels for any assets or liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis or any changes in the valuation techniques used for measuring the fair value as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively.

Financial instruments on a non-recurring basis

In connection with the Ben LPA and BCH LPA and related modifications to equity securities issued as described in Note 13, certain of the Company's equity securities, including noncontrolling interests, were measured at fair value as of December 1, 2021 using Level 3 measurement methodologies. To determine the fair value of the equity securities, the Company used a linear interpolation method between two valuation dates, which were each valued using third-party market transactions involving the Company's equity securities. The total enterprise value was then allocated to the various classes of equity based on the security class preference.

The following table provides information regarding the unobservable inputs utilized in determining the fair value of the non-recurring Level 3 measurement as of December 1, 2021:

Level 3 Class	Fair Value at December 1, 2021	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Target
Preferred A.0	\$ 249,907	Interpolation	Discount rate	28.26%
			Preferred rate of return	6.00%
Preferred A.1	\$ 961,801	Interpolation	Discount rate	29.26%
			Preferred rate of return	5.78%
			Growth rate	4.00%
Preferred B.2	\$ 358,515	Interpolation	Discount rate	29.30%
			Preferred rate of return	5.09%
			Growth rate	4.00%

Equity securities without a readily determinable fair value

Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in equity securities that do not have a readily determinable fair value. These equity securities are measured at cost, less impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. The Company classifies these assets as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

The value of these equity securities was \$21.6 million and \$1.2 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. The increase in value is primarily due to new investments held as of March 31, 2023 that were not held as of March 31, 2022. Additionally, during the year ended March 31, 2023, one security received an upward

adjustment of \$10.8 million based upon observable price changes, including a recent equity offering and stock to stock transactions. Such adjustment also represents the cumulative adjustment.

There were no other assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022.

Carrying amounts and estimated fair values

The estimated fair value of financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the consolidated statements of financial condition, for which it is practicable to estimate those values, are disclosed below. These fair value estimates are determined based on relevant market information and information about the financial instruments. Fair value estimates are intended to represent the price at which an asset could be sold or the price at which a liability could be transferred. However, given there is no active market or observable market transactions for many of Ben's financial instruments, our estimates of many of these fair values are subjective in nature, involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimated values. Nonfinancial instruments are excluded from disclosure requirements.

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments not recorded at fair value as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, were as noted in the table below:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	As of March 31, 2023		
	Level in Fair Value Hierarchy	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	\$ 8,726	\$ 8,726
Restricted cash	1	819	819
Financial liabilities:			
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	2	52,129	56,635
Debt due to related parties	2	99,314	96,465
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1	65,724	65,724

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	As of March 31, 2022		
	Level in Fair Value Hierarchy	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	\$ 70,588	\$ 70,588
Restricted cash	1	5,517	5,517
Financial liabilities:			
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	2	65,674	64,811
Debt due to related parties	2	105,917	119,036
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1	37,332	37,332

7. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are included in other assets in the consolidated statements of financial condition and consist of the following:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Computer hardware and software	\$ 9,899	\$ 7,506
Land	—	750
Buildings	188	265
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	139	133
Leasehold improvements	109	109
Other	73	73
Fixed assets, gross	10,408	8,836
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,551)	(3,271)
Internal use software in process	487	1,771
Fixed assets, net	\$ 4,344	\$ 7,336

Depreciation and amortization expense related to fixed assets was \$3.6 million, \$0.6 million, \$1.8 million and \$0.9 million, for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The majority of our depreciation and amortization expense is related to the amortization of capitalized computer software costs, which was \$3.4 million, \$0.6 million, \$1.6 million and \$0.7 million, for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the unamortized computer software costs were \$3.5 million and \$4.3 million, respectively.

8. Goodwill and Other Intangibles

The following tables present activity in the Company's goodwill and finite-lived and indefinite-lived intangible assets for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the year ended December 31, 2021.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2022	Additions¹	Reporting Unit Allocation	Impairment	March 31, 2023	Amortization Period
Goodwill	\$ 2,367,750	\$ 176	\$ (2,367,926)	\$ —	\$ —	Indefinite
Ben Liquidity	—	—	1,725,880	—	1,725,880	Indefinite
Ben Custody	—	—	594,219	—	594,219	Indefinite
Ben Insurance	—	—	37,942	—	37,942	Indefinite
Ben Markets	—	—	9,885	—	9,885	Indefinite
Total Goodwill	2,367,750	176	—	—	2,367,926	Indefinite
Insurance license	3,100	—	—	—	3,100	Indefinite
Total goodwill and intangible assets	\$ 2,370,850	\$ 176	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,371,026	

¹ The additional goodwill resulted from the purchase of MHT Securities, as discussed in Note 1.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2021	Impairment	March 31, 2022	Amortization Period
Goodwill	\$ 2,367,750	\$ —	\$ 2,367,750	Indefinite
Insurance license	3,100	—	3,100	Indefinite
Total goodwill and intangible assets	\$ 2,370,850	\$ —	\$ 2,370,850	

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2020	Amortization	Impairment	December 31, 2021	Amortization Period
Goodwill	\$ 2,367,750	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,367,750	Indefinite
Non-compete agreement	185	(185)	—	—	2 years
Insurance license	3,100	—	—	3,100	Indefinite
Total goodwill and intangible assets	<u>\$ 2,371,035</u>	<u>\$ (185)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,370,850</u>	

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2019	Amortization	Impairment	December 31, 2020	Amortization Period
Goodwill	\$ 2,367,750	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,367,750	Indefinite
Non-compete agreement	349	(164)	—	185	3 years
Insurance license	3,100	—	—	3,100	Indefinite
Total goodwill and intangible assets	<u>\$ 2,371,199</u>	<u>\$ (164)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,371,035</u>	

Barring a triggering event that suggests possible impairment, the Company conducts impairment tests for goodwill and indefinite-lived assets during the fourth quarter each fiscal year, using generally accepted valuation methods. The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the year ended March 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2022 on January 1. The Company conducted the annual impairment test for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 on October 1. As previously disclosed in Note 2, this change in date for impairment testing is considered a change in accounting principle as the impairment test for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was for the twelve months ended. The Company determined there was no impairment of goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets during the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, or the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

For 2021, 2022, and 2023, the Company used a linear interpolation method to estimate the enterprise value between two valuation dates, which were each valued using third-party market transactions involving the Company's equity securities. The significant assumptions used in these two approaches include growth rates and the weighted-average cost of capital used to discount future cash flows. The Company believes that the linear interpolation methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuation of its enterprise value because the Company did not identify any significant events that occurred during the intervening periods that would have caused a material change in fair value.

Prior to 2023, the Company had one reporting unit. As previously mentioned, Ben filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 on December 9, 2022, which initiated the requirement for Ben to comply with segment reporting and thus allocate its goodwill to its reporting units based on their relative fair values. As such, for 2023, the Company allocated the total enterprise value to each of its reporting units. This allocation involved the use of multiple assumptions, including estimated discounted cash flows and other estimates that may change over time. For example, a key assumption in determining the allocation of Ben's overall enterprise value to each of our reporting units involves the use of forecasted free cash flows generated by our business over the next five years and includes assumptions regarding expected growth of new service offerings and products. While our assumption reflects management's best estimates of future performance, predicting the rate of growth attributable to newly launched products results in increased estimation uncertainty.

For 2020, two valuation approaches were used in the assessment. The income approach, comprised of the discounted cash flow method, and the market approach, comprised of the guideline public company method were completed. Significant assumptions utilized in the discount cash flow method include management operating forecasts and the discount rate. Significant assumptions used in the guideline public company method include management revenue forecasts.

Finally, management has determined that none of the Company's goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

9. Other Assets and Other Liabilities

The following table details the components of other assets:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Related party receivables	\$ 17,795	\$ 8,877
Allowance for related party receivables	(15,600)	(8,877)
Deferred costs of equity offering	7,778	1,310
Distribution receivables	5,891	2,010
Promissory Note receivable	5,104	4,513
Fixed assets (Note 7)	4,344	7,336
Insurance reimbursable receivable	3,211	—
Prepaid expenses	2,329	2,345
Other assets	2,051	2,369
Total Other assets, net	\$ 32,903	\$ 19,883

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

Related Party Receivables

Related party receivables consist of amounts owed to the Company in connection with the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings discussed in Note 16. Due to the financial deterioration of GWG Holdings, including GWG Holdings' filing for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, receivables prior to the bankruptcy filing were fully reserved. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, reserves related to these receivables were \$15.6 million and \$8.9 million, respectively.

Promissory Note Receivable

There are amounts due under two promissory note agreements for funds advanced outside of our normal liquidity arrangements with a principal balance of \$2.5 million and \$0.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, respectively. The \$2.5 million note bears interest at 9.0% per annum. The \$0.9 million note bears interest at the lesser of 18% or the mid-term federal rate (360 day year). As such, the interest rate was 5.00% per annum as of March 31, 2023 and 0.50% per annum as of March 31, 2022. Both promissory note agreements mature in April 2024 and may be prepaid at any time without penalty. Mandatory prepayments are required if certain conditions are met. Total principal and interest due for both promissory notes as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 was \$5.1 million and \$4.5 million, respectively.

The following table details the components of other liabilities:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Interest commitments	\$ 13,499	\$ 9,879
Deferred tax liability (Note 15)	—	1,072
Other	1,123	1,408
Total Other liabilities	\$ 14,622	\$ 12,359

Interest Commitment

The primary closing conditions of the Company's formative transactions consisted of (i) MHT Financial entering into purchase and sale agreements with certain counterparties, which were owners of alternative asset funds to acquire their portfolios of alternative assets (collectively, the "Formative Transactions Exchange Portfolio") in exchange for agreed upon consideration and (ii) MHT Financial's subsequent contribution of the Formative Transactions Exchange Portfolio into the custody of certain constituent trusts (each a "Custody Trust") of the ExAlt Plan™ (as structured for the formative transactions, the "Formative ExAlt Plan™") in exchange for Common Units of Ben and debt and equity securities of GWG Holdings of an agreed upon value issued to certain other constituent trusts of the Formative ExAlt Plan™ of which MHT Financial was named the sole beneficiary (such trusts, the "2017-18 Exchange Trusts"). In connection with these formative transactions and related closing conditions, the Company agreed with certain other sellers to MHT Financial to accrue interest beginning on August 10, 2018, at a rate of 1-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus 3.95% for thirty percent of the value of the Ben

Common Units held by these 2017-18 Exchange Trusts until such time that these 2017-18 Exchange Trusts liquidate their holdings of Ben Common Units. The Company does not have an obligation to repurchase or redeem the Ben Common Units held by the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts. Interest expense of \$3.6 million, \$0.5 million, \$2.1 million, and \$2.3 million was recognized during the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accrued interest on this commitment is reflected in other liabilities. No amount of accrued interest has been paid through March 31, 2023.

10. Customer ExAlt Trust Loan Payable

On March 24, 2022, Ben Liquidity transferred a \$72.5 million ExAlt Loan to a third-party in return for \$72.5 million of cash. The loan participation transaction resulted in a third party now holding the transferred ExAlt Loan, which was previously eliminated in consolidation against the loan payable issued by a Customer ExAlt Trust for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the loan payable issued by the Customer ExAlt Trusts is no longer eliminated upon consolidation for financial reporting purposes and is reflected in the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable does not have scheduled principal or interest payments due prior to its maturity date of December 7, 2033. Prepayment of the loans, in whole or in part, is permitted without premium or penalty. A pro-rata portion of the cash flows from \$352.6 million of alternative assets acquired by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on December 7, 2021 are the sole source of cash flows to be used by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to satisfy its obligations under the terms of the loan agreement. Ben and its subsidiaries have no obligation or other requirements to repay the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable should the pro-rata cash flows from the \$352.6 million of alternative assets associated with the loan be insufficient to pay all contractual obligations owed under the terms of the loan agreement.

The Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable bears interest at 12% per annum. The loan agreement includes a contingent interest feature whereby additional interest could be owed up to a maximum rate of 21% under certain circumstances, dependent principally on the cash flows generated by the pro rata portion of the underlying collateral. As the contingent interest feature is not based on creditworthiness, such feature is not clearly and closely related to the host instrument and is therefore bifurcated and recognized as a derivative liability with a resulting debt discount at inception. The fair value of the contingent interest derivative liability was \$3.5 million and \$8.1 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively, and is recognized as a component of the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable in the consolidated statements of financial condition. The related net gain of \$4.6 million is reflected in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended March 31, 2023. No gain or loss was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2022. The amortization of the debt discount, which is reflected as a component of interest expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), was \$1.7 million and \$0.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2023, and the three months ended March 31, 2022, respectively.

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the outstanding principal, including interest paid-in-kind, was \$54.2 million and \$64.8 million, respectively. The balance reflected on the consolidated statement of financial condition as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, was \$52.1 million and \$65.7 million, respectively, which includes the fair value of the contingent interest derivative liability of \$3.5 million and \$8.1 million, respectively, and is net of the unamortized debt discount of \$5.6 million and \$7.2 million, respectively. The unamortized debt discount had a remaining amortization period of approximately 10.7 years and effective interest rate of 13.89% as of March 31, 2023.

11. Debt Due to Related Parties

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the Company's debt due to related parties consisted of the following:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
First Lien Credit Agreement	\$ 21,350	\$ 21,298
Second Lien Credit Agreement	73,291	73,120
Other borrowings	2,076	2,747
Unamortized debt premiums	2,597	8,752
Total debt due to related parties	\$ 99,314	\$ 105,917

First and Second Lien Credit Agreements

On August 13, 2020, Ben, through its subsidiary Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (formerly known as Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.) ("BCC"), executed the Second Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement ("First Lien Credit Agreement") and the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement ("Second Lien Credit Agreement") collectively, (the "Second A&R Agreements") with its lender, HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. ("HCLP" or the "lender"), to amend its First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement dated September 1, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively. The Second A&R Agreements have been further amended from time to time to extend the maturity date and defer principal and interest payments, among other things. In connection with the amendments to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben agreed to pay extension fees on a percentage of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements as of the date of the respective amendment. The interest rate on each loan under the Second A&R Agreements is 1-month LIBOR plus 8.0%, with a maximum interest rate of 9.5%.

As part of Ben's formative transactions in 2017, the First Lien Credit Agreement proceeds were loaned by HCLP to a subsidiary of Ben. Ben's subsidiary then loaned the amount on to the Customer ExAlt Trusts so that the Customer ExAlt Trusts could acquire investments in alternative assets purchased from certain other constituent trusts of the formative ExAlt Plan™ of which MHT Financial was named the beneficiary (such trusts, the "2017-18 Exchange Trusts"). Refer to the Common Units section of Note 13 for further information. As discussed in Note 16, the balance of this related party debt at the time of Ben's September 1, 2017 commencement of Ben's commercial operations reduced the balance of the preferred equity held by Ben's founders.

On December 1, 2021, Ben executed a binding term sheet with HCLP, in which HCLP agreed to return up to \$20.0 million of principal and interest payments (the "Returned Amount") previously made by BCG pursuant to the Second A&R Agreements. The Returned Amount was applied to, and increased the outstanding principal balance of, the First Lien Credit Agreement. HCLP returned \$17.95 million to BCG on December 1, 2021, and the remainder of the Returned Amount is available for return to BCG at its discretion. BCH used a portion of such payment to redeem GWG Holdings' Preferred C.0 Unit Accounts as further described in Note 13. BCG agreed to pay HCLP an amendment fee of \$1.0 million as well as HCLP's legal fees incurred in connection with the amendment.

On March 24, 2022, Ben executed Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements with its lender, which, among other things, (i) deferred the payment of accrued and unpaid interest to March 24, 2022, (ii) evidenced the terms agreed to in the December 1, 2021 term sheet discussed above, (iii) extended the maturity date of the loans to August 31, 2023, and (iv) established revised installment payments for each loan of \$5.0 million due on May 10, 2022, August 10, 2022, December 10, 2022, and March 10, 2023, so long as each payment does not cause the Company to incur a going concern, and (v) amended the occurrence of an event of default to require notice from HCLP on almost all potential defaults listed under the Second A&R Agreements. In addition, Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately 6.5% of the outstanding principal before giving effect to the amendments. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, Ben paid nil, \$8.6 million, \$1.1 million, and \$3.2 million, respectively, in deferred financing costs to the lender. Through March 31, 2023, all required principal and interest payments due under the Second A&R Agreements have been paid.

In connection with the term sheet executed on December 1, 2021 and Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben recorded a \$19.5 million loss on extinguishment of debt during the year ended December 31, 2021, which is reflected in the loss on extinguishment of debt line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

On February 15, 2023, Ben executed those certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with HCLP, pursuant to which, as required by Amendments No. 4, certain Ben subsidiaries became subsidiary guarantors and entered into those certain Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (First Lien) and Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (Second Lien), that certain first lien Guaranty and that certain second lien Guaranty.

In connection with the Second A&R Agreements, Beneficient Holdings, Inc. (“BHI”), which owns a majority of the Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Preferred A.1, and FLP Subclass 1 Unit Accounts issued by BCH, will grant certain tax-related concessions to the Lender as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In exchange for the tax-related concessions, 5.0% of BHI’s BCH Preferred A.1, which will be held by the Lender, may convert to BCH Preferred A.0. In addition, recipients of a grant of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI will have the right to put an amount of BCH Preferred A.1 to Ben equal to any associated tax liability stemming from any such grant; provided that the aggregated associated tax liability shall not relate to more than \$30.0 million of grants of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI. A liability of \$3.8 million was recorded for the put right as of March 31, 2022 related to the BHI Grants (as defined in Note 12). No such liability existed as of March 31, 2023 as the liability was settled for cash during June 2022.

The Second A&R Agreements and ancillary documents contain covenants that (i) prevent Ben from issuing any securities senior to the BCH Preferred A.0 or BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts; (ii) prevent Ben from incurring additional debt or borrowings greater than \$10.0 million, other than trade payables, while the loans are outstanding; and (iii) prevent, without the written consent of the lender, GWG Holdings from selling, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any BCH Preferred A.1 held as of May 15, 2020, other than to its subsidiary GWG DLP Funding V, LLC. As of March 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Maturities of principal on the debt due to related parties for the next five fiscal years ending March 31 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		Debt Due to Related Parties
2023	\$	—
2024		94,641
2025		2,076
2026		—
2027		—

12. Share-based Compensation

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, the Company has outstanding share-based awards under the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. (“BMP”) Equity Incentive Plan, the Ben Equity Incentive Plan, and BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts, as more fully described below.

BMP Equity Incentive Plan

The Board of Directors of Ben Management, Ben’s general partner, adopted the BMP Equity Incentive Plan in 2019. Under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, certain directors and employees of Ben are eligible to receive equity units in BMP, an entity affiliated with the Board of Directors of Ben Management, in return for their services to Ben. The BMP equity units eligible to be awarded to employees is comprised of BMP’s Class A Units and/or BMP’s Class B Units (collectively, the “BMP Equity Units”). As of March 31, 2023, the Board has authorized the issuance of up to 119,000,000 units each of the BMP Equity Units. All awards are classified in equity upon issuance.

BMP’s Class A Units indirectly participate in profits from certain revenue streams associated with BCH through the FLP Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCH as described in Note 13. The income allocation from the FLP Subclass 2 Units is reinvested equally into Class S Ordinary Units and Class S Preferred Units issued by BCH on a quarterly basis. For vested Class A Units, on a quarterly basis and subject to certain restrictions, the holder can direct that all or a portion of the Class S Ordinary Units and Class S Preferred Units attributable to such vested units be converted into BCG’s Common Units and either i) distributed to the holder or ii) sold to another party with the proceeds less any transaction expenses distributed to the holder. Upon holder’s termination of employment from Ben for reasons other than cause, BMP will redeem the vested Class A Units for consideration comprised of either i) BCG Common Units or ii) cash proceeds from BCG Common Units being sold to another party less any transaction expenses. The

value at redemption is based on the continued participation in the income allocated to the holder's Class A Units for five years, with such continued participation reduced each year after termination by 20 percent.

The BMP Class B Units indirectly participate in 49.5 percent of the income of Constitution Private Capital Company, L.L.C. Upon a recipient's termination of employment from Ben for reasons other than cause, BMP will reacquire the outstanding vested Class B Units from the recipient for consideration valued at eight times normalized earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization as forecasted by the Partnership's General Partner in its sole discretion.

While providing services to Ben, if applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold BMP Equity Units equivalents equal to at least 25% of their cumulatively granted awards that have the minimum retained ownership requirement. The awards are generally non-transferable. Awards under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan that vest ultimately dilute Ben's Common Unitholders.

The BMP Equity Units include awards that fully vest upon grant and awards that are subject to service-based vesting of a four-year period from the date of hire. Expense associated with the vesting of these awards is based on the fair value of the BMP Equity Units on the date of grant. Compensation cost is recognized for the granted awards on a straight-line basis using the graded vesting method, and forfeitures are accounted for at the time that such forfeitures occur. Expense recognized for these awards is specially allocated to certain holders of redeemable noncontrolling interests.

The fair value of the BMP Equity Units was determined on the grant-date using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis. This fair value measurement is based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement within the fair value hierarchy. The resultant probability-weighted cash flows are then discounted using a rate that reflects the uncertainty surrounding the expected outcomes, which the Company believes is appropriate and representative of a market participant assumption, and for lack of marketability given the underlying units of the awards are not publicly traded.

The table below summarizes the key inputs used in the valuation of the BMP Equity Units granted during each of the periods ended below:

Unobservable Inputs	Range of Targets			
	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Expected term in years	4	4	4	4
Discount rate	32.1%	32.1%	32.1%	27.8%
Discount for lack of marketability	23.1%	23.1%	23.1%	19.4%
Long-term growth rate (after discrete projection period)	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

The expected term represents the average estimated time that a recipient will be an employee of Ben and thus eligible to participate fully in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. The discount rate is based on a modified capital asset pricing model, which includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The discount for lack of marketability is based on a Finnerty put-option model, which similarly includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The long-term growth rate is the estimated growth rate of the earnings related to BMP Equity Units that is applied to the years subsequent to Ben's discrete cash flow periods.

During the second quarter of 2020, 1,963,969 vested units were forfeited and returned as a result of an agreement allowing Ben to recover the aforementioned units held by one former director of Ben. Ben recognized \$36.3 million of other income as a result of the forfeiture of vested share-based compensation, including both BMP Equity Units and restricted equity units issued under the Ben Equity Incentive Plan described below. A substantial majority of the former director's share-based compensation units were fully vested, and the majority of the related expense was allocated to certain holders of noncontrolling interests and recorded in prior periods. The same certain holders of noncontrolling interests were allocated the majority of the related income arising from the forfeiture in 2020. The forfeiture of these units is being challenged in private arbitration. Refer to Note 20 for more information.

Ben Equity Incentive Plan

The Board of Directors of Ben Management, BCG's general partner, adopted the Ben Equity Incentive Plan in September 2018. Under the Ben Equity Incentive Plan, Ben is permitted to grant equity awards in the form of

restricted equity units (“REUs”) up to a maximum of 12,811,258, representing ownership interests in BCG Common Units. Settled awards under the Ben Equity Incentive Plan dilute BCG’s Common Unitholders. The total number of BCG Common Units that may be issued under the Ben Equity Incentive Plan is equivalent to 15% of the number of fully diluted BCG Common Units outstanding, subject to annual adjustment. All awards are classified in equity upon issuance.

Awards are generally subject to service-based vesting over a multi-year period from the recipient’s date of hire, though some awards are expected to be fully vested upon grant date, both subject to the completion of certain performance conditions. While providing services to Ben, if applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold BCG Common Unit equivalents equal to at least 15% of their cumulatively granted awards that have the minimum retained ownership requirement.

For substantially all of the awards granted in 2020, we estimated the fair value of REUs using the valuation techniques consistent with those utilized to determine the acquisition date equity values arising from GWG Holdings obtaining a controlling financial interest in BCG. These valuation techniques principally relied upon the Option Pricing Model Backsolve approach under the market method.

For the REUs granted in the latter portion of 2020, which is a *de minimis* amount of the total 2020 REUs, and for periods thereafter, we utilized valuation techniques consisting of the income approach and market approach.

During the second quarter of 2020, 507,500 vested units were forfeited as a result of an agreement allowing Ben to recover the aforementioned units held by one former director of Ben as further discussed above.

During the third quarter of 2020, 515,000 units were granted to a senior partner director subject to a performance condition. The performance condition has not been met as of March 31, 2023. As the performance condition of the grant is based on a liquidity event, recognition of the related compensation cost is deferred until the condition is met. Total unrecognized compensation cost related to this award is approximately \$6.4 million as of March 31, 2023.

Effective April 1, 2022, Ben granted 513,533 REUs to employees and directors, 39,691 of which have been forfeited. Effective October 1, 2022, 40,180 REUs were granted to employees. Awards will generally be subject to service-based vesting over a multi-year period from the grant date, subject to a performance condition. The performance condition has not been met as of March 31, 2023. As the performance condition of the grant is based on a liquidity event, recognition of the related compensation cost is deferred until the condition is met. Total unrecognized compensation cost related to these awards is approximately \$6.4 million as of March 31, 2023.

Preferred Equity

On April 25, 2019, BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts were assigned to three board directors, with each having a capital account balance of \$4.0 million, subject to a performance condition, in return for each of the board directors providing to BCH their knowledge and abilities in helping with the formation of and growth for the Company. BHI, a Related Entity, assigned the BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts it holds to the directors for those individuals providing services to BCH. One director subsequently forfeited their award, which reverted back to BHI. Accounting for services provided to the Company but paid by a principal shareholder follows the substance of the transaction and is therefore accounted for similar to a share-based payment in exchange for services rendered.

For the remaining awards, the performance condition was met during the fourth quarter of 2020 and expense of \$11.4 million was recognized and specially allocated to certain BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Account holders on a pro-rata basis based on their capital account balance. The expense recognized upon vesting is reflective of the value calculated after the determination of overall enterprise value in connection with the December 31, 2019 transaction with GWG Holdings (discussed in Note 4).

On April 1, 2022, a certain director was assigned BCH Preferred A.1 with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having an account balance of \$5.7 million (the “Initial Grant”). Further, effective as of April 3, 2022, the director was assigned additional BCH Preferred A.1 (the “Additional Grant” and together with the Initial Grant, the “BHI Grants”) with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having an account balance of \$3.8 million. The Initial Grant is subject to a service condition, which requires compensation cost to be recognized over the explicit, substantive service vesting period that extends after the grant date. The Additional Grant was fully vested upon issuance. As such, \$7.2 million of compensation expense was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2021 related to these grants.

In order to provide that certain director with cash to cover any tax liability arising from the BHI Grants, BCH and the director entered into a Unit Account Redemption Agreement, effective as of April 3, 2022, whereby BCH was

required to purchase and redeem from that certain director all of the BCH Preferred A.1 granted to the director pursuant to the BHI Tax Grant for a purchase price of \$3.8 million, in cash. Such redemption occurred in full on June 10, 2022.

The following table summarizes the award activity, in units, for the BMP and Ben Equity Incentive Plans during the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	BMP		REU	
	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit
<i>(units in thousands)</i>				
Balance, December 31, 2019	180	\$ 11.82	247	\$ 12.50
Granted during the period	7,363	9.61	5,603	12.50
Vested during the period	(5,037)	9.61	(3,354)	12.50
Forfeited during the period	(380)	9.61	(303)	12.50
Balance, December 31, 2020	2,126	\$ 9.61	2,193	\$ 12.50
Granted during the period	216	10.67	216	12.50
Vested during the period	(788)	9.67	(619)	12.50
Forfeited during the period	(203)	9.69	(152)	12.50
Balance, December 31, 2021	1,351	\$ 9.73	1,638	\$ 12.50
Granted during the period	40	10.67	111	12.50
Vested during the period	(195)	9.70	(195)	12.50
Forfeited during the period	(78)	9.61	(51)	12.50
Balance, March 31, 2022	1,118	\$ 9.78	1,503	\$ 12.50
Granted during the period	35	10.67	510	12.50
Vested during the period	(646)	9.73	(524)	12.50
Forfeited during the period	(69)	10.00	(90)	12.50
Balance, March 31, 2023	438	\$ 10.04	1,399	\$ 12.50

The following table presents the components of share-based compensation expense, included in employee compensation and benefits, recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>				
BMP equity units	\$ 4,297	\$ 1,289	\$ 7,390	\$ 51,963
Restricted equity units	4,358	1,539	8,537	44,402
Preferred equity	1,430	—	7,226	11,443
Total share-based compensation	<u>\$ 10,085</u>	<u>\$ 2,828</u>	<u>\$ 23,153</u>	<u>\$ 107,808</u>

Unrecognized share-based compensation expense, excluding the expense related to the REU performance award discussed above, totaled \$6.4 million as of March 31, 2023, which we expect to recognize based on scheduled vesting of awards outstanding at March 31, 2023.

The following table presents the share-based compensation expense expected to be recognized over the next five fiscal years ending March 31 for awards outstanding, excluding the REU awards subject to the performance condition discussed above, as of March 31, 2023:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	BMP	REU	Total
2024	\$ 2,075	\$ 2,503	\$ 4,578
2025	662	736	1,398
2026	242	150	392
2027	14	—	14
2028	—	—	—
Total	\$ 2,993	\$ 3,389	\$ 6,382
Weighted-average period to be recognized	1.61	1.46	

13. Equity

Below is a description of the outstanding classes of the equity of the Company, including quasi-equity amounts that are required to be reported as temporary equity between the liabilities and equity sections on the consolidated statements of financial condition. The 7th Amended and Restated LPA of BCH (“BCH LPA”) and 3rd Amended and Restated LPA of BCG (“BCG LPA”), govern the terms of these equity securities, as applicable. BCG, as the general partner of BCH, and BHI, as the limited partner holding a majority interest of the BCH Preferred A.1, entered into the First Amendment to the BCH LPA, effective as of December 7, 2021 (the “BCH LPA Amendment”). The Company’s governing documents authorize the issuance of additional classes of equity. All equity interests are limited partnership interests.

Common Units

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, BCG had a total of 67,486 Common Units (in thousands) issued and outstanding. As limited partner interests, these units are generally non-voting and do not entitle the limited partner to participate in the management of the Company’s business and affairs. For each Common Unit issued by BCG, BCG owns one unit of the Subclass 1 Class A Units issued by BCH. The Subclass 1 Class A Units are entitled to share in the profits of BCH.

Ben’s common equity units were first issued on September 1, 2017 as part of the commencement of Ben’s commercial operations when Ben’s first outside third-party investor, through the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, purchased Ben’s common equity units. Ben used a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of these common equity units to retire a series of six loan agreements with our founder or entities related to our founder, in addition to other payables with our founder or related entities. The amounts used by the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts to acquire the Ben common units were generated by the 2017-18 Exchange Trust from its sale of alternative investment assets to the Customer ExAlt Trusts as part of Ben’s transactions in 2017. A portion of the funds used by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to acquire these alternative investment assets included amounts borrowed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts from a subsidiary of Ben, which in turn borrowed the amount pursuant to the First Lien Credit Agreement as described in Note 11.

Redeemable Preferred Equity:

Preferred Series B Subclass 1 Unit Accounts

The Preferred Series B Subclass 1 Unit Accounts of BCG (“BCG Preferred B.1”) are allowed to be issued pursuant to the BCG LPA. The Preferred Series B Subclass 1 Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred B.1”) are allowed to be issued pursuant to the BCH LPA. The BCG Preferred B.1 will correspond to the BCH Preferred B.1 to be issued by BCH to BCG, as the sole holder of the BCH Preferred B.1. Upon BCG’s receipt of any allocation, distribution, or return of capital on the BCH Preferred B.1, BCG will make a corresponding allocation, distribution, or return of capital to the holders of the BCG Preferred B.1 in accordance with the BCG LPA.

BCG Preferred B.1 have not been issued as of March 31, 2023.

Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts

The BCG LPA allows for the creation of Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCG (“BCG Preferred B.2”). The BCH LPA allows for the creation of Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred B.2”). The BCG Preferred B.2 correspond to the BCH Preferred B.2 issued by BCH to BCG, as the sole holder of the BCH Preferred B.2. The BCH Preferred B.2 are entitled to certain distributions and income allocations. Upon BCG’s receipt of any allocation, distribution, or return of capital on the BCH Preferred B.2, BCG will make a corresponding allocation, distribution, or return of capital to the holders of the BCG Preferred B.2 in accordance with the BCG LPA.

Pursuant to the terms of the BCH LPA Amendment, the definition for “Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Preferred Return Amount” was amended such that holders of Preferred B.2 would recognize a preferred return on their Preferred B.2 immediately, solely for U.S. GAAP purposes, instead of recognizing such returns upon any Initial Listing Event or return of capital. Further, the BCH LPA Amendment provided that the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Preferred Return accrued each quarter would be reflected on the U.S. GAAP capital accounts related to each Preferred B.2 Unit Account on the last business day of each quarter. To the extent that the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Preferred Return Amount exceeds the U.S. GAAP earnings of BCH, such excess Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Preferred Return Amount will be deducted, on a pro rata basis, from the U.S. GAAP capital account of the Preferred Series A.1 Unit Accounts. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the year ended December 31, 2021, Ben accrued \$37.1 million, \$8.4 million, and \$2.2 million, respectively, for the Preferred B.2 preferred return, which was recognized in the Preferred B.2 balance per the BCH LPA Amendment.

Upon an Initial Listing Event, each BCH Preferred B.2 Unit Account is to be cancelled and converted into a certain number of BCG’s Common Units, dependent on certain other conditions being met. Similarly, upon an Initial Listing Event, the BCH Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts held by BCG will be cancelled and converted into a certain number of BCH Class A Units, dependent on certain other conditions being met. The BCG Preferred B.2 are convertible into BCG Common Units using the formula of the investor’s initial Preferred Series B.2 capital account balance plus any accrued and unpaid preferred return through the date of conversion divided by 80% or 85% of the initial public listing price (depending on the date of the initial public listing).

Other allocations, distributions or returns of capital may be made subject to the provisions of the BCH LPA and BCG LPA. Additionally, holders of BCG Preferred B.2 may be entitled to a return of capital, pending certain conditions, on December 31, 2025.

With respect to BCG, upon its sale, liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the BCG Preferred B.2 will rank (a) junior to the BCG Preferred B.1 and (b) senior to all other currently issued and outstanding classes and series of BCG’s preferred units and common units (i.e., BCG’s Common Units), but, because BCG has a holding company structure, the BCG Preferred B.2 will be structurally subordinated to interests in BCH. With respect to BCH, upon its sale, liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the BCH Preferred B.2 held by BCG will be entitled to distributions pursuant to an effective ranking of (a) junior to certain guaranteed payments to the holders of the BCH Preferred A.0, any required distributions to the holders of the FLP 3 Unit Accounts, (b) junior to the BCH Preferred A.0, (c) junior to the BCH Preferred B.1, (d) junior to the BCH Preferred C.0; (e) *pari passu* and pro rata with the BCH Preferred A.1, and (f) senior to all other currently issued and outstanding classes and series of BCH’s preferred units and common units. Upon payment to BCG as the holder of the BCH Preferred B.2 in an amount equal to the positive amount of the capital account balance attributable to the BCH Preferred B.2, the BCH Preferred B.2 will be cancelled.

On November 29, 2021, GWG Holdings converted its capital account balance of \$319.0 million in BCH Preferred A.1 to an equal amount of BCG Preferred B.2. Such conversion was accounted for as an extinguishment of the BCH Preferred A.1 and a new issuance of BCG Preferred B.2, which resulted in an increase in GWG Holdings’ interest in Ben’s preferred equity by \$46.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2021. On December 7, 2021, \$352.6 million of BCG Preferred B.2 were issued in exchange for an investment in alternative assets of the same aggregate net asset value. In connection with the December 7, 2021 issuance of BCG Preferred B.2, BCG granted the purchasers of such securities certain registration rights and, if the initial registration statement under such registration rights has not been declared effective by June 30, 2023, the right to put the BCG Preferred B.2 to BCG for an amount equal to the corresponding capital account balance as of the date of exercise of such put right, subject to certain limitations. As discussed in Note 1, Ben’s Registration Statement was declared effective on May 12, 2023 and as such, the put right is no longer effective.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, \$4.6 million of BCG Preferred B.2 was redeemed for cash. There were no redemptions during the three months ended March 31, 2022 or the year ended December 31, 2021.

The BCG Preferred B.2 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the redeemable preferred equity line item.

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests:

Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts

On November 29, 2021, the BCH Preferred A.0 were modified pursuant to the BCH LPA. On December 1, 2021, following the effectiveness of the Seventh Amended and Restated LPA of BCH, \$251.7 million of the current outstanding capital accounts of BCH Preferred A.1 were automatically converted to BCH Preferred A.0, with the exception of the capital accounts held by GWG Holdings. Such conversion was accounted for as an extinguishment of the BCH Preferred A.1 and issuance of Preferred A.0, which resulted in a deemed contribution of \$1.7 million to the Company during the year ended December 31, 2021.

The BCH Preferred A.0 receives a quarterly guaranteed payment calculated as 6% of the BCH Preferred A.0's initial capital account balance on an annual basis, or 1.50% per fiscal quarter. The Preferred A.0 does not receive any allocations of profits, except to recoup losses previously allocated. The guaranteed payment to BCH Preferred A.0 is not subject to available cash and has priority over all other distributions made by BCH. On December 1, 2021, BCH and the holders of the BCH Preferred A.0 entered into an agreement to defer the guaranteed payment to August 31, 2023; provided that such a guaranteed payment may be made prior to August 31, 2023 if the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ben Management, determines that making such payment, in part or in full, would not cause Ben to incur a going concern issue. The guaranteed payment accrual totaled \$20.9 million and \$3.8 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively, and is included in the accounts payable and accrued expenses line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Additionally, the BCH Preferred A.0 has the ability under the BCH LPA to elect, by a majority of holders of BCH Preferred A.0, to receive a full return of capital senior to any other security if an event causing mandatory returns of capital occurs.

The BCH Preferred A.0 can be converted into Class S Units at the election of the holder, at a price equal to (x) prior to the initial public listing, the per common unit fair market value as determined by the general Partner and (y) following the initial public listing, the lesser of (i) \$10 and (ii) if the common units are listed on a national securities exchange, the volume-weighted average closing price of a common unit as reported on the exchange on which the common units are traded for the twenty (20) days immediately prior to the applicable exchange date, or if the common units are not listed on a national securities exchange, then the volume-weighted average closing price of a security traded on a national securities exchange or quoted in an automated quotation system into which the common units are convertible or exchangeable for the twenty (20) days immediately prior to the applicable exchange date.

Finally, a holder of BCH Preferred A.0, subsequent to January 1, 2023, may elect to require a redemption by BCH of up to 12.5% of his or her respective BCH Preferred A.0 Capital Account for any rolling twelve-month period; provided that such holder shall not be permitted to redeem more than 50% of such holder's BCH Preferred A.0 Capital Account in the aggregate. Subsequent to January 1, 2023, if a holder of BCH Preferred A.0 continues to hold BCH Preferred A.1, such holder may elect on a quarterly basis to convert additional BCH Preferred A.1 held by such holder to BCH Preferred A.0 up to an amount equal to 12.5% of such holder's initial BCH Preferred A.0 capital account; provided that such holder's post-conversion capital account balance in respect of all BCH Preferred A.0 held by such holder does not exceed such holder's initial BCH Preferred A.0 capital account.

The BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Accounts are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the redeemable noncontrolling interest line item.

Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred A.1 Unit accounts are issued by BCH and are non-participating and convertible on a dollar basis.

In 2019, Preferred A.1 holders signed an agreement to forbear the right to receive an annualized preferred return in excess of a rate determined materially consistent with the methodology below. The forbearance agreement expired on June 30, 2021. Thus, the income allocation methodology for periods until June 30, 2021 was as follows:

- First, BCG, as the sole holder of Class A Units issued by BCH is allocated income from BCH to cover the expenses incurred solely by Ben;
- Second, the remaining income at BCH is allocated 50% to the aggregate of Class A Units and Class S Ordinary Units and 50% to Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts, until the BCG Common Units receive a 1% annualized return on the Common Unit account balance;
- Third, after the 1% annualized return to the BCG Common Unit is achieved, additional income is allocated to the Preferred Series A until the Preferred Series A is allocated the amount required under the LPA, (as amended); and
- Finally, any remaining income is allocated under the terms of the current LPA (pro-rata between the Class A Units and Class S Ordinary Units).

The allocation of profits and losses after the expiration of the forbearance agreement follows the terms set forth in the LPA.

The weighted average preferred return rate for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, was approximately 1.38%, 3.92%, 2.33%, and 1.84%, respectively. No amounts have been paid to the BCH Preferred A.1 holders related to the preferred return from inception through March 31, 2023, and any amounts earned have been accrued and are included in the balance of redeemable noncontrolling interests presented on the consolidated statements of financial condition. As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$96.5 million of preferred return related to the BCH Preferred A.1 has not been allocated to its holders due to insufficient income during those periods to fully satisfy the preferred return and will be allocable to the BCH Preferred A.1 holders in future quarterly periods to the extent that sufficient income, if any, is available for such allocation. Additionally, certain BCH Preferred A.1 holders agreed to be specially allocated any income or losses associated with the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, and certain other costs.

Upon an election, a holder of BCH Preferred A.1 will be issued Class S Ordinary Units necessary to provide the holder with a number of Class S Ordinary Units that, in the aggregate, equal (a) the balance of the holder's capital account, as limited by the annual conversion amount (as defined in the LPA), associated with the BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts being converted divided by (b) either (x) prior to an initial public offering, the appraised per Class A Unit fair market value as determined by Ben and (y) following an initial public offering, the average price of a Common Unit for the thirty (30) day period ended immediately prior to the applicable conversion date. The holder of such newly issued Class S Ordinary Units may immediately convert them into Common Units. Additionally, effective December 31, 2030, if the BCH Preferred A.1 have not been converted and if Ben has not completed a public listing, they will redeem for cash in an amount equal to the then outstanding capital account balance of the accounts. If available redeeming cash (as defined in the LPA) is insufficient to satisfy any such redemption requirements, BCH, on a quarterly basis, will redeem additional BCH Preferred A.1 until all such BCH Preferred A.1 have been redeemed. The BCH Preferred A.1 are subject to certain other conversion and redemption provisions.

The BCH LPA also includes certain limitations of BCH, without the consent of a majority-in-interest of the Preferred Series A Unit Account holders, to i) issue any new equity securities and ii) except as otherwise provided, incur indebtedness that is senior to or pari passu with any right of distribution, redemption, repayment, repurchase or other payments relating to the Preferred Series A Unit Accounts or the Preferred Series B Unit Accounts. Further, BCH cannot, prior to the conversion of all the Preferred Series A Unit Accounts and the Preferred Series B Unit Accounts, incur any additional long-term debt unless i) after giving effect to the incurrence of the new long-term debt on a pro forma basis, the sum of certain preferred stock, existing debt and any new long-term indebtedness would not exceed 55% of the BCH's NAV plus cash on hand, and ii) at the time of incurrence of any new long-term indebtedness, the aggregate balance of the BCH's (including controlled subsidiaries) debt plus such new long-term debt does not exceed 40% of the sum of the NAV of the interests in alternative assets supporting the Collateral underlying the loan portfolio of BCH and its subsidiaries plus cash on hand at BCG, BCH and its subsidiaries.

On November 29, 2021, GWG Holdings converted its capital account balance of \$319.0 million in BCH Preferred A.1 to an equal amount of BCG Preferred B.2, resulting in a deemed dividend to GWG Holdings of \$46.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2021. Additionally, on November 29, 2021, the BCH Preferred A.1 were modified pursuant to the BCH LPA, which was accounted for as an extinguishment, resulting in a deemed contribution of \$12.5 million to the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The BCH Preferred A.1 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the redeemable noncontrolling interest line item.

The following table presents a rollforward of the redeemable noncontrolling interests for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests		Total Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests
	Preferred Series A.0	Preferred Series A.1	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Balance, December 31, 2019 (As Restated)	\$ —	\$ 1,588,604	\$ 1,588,604
Net income (loss)	—	(35,877)	(35,877)
Tax distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	(5,592)	(5,592)
Balance, December 31, 2020	—	1,547,135	1,547,135
Net income (loss)	1,264	(9,532)	(8,268)
Deemed dividend upon issuance for GAAP to tax basis true-up	—	(9,247)	(9,247)
Exchange of BCH Preferred Series A.1 Unit Accounts for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts	—	(312,312)	(312,312)
Exchange of BCH Preferred Series A.1 Unit Accounts for BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts	251,652	(251,652)	—
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	(2,239)	(2,239)
Put option liability on grant of BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts	—	(3,793)	(3,793)
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	(1,264)	—	(1,264)
Deemed dividend for extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest and preferred equity	(1,745)	(12,455)	(14,200)
Balance, December 31, 2021	249,907	945,905	1,195,812
Net income (loss)	3,788	(1,290)	2,498
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	(8,424)	(8,424)
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	(3,788)	—	(3,788)
Balance, March 31, 2022	249,907	936,191	1,186,098
Net income (loss)	15,822	(4,298)	11,524
Deemed dividend upon issuance for U. S. GAAP to tax basis true-up	—	(314)	(314)
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred Series B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	(37,133)	(37,133)
Transfer from BCH Preferred Series A.1 Unit Accounts to BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts	1,144	(1,144)	—
BCH Preferred Series A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	(15,822)	—	(15,822)
Balance, March 31, 2023	\$ 251,051	\$ 893,302	\$ 1,144,353

Noncontrolling Interests:

Noncontrolling interests represent the portion of certain consolidated subsidiaries' limited partnership interests or interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are held by third parties. Amounts are adjusted by the noncontrolling interest holder's proportionate share of the subsidiaries' earnings or losses each period and for any distributions that are paid.

The following table presents a rollforward of the noncontrolling interests for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

(Dollars in thousands)	Noncontrolling Interests						Total Noncontrolling Interests
	Trusts	Class S Ordinary	Class S Preferred	FLP	Preferred Series C	Class A of CT	
Balance, December 31, 2019 (As Restated)	\$ 27,062	\$ 85,448	\$ 17	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 112,527
Net income (loss)	47,582	(6,920)	(15)	2,398	—	—	43,045
Noncontrolling interest reclass	—	1,199	1,199	(2,398)	—	—	—
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	5,978	—	—	—	—	—	5,978
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(737)	—	—	—	—	—	(737)
Cash contribution for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	130,200	—	130,200
Noncash issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	313	—	313
Promissory note forgiveness exchange for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	(915)	—	—	71,200	—	70,285
Adjustment for change in ownership interest	—	(567)	—	—	3,800	—	3,233
Balance, December 31, 2020	79,885	78,245	1,201	—	205,513	—	364,844
Net income (loss)	(30,513)	(4,811)	(30)	1,503	—	—	(33,851)
Noncontrolling interest reclass	—	740	740	(1,480)	—	—	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(595)	(595)	—	—	—	(1,190)
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	9,189	—	—	—	—	—	9,189
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(1,539)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,539)
Cash contribution for BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	14,800	—	14,800
Noncash issuance of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	246	—	246
Redemption of BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	(14,800)	—	(14,800)
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	(23)	—	—	(23)
Balance, December 31, 2021	57,022	73,579	1,316	—	205,759	—	337,676
Net loss	(55,229)	(3,748)	—	—	—	—	(58,977)
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(811)	—	—	—	—	—	(811)
Balance, March 31, 2022	982	69,831	1,316	—	205,759	—	277,888
Net income (loss)	(117,861)	(16,987)	—	3,166	—	(962)	(132,644)
Noncontrolling interest reclass	—	1,116	1,117	(2,233)	—	—	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(459)	(460)	—	—	—	(919)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(131)	(131)
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	299	—	—	—	—	—	299
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(1,719)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,719)
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	(933)	—	—	(933)
Issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	2,430	2,430
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	(941)	(1,116)	—	—	—	(2,057)
Balance, March 31, 2023	\$ (118,299)	\$ 52,560	\$ 857	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ 1,337	\$ 142,214

Preferred Series C Subclass 0 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred C.0 are non-participating and convertible. The Preferred Series C purchased by GWG Holdings under the Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement (“UPA”) will automatically exchange for BCG Common Units, or another unit of Ben as the parties may mutually agree (the “Ben Units”), at the lower of (i) the volume-weighted average of the Ben Units for the 20 trading days following the listing of Common Units of Ben on a national securities exchange, and (ii) \$12.75. In addition, at any time following the Effective Date, all or some of the Preferred Series C purchased under the UPA may be exchanged for BCG Common Units at the option of GWG Holdings (exercised by its Special Committee of the Board of Directors or, if such committee is no longer in place, the appropriate governing body of GWG Holdings); provided that, if GWG Holdings exchanges less than all of the Preferred Series C purchase under the UPA, then, immediately after giving effect to such exchange, GWG Holdings shall be required to continue to hold Preferred Series C Unit Accounts with a capital account that is at least \$10.0 million. The exchange price for such Ben Units shall be determined by third-party valuation agents selected by BCG and GWG Holdings.

Account holders are entitled to a compounded quarterly preferred return based on a fraction, the numerator of which is (a) the sum of an inflation adjustment amount, plus (1) 0.5% prior to the initial public listing and (2) 0.75% following the initial public listing, and the denominator of which is (b) 1 minus the means of the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate (including the rate of taxes under Section 1411 of the Code) for a Fiscal Year prescribed for an individual resident in New York, New York (taking into account (a) the nondeductibility of expenses subject to the limitations described in Sections 67 and 68 of the Code, (b) the character (e.g., long-term or short-term capital gain or ordinary or exempt income) of the applicable income, but not taking into account the deductibility of state and local income taxes for U.S. federal income tax purposes), based on the Partnership’s most recently filed IRS form 1065, and (c) multiplied by 80%.

The BCH Preferred C.0 are senior to all other classes of preferred equity other than (i) the BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Accounts in terms of ordinary distributions, and (ii) the BCH Preferred Series A.0 and Preferred Series B Unit Accounts in terms of allocations of profits and liquidation. The only conversion, redemption, or exchange rights available to the BCH Preferred C.0 are those rights afforded in accordance with the UPA, or such similar agreement.

While any amount of Preferred Series C (Subclass 0 or 1) Unit Accounts is outstanding, BCH cannot make any distributions, other than tax distributions and redemptions, distributions upon a liquidation of BCH, and distributions of net consideration received from a sale of BCH, without the prior consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the Preferred Series C (Subclass 0 or 1) Unit Accounts.

On November 23, 2021, an initial capital account balance of \$14.8 million was created upon the conversion from BCH Preferred Series C.1, as described below. Such conversion was accounted for as an extinguishment, at par. On December 1, 2021, Ben redeemed the entire \$14.8 million for cash.

Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts are non-participating and convertible on a basis described above under Preferred Series C Subclass 0 Unit Accounts. Account holders are entitled to a compounded quarterly preferred return based on a fraction, the numerator of which is (a) the sum of an inflation adjustment amount, plus (1) 0.5% prior to the initial public listing and (2) 0.75% following the initial public listing, and the denominator of which is (b) 1 minus the means of the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate (including the rate of taxes under Section 1411 of the Code) for a Fiscal Year prescribed for an individual resident in New York, New York (taking into account (a) the nondeductibility of expenses subject to the limitations described in Sections 67 and 68 of the Code and (b) the character (e.g., long-term or short-term capital gain or ordinary or exempt income) of the applicable income, but not taking into account the deductibility of state and local income taxes for U.S. federal income tax purposes), based on the Partnership’s most recently filed IRS form 1065.

BCH calculates two Preferred C.1 capital accounts: the Liquidation Capital Account and the Conversion Capital Account. In calculating the Conversion Capital Account, the Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts are allocated profits and losses junior to the Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts. In calculating the Liquidation Capital Account, the Preferred Series C.1 Unit Accounts is allocated profits and losses pari passu with the Preferred A.1 Unit Accounts.

Following the exchange of any BCH Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts into BCG Common Units under the UPA, the excess of the profits and losses allocated to the BCH Preferred C.1 under the Liquidation Capital Account over the Conversion Capital Account will be deemed the “Excess Amount.” Following the creation of an Excess Amount, profit or income or gain will be specially allocated at each tax period in accordance with the principals of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(4)(x), to the BCH Preferred A.1, prior to any amount of profit, income or gain being

allocated to any other class of units (other than the BCH Preferred A.0) or limited partners until such special allocations equal, in the aggregate, such Excess Amount.

The only conversion, redemption, or exchange rights available to the BCH Preferred C.1 are those rights afforded in accordance with the Preferred Series C UPA, or such similar agreement.

While any amount of Preferred Series C (Subclass 0 or 1) Unit Accounts are outstanding, BCH cannot make any distributions, other than tax distributions and redemptions, distributions upon a liquidation of BCH, and distributions of net consideration received from a sale of BCH, without the prior consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the Preferred Series C (Subclass 0 or 1) Unit Accounts.

The weighted average preferred return rate for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, was approximately 1.38%, 3.92%, 2.33%, and 0.75%, respectively. No amounts have been paid to the BCH Preferred C.1 holders related to the preferred return since issuance through March 31, 2023, and any amounts earned have been accrued and are included in the balance of noncontrolling interests presented on the consolidated statements of financial condition. There was no BCH Preferred C.1 issued during the year ended March 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2022. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, BCH issued for cash consideration of equal value \$14.8 million and \$130.2 million, respectively of BCH Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts. On November 23, 2021, GWG Holdings converted \$14.8 million of its BCH Preferred C.1 to an equal amount of its BCH Preferred C.0. Such conversion was accounted for as an extinguishment at par.

The BCH Preferred C.1 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interest line item.

Class S Ordinary Units

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, BCH, a subsidiary of Ben, had issued 5.8 million and 5.8 million Class S Ordinary Units, respectively, which were all outstanding on each of the respective dates. The Class S Ordinary Units participate on a pro-rata basis in the share of the profits or losses of BCH and subsidiaries following all other allocations made by BCH and its subsidiaries. As limited partner interests, these units have limited voting rights and do not entitle participation in the management of the Company's business and affairs. Following an initial public listing or with the approval of a majority-in-interest of the BCH Class A Units, the Class S Ordinary Units are exchangeable for BCG Common Units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, distributions and reclassifications, as well as compliance with any applicable vesting and transfer restrictions. Each conversion also results in the issuance to BCG of a Class A Unit of BCH for each BCG Common Unit issued.

The Class S Ordinary Units are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

Class S Preferred Units

The limited partnership agreement of BCH allows it to issue Class S Preferred Units, which are entitled to a quarterly preferred return. The Class S Preferred Units also participate on a pro-rata basis in the share of the profits or losses of BCH and subsidiaries following all other allocations made by BCH and its subsidiaries. As limited partner interests, these units are generally non-voting and do not entitle participation in the management of the Company's business and affairs. Generally, the Class S Preferred Units are exchangeable for Class S Ordinary Units in Ben on a 1.2-for-1 basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, distributions and reclassifications, as well as compliance with any applicable vesting and transfer restrictions. The Class S Ordinary may then be exchanged for BCG Common Units as described above. Each conversion into Common Units also results in the issuance to Ben of a Class A Unit for each Common Unit issued. Holders of Class S Preferred Units may elect to convert into Class S Ordinary Units in connection with a sale or dissolution of BCH.

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, a nominal number of shares of Class S Preferred Units have been issued, respectively. Preferred return earned by the Class S Preferred Units from inception in 2019 through March 31, 2023 is \$0.2 million. No amounts have been paid to the Class S Preferred Unit holders related to the preferred return from inception through March 31, 2023 and any amounts earned have been accrued and are included in the balance of Class S Preferred Units presented on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Class S Preferred Units are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and Subclass 2)

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and Subclass 2) are non-unitized capital accounts. The FLP Subclass 1 Units were issued to a Related Entity as part of the initial commercial operations of Ben. The FLP Subclass 2 Units are related to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Each subclass of the FLP Unit Accounts is entitled to a certain portion of (1) a 15% profits interest on the financing and other tax pass-through businesses of Ben (subsidiaries of Ben Liquidity and Ben Insurance Services) and (2) a net service fee revenue interest on Ben's fee-generating businesses (subsidiaries of Ben Custody and Ben Insurance Services), in each case calculated separately. The net service fee revenue interest for an entity is equal to the lesser of (i) the amount of reduction of total revenues that would result in the EBITDA of the entity divided by the total revenues of the entity to equal (but not drop below) 0.20 and 0.50 of the total revenues of the entity excluding revenue derived from financing activity and any revenue derived from an entity that is taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Amounts allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts are reinvested equally in additional Class S Ordinary Units and Class S Preferred Units on a quarterly basis at a price equal to the book value (if the units are not listed on a national securities exchange) or, if the units are listed on a national securities exchange, the closing price of the units on such exchange on the date of allocation, thereby creating additional Class S Ordinary Units and Class S Preferred Units.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, \$2.2 million of income was allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and 2), compared to no income allocation during the three months ended March 31, 2022, and \$1.5 million and \$2.4 million of income during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Annually, a true up of the quarterly allocations is required to match amounts allocated with annual earnings. The reallocation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2022 was \$2.1 million.

In addition to the above stated amounts, the FLP Subclass 1 Unit Accounts are entitled to a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). In the event of an upward carrying value adjustment, the FLP Subclass 1 Unit Accounts are entitled to first be allocated gains associated with such carrying value adjustment equal to 15% of the value of the capital accounts of all BCH Class A Units and Class S Units, calculated based on the post-adjusted capital accounts of the then outstanding Class A and Class S Units. Immediately following any such allocation, the amount allocated is converted in Class S Ordinary Units at the then determined value. Furthermore, the amount allocated to the FLP Subclass 1 Unit Accounts is reduced by the value of any previously allocated amount pursuant to an upward carrying value adjustment, calculated as the number of Class S Units previously received multiplied by the value of those units at the time of any subsequent carrying value adjustment. To date there have been no upward carrying value adjustments leading to an allocation pursuant to this provision.

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 3)

The BCH LPA allows for the creation of the FLP Subclass 3 Unit Accounts (the "FLP 3 Unit Accounts"). On November 29, 2021, all FLP 3 Unit Accounts were issued to, and are currently held by, BHI. The FLP 3 Unit Accounts will be allocated profits from net financing revenues on a quarterly basis equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the quarterly net financing revenues, or (ii) 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenue) of the quarterly average of new loans issued by any subsidiaries of Ben during the previous twelve fiscal quarters.

The FLP 3 Unit Accounts are entitled to tax and other distributions equal to 100% of the amount of profits allocated to the FLP 3 Unit Accounts, and such distributions are not subject to available cash. The FLP 3 Unit Accounts do not have any conversion features or rights.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the year ended December 31, 2021, \$0.9 million of income, nil, and a nominal amount, was allocated to the FLP 3 Unit Accounts.

Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts

The ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are the Charitable Beneficiaries, unrelated third-party charities, that are entitled to i) either, depending on the applicable trust agreements, 2.5% of all distributions received by such Customer ExAlt Trusts or 5.0% of any amounts paid to Ben as payment on amounts due under each ExAlt Loan, ii) for certain Customer ExAlt Trusts, approximately 10% of the amount of excess cash Collateral, if any, following the full repayment of an ExAlt Loan; and (iii) all amounts accrued and held at the Customer ExAlt Trusts once all amounts due to Ben under the ExAlt Loans and any fees related to Ben's services to the Customer ExAlt Trusts are paid. The Charitable Beneficiaries' account balances with respect to its interest in such Customer ExAlt Trusts cannot be reduced to below zero. Any losses allocable to the Charitable Beneficiaries in excess of their account balances are reclassified at each period end to the trusts' deficit account. Additional Customer ExAlt Trusts

are created arising from new liquidity transactions with customers. These new Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated by Ben, result in the recognition of additional noncontrolling interest representing the interests in these new Customer ExAlt Trusts held by the Charitable Beneficiaries. For the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, these new Customer ExAlt Trusts resulted in the recognition of additional noncontrolling interest of \$0.3 million, nil, \$9.2 million, and \$6.0 million, respectively.

The interests of the Charitable Beneficiaries in the Customer ExAlt Trusts are recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

Class A of CT Risk Management, L.L.C.

On April 1, 2022, a minority interest in the Class A membership of CT Risk Management, L.L.C., a consolidated VIE of Ben (as further discussed in Note 17), was sold for \$2.4 million in cash to the third-party involved in the loan participation transaction described in Note 10. During the year ended March 31, 2023, BFF purchased \$0.1 million of the member interest back from the controlling interest holder. As a Class A member of CT Risk Management, the holder is entitled to distributions first on a pro rata basis with other Class A members until the initial capital contributions are received and 2.0% of any amounts in excess of their capital contributions, to the extent such amounts are available. As such, this interest is recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

14. Net Loss per Unit

Basic and diluted net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group L.P. per common unit for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, are as follows:

	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2020
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Net loss	\$ (252,100)	\$ (100,906)	\$ (105,133)	\$ (50,872)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	136,942	60,267	43,383	(7,168)
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(15,822)	(3,788)	(1,264)	—
Net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.	(130,980)	(44,427)	(63,014)	(58,040)
Less: Noncash deemed contribution on extinguishment of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	14,200	—
Less: Noncash deemed dividend on extinguishment of preferred equity interests of noncontrolling interest holders	—	—	(46,202)	—
Net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. common unitholders	\$ (130,980)	\$ (44,427)	\$ (95,016)	\$ (58,040)
Weighted average of common units outstanding — basic and diluted	67,486,168	67,486,168	51,534,365	45,807,648
Net loss attributable to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. per common unit — Basic and Diluted	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (1.84)	\$ (1.27)

In computing diluted net loss per unit, we considered potentially dilutive units. Anti-dilutive units not recognized in the diluted net loss per unit calculation for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, were as follows:

	Units			
	Year Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Class S Ordinary	5,835,822	5,834,296	5,811,251	5,720,627
Class S Preferred	93,678	88,606	72,126	15,288
Preferred Series A Subclass 0	19,795,997	19,706,509	1,664,303	—
Preferred Series A Subclass 1	78,972,518	79,711,972	121,956,222	127,088,320
Preferred Series C	16,068,912	16,068,912	16,340,086	4,845,358
Restricted Equity Units	6,832,280	6,250,572	6,191,271	5,569,576
Total anti-dilutive units	127,599,207	127,660,867	152,035,259	143,239,169

Additionally, anti-dilutive units of BCH Preferred B.2 are not included in the table above, as these securities convert upon an Initial Listing Event and are therefore considered contingently convertible and based upon a condition that has not yet occurred as of the end of the reporting period.

15. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense (benefit) for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, were as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Deferred expense				
Federal	\$ (1,072)	\$ 1,072	\$ —	\$ 3,459
Income tax expense (benefit)	<u>\$ (1,072)</u>	<u>\$ 1,072</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,459</u>

Income tax expense differs from the amounts computed by applying the Federal statutory rate to pre-tax income (loss). A reconciliation between the Federal statutory income tax rate of 21% to the effective income tax rate for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, are shown below:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Expected statutory income tax benefit	\$ (51,011)	\$ (9,381)	\$ (20,403)	\$ (19,949)
Amounts attributable to non-taxable flow-through entities	41,240	5,279	19,413	19,030
Amounts not deductible for income tax	505	11	(776)	1,368
Change in valuation allowance	8,194	5,163	1,766	3,010
Income tax expense (benefit)	<u>\$ (1,072)</u>	<u>\$ 1,072</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,459</u>

The components of gross deferred tax assets and gross deferred tax liabilities as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, are as follows (included in other assets):

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Deferred income tax assets:		
Passthrough differences - temporary	\$ 17,142	\$ 8,948
Net operating loss	991	991
Non-current deferred income tax assets	18,133	9,939
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Other	—	(1,072)
Non-current deferred income tax liabilities	—	(1,072)
Less: valuation allowance	18,133	9,939
Total deferred income tax liability	\$ —	\$ (1,072)

As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, our gross federal net operating loss carryforwards for income tax purposes were approximately \$4.7 million and \$4.7 million, respectively. Under the Tax Act, federal net operating loss carryforwards can be carried forward indefinitely but limits the deduction for federal net operating losses to 80% of taxable income.

The Company has evaluated the positive and negative evidence bearing upon its ability to realize the deferred tax assets. Management has considered the Company's history of cumulative net losses incurred over the past three years and has concluded that it is more likely than not that the Company will not realize the benefits of the deferred tax assets. Accordingly, a full valuation allowance has been established against the net deferred tax assets as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022.

The Company does not have any significant uncertain tax positions as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, and the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 tax years remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions as of the date of this report.

16. Related Parties

Relationship with Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C.

Ben Management is the general partner of Ben and is governed by a board of directors. The governing document of Ben Management provides that Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. ("BMC"), wholly owned by one of several Related Entities, determine the directors of Ben Management who fill 49% of the Board seats. BMC is also entitled to select (a) 50% of the membership of the Ben Management's Nominating Committee and Executive Committee and appoint the chair of each of these committees, and (b) 50% of the membership of the Community Reinvestment Committee (CRC) and the CRC's chairperson and lead committee member. Certain decisions with respect to Ben's charitable giving program are delegated to the CRC, including certain decisions on behalf of BFF as a Kansas TEFFI. Decisions regarding appointment and removal of Ben Management's directors, other than directors appointed by BMC, are delegated, with certain exceptions, to the Nominating Committee of Ben Management of which our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman is a member and Chairman. In the event of a tie vote of the Nominating Committee on a vote for the appointment or removal of a director, the majority of the then total number of directors serving on the board of directors will break the tie; provided that upon and following a "trigger event" (as defined in Ben Management's governing document) the chair of the Nominating Committee may cast the tie-breaking vote.

Services Agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.

Ben is the general partner of BCH and together they entered into an agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C. ("Bradley Capital") and BMC effective June 1, 2017 (the "Bradley Capital Agreement"), which was then amended and restated effective January 1, 2022 (the "A&R Bradley Capital Agreement"). Bradley Capital is a Related Entity. Under the Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement, Bradley Capital is entitled to a current base fee of \$0.4 million per quarter for executive level services provided by an executive of Bradley Capital, who is currently designated as our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Ben Management's Board of Directors, together with a current supplemental fee of \$0.2 million per quarter for administrative and

financial analysis, with both the base fee and supplemental fee, subject to an annual inflation adjustment. The base fee may be increased by the provider up to two times the initial base fee per quarter to cover increases in the cost of providing the services, or in the event of an expansion of the scope of the services, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Ben Management of which our CEO & Chairman of Ben Management's Board of Directors is a member and Chairman. Our CEO and Chairman of Ben Management's Board of Directors receives an annual salary from the Company of \$0.2 million and both he and other employees of Bradley Capital can participate in equity incentive plans sponsored by the Company. The Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement also includes a payment from Ben of \$0.2 million per year, paid in equal quarterly installments, to cover on-going employee costs for retired and/or departed employees of predecessor entities prior to September 1, 2017, which on-going costs were assumed by Bradley Capital, as well as a further payment to Bradley Capital in respect of the cost of health and retirement benefits for current employees of Bradley Capital all of which are reimbursed by Ben.

Under the Bradley Capital Agreement, Ben was also required to reimburse Bradley Capital for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Bradley Capital employees, including reimbursement for private travel for the family members of designated executives of Bradley Capital for both business and personal use. Under the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement, Ben is no longer required to reimburse Bradley Capital for private travel of designated executives of Bradley Capital and their family members. The A&R Bradley Capital Agreement further requires that Ben indemnify and hold Bradley Capital harmless against any and all losses, damages, costs, fees and any other expenses incurred by Bradley Capital as air travel expenses owed in connection with the operation of the aircraft identified in the Aircraft Sublease (as defined below) for periods prior to January 1, 2022.

The Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement requires Ben to reimburse Bradley Capital or its affiliates for taxes, fees, and expenses, including legal fees and related costs, relating to the contributions by affiliates of Bradley Capital of equity or debt interests in Ben to public charitable trusts in connection with the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, as well as the contribution of beneficial interests in customer trusts administered by Ben. Additionally, the Company provides office space and access to needed technology systems and telephone services. Payments by Ben to Bradley Capital and its affiliates are guaranteed and subject to enforcement by the state courts in Delaware in the event of default. The A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2022, with an automatic annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The A&R Bradley Capital Agreement may be terminated by the mutual agreement of the parties, by the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Ben Management of which an executive of a Related Entity is a member, or without such approval if the Related Entity no longer holds the lesser of \$10.0 million of Ben's securities or 1% of the aggregate fair market value of Ben on both December 31, 2022, or any applicable extension date, and the date of termination.

As part of the May 2018 change of control of Ben, the Company obtained a valuation of the enterprise and its classes of equity as required by ASC 805 due to the application of pushdown accounting. This valuation incorporated, among other things, estimates of current and future costs arising from related party contracts, including the Bradley Capital Agreement and the BHI Services Agreement (defined below). Each class of the Company's equity was then recorded at its fair value as set forth in valuation analysis, with the preferred equity held by Ben's founders reduced for, among other things, (i) the balance of outstanding debt of the Company, including related party debt, and (ii) any decrease in the value of the Company, up to the entire founders' preferred equity amount outstanding, including decreases arising from the present value of the estimated costs of the related party contracts, including estimated costs related to private travel under the terms of the Bradley Capital Agreement.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recognized expenses totaling \$2.6 million, \$0.6 million, \$4.1 million, and \$3.8 million, respectively, related to this services agreement, respectively. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, \$3.6 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, was owed to Bradley Capital related to this services agreement.

Aircraft Sublease with Bradley Capital

Effective January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C. ("Beneficient USA"), a subsidiary of BCH, as sublessee, Bradley Capital, as sublessor, and BCG, solely as it relates to the guarantee it makes to Bradley Capital as set forth therein, entered into an Aircraft Sublease Agreement (the "Aircraft Sublease"). Pursuant to the Aircraft Sublease, Bradley Capital subleases the aircraft described therein, without a crew, to Beneficient USA for discrete periods of use. Beneficient USA is required to pay a quarterly rental of \$1.4 million plus direct operating expenses incurred for Ben's use of the aircraft. Bradley Capital is required to pay any other fixed and variable costs of operating the aircraft. Beneficient USA is also required to provide its own pilot(s) and crew, and Beneficient USA has entered into a separate Flight Crew Services Agreement with an

unrelated third-party to provide the qualified flight crew. The term of the Aircraft Sublease is one (1) year and may be terminated by either party upon three (3) days prior written notice and will automatically terminate upon the sale or similar disposition of the aircraft or the termination of the underlying lease agreement. Additionally, BCG agrees to unconditionally guarantee, for the benefit of Bradley Capital, all of the obligations of Beneficient USA to Bradley Capital under the Aircraft Sublease. During the year ended March 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2022, BCH expensed \$6.1 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, in lease and direct operating expenses related to this agreement.

As discussed below, BHI, a Related Entity (which as defined above is an entity associated with our founder), entered into a Contribution Agreement with BCH and BCG pursuant to which BHI has agreed to reimburse BCG for a significant portion of the costs incurred by Beneficient USA under the Aircraft Sublease.

Guaranty made to Bradley Capital

In conjunction with the execution of the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement and the Aircraft Sublease, Bradley Capital and BCH entered into a Guaranty effective as of January 1, 2022 (the “Guaranty”). Pursuant to the Guaranty, BCH provides an unlimited, irrevocable, and unconditional guaranty in favor of Bradley Capital guaranteeing the complete and timely payment of any and all amounts due up to \$20.0 million from Bradley Capital to a lender under any financing arrangement with Bradley Capital, the proceeds of which were used in the acquisition of the aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease or any other aircraft acquired by Bradley Capital in connection with Bradley Capital’s obligations under the Bradley Capital Agreement. No guaranty payments were required from BCH as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022. Bradley Capital does not currently have an outstanding guarantee to any third-party lender, and none are currently contemplated at the time of the issuance of these financial statements. Effective as of December 9, 2022, Bradley Capital and BCH entered into an agreement pursuant to which Bradley Capital agreed not to enforce the Guaranty or any obligations of BCH thereunder nor utilize the Guaranty in any manner unless and until the withdrawal of the registration statement on Form S-4 BCG originally filed with the SEC on December 9, 2022 (the “Forbearance Agreement”).

Relationship with Beneficient Holdings, Inc.

Beneficient USA, a subsidiary of BCH, entered into with BHI, a Related Entity, a Services Agreement effective July 1, 2017 (the “BHI Services Agreement”). BHI pays an annual fee of \$30,000 to Ben for the provision of trust administration services for Related Entities and all trusts affiliated with its family trustee as that term is defined in the governing documents for a Related Entity. Beneficient USA also is required to provide any other services requested by BHI, subject to any restrictions in the operating agreement of BHI, at cost. The term of the BHI Services Agreement extends for the longer of (i) five years past the expiration or termination of the Bradley Capital Agreement, or (ii) seven years after the family trustee of the Related Entity is no longer a primary beneficiary of any trust affiliated with the family trustee. The Company recognized income during the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, in accordance with the agreement.

In conjunction with the execution of the Aircraft Sublease, BHI, a Related Entity, BCH, and BCG entered into a Contribution Agreement effective as of January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023 (the “Contribution Agreement”). Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, BHI agrees to pay to BCH, on the last business day of each calendar quarter, any amounts paid by BCH during the quarter for the use of an aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease, or any similar lease or sublease, which would include the quarterly rental under the Aircraft Sublease. In addition, BHI agrees to pay to BCH any amounts paid related to fixed monthly or quarterly costs incurred in connection with such aircraft lease or sublease in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year. This additional payment is intended to partially cover flight crew costs and other related costs. Each contribution is conditioned upon (i) the effectiveness of the Aircraft Sublease, (ii) the effectiveness of the Guaranty (as defined above), and (iii) BCH’s timely payment to BHI of the guaranteed payment to be made to holders of BCH Preferred A.0 for the respective quarter in which such contribution is to be paid (whether or not waived in accordance with the terms of the BCH LPA); provided, that if such guaranteed payment is not timely paid, or is only paid in part, for any given quarter, then any contributions contemplated under the Contribution Agreement for such quarter will not be owed. In the event such guaranteed payment is subsequently paid in full, then any previously unfunded contributions for the applicable quarter under the Contribution Agreement will become immediately due and payable on the last business day of the calendar quarter in which such guaranteed payment is paid in full. All payments made by BHI to BCH pursuant to the Contribution Agreement shall be treated as capital contributions, as defined in the BCH LPA, by BHI to BCH and shall be added to BHI’s sub-capital account related to its Class S Ordinary Units of BCH. BCH further agrees to specially allocate to BHI’s sub-capital account related to its Class S Ordinary Units of BCH any expenses or deductions derived from

amounts paid or accrued by BCH for use of the aircraft to the extent such expenditures are offset by the contributions made by BHI pursuant to the Contribution Agreement. There have been no contributions from BHI related to this agreement, which is expected and will continue to occur until the guaranteed payments to Preferred A.0 holders are no longer deferred.

BHI owns the majority of the Class S Ordinary Units, Class S Preferred Units, BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1, and FLP Subclass 1 and Subclass 3 Unit Accounts issued by BCH.

Additionally, BHI expects to receive tax distributions from HCLP arising from the repayment of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to cover any tax liability associated with the 2019 contribution of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to HCLP. Additionally, if HCLP is liquidated while the Second Lien Credit Agreement is still outstanding, the Second Lien Credit Agreement will transfer back to BHI.

Finally, see discussion above under “*Services Agreement with Bradley Capital*” related to the May 2018 change of control of Ben.

HCLP Nominees, L.L.C.

HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, L.L.C. (“Highland”). Ben’s Chairman and CEO is a beneficiary and trust investment advisor of the trusts that control, and are the partners of, Highland. Loans to and investments with or in the Related Entities have been and may be made by Highland, or its affiliates, as applicable, using proceeds from loan repayments made by Ben to HCLP in its capacity as Lender to Ben. Ben is not a party to these transactions between Highland and the Related Entities.

A long-standing lending and investment relationship of 25 years exists between Highland (and its affiliates or related parties), on the one hand, and Related Entities, on the other. From time to time, Highland or its affiliates have advanced funds under various lending and investing arrangements to Related Entities, and such Related Entities have made repayments to Highland or its affiliates, as applicable, both in cash and in kind.

As of June 30, 2021, Highland and the applicable Related Entity mutually agreed to satisfy all obligations under all outstanding loans among Highland and the Related Entity via full payment and satisfaction of the existing loan balances (the “Loan Balances”) by in-kind real property transfers (the “In-Kind Property Payment”) from certain of the Related Entities to Highland. The terms of the In-Kind Property Payment grant Highland the right to transfer the real property that was transferred pursuant to the In-Kind Property Payment back to certain of the Related Entities, in exchange for a BCH Preferred A.1 capital account balance in BCH in an amount equal to the Loan Balances, with such exchange to be satisfied from existing BCH Preferred A.1 that are held by such Related Entities.

Since June 30, 2021, additional net advances have been made by Highland to a Related Entity. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, Highland Consolidated, L.P. had outstanding loans in the principal amount of \$14.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, with a Related Entity. Ben is not a party to these loans, nor has it secured or guaranteed the loans.

Administrative Services Agreement between Constitution Private Capital Company, L.L.C. (“Constitution”) and Beneficient USA.

Constitution is an entity owned 50.5% by a Related Entity and 49.5% by an entity controlled by our Board of Directors. It was founded in 1986 and acquired by a Related Entity in 1996. Constitution currently manages three private equity fund-of-funds. Effective January 1, 2017, Constitution entered into an Administrative Services Agreement (the “ASA”) with Beneficient USA, a subsidiary of BCH, whereby Beneficient USA provides personnel to administer the portfolio assets advised by Constitution. Under the ASA, Constitution pays Beneficient USA a monthly fee equal to 0.01% of the month-end net assets of its portfolio. The ASA automatically renews on an annual basis and may be terminated at any time by Constitution. Beneficient USA may only terminate the ASA in the event of a breach by Constitution. There was no income recognized by the Company related to this services agreement for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, or the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement with Constitution.

In May 2019, BCC entered into an agreement with Constitution (the “Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement”) under which at Constitution’s option, BCC will provide liquidity to alternative asset funds sponsored by Constitution at an advance rate of not less than 82% of NAV, to the extent such funds meet certain specified qualifications. For a fund to qualify for the liquidity option, it must, among other things, hold investments that were approved or deemed approved by BCC at the time a fund makes such investments. BCC is required to provide liquidity in any

combination, at its discretion, of cash, U.S. exchange traded funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or securities traded on a national securities exchange. BCC's obligation under the Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement is guaranteed by Ben and BCH. The Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement may be terminated solely by mutual consent of Ben and Constitution. Ben and Constitution have not contracted for any liquidity under this agreement through March 31, 2023.

Relationship with The Heppner Endowment for Research Organizations, L.L.C. ("HERO") and Research Ranch Operating Company, L.L.C ("RROC").

HERO and RROC are indirectly owned by a Related Entity. HERO's purposes are (i) to serve as an advisor to National Philanthropic Trust ("NPT"), an unrelated third-party charitable organization, regarding the disbursement of grants to qualifying organizations, and (ii) to serve as an advisor to NPT regarding the administration of charitable contributions made for the benefit of such qualifying organizations. Although HERO can advise on these matters, NPT has all final decision-making authority on charitable contributions and complete control over the proceeds received by the charitable organizations. The charitable accounts administered by NPT ("Charitable Accounts"), the beneficiaries of which have historically been multiple Texas universities, have historically received proceeds from certain trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben, in support of their charitable initiatives. HERO does not receive any proceeds from trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben.

RROC's purpose is to provide funding and operational support for the research activities conducted by qualified charities. The funding received by RROC, from proceeds of trusts settled and funded by certain customers of Ben, may be used, in RROC's discretion, to (i) provide appropriate facilities and properties for the charitable organizations to utilize as part of their charitable initiatives (those properties and facilities being owned by a Related Entity), and (ii) provide fee revenue to RROC. RROC is granted such rights and authority pursuant to trust instruments entered into between a customer and subsidiaries of Ben as well as an agreement with NPT. Ben's subsidiaries provide financing to the Customer ExAlt Trusts and Ben is paid as an agent of the trustees for administrative services it provides to the trusts. Ben has certain outstanding payables, including accrued interest, to RROC and the Charitable Accounts (for the benefit of the Texas universities as discussed above) of approximately \$2.1 million and \$2.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. During the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben paid \$0.8 million. There were no payments made during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. Due to changes in the Customer ExAlt Trust agreements, no incremental amounts are expected to be allocated to RROC or the Charitable Accounts other than those amounts already provided by certain prior trust agreements. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the trust advisor to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts reassigned the beneficial interest held at NPT to the Kansas TEFFI Economic Growth Trust.

Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc.

On January 20, 2022, Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc. ("BHF") was formed as a Kansas nonprofit corporation to receive economic growth contributions pursuant to the TEFFI legislation. BHF is governed by a 13-member board of directors, nine of whom are community leaders within the Hesston, Kansas community and four of whom are Ben employees or individuals otherwise affiliated with Ben. BHF is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its purpose is to provide grants and other support to benefit growth, development and expansion of opportunities in rural Kansas communities with populations of 5,000 residents or less, including job and income growth, main street revitalization, educational facility improvements, construction and development, healthcare facility enhancements, senior facility improvements, and support for post-secondary institutions. BHF has the exclusive decision-making authority over all of the economic growth contributions it receives.

BFF is the sole member of BHF and has the right to appoint eleven members of BHF's Board of Directors. The remaining two board members are appointed by BMC. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, BFF's governing documents prohibit any of BHF's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of BFF, BMC, or any director, officer or other private individual.

The Kansas TEFFI Economic Growth Trust

The Kansas Economic Growth Trust (the "EGT") is a common law trust formed on December 7, 2021 by and between an individual as independent trustee, Ben Custody as administrator, and BCH as advisor. The purpose of the EGT is to receive the proceeds of the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are allocable to the Charitable Beneficiaries and to allocate such proceeds between the Kansas Department of Commerce and qualified charitable organizations (including the Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc.) in accordance with the requirements of the TEFFI legislation.

The proceeds received by the EGT are dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes and the trust agreement prohibits any of the EGT's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of Ben Custody, BCH, any director, officer or other private individual. As noted above, Ben Custody provides administrative and accounting services to the EGT, and BCH serves as advisor to the trustee with respect to the administration and distribution of the trust. Neither Ben Custody nor BCH charges a fee for these services. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the trust advisor to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts reassigned the beneficial interest held at NPT to the EGT.

Ben has an outstanding payable to EGT of \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. Ben paid \$2.7 million during the year ended March 31, 2023. There were no amounts paid during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. Additionally, during the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben sold certain entities that held Kansas properties to the EGT in exchange for a \$1.4 million promissory note receivable.

Hicks Holdings, L.L.C.

Hicks Holdings, L.L.C., an entity associated with one of Ben's current directors, is one of the owners and serves as the manager of a limited liability company ("SPV"). A Related Entity also has ownership in the SPV. The SPV holds a BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Account and BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Account among its investment holdings.

Hicks Holdings also owns directly a BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Account, BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Account and Class S Ordinary Units. Hicks Holdings was granted its BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Account and Class S Ordinary Units as compensation for services provided in 2018. Hicks Holdings was granted its BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Account when a portion of the existing BCH Preferred A.1 converted to BCH Preferred A.0 in 2021. The total balance as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, was \$72.6 million and \$75.7 million, respectively.

MHT Financial, L.L.C.

MHT Financial is an entity affiliated with Murray T. Holland, who was the President and Chief Executive Officer of GWG Holdings from April 26, 2019 to November 13, 2022. Ben was a consolidated subsidiary of GWG Holdings from December 31, 2019 to November 29, 2021. MHT Financial was considered a related party to Ben during the period in which GWG Holdings consolidated Ben for financial reporting purposes.

MHT Financial owns, either directly or through a beneficial interest, a BCH Preferred A.0 Unit Account and a BCH Preferred A.1 Unit Account with an aggregate account balance of \$22.2 million and \$23.0 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively.

Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings

On May 27, 2020, Ben and GWG Holdings (acting through a then constituted special committee of the Board of Directors of GWG Holdings) entered into a shared services agreement effective as of January 1, 2020 (the "Shared Services Agreement"). Pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, GWG Holdings pays a quarterly fee to Ben for the provision of accounting and finance, general and administrative, human resources, sales administration and marketing, underwriting and risk management, information technology and legal services for GWG Holdings and its direct or wholly-owned subsidiaries. The total service fee for each quarter is determined in good faith by Ben on the final day of such quarter in accordance with the cost allocation methodology maintained on Ben's books and records, which provides that, to the extent the Services are eligible for the "services cost method," as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.482-9(b), the Service Fee shall be equal to the total costs incurred by Ben during each quarter in connection with Ben's provision of the Services to GWG Holdings or its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, and that the Service Fee for Services that are not eligible for the services cost method shall be determined by reference to the "cost of services plus method," as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.482-9(e).

The term of the Shared Services Agreement has an initial term of one year from the Effective Date and renews automatically for successive one-year terms, unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination at least six (6) months prior to the end of the then-current term (provided that either party may terminate the Shared Services Agreement upon sixty days' prior written notice in the event GWG Holdings no longer has the right to appoint a majority of the Board of Directors of the general partner of Ben). Due to the filing by GWG Holdings for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, neither party has been authorized to terminate the Shared Services Agreement. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, GWG Holdings paid \$0.4 million, nil, \$8.0 million, and \$3.9 million, respectively, to Ben under the Shared Services Agreement. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, Ben has an outstanding gross receivable related to this Shared Services Agreement of \$17.8 million and \$8.9 million, respectively. Due to the financial deterioration of GWG Holdings including the filing for reorganization under the

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, the allowance for these receivables as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 was \$15.6 million and \$8.9 million, respectively. The reserve amount pertains to amounts owed by GWG Holdings at the time of their bankruptcy filing.

17. Variable Interest Entities

In accordance with ASC 810, an enterprise is determined to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE if it holds a controlling financial interest. A controlling financial interest is defined as (a) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The consolidation guidance requires an analysis to determine (a) whether an entity in which Ben holds a variable interest is a VIE and (b) whether Ben's involvement, through holding interests directly or indirectly in the entity or contractually through other variable interests (for example, management and performance-related fees), would give it a controlling financial interest. The performance of that analysis requires the exercise of judgment. Based on management's analysis, there are no VIEs that require consolidation, other than those described below.

VIEs for Which the Company is the Primary Beneficiary

CT Risk Management, L.L.C.

On March 20, 2020, CT Risk Management, L.L.C. ("CT"), which is currently governed by the Fourth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement entered into on April 27, 2022, was created as a Delaware limited liability company to reduce the impact of a potential market downturn on the interests in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts that collateralize the loans receivable from the Customer ExAlt Trusts held by BFF, or other Ben entities (such loans receivable are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes in our consolidated financial statements) by distributing any potential profits to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts thereby offsetting any reduction in the value of the alternative assets.

CT is considered a VIE as the at-risk equity holder, BFF, does not have all of the characteristics of a controlling financial interest due to BFF's receipt of returns being limited to its initial investment in CT. The Company concluded that BCC is the primary beneficiary of CT as BFF has the power to direct the most significant activities and has an obligation to absorb potential losses of CT. Accordingly, the results of CT are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

As of March 31, 2023, the consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of this consolidated VIE with a carrying value of \$4.0 million, which is recorded in the investments held by Ben line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition. There were no put options held as of March 31, 2022. The Company recorded a loss of \$3.5 million, \$5.2 million, and \$7.8 million, for the years ended March 31, 2023, December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, which is reported in the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Customer ExAlt Trusts

The Company determined that all of the Customer ExAlt Trusts used in connection with its operations are VIEs of which Ben is the primary beneficiary as defined under ASC 810. The Company concluded that it is the primary beneficiary of the Customer ExAlt Trusts as it has the power to direct the most significant activities and has an obligation to absorb potential losses of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Accordingly, the results of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Although the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the Customer ExAlt Trusts for purposes of ASC 810, it is neither designated as a beneficiary under the trust agreements nor recognized as a beneficiary of such trusts under applicable state trust law. The assets of the Customer ExAlt Trusts may only be used to settle obligations of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Other than potentially funding capital calls above the related reserve (refer to Note 20), there is no recourse to the Company for the Customer ExAlt Trusts' liabilities. The cash flows generated by these VIEs are included within the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows.

The consolidated statements of financial condition includes the following amounts from these consolidated VIEs as of the dates presented:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,259	\$ 10,024
Restricted cash	819	5,517
Investments, at fair value	491,859	659,921
Other assets	5,891	3,361
Total Assets of VIEs	\$ 501,828	\$ 678,823
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,945	\$ 5,350
Other liabilities	132	479
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	52,129	65,674
Total Liabilities of VIEs	\$ 54,206	\$ 71,503
Equity:		
Treasury stock	\$ (3,444)	\$ (3,444)
Noncontrolling interests	(118,299)	982
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	9,900	(1,326)
Total Equity of VIEs	\$ (111,843)	\$ (3,788)

The consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the periods presented include the following amounts from these consolidated VIEs.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended March 31, 2023	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Revenues				
Investment income (loss), net	\$ (54,010)	\$ (10,811)	\$ 15,534	\$ 132,620
(Gain) loss on financial instruments, net	(35,085)	(44,661)	29,512	(15,838)
Interest income	54	—	7,110	1,798
Total revenues	(89,041)	(55,472)	52,156	118,580
Operating expenses				
Interest expense	8,956	1,046	—	4,675
Provision for credit losses	13,843	4,774	14,319	—
Professional services	5,032	—	350	—
Other expenses	1,905	1,860	695	502
Total operating expenses	29,736	7,680	15,364	5,177
Net income (loss)	\$ (118,777)	\$ (63,152)	\$ 36,792	\$ 113,403
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ (117,861)	\$ (55,229)	\$ (30,513)	\$ 47,582

VIEs for Which the Company is not the Primary Beneficiary

The Company is not required to consolidate VIEs in which it has concluded it does not have a controlling financial interest, and thus is not the primary beneficiary. The guaranty with Bradley Capital discussed in Note 16 creates a variable interest held by Ben in Bradley Capital. Ben is not the primary beneficiary of Bradley Capital as it has no ability to direct the activities that most significantly impact that entity's economic performance. There are no amounts of assets or liabilities related to Bradley Capital reflected in our statement of financial position for any periods presented. As described in Note 16, through December 9, 2022, and subsequent periods on or after the

Forbearance Agreement is no longer effective, Ben's maximum exposure under the possible future guaranty obligation is \$20.0 million.

18. Segment Reporting

The Company has three reportable segments consisting of Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody and Customer ExAlt Trusts. As additional products and services are offered in the future, we expect to have additional reportable segments, including Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets.

As the central operating hub of the company, Ben Liquidity is responsible for offering Ben's fiduciary alternative asset liquidity and financing products through AltAccess. Ben Custody delivers products that address the administrative and regulatory burden of holding alternative assets by offering full service bespoke custody and trust administration services, and specialized document custodian services to Customers. Certain of Ben's operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Certain of the Customer Exalt Trusts hold interests in alternative assets and therefore recognize changes in such assets' net asset value in earnings. Certain other Customer ExAlt Trusts pay interest on the ExAlt Loans to Ben Liquidity and transaction fees to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody in connection with the liquidity transactions, and pay fees to Ben Custody for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The amounts paid to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes in our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

The Corporate & Other category includes the following items, among others:

- Equity-based compensation;
- Gains (losses) on changes in the fair value of GWG Holdings common stock held by Ben;
- Interest expense incurred on the corporate related debt transactions (i.e., commercial loan agreement); and
- Operations of Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets that are not considered reportable segments as they do not meet the quantitative criteria to be separately reported.

The Corporate & Other category also consists of unallocated corporate overhead and administrative costs.

These segments are differentiated by the products and services they offer as well as by the information used by the Company's chief operating decision maker to determine allocation of resources and assess performance. Operating income (loss) is the measure of profitability used by management to assess the performance of its segments and allocate resources. Performance is measured by the Company's chief operating decision maker on an unconsolidated basis because management makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of each of the Company's business segments based on financial and operating metrics and data that exclude the effects of consolidation of any of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The following tables include the results of each of the Company's reportable segments reconciled to the consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

	Year Ended March 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (54,010)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (54,010)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(35,085)	(16,336)	—	(51,421)
Interest income	—	—	54	358	—	412
Trust services and administration revenues	—	30	—	—	—	30
Other income	—	—	—	86	—	86
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	50,819	—	—	—	(50,819)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	29,012	—	—	(29,012)	—
Total revenues	50,819	29,042	(89,041)	(15,892)	(79,831)	(104,903)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,527	2,219	—	34,781	—	45,527
Interest expense	2,893	—	8,957	3,621	—	15,471
Professional services	2,849	2,018	5,033	28,522	—	38,422
Provision for credit losses	—	—	13,843	6,737	—	20,580
Other expenses	2,313	759	1,905	23,292	—	28,269
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	110,905	—	(110,905)	—
Provision for loan losses	80,749	—	—	—	(80,749)	—
Other expenses	—	—	18,354	—	(18,354)	—
Total expenses	97,331	4,996	158,997	96,953	(210,008)	148,269
Operating income (loss)	\$ (46,512)	\$ 24,046	\$ (248,038)	\$ (112,845)	\$ 130,177	\$ (253,172)

	As of March 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 376,253	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (376,253)	\$ —
Investments, at fair value	—	—	491,859	5,362	—	497,221
Other assets	9,447	47,466	10,447	21,849	(46,761)	42,448
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	1,725,880	594,219	—	50,927	—	2,371,026
Total Assets	\$ 2,111,580	\$ 641,685	\$ 502,306	\$ 78,138	\$ (423,014)	\$ 2,910,695

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (10,811)	\$ —	\$ —	(10,811)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(44,661)	(11,350)	—	(56,011)
Interest income	—	—	—	73	—	73
Trust services and administration revenues	121	8	—	—	—	129
Other income	—	—	—	2	—	2
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	17,790	—	—	—	(17,790)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	8,408	—	—	(8,408)	—
Total revenues	17,911	8,416	(55,472)	(11,275)	(26,198)	(66,618)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	2,200	517	—	7,408	—	10,125
Interest expense	538	—	1,046	526	—	2,110
Professional services	915	446	—	4,088	—	5,449
Provision for credit losses	—	—	4,774	4,609	—	9,383
Other expenses	436	152	1,860	3,701	—	6,149
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	24,694	—	(24,694)	—
Provision for loan losses	34,121	—	—	—	(34,121)	—
Other expenses	—	—	5,767	—	(5,767)	—
Total expenses	38,210	1,115	38,141	20,332	(64,582)	33,216
Operating income (loss)	\$ (20,299)	\$ 7,301	\$ (93,613)	\$ (31,607)	\$ 38,384	\$ (99,834)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

As of March 31, 2022						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 418,793	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (418,793)	\$ —
Investments, at fair value	—	—	659,921	14,249	—	674,170
Other assets	31,563	46,933	20,106	43,670	(46,284)	95,988
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	—	—	—	2,370,850	—	2,370,850
Total Assets	\$ 450,356	\$ 46,933	\$ 680,027	\$ 2,428,769	\$ (465,077)	\$ 3,141,008

	Year Ended December 31, 2021					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,534	\$ —	\$ —	15,534
Gain on financial instruments, net	—	—	29,512	2,325	—	31,837
Interest income	—	—	7,110	288	—	7,398
Trust services and administration revenues	510	30	—	—	—	540
Other income	—	—	—	2	—	2
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	55,929	—	—	—	(55,929)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	20,258	—	—	(20,258)	—
Total revenues	56,439	20,288	52,156	2,615	(76,187)	55,311
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	8,328	2,031	—	38,164	—	48,523
Interest expense	12,812	—	—	14,645	—	27,457
Professional services	3,100	1,552	350	12,799	—	17,801
Provision for credit losses	—	—	14,318	4,437	—	18,755
Other expenses	2,127	512	695	10,561	—	13,895
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	70,963	—	(70,963)	—
Provision for loan losses	8,881	—	—	—	(8,881)	—
Other expenses	—	—	12,180	—	(12,180)	—
Total expenses	35,248	4,095	98,506	80,606	(92,024)	126,431
Operating income (loss)	\$ 21,191	\$ 16,193	\$ (46,350)	\$ (77,991)	\$ 15,837	\$ (71,120)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

	Year Ended December 31, 2020					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 132,620	\$ —	\$ —	132,620
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(15,838)	(14,832)	—	(30,670)
Interest income	—	—	1,819	285	(22)	2,082
Trust services and administration revenues	—	30	—	—	—	30
Other income	—	—	—	36,267	—	36,267
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	51,819	—	—	—	(51,819)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	19,379	—	—	(19,379)	—
Total revenues	51,819	19,409	118,601	21,720	(71,220)	140,329
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	6,216	1,915	—	120,451	—	128,582
Interest expense	11,496	—	4,675	16,380	—	32,551
Professional services	3,656	1,190	—	14,199	—	19,045
Other expenses	(165)	382	502	6,845	—	7,564
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	63,463	—	(63,463)	—
Provision for loan losses	5,378	—	—	—	(5,378)	—
Other expenses	—	—	12,177	—	(12,177)	—
Total expenses	26,581	3,487	80,817	157,875	(81,018)	187,742
Operating income (loss)	\$ 25,238	\$ 15,922	\$ 37,784	\$ (136,155)	\$ 9,798	\$ (47,413)

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

19. Risks and Uncertainties

The Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities that are exposed to market risk, credit risk, currency risk, and interest rate risk. Currently, these investments, whose cash flows serve as collateral to the ExAlt Loans, primarily are comprised of alternative assets consisting of private equity limited partnership interests, which are primarily denominated in the U.S. dollar, Euro, and Canadian dollar. The financial statements risks, stemming from such investments, are those associated with the determination of estimated fair values, the diminished ability to monetize certain investments in times of strained market conditions, the recognition of income and recognition of impairments on certain investments.

The portfolio of alternative assets covers the following industry sectors and geographic regions for the periods shown below (dollar amounts in thousands):

Industry Sector	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
Software and services	\$ 54,944	14.2 %	\$ 91,507	17.4 %
Diversified financials	52,544	13.6	88,418	16.8
Food and staples retailing	38,210	9.9	33,817	6.4
Utilities	28,043	7.3	29,865	5.7
Health care equipment and services	23,626	6.1	28,361	5.4
Energy	26,721	6.9	29,238	5.6
Capital goods	27,707	7.2	32,049	6.1
Telecommunication services	5,634	1.5	28,910	5.5
Other ⁽¹⁾	128,422	33.3	162,762	31.1
Total	\$ 385,851	100.0 %	\$ 524,927	100.0 %

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

(1) Industries in this category each comprise less than 5 percent. Telecommunication Services is shown separately as it comprised greater than 5 percent in the prior period.

Geography	March 31, 2023		March 31, 2022	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
North America	\$ 239,951	62.2 %	\$ 326,039	62.1 %
Asia	62,016	16.1	88,183	16.8
Europe	38,874	10.1	66,790	12.7
South America	41,423	10.7	39,406	7.5
Africa	3,587	0.9	4,509	0.9
Total	\$ 385,851	100.0 %	\$ 524,927	100.0 %

The ExAlt Loans, which are eliminated upon consolidation solely for financial reporting purposes, are collateralized by the cash flows originating from the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, without recourse to the customer. These ExAlt Loans are a key determinant in income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Ben has underwriting and due diligence procedures and utilizes market rates. Finally, the Customer ExAlt Trusts provide for excess cash flows from a collective pool of alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, to be utilized to repay the ExAlt Loans to Ben from the Customer ExAlt Trusts when cash flows from the customer's original alternative assets are not sufficient to repay the outstanding principal, interest, and fees. Excess cash flows from the collective pool of alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, above those needed to satisfy the outstanding principal interest and fees of the ExAlt Loans are available to pay contingent interest to Ben on the ExAlt Loans up to a specified contingent interest rate.

As discussed in Note 1, Ben received a charter from the state of Kansas and established an office in the state of Kansas. If we are unable to maintain the Kansas charter or obtain a charter from another state if we no longer hold the Kansas charter, our ability to affect parts of our business plan, as currently constituted, may be compromised.

In February 2022, the Russian Federation and Belarus commenced a military action with the country of Ukraine. As a result of this action, various nations, including the United States, have instituted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict could have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts currently holds investments or may hold investments in the future), and therefore, could adversely affect the performance of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments.

The extent and impact of any sanctions imposed in connection with the Russia-Ukraine conflict may cause financial market volatility and impact the global economy. Volatility and disruption in the equity and credit markets can adversely affect the portfolio companies underlying the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and adversely affect the investment performance. Our ability to manage exposure to market conditions is limited. Market deterioration could cause the Company to experience reduced liquidity, earnings and cash flow, recognize impairment charges, or face challenges in raising capital, and making investments on attractive terms. Adverse market conditions can also affect the ability of investment funds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to liquidate positions in a timely and efficient manner. As a result, this presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the performance of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, even though the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not hold any investments with material operations in Russia or the Ukraine. The cash flows from the investment held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve as the collateral to the ExAlt Loans and the fees that are paid by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to Ben for administering these trusts, both of which are key determinants in the income allocated to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

Further, these events may result in reduced opportunities for future liquidity solution transactions with our customers and make it more difficult for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to exit and realize value from its existing investments, potentially resulting in a decline in the value of the investments held in the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such a decline could cause our revenue and net income to decline, including the revenues and net income allocated to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

The Company continues to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and the Company's business. The Company's future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers. Management is continuing to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war and has concluded that while it is reasonably possible that the virus and the war could have a negative effect on the Company's financial position and/or results of its operations, the specific impact is not readily determinable as of the date of these consolidated financial statements. Consequently, the consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

20. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, we have various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities that are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. There are no significant commitments and contingencies other than those disclosed below. Ben is a party to legal actions incidental to the business. Based on the opinion of legal counsel, management has concluded with regard to all commitments and contingencies disclosed below that either the outcome is not probable, or the potential liability cannot be reasonably estimated, or both.

Lease Commitments

The Company operates on a month-to-month rental basis for its office premises and subleases aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease with Bradley Capital as discussed in Note 16. Rental expense for our premises and for the Aircraft Sublease for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, totaled \$6.6 million, \$1.6 million, \$0.6 million, and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Unfunded Capital Commitments

The Customer ExAlt Trusts had \$61.1 million and \$69.1 million of potential gross capital commitments as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively, representing potential limited partner capital funding commitments on the interests in alternative asset funds. The Customer ExAlt Trusts holding the interest in the limited partnership for the alternative asset fund is required to fund these limited partner capital commitments per the terms of the limited partnership agreement. Capital funding commitment reserves are maintained, in some instances, by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts created at the origination of each trust for up to \$0.1 million. To

the extent that the associated Customer ExAlt Trust cannot pay the capital funding commitment, Ben is obligated to lend sufficient funds to meet the commitment. Any amounts advanced by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts for these limited partner capital funding commitments above the associated capital funding commitment reserves held by the associated Customer ExAlt Trusts are added to the ExAlt Loan balance between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts and are expected to be recouped through the cash distributions from the alternative asset fund that collateralizes such ExAlt Loan.

Capital commitments generally originate from limited partner agreements having fixed or expiring expiration dates. The total limited partner capital funding commitment amounts may not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The majority, or 88%, of our portfolio with an unfunded commitment has a vintage of 2012 and prior. As the vintages continue to age, a cash requirement becomes less likely. We consider the creditworthiness of the investment on a case-by-case basis. At March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, there were no reserves for losses on unused commitments to fund potential limited partner capital funding commitments.

Contingent Consideration Payable

In connection with the \$352.6 million acquisition of alternative assets by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on December 7, 2021, the Company had a contingent obligation to issue additional BCG Preferred B.2 based on the updated NAV of such acquired alternative assets as of December 31, 2021 as determined by the underlying fund general partners and/or investment managers. As of March 31, 2022, the Company recorded a \$20.2 million liability, which was the value of the additional BCG Preferred B.2 that expected to be issued based on the updated NAV, using information that existed as of the date of the statement of financial condition, but made available to the Company after the aforementioned periods and prior to the issuance of these consolidated financial statements. On September 1, 2022, the Company satisfied the liability in full by issuing \$20.1 million of BCG Preferred B.2.

Legal Proceedings

On February 18, 2022, Paul Capital Advisors (“PCA”) filed a lawsuit against MHT, Ben, and two Trust Advisors, Murray Holland (part-owner of MHT and President and CEO of GWG Holdings) and James Turvey (an employee of Ben). While Ben was named as a defendant, PCA did not assert claims against or seek relief from Ben but instead only sought the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. The lawsuit concerns a set of transactions that utilized a trust structure with MHT as the sole beneficiary.

On April 18, 2022, PCA amended its original complaint. The amended complaint asserted six new causes of action arising out of the same set of transactions, including, (i) purported breaches of contract against Ben, MHT, and the Trust Advisors; (ii) purported fraud against MHT, Ben and certain officers of Ben; and (iii) promissory estoppel against MHT, Ben, and the Trust Advisors. The amended complaint also sought additional relief in the form of (x) damages “in an amount to be proven at trial” and (y) an order granting rescission of an amendment to one of the transaction agreements or a holding declaring it invalid.

On October 3, 2022, the Court entered an order dismissing count I of PCA’s complaint in accordance with its memorandum opinion and count II in light of the parties’ agreement that it should also be dismissed. On November 1, 2022, defendants filed their opening briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On December 20, 2022, PCA filed its answering brief in opposition to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts. In accordance with the parties’ stipulated briefing schedule, defendants’ reply briefs were due by January 24, 2023. Oral argument on the motions to dismiss was held on May 8, 2023, and the Court took the matter under advisement.

Defendants continue to believe PCA’s claims are baseless and intend to vigorously defend against each and every cause of action asserted against them in the second amended complaint. Briefing related to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts recently concluded. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, we cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of this matter. Given the uncertainty of litigation and the preliminary stage of this claim, we are currently unable to estimate the probability of the outcome of these actions or the range of reasonably possible losses, if any, or the impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; however, the maximum exposure of the litigation with PCA could be up to \$350 million plus costs and expenses.

Additionally, on December 16, 2022, a former member of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, LLC initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney’s fees and punitive damages. The deadline to respond has not yet passed, but the Company denies the claims asserted in the arbitration.

On April 20, 2022 and October 31, 2022, GWG Holdings and certain of its subsidiaries (the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code thereby commencing those certain chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”). As part of the Chapter 11 reorganization process, it is possible that claims or causes of action arising from prior transactions with GWG Holdings could be advanced against BCG as part of the Chapter 11 Cases or in separate litigation. Such claims and causes of action could include (i) a request to avoid some or all of such transactions, including the transaction whereby GWG Holdings released its right to appoint a majority of the members of Ben Management’s board of directors, (ii) challenges to the reasonableness of the value received by the Debtors in such transactions, and (iii) efforts to recover the value of any transfers to BCG. A mediator has been appointed to oversee the mediation of certain matters between BCG, GWG Holdings and its debtor-affiliates, and certain other constituencies. The mediation commenced on January 30, 2023 and is still ongoing. We estimate that the maximum potential negative impact of any Retained Causes of Action to be between approximately \$155 million and \$382 million.

Further, the Official Committee of Bondholders (the “OBC”) in the Chapter 11 Cases has also filed a motion seeking standing to prosecute causes of actions on behalf of the Debtors’ estate. The OBC’s motion has been abated pending confirmation of the Debtors plan of reorganization, but it is possible that the hearing may be reset to a future date depending on, among other things, the results of the ongoing mediation or by agreement between the Debtors and the OBC. The OBC’s motion sets forth causes of action related to certain past transactions between the Debtors and Ben, including its directors. The OBC’s motion states the proposed claims could add a maximum exposure of up to \$500 million worth of additional value to the Debtors’ estate. Ben and its CEO filed motions to object to the OBC’s motion that refutes the allegations. The Debtors have indicated they oppose the OBC’s motion for standing and intend to address such alleged claims, if any, as part of a global plan of reorganization, including a possible mediated resolution. Ben intends to vigorously defend itself against any claims, should they be brought by the Debtors, the OBC, or the Litigation Trust.

On March 30, 2023, David Scura and Clifford Day, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against Ben, certain members of its board of directors (Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Richard W. Fisher, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer), certain past members of the board of directors of GWG Holdings (Jon R. Sabes and Steven F. Sabes), FOXO Technologies Inc. (“FOXO”), and Emerson Equity LLC (“Emerson”). The suit alleges that the defendants defrauded GWG Holdings’ investors, and it asserts claims on behalf of a putative class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired GWG Holdings’ L Bonds or preferred stock of GWG Holdings between December 23, 2017, and April 20, 2022. The suit alleges that (i) BCG, the individual defendants, and FOXO violated Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, (ii) that the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and (iii) that Emerson violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act. The complaint does not allege the total amount of damages sought by the plaintiffs. On May 3, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the lead plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a motion to lift the automatic stay in the Chapter 11 Cases in order to file a motion in the Northern District of Texas seeking to consolidate the Bayati and Scura Actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On June 8, 2023, the plaintiffs in the Scura Action filed a voluntary notice of dismissal without prejudice.

This litigation can subject us and certain of our directors to substantial costs and divert resources and the attention of management from our business. If these claims are successful, our business could be seriously harmed. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management’s resources and adversely affect our business.

21. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for taxes for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, was de minimis. Cash paid for interest for the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, was \$8.7 million, \$6.6 million, \$6.4 million, and \$12.2 million, respectively.

Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities include:

Year Ended March 31, 2023:

- \$37.1 million deemed dividend from BCH Preferred A.1 to BCG Preferred B.2 for accrual of preferred return.
- \$20.1 million issuance of BCG Preferred B.2 to satisfy the contingent consideration payable.
- \$15.8 million accrual for BCH Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment.

- \$2.4 million issuance of noncontrolling interest from reserved cash received in a prior period.
- \$1.7 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.
- \$1.4 million promissory note receivable received as consideration in sale of fixed assets.
- \$1.1 million exchange of BCH Preferred A.0 for BCH Preferred A.1.
- \$0.3 million noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022:

- \$8.4 million deemed dividend from Preferred A.1 to BCG Preferred B.2 for accrual of preferred return.
- \$4.1 million liability related to funds retained by Ben on behalf of the lender to the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable.
- \$3.8 million liability for Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment.
- \$0.8 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.

Year Ended December 31, 2021:

- \$352.6 million issuance of BCG Preferred B.2 for consideration in acquisition of alternative assets.
- \$312.3 million issuance of BCG Preferred B.2 in exchange for conversion of Preferred A.1.
- \$251.7 million issuance of Preferred A.0 in exchange for conversion of Preferred A.1.
- \$192.8 million issuance of Common Units in connection with the Commercial Loan Agreement settlement.
- \$20.1 million liability for contingent issuance of BCG Preferred B.2.
- \$9.2 million of noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest.
- \$3.8 million liability for put option related to grant of Preferred A.1.
- \$2.3 million of deferred financing costs owed on debt due to related parties.
- \$2.2 million deemed dividend from Preferred A.1 to BCG Preferred B.2 for accrual of preferred return.
- \$1.5 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.
- \$1.3 million liability for Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment.
- \$0.2 million issuance of Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts for contribution of alternative assets.

Year Ended December 31, 2020:

- \$65.1 million liability related to the Promissory Note, including accrued interest thereon and unamortized discount, was settled in exchange for BCH Preferred Series C.1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance of \$75.0 million.
- \$94.8 million of GWG L Bonds, \$84.6 million of GWG Holdings' common stock, and \$3.4 million in treasury shares were recognized in connection with the Collateral Swap discussed in Note 4.
- \$57.5 million liability related to the option agreement was exercised resulting in equal amount of Common Units being issued.
- \$6.0 million of noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest.
- \$0.7 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.
- \$0.3 million issuance of Preferred C.1 Unit Accounts for contribution to alternative assets.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the consolidated statements of financial condition and that are shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows:

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,726	\$ 70,588
Restricted cash	819	5,517
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 9,545</u>	<u>\$ 76,105</u>

22. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events the date the financial statements were issued, and determined that there have been no events, other than those disclosed below, that have occurred that would require adjustments to our disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

Amendment to the HCLP Agreement

On June 5, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “First Lien Amendment”), which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (the “Second Lien Amendment,” and together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Sixth Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Sixth Amendments (i) allow for the consummation of the Transactions pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, and effective as June 7, 2023 (ii) amend the definition of “Change of Control” (as defined therein), and (iii) provide that Beneficient will be the “Parent” thereunder.

On July 12, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Amendment No. 7 to the First Lien Amendment, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Amendment No. 7 to Second Lien Amendment (together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Seventh Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Seventh Amendments (i) modified the interest rate to a fixed rate of 9.5% (ii) extended the maturity dates of the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027, respectively, and (iii) agreed to installment payments on the First Lien Amendment of \$5.0 million on each of March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th of each year for so long as the obligations remain outstanding, and so long as such payments do not cause a going concern. No payments will be made on the Second Lien Amendment until the obligations on the First Lien Amendment have been fully satisfied. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately \$0.1 million.

Standby Equity Purchase Agreement

On June 27, 2023, the Company entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”), whereby the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of its shares of the Company’s common stock at the Company’s request any time during the 36 months following the execution of the SEPA, subject to certain conditions. The Company expects to use the net proceeds received from this for working capital and general corporate purposes. The Company agreed to pay a nominal structuring fee in cash. In addition, the Company will pay a commitment fee in an amount equal to \$1.3 million (the “Commitment Fee”) by the issuance to Yorkville of such number of Class A common stock that is equal to the Commitment Fee divided by the closing price of the Class A common stock on the Nasdaq on the date immediately preceding entry into the SEPA.

Recapitalization of BCG

On June 6, 2023, immediately prior to the Conversion, BCG was recapitalized (the “BCG Recapitalization”) as follows: (i) the limited partnership agreement of BCG was amended to create one new subclass of BCG common units, the Class B Common Units (the “BCG Class B Common Units”), and the existing common units were renamed the Class A Common Units (the “BCG Class A Common Units”); and (ii) certain holders of the BCH Preferred A.1 entered into conversion and exchange agreements (the “BCG Conversion and Exchange Agreements”) with BCG and BCH, pursuant to which they converted certain BCH Preferred A.1 to Class S Ordinary Units, which were then contributed to BCG in exchange for BCG Class A Common Units. Pursuant to the Conversion, the BCG Class A Common Units converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class A common stock”), and the BCG Class B Common Units converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class B common stock” and together with the Class A common stock, the “Beneficient common stock”). The Class B common stock is convertible into Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis at the election of the holder thereof and is entitled to 10 votes per share in all matters on which stockholders of Beneficient generally are entitled to vote.

The following table provides additional information on the securities contributed and exchanged by each of BHI, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC (dollars and units in thousands):

Name	Converted Capital Account Balance of BCH Preferred A.1	Class S Ordinary Units Received	BCG Class B Units Received
BHI	\$ 177,195	14,176	14,176
Bruce W. Schnitzer	988	79	79
Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC	13,222	1,058	1,058
Total	\$ 191,405	15,313	15,313

The following table provides additional information on the securities contributed and exchanged by each of Bruce W. Schnitzer and Richard W. Fisher (dollars and units in thousands):

Name	Converted Capital Account Balance of BCH Preferred A.1	Class S Ordinary Units Received	BCG Class A Units Received
Bruce W. Schnitzer	\$ 734	659	659
Richard W. Fisher	1,722	738	738
Total	\$ 2,456	1,397	1,397

Forward Purchase Agreement

On June 5, 2023, BCG entered into a Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement, by and between BCG and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P. (the “Purchaser”), pursuant to which the Purchaser agreed to, among other things, effect certain purchases of shares of Avalon Class A common stock (“Avalon Class A Common Stock”) that would have been redeemed in connection with the special meeting of Avalon’s stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) to approve the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (as amended through June 25, 2023, the “Forward Purchase Agreement”).

Pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, Purchaser agreed to purchase shares of Avalon Class A Common Stock (the “AVAC FPA Shares”) at a purchase price per share of \$10.588 (for aggregate consideration of \$25.0 million). The AVAC FPA Shares will not be redeemed in connection with the Special Meeting and will convert into shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Beneficient (“Class A Common Stock”) and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Beneficient (“Beneficient Series A Preferred Stock”) upon consummation of the Business Combination. The Series A Preferred Stock will convert in accordance with its terms to shares of Class A Common Stock, and Purchaser will hold an aggregate of 2,956,480 shares of Class A Common Stock following such conversion in respect of the AVAC FPA Shares (such shares of Class A Common Stock, the “FPA Shares”).

The \$25.0 million in proceeds (the “Disbursed Amount”) in respect of the FPA Shares will be disbursed from the Avalon trust account following the consummation of the Business Combination. \$5.0 million of the Disbursed Amount will be disbursed to Beneficient, with the remaining \$20.0 million (the “Reserve Amount”) to be disbursed to Purchaser to be held by Purchaser until the Maturity Date (as defined below) or until its earlier release per the terms of the Forward Purchase Agreement.

The Forward Purchase Agreement provides for two categories of FPA Shares: (i) 1,064,333 FPA Shares shall be categorized as “Purchased Shares” (the “Purchased Shares”) and (ii) the remaining 1,892,147 FPA Shares shall be categorized as “Prepaid Forward Shares” (the “Prepaid Forward Shares”). If by the 10th anniversary of the close of the Business Combination, Purchaser has received less than \$5.0 million, in gross proceeds from, and Purchaser has used good faith efforts to sell, the Purchased Shares, Beneficient has agreed to cause Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (“BCH”) to issue Purchaser an amount of BCH Preferred Series A-0 Units (or such other senior most preferred security of Beneficient) as consideration for any shortfall amounts less than \$5.0 million from the sale of the Purchased Shares. Purchaser has agreed for the first six months following the Business Combination not to sell any Purchased Shares below \$5.00 per share or to sell more than 10% of the daily trading volume of the Class A Common Stock if the volume weighted average price of the Class A Common Stock is between \$5.00 and \$8.00 for any such trading day.

Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company (“Designated Price”) by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price (“Designated Price Notice”) delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 (“Maturity Date”), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date.

Until December 8, 2023, the Purchaser agrees to the following sales conditions for the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption shares – (a) On a daily basis, all sales must either (i) exceed \$8.00 per share or (ii) represent less than 10% of daily volume of the Class A common stock and (b) No sales below \$5.00 per share; provided, however that, other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares for less than \$10.588 per share except in accordance with this paragraph (v) and further provided that other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares below \$10.588 once Purchaser has received \$5.0 million from the sale of such shares referenced in this Agreement.

Contribution and First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Agreement of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C.

On June 6, 2023, BCG converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation (the “Conversion”), renamed itself “Beneficient” and adopted its articles of incorporation and bylaws. On June 6, 2023, following the BCG Recapitalization and the Conversion, the Company, as the sole member of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. (“Ben LLC”), adopted the First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Ben LLC (the “Ben LLC A&R LLCA”). The Ben LLC A&R LLCA establishes managing member interests and non-managing members interests, referred to as the Class A Units of Ben LLC. Beneficient is designated as the sole managing member. In addition, certain additional amendments were made which principally focused on the management of Ben LLC by the managing member. After the adoption of the Ben LLC A&R LLCA, Beneficient contributed to Ben LLC all of the BCH limited partnership interests and general partnership interests held by Beneficient (the “Contribution”), and Ben LLC became the general partner of BCH and the holder of 100% of the outstanding Class A Units of BCH.

Closing of the Transaction

On June 7, 2023, the Company completed its previously announced de-SPAC merger transaction with Avalon. Each share of Avalon common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to that date automatically converted into one share of Class A common stock and one share of Beneficient Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Beneficient Series A preferred stock”). Additionally, each Avalon Warrant automatically converted into a Beneficient Warrant.

Accordingly, the Company issued (i) an aggregate of 7,971,864 shares of Class A common stock to the former holders of Class A Common Stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Avalon Class A common stock”), and Class B Common Stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Avalon Class B common stock”), outstanding immediately prior to June 7, 2023, and (ii) an aggregate of 2,796,864 shares of Beneficient Series A preferred stock to non-redeeming Avalon Class A stockholders, and the Avalon Warrants converted into an aggregate of 23,625,000 Beneficient Warrants. At closing, \$27.9 million of cash remained in the trust account of Avalon. There were \$26.1 million in transaction expenses, \$20.0 million of which represented the Reserve Amount under the Forward Purchase Agreement, that were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or offset against proceeds received by the Company at closing, resulting in \$1.8 million in net proceeds to the Company.

Immediately after the Business Combination, 188,674,282 shares of Class A common stock were issued and outstanding, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock were issued and outstanding, 2,796,864 shares of Beneficient Series A preferred stock were issued and outstanding and 23,757,500 Beneficient Warrants were issued and outstanding. Because the Beneficient Series A preferred stock is not expected to be publicly listed, the Beneficient Series A preferred stock terms provide that upon its issuance, each share of Beneficient Series A preferred stock will automatically convert into one-quarter of a share of Class A common stock, or an aggregate of 699,216 additional shares of Class A common stock. Following such Conversion, there are 189,379,498 shares of Class A common stock outstanding following the Business Combination.

Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P.

On June 7, 2023, the Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of BCH (the “BCH Eighth A&R LPA”) was adopted and became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination. The BCH Eighth A&R LPA amended the existing limited partnership agreement, to, among other things, make certain revisions facilitating the Business Combination and the related Transactions, including replacing BCG as the general partner of BCH with Ben LLC following the Conversion and the Contribution. Following the effectiveness of the BCH LPA, the units of BCH consist of five classes: (i) the BCH Class A Units, (ii) the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, (iii) the BCH Class S Preferred Units, (iv) the BCH FLP Unit Accounts and (v) the BCH Preferred Series Unit Accounts (each as defined in the BCH LPA).

The BCH FLP Unit Accounts are further subdivided into BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, with specific rights set forth in the BCH LPA and which shall initially represent 50.5% (excluding the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts) of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts, with the balance, initially representing 49.5% (excluding the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts) of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts, being the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, and the remainder being the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts (each as defined in the BCH LPA). Additionally, the Preferred Series Unit Accounts were further subdivided into Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts”), BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts”), in each case, with such rights as expressly provided in the BCH LPA. In addition, certain additional amendments were made which (i) reduced and delayed the preferred returns on certain preferred units of BCH, (ii) delayed the date upon which the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts could be converted until January 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions, (iii) amended the conversion prices applicable to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts and BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and (iv) amended the provisions for the allocation of the carrying value adjustments so that 50.5% of each allocation will be made to the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and 49.5% to the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts.

Second Amended and Restated Bradley Capital Agreement

In connection with the Closing, BCG’s existing Bradley Capital Agreement, was replaced by a Second Amended and Restated Services Agreement (the “Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement”) with the Company as a party. The Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement is substantially similar to the existing Bradley Capital Agreement, subject to certain changes as follows. The Executive Committee (as defined in the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement) reference was revised to refer to the Executive Committee of the Board, and the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement expressly states that it shall in no way limit the authority of Board to appoint and remove officers of the Company, including its chief executive officer. The term of the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2023, with an annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The termination provision was revised so that the agreement may be terminated upon the approval of all members of the Executive Committee, excluding Brad K. Heppner if he is then serving on the Executive Committee. The base fee was increased to \$460,000 per quarter and the supplemental fee was increased to \$180,000 per quarter, with each fee remaining subject to an annual inflation adjustment. In addition, revisions were made to the limitation of liability and indemnification provisions to reflect the applicability of the corporation laws of Nevada to Beneficient.

Potential Future Goodwill Impairment

Subsequent to the public listing on June 8, 2023, and through the date of this report, the Company experienced a sustained decline in the price of its common stock. A sustained decrease in the Company’s common stock is a potential indicator that impairment is present and may require a quantitative impairment assessment of the Company’s assets, including goodwill and intangible assets, which may result in an impairment charge during the first fiscal quarter of 2024.

Other

On June 29, 2023, the Company received a “Wells Notice” from the Staff of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement, stating that the Staff has made a preliminary determination to recommend that the SEC file a civil enforcement action against the Company alleging violations of certain provisions of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act relating to the Company’s association with GWG Holdings. A Wells Notice is not a formal allegation or a finding of wrongdoing, but is a preliminary determination by the Staff to recommend to the SEC that a civil enforcement action or administrative proceeding be brought against the recipient. The Company maintains that our actions were appropriate and intends to vigorously defend this matter, including by making a Wells submission to the SEC, engaging in further dialogue with the SEC Staff, and contesting any allegations of wrongdoing. The results of the Wells Notice process and any corresponding enforcement action, including the costs, timing and other potential consequences of responding and complying therewith, are unknown at this time.

Conversion of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Operating Cost Reduction Plan

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we have commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce. We also intend to reduce spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to reduce operating expenses.

ITEM 9 — CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A — CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the “Exchange Act”) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2023, the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. Based on this evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2023.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act during the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2023, that materially affected, or are reasonable likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

This Annual Report on Form 10-K does not include a report of management’s assessment regarding internal control over financial reporting or an attestation report of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm due to a transition period established by rules of the SEC for newly public companies.

ITEM 9B — OTHER INFORMATION

The information included in this Item 9B is provided, at our option, in lieu of filing such information under Item 5.02, Item 1.01 and Item 8.01 of Current Report on Form 8-K.

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing those resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we have commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce. We also intend to reduce our spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to reduce operating expenses.

Additionally, as part of our plan to reduce operating costs, certain of our board of directors will defer their quarterly director fees and our Chief Executive Officer will defer portions of amounts otherwise owed to him, including amounts owed under the Bradley Capital services agreement. Finally, interest payments due under the Senior Credit Agreements will be deferred and added to the outstanding principal. Such deferrals are expected to continue at least through July 15, 2024 or until such time as the Company is able to secure sufficient additional liquidity, as mutually agreed upon. If such liquidity is obtained, the deferral of amounts owed to our Directors and our Chief Executive Officer will cease and the Company will begin to pay our impacted board of directors and our Chief Executive Officer the deferred amounts along with any amounts currently owed. Similarly, we would also begin to make current interest payments on the Senior Credit Agreements.

On July 12, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Amendment No. 7 to the First Lien Amendment, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Amendment No. 7 to Second Lien Amendment (together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Seventh Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Seventh Amendments (i) modified the interest rate to a fixed rate of 9.5% (ii) extended the maturity dates of the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027, respectively, and (iii) agreed to installment payments on the First Lien Amendment of \$5.0 million on each of March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th of each year for so long as the obligations remain

outstanding, and so long as such payments do not cause a going concern. No payments will be made on the Second Lien Amendment until the obligations on the First Lien Amendment have been fully satisfied. The Company agreed to pay fees totaling approximately \$0.1 million.

The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Seventh Amendments, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.16.14 and 10.16.15 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9C — DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

None.

PART III

ITEM 10 — DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The following table sets forth information about our directors and officers as of July 10, 2023.

Name	Age	Positions
Executive Officers		
Brad K. Heppner	57	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board of Directors
James G. Silk	54	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Director
Derek L. Fletcher	55	President of BFF, Chief Fiduciary Officer and Director
Greg Ezell	48	Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Welday	52	Global Head of Originations & Distribution
Maria S. Rutledge	47	Chief Technology Officer
Scott Wilson	42	Chief Underwriting Officer
Sam Hikspoors	46	Chief Risk Officer
Directors		
Peter T. Cangany, Jr.	66	Director
Richard W. Fisher	74	Director
Thomas O. Hicks	77	Director
Dennis P. Lockhart	76	Director
Bruce W. Schnitzer	79	Director
Emily B. Hill	55	Director

The biographies of the above-identified individuals are set forth below:

Brad K. Heppner – *Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board*

Mr. Heppner has acquired or founded ten operating companies principally in the financial services, investment and insurance sectors, each with a common business purpose of providing highly specialized solutions for alternative asset owners. Mr. Heppner founded Heritage Highland in 1996 as a family business to organize, acquire and own as controlling or sole shareholder these operating companies. In 2003, Mr. Heppner organized Highland Consolidated Business Holdings, L.P. which is the predecessor-in-interest to Ben and changed its name to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. on October 23, 2015. Mr. Heppner has successfully completed realizations from seven of the ten Heritage Highland companies through mergers and transactions with Fortune 50 companies or institutionally backed management teams. In 2003, Mr. Heppner merged The Crossroads Group, a multi-billion-dollar alternative asset manager, with Lehman Brothers, now Neuberger Berman. Among the companies Mr. Heppner founded and sold is Capital Analytics, the third oldest alternative asset administration company in the United States, which is now owned by Mitsubishi Union Financial Group. Currently, Mr. Heppner serves as CEO of The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. and Chairman of Ben Management’s board of directors, and as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman for all Heritage Highland companies, positions he has held since its organization in 1996. Previously, he was a senior consultant at Bain & Company where he focused on private equity financed companies between 1994 and 1996. Mr. Heppner served as director of investments for the \$3.3 billion John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in Chicago from 1989 to 1993 after beginning his career in New York City at Goldman, Sachs & Co. as an analyst. Through companies held by Heritage Highland, Mr. Heppner has been a fiduciary for over 250 institutions and served on numerous corporate boards and advisory committees.

Mr. Heppner earned his MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and is an honors magna cum laude graduate and Most Distinguished Alumnus of Southern Methodist University, where he received a BS, BBA and BA, and where he serves on the advisory board of the Edwin L. Cox School of Business.

We believe Mr. Heppner is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, the leadership skills, strategic vision and depth of experience he brings as our Chief Executive Officer. Additionally, Mr. Heppner has over 30 years of experience working in the alternative asset industry and in various financial institutions.

James G. Silk – Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Director

Mr. Silk has over 25 years of experience, primarily in the alternative asset investment space. Prior to joining Ben, Mr. Silk was a Partner in the Asset Management Group at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Washington D.C. Before joining Willkie Farr, Mr. Silk was an attorney at Shearman & Sterling. During his career, Mr. Silk has advised customers on a variety of transactional and regulatory matters across the alternative asset space and has extensive experience consulting on investment advisor launches, registrations, operational issues and dozens of successful asset management M&A transactions. Mr. Silk has also counseled many of the industry's largest and most recognizable public and private asset management firms – including Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse, Ares Capital, KKR, Brookfield, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley – on a wide variety of legal, compliance and regulatory issues.

Mr. Silk received a BS in commerce from the University of Virginia and his JD from St. John's University School of Law.

We believe Mr. Silk is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his depth of experience in alternative asset management and financial services and his knowledge of capital markets transactions and securities regulation.

Derek L. Fletcher – President of BFF, Chief Fiduciary Officer and Director

Mr. Fletcher has over 27 years of experience, primarily in the trust, estate, wealth transfer and fiduciary services industries. In addition to his roles as Chief Fiduciary Officer and Director, Mr. Fletcher serves as the President of BFF, a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Fletcher previously served as a Wealth Strategist and WPS Market Director for U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. Before joining U.S. Trust, Mr. Fletcher was a shareholder with the Winstead law firm, practicing in the area of estate planning, probate and trust law. He is a Certified Public Accountant; a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Fletcher is former Chairman of the Estate and Gift Tax Committee for the American Bar Association's Tax Section, former Chairman of the Dallas Bar Association's Probate, Trusts and Estate Section, a former member of the Board of Governors for the Dallas Estate Planning Council, and former Chairman of the Synergy Summit (a unified think tank comprised of eight professional organizations representing more than 200,000 professionals).

Mr. Fletcher received his BBA in Accounting from Texas Tech University and his JD from the University of Texas School of Law.

We believe Mr. Fletcher is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his extensive expertise in sophisticated wealth and estate planning structuring and fiduciary advisory services.

Jeff Welday – Global Head of Originations & Distribution

Mr. Welday has more than 25 years of experience selling and marketing private market and traditional asset management products and vehicles. Prior to joining Beneficient, Mr. Welday was an Executive Vice President at Invesco. While at Invesco Mr. Welday was responsible for leading national sales and national accounts for the U.S. retail business of the \$1.5 trillion global investment management firm. In this role, Mr. Welday was responsible for divisions distributing Invesco's complete solution suite which encompassed alternative investments, institutional funds, separately managed accounts, unit investment trusts and exchange traded funds. Mr. Welday was also a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley and spent 13 years within its wealth and investment management divisions. While at Morgan Stanley Mr. Welday was responsible for leading sales teams for Morgan Stanley's alternative investments business including private equity funds as well as hedge fund of funds and private equity fund of funds. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley Mr. Welday began his career through a Management Training Program with Chase Manhattan Bank, now J.P. Morgan Chase. Mr. Welday has also served on the Money Management Institute's Board of Governors. Mr. Welday has a BBA from Baylor University and CIMA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, is a Registered Representative of Emerson Equity LLC and holds series 65, 63, 7, 51, and 24 FINRA licenses.

Greg Ezell – Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Ezell has more than 20 years of accounting and finance experience, including his time at Ben. Prior to joining Ben, Mr. Ezell most recently served as the Chief Financial Officer of Genesis Pure, Inc. where he was responsible for all accounting, finance, treasury, tax, and human resource functions. Prior to that, Mr. Ezell served as the corporate controller at Homeward Residential, Inc., a residential mortgage lending and servicing institution. Mr. Ezell started his professional career at KPMG LLP in the audit practice where he was an audit senior manager serving primarily public companies in the real estate, technology, manufacturing and private equity industries.

Mr. Ezell received a BBA from Henderson State University and he holds an active Certified Public Accountant license in the state of Texas and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Scott W. Wilson – Chief Underwriting Officer

Mr. Wilson has over 15 years of experience, primarily in the alternative asset investment space. Previously, Mr. Wilson was a Managing Director at Highland Capital Management, L.P., based in Dallas. During his tenure, Mr. Wilson was responsible for investments totaling over \$1 billion in investment value, and his responsibilities included leadership of all elements of the private equity investment process, including origination, sourcing, due diligence and financial modeling, creating and delivering investment committee presentations, sector research, transaction negotiations and structuring, ongoing management and monitoring, identifying exit time, and running sale processes. Mr. Wilson was also responsible for Highland's own internal strategy, with projects including reviewing potential acquisitions of financial services companies, redesigning its talent management processes, and restructuring its institutional and retail sales and marketing team and processes. While at Highland, Mr. Wilson served on the Board of Directors of Cornerstone Healthcare Group, Tandem Hospital Partners, CCS Medical, American HomePatient, Epocal, and Romacorp. Previously, Mr. Wilson worked for McKinsey & Company in their Atlanta location. As an Engagement Manager, he led McKinsey and customer teams focusing on sales and marketing improvements and new growth and organization strategies. He was also responsible for the internal training program for McKinsey's five Southern office locations.

Mr. Wilson received an MBA with honors in Strategic Management from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Economics, also from The Wharton School.

Maria S. Rutledge – Chief Technology Officer

Ms. Rutledge has over 20 years of Information Technology and Information Security expertise. Prior to joining Ben, Mrs. Rutledge served as Executive Director & Chief of Staff of Information Technology Business Services for MUFG (Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group) where she was responsible for all technology related functions including strategy, delivery, security, audit, and compliance. Prior to that, Mrs. Rutledge has served similar roles focused on Information Technology in various industries including Financial Services, Retail, Energy, and Telecommunications.

Ms. Rutledge received a Master's of Science in Information Services, an MBA in International Management, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, all from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Dr. Samuel Hikspoors – Chief Risk Officer

Dr. Hikspoors has over 15 years of experience in quantitative finance, alternative investment strategies and portfolio solutions. He is responsible for Beneficient's Portfolio Construction, Risk and Analytics functions, including the firm's hedging programs, top-down management and market forecasting activities. Dr. Hikspoors joined Beneficient from Sage Advisory where he managed multi-asset class solutions and investment strategies, before which he served as Co-Head of Invesco's portfolio overlay solutions group, as a Quantitative Strategist at RGM Advisors, and as an Associate Portfolio Manager at CPP Investments (Toronto office).

Dr. Hikspoors holds a Ph.D. and a M.Sc. in mathematical finance from University of Toronto where he was also the recipient of the Department of Statistics' Doctoral Award for his research accomplishments, a M.Sc. in Mathematics from University of British Columbia and a B.Sc. in Mathematical Physics from University of Montreal.

Peter T. Cangany Jr. – Director

Mr. Cangany, Jr. retired as a partner with Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") in 2017, having served in such capacity since 1993. Mr. Cangany specialized in the audits of companies involved in several sectors of the financial services industry, including insurance companies and investment management firms with a focus on public companies. He held senior positions with the leadership of EY throughout his years as a partner, including location and sector leadership responsibilities. Mr. Cangany also currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Franklin College of Indiana. Mr. Cangany brings extensive knowledge of financial reporting and accounting issues faced by companies in the financial services industry, as well as experience with early-stage growth businesses, strategic planning, and corporate governance from nearly 40 years of serving clients.

Mr. Cangany earned a B.A. in Accounting from Franklin College and an M.B.A. from Texas A&M University. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

We believe Mr. Cangany is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his expertise related to financial reporting and other complex accounting matters and his experience working with insurance entities.

Richard W. Fisher – Director

A resident of Texas, Mr. Fisher is presently on the Boards of Directors of Warner Brothers Discovery, Inc. and Tenet Healthcare Corporation and has previously served on the Boards of Directors of AT&T Inc., PepsiCo Inc., EDS and Stolt-

Nielsen Limited. Mr. Fisher also serves as a Senior Adviser to Barclays PLC, a British bank, and as Senior Contributing Editor to CNBC. From 2005 to 2015 Mr. Fisher served as President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. From 2001 to 2005 Mr. Fisher was Managing Partner and Vice Chair of Kissinger McLarty Associates. From 1997 to 2001 Mr. Fisher was Deputy United States Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador. From 1987 to 1997 Mr. Fisher was Managing Partner of Fisher Capital Management, an SEC registered investment advisory firm that he founded. From 1978 to 1987 Mr. Fisher was Senior Manager of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., a private bank. From 1977 to 1979 Mr. Fisher was Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Fisher’s speaking engagements are managed by Washington Speakers Bureau.

Mr. Fisher attended the U.S. Naval Academy and Oxford University and graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Economics and received his MBA from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

We believe Mr. Fisher is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his extensive knowledge of financial matters and expertise in banking, international markets, and regulatory frameworks.

Thomas O. Hicks – Director

Mr. Hicks is a pioneer in the private equity industry in the United States. From 1984 to 1988 he was Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of Hicks & Haas which compiled a highly successful track record of acquisitions, including Dr Pepper, Seven Up, A&W Root Beer, Sybron, and Thermadyne. He later founded numerous private equity funds for his firm, Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst, which raised over \$12 billion in funds. His funds have invested billions of dollars of equity in businesses in the United States, Europe, and Latin America. Mr. Hicks retired from Hicks Muse in 2004, and now manages his own family office private equity firm, Hicks Holdings, LLC. Mr. Hicks was a Director of Carpenter Technology Corporation until September 2014. Mr. Hicks is also the manager and indirect, majority owner of HSG Sports Group Holdings LLC, which, through subsidiaries, including HSG Sports Group LLC and others, formerly owned interests in professional sports franchises, including the Texas Rangers major league professional baseball club and Dallas Stars professional ice hockey team. From March 2007 to October 2010, Mr. Hicks owned 50 percent of LFC Holdings, which owned 100 percent of Liverpool Football Club, an English Premier League soccer club. On May 24, 2010, the Texas Rangers filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. On September 15, 2011, the Dallas Stars filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Additional proceedings were filed by or against other entities related to the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars, and Mr. Hicks in his individual capacity, in connection with the foregoing. Both the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars were sold to new owners in connection with their respective Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Upon sale of the teams, all claims against Mr. Hicks were withdrawn.

Mr. Hicks has a B.B.A. from the University of Texas – Austin and an MBA from the University of Southern California.

We believe Mr. Hicks is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his over 30 years of experience in the private equity industry, international transactions, and complex business arrangements.

Dennis P. Lockhart – Director

Mr. Lockhart’s career includes time in the private sector, academia, and government. Mr. Lockhart formerly served as President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. In addition, he served on the Federal Reserve’s chief monetary policy body, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). Within the Federal Reserve System, Mr. Lockhart chaired the Conference of Presidents for his final two years and earlier chaired the Information Technology Oversight Committee. Before becoming a central banker, Mr. Lockhart was a member of the faculty of Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service where he chaired the Master’s program’s concentrations in global commerce and finance and international business-government relations. Mr. Lockhart was an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies. Prior to his academia career, he was a managing partner of a boutique private investment firm with activity in Africa and Latin America and president of Heller International Group, a financial firm. At the start of his career, Mr. Lockhart held various positions, both international and domestic, with Citicorp/Citibank (now Citigroup).

Mr. Lockhart earned a B.A. in political science and economics from Stanford University, and his M.A. in international economics and U.S. foreign policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Mr. Lockhart also served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

We believe Mr. Lockhart is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his finance and economic policy experience, including monetary policy and economic regulation, as well as his experience in the financial services industries.

Bruce W. Schnitzer – Director

Mr. Schnitzer has been a successful private equity investor since 1985 and Chairman of Wand Partners (“Wand”), a private equity firm specialized in insurance and other specialty financial services, since 1987. Wand has sponsored and invested in

eighteen platform businesses, thirteen of which span the insurance industry and fifteen of which are now fully realized. From 1977 to 1985, Mr. Schnitzer was a senior executive with Marsh & McLennan, where he served as President and CEO of Marsh, Inc. (the world-wide insurance broker) and as Chief Financial Officer of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (NYSE-MMC). Prior to joining Marsh & McLennan, Mr. Schnitzer was a Vice President and head of Mergers & Acquisitions at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company (J.P. Morgan) — 1967-76. Mr. Schnitzer more recently served on the board of directors of ProSight Global, Inc. (NYSE-PROS) from 2010 to 2021, and GWG Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ-GWGHQ) from 2019 to 2021. Mr. Schnitzer currently serves as chair of the board of directors of several private financial services businesses in which Wand is involved. Mr. Schnitzer has served in numerous non-profit roles, including Chairman of The Institute of Human Origins, Director of The Litchfield Land Trust, and Director, President and Treasurer of Scherr-Thoss Foundation.

Mr. Schnitzer graduated from the University of Texas, Austin in 1966 (B.B.A.) and received an M.B.A. from the University of Texas, Austin in 1967.

We believe Mr. Schnitzer is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, his extensive private equity investment and related business experience, knowledge of insurance and other specialty financial services as well as his extensive experience as a director, chair and committee chair of privately and publicly-owned financial services businesses.

Emily B. Hill – Director

Ms. Hill established Bowersock Capital Partners in 2020. Prior to founding Bowersock Capital Partners, Ms. Hill spent eighteen years at Morgan Stanley, where she was Executive Director, Senior Portfolio Manager, and Family Wealth Director. In 2017, she was named to Working Mother’s inaugural list of “Top 200 Wealth Advisors” and to the FORBES inaugural list of America’s “Top 200 Women Wealth Advisors.” She was named by FORBES as one of America’s Top Women Wealth Advisors from 2018-2020 and a Best-in-State Wealth Advisor from 2017-2020; 2022. She was named by Working Mother magazine as a Top Wealth Advisor from 2018-2020. In 2019, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly appointed her to the board of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS), a \$25 billion pension fund. In 2021, she was appointed chair of the KPERS Investment Committee. She has appeared on Bloomberg, CNBC, and Yahoo Finance, and is periodically quoted in the financial press, including in Barron’s and Institutional Investor.

Ms. Hill received a B.A. from Dartmouth College, an M.A. from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D and a M.Phil from Yale University.

We believe Ms. Hill is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to, among other things, her decades of experience and knowledge of retail financial services and the investment management industry.

Family Relationships

There are no family relationships between our board of directors and our executive officers.

Board of Directors

Our board of directors consists of nine (9) members. Beginning at the first annual meeting of stockholders in 2024, the directors whose terms expire at such annual meeting and any subsequent annual meeting will be elected to hold office for a one-year term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders and until such director’s successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Arrangements for Election of Directors

Pursuant to the terms of the Stockholders Agreement, entered into on June 6, 2023, by and among, the Company, BHI, Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC and Mr. Schnitzer, Class A Directors are elected by holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class, with holders of Class B common stock being entitled to 10 votes per share with respect to all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote. Furthermore, pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, for so long as the Class B Threshold is met, the Class B Holders will have the right to designate 51% of the directors (rounded up to the nearest director), or initially five Class B Directors, to the Beneficial board of directors as follows: (i) provided that Class B Holder 1 or its Permitted Transferee continues to hold (A) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares of Class B common stock held by Class B Holder 1 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement, or (ii) if the condition in preceding clause (A) is not satisfied, the aggregate capital account balances with respect to the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 1 is an amount that is at least twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate capital account balances of the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 1 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement (the condition in either clause (A) or clause (B) being referred to as the “Class B Holder 1 Threshold”), three

individuals designated by Class B Holder 1, who shall initially be Brad Heppner, James Silk and Derek L. Fletcher (ii) provided that Class B Holder 2 or its Permitted Transferee continues to hold (A) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares of Class B common stock held by Class B Holder 2 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement, or (ii) if the condition in preceding clause (A) is not satisfied, the aggregate capital account balances with respect to the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 2 is an amount that is at least twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate capital account balances of the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 2 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement (the condition in either clause (A) or clause (B) being referred to as the “Class B Holder 2 Threshold”), one individual designated by Class B Holder 2, who shall initially be Thomas Hicks (provided, however, that if Thomas Hicks declines to serve as a director, then the director designated by Class B Holder 2 will be Mack Hicks; provided, further, that if Mack Hicks declines to serve as a director, then Class B Holder 1 shall designate such director) and (iii) provided that Class B Holder 3 or its Permitted Transferee continues to hold (A) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares of Class B common stock held by Class B Holder 3 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement, or (ii) if the condition in preceding clause (A) is not satisfied, the aggregate capital account balances with respect to the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 3 is an amount that is at least twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate capital account balances of the limited partner interests in BCH held by Class B Holder 3 on the effective date of the Stockholders Agreement (the condition in either clause (A) or clause (B) being referred to as the “Class B Holder 3 Threshold”), one individual designated by Class B Holder 3, who shall initially be Bruce W. Schnitzer (provided, however, that if Bruce W. Schnitzer declines to serve as a director, then the director designated by Class B Holder 3 will be Eliza Schnitzer; provided, further, that if Eliza Schnitzer declines to serve as a director, then Class B Holder 1 shall designate such director).

The Stockholders Agreement also provides that, in the event that Class B Holder 2 or Class B Holder 3 ceases to satisfy the Class B Holder 2 Threshold or the Class B Holder 3 Threshold, respectively, then the number of directors that Class B Holder 2 or Class B Holder 3, as applicable, has the right to designate pursuant will be reduced to zero, Class B Holder 2 or Class B Holder 3, as applicable, will cause the director designated by such Class B Holder to resign and Class B Holder 1 will have the right to designate the director to fill the resulting vacancy. In the event that the Beneficient board of directors determines to increase or decrease the total number of directors serving on the Beneficient board of directors, the Class B Holders and Beneficient will agree to work together in good faith to promptly amend the Stockholders Agreement to determine the effect of such increase or decrease on the designation rights of the Class B Holders. The Stockholders Agreement also provides that, for so long as the Class B Threshold is met, the majority of the Class B Directors will have the right to designate the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Beneficient board of directors. In the event that a vacancy is created at any time by the death, disability, retirement, removal or resignation of a Class B Director, the applicable designating Class B Holder will have the right to designate a replacement to fill such vacancy.

Under the terms of the Stockholders Agreement, the following directors are the initial Class B Directors: Brad Heppner, Bruce W. Schnitzer, Thomas O. Hicks, James G. Silk and Derek L. Fletcher. Furthermore, the following directors are the initial Class A Directors: Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Emily B. Hill, Dennis P. Lockhart and Richard W. Fisher.

Controlled Company Status

Pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, holders of Class B common stock have the right to elect a majority of Beneficient’s directors. As a result, Beneficient is a “controlled company” within the meaning Nasdaq rules and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance standards.

Director Independence

Under the Nasdaq Listing Rules, a majority of the members of the board of directors of a Nasdaq-listed company must satisfy Nasdaq’s criteria for “independence.” As a “controlled company,” Beneficient is largely exempted from such requirements. Based upon information requested from and provided by each director concerning his or her background, employment and affiliations, including family relationships, our board of directors has determined that Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Emily B. Hill and Dennis P. Lockhart are “independent” as defined under the rules of Nasdaq. In making such determinations, our board of directors considered the relationships that each such non-employee director has with Beneficient and all other facts and circumstances our board of directors deemed relevant in determining independence, including the beneficial ownership of our capital stock by each non-employee director and any institutional stockholder with which he or she is affiliated.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Our board of directors has seven (7) standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Community Reinvestment Committee, an Executive Committee, an Enterprise Risk Committee and a Credit Committee, each of which has the composition and responsibilities described below. The board of directors also established a Section 16 Committee comprised of two or more non-employee directors that are authorized to approve grants of equity

awards to our executive officers for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. From time to time, the board of directors may establish other committees to facilitate the management of our business.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's primary responsibilities include, among other things:

- overseeing management's establishment and maintenance of adequate systems of internal accounting and financial controls;
- the effectiveness of our legal and regulatory compliance programs;
- overseeing our financial reporting process, including the filing of financial reports; and
- selecting independent auditors, evaluating their independence and performance and approving audit fees and services performed by them.

The Audit Committee has three members: Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Emily B. Hill and Dennis P. Lockhart, all of whom are independent as defined by Nasdaq rules. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is available on Beneficient's corporate website, www.trustben.com under "Shareholders: Governance." The Beneficient board of directors has determined that Peter T. Cangany, Jr., is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by applicable SEC rules.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include, among other things:

- ensuring that our executive compensation programs are appropriately competitive, supporting organizational objectives and stockholder interests and emphasizing pay-for-performance linkage;
- evaluating and approving compensation and setting performance criteria for compensation programs for our chief executive officer and other executive officers; and
- overseeing the implementation and administration of our compensation plans.

The Compensation Committee has three members, one of which is designated by Class A Directors and two are designated by Class B Directors. The members of our Compensation Committee are Thomas O. Hicks, Richard W. Fisher and Bruce W. Schnitzer. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee, which is available on Beneficient's corporate website, www.trustben.com under "Shareholders: Governance." None of our executive officers serve as a member of the board of directors or Compensation Committee, or other committee serving an equivalent function, of any entity that has one or more executive officers who serve as members of the Beneficient board of directors or a committee of the Beneficient board of directors.

The board of directors established a Section 16 Committee that is comprised of two or more non-employee directors that are authorized to approve grants of equity awards to our executive officers for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee's responsibilities include, among other things:

- recommending Class A Director nominees for our board of directors and its committees;
- recommending the size and composition of our board of directors and its committees;
- reviewing our corporate governance guidelines and proposed amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws; and
- reviewing and making recommendations to address stockholder proposals.

The Nominating Committee has three members, one of which is designated by Class A Directors and two are designated by Class B Directors. The members of our Nominating Committee are Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks and James G. Silk. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Nominating Committee, which is available on Beneficient's corporate website, www.trustben.com under "Shareholders: Governance."

Community Reinvestment Committee

The Community Reinvestment Committee’s responsibilities include, among other things:

- establishing, overseeing, reviewing and evaluating our enterprise-wide community reinvestment strategy and funding guidelines;
- adopting annual budgetary appropriations relating to our community reinvestment and charitable contributions; and
- making any other determination relating to our charitable contributions or any other use or involvement of a charity in our business.

The Community Reinvestment Committee has four members, two of which are designated by Class A Directors and two are designated by Class B Directors. The members of our Community Reinvestment Committee are Richard W. Fisher, Emily B. Hill, Derek Fletcher and Aurelia Heppner. Ms. Heppner is not a director of the Company but serves as a non-board member on the Community Reinvestment Committee as permitted under Nevada law. Ms. Heppner is the spouse of the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, Brad K. Heppner. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Community Reinvestment Committee, which is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee’s responsibilities include, among other things, exercising all of the powers and authority of our board of directors to act in matters as directed by the board of directors or in any other matter in the discretion of the Executive Committee, relating to our management and business and affairs, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Executive Committee has four members, two of which are designated by Class A Directors and two are designated by Class B Directors. The members of our Executive Committee are Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Bruce W. Schnitzer and James G. Silk.

Enterprise Risk Committee

The Enterprise Risk Committee’s responsibilities include, among other things:

- reviewing the implementation, management and overall effectiveness of the enterprise risk framework across Beneficient, including the impact, results and management actions related to firm-wide assessments; and
- reviewing and discussing the areas of material risk to our operations and financial results and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such risks.

The Enterprise Risk Committee has five members. The members of our Enterprise Risk Committee are Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Richard W. Fisher, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Peter T. Cangany, Jr. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Enterprise Risk Committee, which is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

Credit Committee

The Credit Committee’s responsibilities include, among other things:

- making determinations, and direct management’s activities, regarding the top tier risk items associated with the loan portfolio including credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, risk-adjusted pricing and assets and currency hedging;
- reviewing and discussing with management the loan portfolio’s top tier risk assessment and management’s process for the identification, evaluation and mitigation of top tier risks; and
- establishing certain risk limits, tolerances and assumptions as well as receiving reports from management as to the adherence to established limits, and when in breach, actions taken to rectify the breach.

The Credit Committee has four members. The members of our Credit Committee are Brad K. Heppner, Richard W. Fisher, Dennis P. Lockhart and Emily B. Hill. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Credit Committee, which is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees, Executive Officers, and Directors

Our board of directors has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics, or “Code of Ethics,” which applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics is available on our website at www.trustben.com under

“Shareholders: Governance.” If we amend or grant any waiver from a provision of our Code of Ethics that applies to any of our executive officers, we will publicly disclose such amendment or waiver on our website and as required by applicable law.

Insider Trading Policy

Our board of directors has adopted an insider trading policy governing the purchase, sale and/or other dispositions of its securities by directors, officers and certain employees that is reasonably designed to promote compliance with insider trading laws, rules and regulations. Our insider trading policy is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

Whistleblower Policy

Our board of directors has adopted a whistleblower policy to provide employees with a confidential and anonymous, method for reporting concerns about the conduct of the Company or employees free from retaliation. Our whistleblower policy is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

Clawback Policy

Our board of directors has adopted a clawback policy, which provides that in the event the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements under the securities laws or otherwise erroneous data or the Company determines there has been a significant misconduct that causes financial or reputational harm, the Company shall recover a portion or all of any incentive compensation. Our clawback policy is available on Beneficient’s corporate website, www.trustben.com under “Shareholders: Governance.”

ITEM 11 — EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Beneficient is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act and is also a “smaller reporting company” under SEC rules. As such, we have opted to comply with the scaled executive compensation disclosure rules applicable to emerging growth companies and smaller reporting companies, which provide certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies. This section provides an overview of the compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to each individual who served as Beneficient’s principal executive officer during the twelve months ended December 31, 2021 (the “2021 Period”), the three months ended March 31, 2022 (the “2022 Period”) and the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 (the “2023 Period”), and our next two most highly compensated executive officers in respect of their service to Beneficient during such periods. We refer to these individuals as our named executive officers, or NEOs. Our NEOs for the 2021 Period, the 2022 Period and 2023 Period are as follows:

- Brad K. Heppner, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board;
- James G. Silk, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Director; and
- Derek Fletcher, President of BFF, Chief Fiduciary Officer and Director.

Agreements previously executed by BCG have become, unless otherwise provided, obligations of the Company as a result of the Conversion.

Executive Compensation Program Overview

Our compensation program has two primary objectives: (1) to attract, motivate and retain our employees and (2) to align their interests with those of our stockholders.

Our employees. Our business is dependent on our employees, including but not limited to our named executive officers. Among other things, we depend on their ability, where applicable, to lead our business, and provide other critical services, and we cannot compete without their continued employment with us. Therefore, it is important that our key employees are compensated in a manner that motivates them to excel consistently and encourages them to remain with Beneficient.

Alignment of interests. Each of our named executive officers has received certain equity awards as a form of long-term incentive compensation, which we believe serves to align the interests of our employees with those of our equity holders.

Historical Context of Executive Compensation

Effective in June 2017 and July 2017, BCG entered into the Bradley Capital Agreement and the BHI Services Agreement, each of which is defined and described in “—*Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table*.” Such agreements were executed in accordance with the terms of a Recapitalization Agreement dated August 1, 2017, by and among BCG and several related parties in contemplation of the commencement of our commercial operations. For additional information, see

“—*Certain Beneficial Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Relationships with Other Parties.*” Pursuant to the Bradley Capital Agreement (as amended and restated as the Bradley Capital Services Agreement), and the BHI Services Agreement, we are obligated to pay certain costs that are reported as compensation to Mr. Heppner in the Summary Compensation Table in footnotes (4), (5) and (6) thereto. At the time such agreements were entered, BHI, a Related Entity to Mr. Heppner, held substantially all our outstanding equity and estimates of the current and future costs of those arrangements were incorporated in the valuation of the Company as part of the May 2018 change in control of BCG. The Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of BCG dated September 1, 2017 included a provision stating that each person who acquired an interest in BCG approved, ratified and confirmed the execution and delivery of certain related party agreements described therein, including the Recapitalization Agreement, were acknowledged by GWG in connection with its initial transaction with BCG.

Summary Compensation Table

The “Summary Compensation Table” below summarizes the total compensation paid to or earned by each of the named executive officers of BCG for the 2021 Period, the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period.

Name and Principal Position*	Period	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Brad K. Heppner ⁽¹⁾	2023	\$ 225,000	\$ 50,000 ⁽²⁾	\$ 542,888 ⁽³⁾	\$ 4,361,573 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 5,179,461
Chief Executive Officer	2022	56,250	—	—	912,849 ⁽⁵⁾	969,099
	2021	225,000	—	—	6,075,057 ⁽⁶⁾	6,300,057
James G. Silk	2023	750,000	937,500 ⁽⁷⁾	225,000 ⁽⁸⁾	26,111 ⁽⁹⁾	1,938,611
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	2022	187,000	312,500 ⁽⁷⁾	—	10,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	509,500
	2021	750,000	1,250,000	1,062 ⁽¹¹⁾	41,116 ⁽¹²⁾	2,042,178
Derek L. Fletcher	2023	565,000	25,000 ⁽¹³⁾	169,500 ⁽¹⁴⁾	30,663 ⁽¹⁵⁾	790,163
President of BFF and Chief Fiduciary Officer	2022	141,250	—	—	8,000 ⁽¹⁶⁾	149,250
	2021	565,000	565,000	5,835 ⁽¹⁷⁾	43,614 ⁽¹⁸⁾	1,179,449

* Mr. Heppner is Ben’s founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Messrs. Silk and Fletcher also serve as members of the Board of Directors.

- (1) Amounts do not include certain equity interests and other returns received by BHI, a Related Entity, as each of these additional amounts represent returns on founder’s equity interests originally received in connection with the formation and recapitalization of BCG and its subsidiaries and are not considered to be compensation, consistent with their treatment in the Company’s audited financial statements. See “—*Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table – Beneficiary Company Holdings, L.P. Interests.*”
- (2) Consists of bonus amounts determined as of the date of this Annual Report. Final aggregate bonus amounts with respect to the 2023 Period have not yet been determined.
- (3) Reflects 43,431 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Heppner pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Heppner received a grant of 43,431 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation (“FASB ASC Topic 718”) of \$542,888.
- (4) Consists of:
 - (i) total fees of \$2,610,167 with respect to the 2023 Period paid to Bradley Capital (as defined below), a Related Entity, for services provided and \$67,601 with respect to the 2023 Period for Bradley Capital and other Related Entities’ use of Company office space and resources all in accordance with the terms and pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement (as defined below). See “—*Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above; (ii) total legal, tax and other expenses of \$228,974 with respect to the 2023 Period accrued but unreimbursed expenses on behalf of Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, for services provided pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement. See “—*Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above;
 - (iii) on certain occasions when Mr. Heppner was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Heppner’s spouse and/or other family members accompanied him. While his spouse and/or other family members may benefit from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic cost of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Heppner’s spouse and/or other family members accompanied him on the trip and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table. Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement (as defined below), BHI, a Related Entity, agrees to reimburse BCH for the quarterly rental paid or accrued by BCH with respect to the aircraft and additional expenses up to \$250,000 per year conditioned upon BCH’s timely payment of the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment to BHI. See “—*Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table – Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.*”;
 - (iv) \$1,227,183 with respect to the 2023 Period for the use by the Related Entity Trust (as defined below) of our “platinum level” trust administration services product plan and tax and legal expenses of approximately \$191,068 with respect to the 2023 Period paid on behalf of BHI and other Related Entities pursuant to the terms of the BHI Services Agreement (as defined below). See “—*Historical Context of Executive Compensation*”;
 - (v) \$8,000 of club dues; and
 - (vi) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$20,919 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$7,211 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Heppner.

- (5) Consists of:
- (i) total fees of \$616,848 with respect to the 2022 Period paid to Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, for services provided and \$14,000 with respect to the 2022 Period for Bradley Capital and other Related Entities' use of Company office space and resources all in accordance with the terms and pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above;
 - (ii) total legal, tax and other expenses of \$46,000 with respect to the 2022 Period paid on behalf of Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, for services provided pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above;
 - (iii) on certain occasions when Mr. Heppner was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Heppner's spouse and/or other family members accompanied him. While his spouse and/or other family members may benefit from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic cost of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Heppner's spouse and/or other family members accompanied him on the trip and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table. Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, BHI, a Related Entity, agrees to reimburse BCH for the quarterly rental paid or accrued by BCH with respect to the aircraft and additional expenses up to \$250,000 per year conditioned upon BCH's timely payment of the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment to BHI. See “—*Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table — Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.*”;
 - (iv) \$209,000 with respect to the 2022 Period for the use by the Related Entity Trust of our “platinum level” trust administration services product plan and tax and legal expenses of approximately \$18,000 with respect to the 2022 Period paid on behalf of BHI and other Related Entities pursuant to the terms of the BHI Services Agreement. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*”;
 - (v) \$2,000 of club dues with respect to the 2022 Period; and
 - (vi) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$5,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$2,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Heppner.
- (6) Consists of:
- (i) total fees of \$2,365,836 with respect to the 2021 Period, paid to Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, for services provided and \$56,000 with respect to the 2021 Period for Bradley Capital and other Related Entities' use of Company office space and resources all in accordance with the terms and pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*”;
 - (ii) total legal, tax and other expenses of \$335,000 with respect to the 2021 Period paid on behalf of Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, for services provided pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*”;
 - (iii) \$2.25 million for Mr. Heppner's non-business use of an aircraft, of which \$2.1 million was determined based on actual fixed and variable flight costs paid by the Company, which, pursuant to the Bradley Capital Services Agreement, was reimbursed by the Company to Mr. Heppner. An additional \$151,221 was calculated based on the personal travel flight hours multiplied by an estimate of the fixed aircraft operating costs and the hourly aircraft operating costs (including variable fuel charges, landing fees and pilot incidental costs). On certain occasions when Mr. Heppner was traveling for business on the aircraft, Mr. Heppner's spouse and/or other family members accompanied him. While his spouse and/or other family members may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Heppner's spouse and/or other family members accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table;
 - (iv) \$1 million with respect to the 2021 Period for the Related Entity Trust's use of our “platinum level” trust administration services product plan and tax and legal expenses of \$30,000 with respect to the 2021 Period paid on behalf of BHI and other Related Entities pursuant to the terms of the BHI Services Agreement. See “—*Historical Context of Executive Compensation*”;
 - (v) \$10,000 of club dues with respect to the 2021 Period; and
 - (vi) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$21,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$6,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Heppner.
- (7) Consists of bonus amounts determined as of the date of this Annual Report. Final aggregate bonus amounts with respect to the 2023 Period have not yet been determined. Bonus amounts denoted for Mr. Silk for the 2022 Period and 2023 Period are based on contractual amounts from his employment agreement and have not been paid as of the date of the filing of the Form 10-K.
- (8) Reflects 18,000 BCG restricted equity, units awarded to Mr. Silk pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Silk received a grant of 18,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB Topic 718 of \$225,000.
- (9) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$20,919 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$5,192 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Silk with respect to the 2023 Period; and
 - (ii) on certain occasions when Mr. Silk was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Silk's spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Silk's spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (10) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$5,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$5,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Silk with respect to the 2022 Period; and
 - (ii) on certain occasions when Mr. Silk was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Silk's spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Silk's spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (11) \$3,178 of income allocations made with respect to the 2021 Period to Mr. Silk, as a participant in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Such amount was offset by an associated tax distribution of \$2,116 to Mr. Silk for the 2021 Period, which is included in All Other Compensation as described in note (12)(ii). See “—*Certain Beneficiary Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Beneficiary Company Holdings, L.P. Interests – BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts.*”
- (12) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$21,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$18,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Silk with respect to the 2021 Period;
 - (ii) tax distributions of \$2,116 in connection with income allocated with respect to the 2021 Period and paid during 2022 to Mr. Silk, as a participant in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan; and
 - (iii) on certain occasions when Mr. Silk was traveling for business on an aircraft, the use of which was subject to the terms of the Bradley Capital Services Agreement, Mr. Silk's spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been

- incurred, whether or not Mr. Silk’s spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (13) Consists of bonus amounts determined as of the date of this Annual Report. Final aggregate bonus amounts with respect to the 2023 Period have not yet been determined.
- (14) Reflects 13,560 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Fletcher pursuant to restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Fletcher received a grant of 13,560 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB Topic 718 of \$169,500.
- (15) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$17,163 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$13,500 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Fletcher with respect to the 2023 Period; and
 - (ii) on certain occasions when Mr. Fletcher was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (16) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$5,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$3,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Fletcher with respect to the 2022 Period; and
 - (ii) on certain occasions when Mr. Fletcher was traveling for business on the aircraft subleased by a subsidiary of BCG, Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (17) \$17,449 of income allocations made with respect to the 2021 Period to Mr. Fletcher, as a participant in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Such amount was offset by an associated tax distribution of \$11,614 to Mr. Fletcher for the 2021 Period, which is included in All Other Compensation as described in note (18)(ii). See “—*Certain Beneficient Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. Interests – BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts.*”
- (18) Consists of:
- (i) Company-paid premiums in the amount of \$19,000 for supplemental medical coverage and Company contributions in the amount of \$13,000 to a 401(k) plan for the benefit of Mr. Fletcher with respect to the 2021 Period;
 - (ii) tax distributions of approximately \$11,614 in connection with income allocated with respect to the 2021 Period and paid during 2022 to Mr. Fletcher, as a participant in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan; and
 - (iii) on certain occasions when Mr. Fletcher was traveling for business on an aircraft, the use of which was subject to the terms of the Bradley Capital Services Agreement, Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him. While his spouse may have benefited from such travel, we consider the incremental costs of such travel to be nominal because the aircraft would have been used for such business travel, and the basic costs of such trip would have been incurred, whether or not Mr. Fletcher’s spouse accompanied him on the trip, and, as a result, no additional amount is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.

Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table

A “Related Entity” or “Related Entities” include certain trusts that are directly or indirectly controlled by, or operate for the benefit of, Mr. Heppner or his family, and those entities directly or indirectly held by, or that are under common control with, such trusts, and in which he and his family members are among classes of economic beneficiaries, whether or not Mr. Heppner is entitled to economic distributions from such trusts. Mr. Heppner is a beneficiary of the trust that is the sole shareholder of BHI (such trust, the “Related Entity Trust”).

Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.

BCG and BCH entered into a services agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C., a Related Entity (“Bradley Capital”), originally effective June 1, 2017 (the “Bradley Capital Agreement”), which was subsequently amended and restated effective January 1, 2022 (the “A&R Bradley Capital Agreement”), pursuant to which Bradley Capital provides certain executive and other services to BCG in exchange for fees and other consideration as described above. In addition, effective January 1, 2022, The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C. (“Beneficient USA”), a subsidiary of BCH, as sublessee, Bradley Capital, as sublessor, and BCH, solely as it relates to the guarantee it makes to Bradley Capital as set forth therein, entered into an Aircraft Sublease Agreement (the “2022 Aircraft Sublease”) pursuant to which BCH subleases the aircraft described therein. In conjunction with the execution of the 2022 Aircraft Sublease, BHI, BCH and BCG entered into a Contribution Agreement effective as of January 1, 2022 (the “2022 Contribution Agreement”). Pursuant to the 2022 Contribution Agreement, BHI, a Related Entity, agrees to reimburse to BCH the quarterly rental paid or accrued by BCH under the Aircraft Sublease and additional expenses of up to \$250,000 per year, subject to certain conditions, including BCH’s timely payment of the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment to BHI for the respective quarter in which such contribution is to be paid (whether or not waived in accordance with the terms of the Eighth A&R BCH LPA). On January 1, 2023, the 2022 Aircraft Sublease expired pursuant to its terms. Also on January 1, 2023, Beneficient USA, Bradley Capital and BCH entered into a replacement sublease agreement (the “2023 Aircraft Sublease”) on substantially the same terms as the 2022 Aircraft Sublease that will expire on January 1, 2024. On January 1, 2023, in connection with the execution of the 2023 Aircraft Sublease, BHI, BCH and BCG entered into an Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement on substantially the same terms as the 2022 Contribution Agreement to incorporate both the 2022 Aircraft Sublease and the 2023 Aircraft Sublease.

In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, on June 7, 2023, the Bradley Capital Agreement was replaced by the Second Amended and Restated Bradley Capital Agreement (the “Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement”) with the Company as a party. The Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement is substantially similar to the previous Bradley Capital Agreement, subject to certain changes as follows. The Executive Committee (as defined in the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement) reference now refers to the Executive Committee of the Board, and the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement expressly states that it shall in no way limit the authority of Board to appoint and remove officers of the Company, including its chief executive officer. The term of the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2023, with an annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The termination provision was revised so that the agreement may be terminated upon the approval of all members of the Executive Committee, excluding Brad K. Heppner if he is then serving on the Executive Committee. The base fee was increased to \$460,000 per quarter and the supplemental fee was increased to \$180,000 per quarter, with each fee remaining subject to an annual inflation adjustment. In addition, revisions were made to the limitation of liability and indemnification provisions to reflect the applicability of the corporation laws of Nevada to Beneficient.

See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above and the section titled “—*Certain Beneficient Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Relationship with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.*” for details.

Beneficient Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Heppner indirectly holds certain interests in our business through BHI, a Related Entity, which is a holder of the following equity interests in BCH: BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, FLP-1 Unit Accounts and FLP-3 Unit Accounts. The equity interests represent founder’s interests originally received by BHI in connection with the formation and recapitalization of Ben. Through his participation in the value of his founder’s equity interests of BCH held by BHI, Mr. Heppner receives financial benefits from our business which include, but are not limited to, certain income allocations, preferred returns, issuances of additional securities, cash distributions and other payments, including those described above. BHI’s interest in the equity interests of BCH are subject to certain transfer restrictions. In addition, a Company subsidiary, The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C. (“Ben USA”) entered into a services agreement with BHI, effective as of July 1, 2017 (the “BHI Services Agreement”) pursuant to which BHI pays an annual fee of \$30,000 to Ben USA in exchange for the provision of certain trust administration and other services to be provided to the Related Entity Trust and the Related Entities. See “— *Historical Context of Executive Compensation*” above and the section titled “—*Certain Beneficient Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Relationship with Beneficient Holdings, Inc.*” for details.

Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. Interests

Mr. Heppner, indirectly through BHI, owns significant limited partner interests in BCH. These interests have been issued in connection with numerous formative and recapitalization transactions and the receipt of these interests, and any additional equity interests issued as a return thereon or allocations or payments received by BHI in connection therewith, are not considered compensation, consistent with their treatment in the Company’s audited financial statements. As such, these returns on such interests, comprised of income allocations, preferred returns, issuances of additional limited partner interests, cash distributions and other payments, are not reflected in the Summary Compensation Table above. Such amounts may be significant and are considered by the Company’s board of directors in establishing the annual employee compensation for Mr. Heppner. As part of the May 2018 change of control of Ben, BCG obtained a valuation of the enterprise and its classes of equity as required by FASB ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (“FASB ASC Topic 805”), due to the application of pushdown accounting. This valuation incorporated, among other things, estimates of current and future costs arising from related party contracts, including the Bradley Capital Agreement and the BHI Services Agreement. Each class of the Company’s equity was then recorded at its fair value as set forth in valuation analysis, with the capital account balances of the preferred equity held by Ben’s founders, including BHI, reduced for, among other things, (i) the balance of outstanding debt of Ben, including related party debt, and (ii) any decrease in the value of Ben, up to the entire founders’ preferred equity amount outstanding, including decreases arising from the present value of the estimated costs of the related party contracts, including estimated costs related to private travel under the terms of the Bradley Capital Agreement.

During the 2022 Period, BHI received approximately \$13.5 million of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, approximately \$16,000 of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Class S Preferred Units and approximately \$3.1 million of accrued, but unpaid, guaranteed payments with respect to BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts. During the 2021 Period, BHI received approximately \$19.2 million of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, approximately \$45,000 of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Class S Preferred Units, approximately \$1.0 million of accrued, but unpaid, guaranteed payments with respect to BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, approximately \$22,800 of distributions on BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts and 24,905 BCH Class S Ordinary Units at a per unit price of \$15.00 and 21,372 BCH Class S Preferred Units at a per unit price of \$17.48, as holder of BCH

FLP-1 Unit Accounts. During the 2023 Period, BHI received \$46.2 million of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, approximately \$51,000 of an accrued, but unpaid, quarterly return on BCH Class S Preferred Units, approximately \$12.9 million of accrued, but unpaid, guaranteed payments with respect to BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, and approximately \$933,000 of distributions on BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. See “—*Certain Beneficial Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Beneficial Company Holdings, L.P. Interests*” for additional information.

BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts

Beneficial Management Partners, L.P. (“BMP”) holds BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts in connection with the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. As the holder of BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, BMP is entitled to quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts pursuant to the Eighth A&R BCH LPA. BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts are allocated income equal to 49.5% of: (1) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries, exclusive of profits from other activities such as fees or reimbursement of expenses in connection with trustee or custodial services and insurance and insurance-related activities (this will generally include revenues from Ben Liquidity subsidiaries), and (2) the Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Beneficial, exclusive of financing activity revenues. The Excess EBITDA Margin for an applicable entity is equal to the lesser of (i) 50% of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding revenues from financing activities, and (ii) an amount of revenues that will cause the EBITDA of such entity divided by the gross revenues of such entity to equal 20% (this will generally include the subsidiaries of Ben Custody and Ben Insurance Services). BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive annual tax distributions. As the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, upon its allocation of income of BCH in accordance with the above terms, BMP receives additional limited partner interests in BCH while retaining such BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. For the 2021 Period, BMP received 21,412 BCH Class S Ordinary Units based on a per unit price of \$15.00 and 20,948 Class S Preferred Units based on a per unit price of \$17.48 in connection with certain income allocations, as holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. There were no units received by BMP for the 2022 Period or 2023 Period.

In addition, pursuant to the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, adopted June 7, 2023, BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, will also receive an allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). In the event of an upward carrying value adjustment, the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts (50.5%) and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts (49.5%) are entitled to first be allocated gains associated with such carrying value adjustment equal to 15% of the value of the capital accounts of all Class A Units and Class S Units, calculated based on the post-adjusted capital accounts of the then outstanding Class A Units and Class S Units. Immediately following any such allocation, the amount allocated is converted in BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the unit price, which prior to the effectiveness of the Business Combination was determined by dividing the sum of the capital accounts for the BCH Class A Units and BCH Class S Units by the aggregate number of such units, and, following the effectiveness of the Business Combination, the closing price of a share of the Class A common stock on the primary exchange on which such shares are listed. Such provision results in BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, receiving additional limited partner interests as a result of any upward adjustment of the carrying value of the assets of BCH while retaining such BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. Adjustments to the carrying value of the BCH assets are likely to occur upon certain events, such as the acquisition of additional limited partner interests in BCH for more than a de minimis capital contribution. It is anticipated that the consummation of the Business Combination will result in an upward adjustment of the carrying value of the assets of BCH of approximately \$391 million, assuming no redemptions of Avalon Class A common stock and the conversion of \$191 million of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts to Class B common stock. The number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units that may be issued as a result of the carrying value adjustment in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination will be limited by the compensation policy which became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination.

Employment Agreement with James Silk

On December 31, 2019, BCG entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Silk, effective as of January 1, 2020, pursuant to which Mr. Silk will serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer. Pursuant to the agreement, with respect to calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022, Mr. Silk is entitled to receive a minimum base salary of \$750,000 and a minimum bonus of \$1,250,000. Compensation to Mr. Silk following calendar year 2022 is at the discretion of BCG.

In addition, Mr. Silk was granted 56,250 restricted equity units under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan which vest as follows: 20% on date of grant, 20% on each of first three anniversaries of January 1, 2020 subject to Mr. Silk’s continued employment. Mr. Silk was also awarded a one-time grant of 56,250 Class A Units and 56,250 Class B Units under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, which vest as follows: 20% on January 1, 2020, and 20% on each anniversary of January 1, 2020, subject to Mr. Silk’s continued employment through each vesting date.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Silk is entitled to vacation time and reimbursement of reasonable travel and other business expenses. In connection with his employment agreement, Mr. Silk agreed to confidentiality, noncompetition, non-disparagement and intellectual property protection provisions.

Additionally, under the employment agreement, in the event that Mr. Silk's employment is terminated for any reason, he is entitled to receive: (i) any unpaid portion of the salary prorated through the date of the termination; (ii) reimbursement for any unreimbursed business expenses incurred through the date of termination; and (iii) all other payments, benefits, or fringe benefits, if any, to which Mr. Silk is entitled under the terms of any applicable compensation arrangement or benefit, equity, or fringe benefit plan or program or grant. Additionally, if Mr. Silk's employment is terminated without "cause" or his resignation is for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the employment agreement), he will receive the following severance benefits: (i) had such termination or resignation occurred on or before the second anniversary of January 1, 2020, \$2,000,000.00, paid in equal monthly installments over twelve months; (ii) had such termination or resignation occurred after the second anniversary of January 1, 2020 and on or before the third anniversary of January 1, 2020, an amount equal to (A) \$750,000 plus (B) \$1,250,000 (prorated to reflect any partial-year period of active employment), paid in equal monthly installments over twelve months; (iii) had such termination or resignation occurred on or before the third anniversary of January 1, 2020 and to the extent permitted by applicable law and if timely elected, Mr. Silk is entitled to receive reimbursements on a monthly basis for the cost of such continued coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended, or other equivalent law ("COBRA") until the earlier of (X) the date he is no longer entitled to continuation coverage under COBRA or (Y) 12 months of continued coverage; (iv) if such termination or resignation occurs after the third anniversary of January 1, 2020, an amount equal to Mr. Silk's annualized base salary as of the date of such termination or resignation, paid in equal monthly installments over twelve months; and (v) If Mr. Silk has not been paid the Minimum Bonus for the year preceding the year in which such termination or resignation occurs, an amount equal to the Minimum Bonus paid at the time when annual bonuses are paid generally. The payment of any such severance is subject to Mr. Silk's execution of a release agreement.

Director Agreement with James Silk

On December 31, 2019, BCG entered into a director agreement with Mr. Silk, effective as of January 1, 2020, pursuant to which Mr. Silk would be appointed as a director of Ben Management and a trustee of The Beneficient Company Trust. The term of appointment was three years, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of the director agreement. Mr. Silk agreed to serve without compensation except as provided in the director agreement. Pursuant to the director agreement, BHI agreed to transfer to Mr. Silk a portion of BHI's Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts. Effective as of April 1, 2022, BHI assigned to Mr. Silk BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having a capital account balance of \$5.7 million (the "BHI Initial Grant"). The BHI Initial Grant is subject to forfeiture at a declining rate of 20% per year beginning from March 4, 2020, the date Mr. Silk was appointed as a director of Ben Management, through March 4, 2024, after which the BHI Initial Grant is no longer subject to forfeiture. Effective as of April 3, 2022, BHI assigned to Mr. Silk additional BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having a capital account balance of \$3.8 million (the "BHI Tax Grant," and together with the BHI Initial Grant, the "BHI Grants"). In order to provide Mr. Silk with cash to cover the tax liability arising from the BHI Grants, BCH and Mr. Silk entered into a Unit Account Redemption Agreement, effective as of April 3, 2022, pursuant to which BCH purchased and redeemed from Mr. Silk all of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts included in the BHI Tax Grant for a purchase price of \$3.8 million, in cash, on June 1, 2022. In connection with his director agreement, Mr. Silk agreed to confidentiality and intellectual property protection provisions. In connection with the closing of the Business Combination, on June 6, 2023, BCG terminated the director agreement with Mr. Silk, although he continues to serve as a director of Beneficient.

Director Agreement with Derek Fletcher

On July 21, 2020, BCG entered into a director agreement with Mr. Fletcher, effective as of March 4, 2020, pursuant to which Mr. Fletcher was appointed as a director of Ben Management and a trustee of The Beneficient Company Trust. The term of appointment was three years, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of the director agreement. Mr. Fletcher agreed to serve without compensation except as provided in the director agreement. In connection with his director agreement, Mr. Fletcher agreed to confidentiality and intellectual property protection provisions. In connection with the closing of the Business Combination, on June 6, 2023, BCG terminated the director agreement with Mr. Fletcher, although he continues to serve as a director of Beneficient.

Other Employment Arrangements

We do not have a formal employment agreement with Mr. Heppner. Mr. Heppner receives a base salary as determined by the compensation committee of Ben Management. For the 2021 Period, Mr. Heppner received a base salary of \$225,000, which continues to be applicable, on an annual basis, through the 2023 Period. In establishing his salary, the compensation committee took into consideration the fees payable under the Bradley Capital Services Agreement and the equity interests indirectly held by Mr. Heppner, as a founder of Ben and the financial benefits derived from such interests. In establishing Mr. Heppner's salary for the 2021 Period, the compensation committee sought to establish a minimum salary that would allow Mr. Heppner to maximize the benefits available under the Company's 401(k) plan and the also enable Mr. Heppner and his qualified dependents to participate in the Company's insurance and other benefits programs.

Other than Mr. Fletcher's director agreement, we do not have a formal employment agreement with Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher receives a base salary and bonus as determined by the compensation committee of Ben Management. For the 2021 Period, Mr. Fletcher received a bonus of \$565,000 and a base salary of \$565,000, which continues to be applicable, on an annual basis, through the 2023 Period.

From time to time, we have granted equity awards in the form of restricted equity units ("REUs") pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (as described below) and BMP Units (as defined below) pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan to our named executive officers, which are generally subject to vesting based on each of our named executive officer's continued service with us and will vest 20% on the award date, and 20% on each anniversary of the named executive officer's date of hire. Each of our named executive officers currently holds REUs and BMP Units that were granted under our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan or the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Awards under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan are subject to confidentiality, noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions. On April 24, 2019, Mr. Heppner was awarded 1,153,742 REUs, and on April 25, 2019, Mr. Heppner was awarded an additional 15,000 REUs, and both such awards have fully vested. On January 1, 2020, Mr. Silk was awarded 56,000 REUs, of which 80% are currently vested, with 20% scheduled to vest on January 6, 2024. On January 1, 2020, Mr. Fletcher was awarded 200,000 REUs and 308,817 BMP Units, which have fully vested. No awards of REUs or BMP Units were made to our named executive officers during the 2021 Period and 2022 Period. On April 1, 2022 (2023 Period), Mr. Heppner was awarded an additional 43,431 REUs, Mr. Silk was awarded an additional 18,000 REUs, and Mr. Fletcher was awarded an additional 13,560 REUs, which vests as follows: 20% on the grant date, 20% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 20% on the second anniversary of the grant date, 20% on the third anniversary of the grant date, and 20% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date; provided, however, that such vesting is subject to the completion of an "Initial Listing Event" (as defined in the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan), which occurred upon consummation of the Avalon Merger (the "2023 Period Vesting Schedule"). To the extent a vesting date occurred prior to the Initial Listing Event, such vesting was delayed and only occurred on the Initial Listing Event ("2023 Period Vesting Criteria").

2023 Fiscal Year Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table

The following table lists the outstanding equity awards held by each of Messrs. Heppner, Silk and Fletcher as of March 31, 2023.

Name	Stock Awards			
	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested	Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested	Equity incentive plan awards: Market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested
Brad K. Heppner	43,431 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 542,888 ⁽²⁾	—	—
James Silk	18,000 ⁽³⁾	\$ 225,000 ⁽⁴⁾	—	—
	11,250 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 140,625 ⁽⁶⁾	—	—
	11,250 ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 120,038 ⁽⁸⁾	—	—
	11,250 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ — ⁽¹⁰⁾	—	—
Derek Fletcher	13,560 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 169,500 ⁽¹²⁾	—	—

- (1) Consists of restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan on April 1, 2022, subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria.
- (2) Amount shown reflects the value of the restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$12.50.
- (3) Consists of restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan on April 1, 2022, subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria.
- (4) Amount shown reflects the value of the restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$12.50.
- (5) Consists of restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan on January 6, 2020, subject to time-based vesting conditions, of which 20% vested on the date of grant and the remaining equity units vesting at 20% per year for four years on each anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) Amount shown reflects the value of the restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$12.50.
- (7) Consists of BMP Class A Units (as defined below) granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan on January 6, 2020, subject to time-based vesting conditions, of which 20% vested on January 6, 2020, and the remaining BMP Class A Units vesting 20% per year for four years on each anniversary of January 6, 2020.
- (8) Amount shown reflects the value of the BMP Class A Units granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$10.67.
- (9) Consists of BMP Class B Units (as defined below) granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan on January 6, 2020, subject to time-based vesting conditions, of which 20% vested on January 6, 2020, and the remaining BMP Class B Units vesting 20% per year for four years on each anniversary of January 6, 2020.
- (10) Amount shown reflects the value of the BMP Class B Units granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$0.
- (11) Consists of restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan on April 1, 2022, subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria.
- (12) Amount shown reflects the value of the restricted equity units granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan based on a price per unit of \$12.50.

Compensation Policy

The Company's board of directors adopted a compensation policy (the "Compensation Policy") effective as of June 7, 2023. Pursuant to the Compensation Policy, the aggregate value of all compensation (to be defined in the Compensation Policy) paid or granted by the Company or its subsidiaries to all individuals for service as an employee in any fiscal year during the term of the Compensation Policy may not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the gross revenues of the Company and its subsidiaries (exclusive of any trust or special purpose vehicle that is considered a subsidiary solely because it is consolidated) for the immediately preceding fiscal year (the "Annual Compensation Cap"). If the gross revenues for the initial six-month period of any fiscal year, on an annualized basis, would exceed the gross revenue for the immediately preceding fiscal year, the Annual Compensation Cap shall be sixty percent (60%) of the annualized gross revenues for such fiscal year. Notwithstanding the Annual Compensation Cap, an amount equal to (i) the aggregate value of all salaries, bonuses and benefits paid or provided to all employees during any fiscal year, and (ii) equity-based compensation attributable to any fiscal year for awards granted in previous years may exceed the Annual Compensation Cap and be paid. If the total compensation that would be paid or awarded in any fiscal year in the absence of the Annual Compensation Cap would exceed the applicable Annual Compensation Cap, the amount of such excess will not be paid in such fiscal year but may be carried forward and paid, at the discretion of the Company's Compensation Policy in subsequent years, subject to the applicable Annual Compensation Cap for such subsequent year.

The compensation subject to the Compensation Policy includes base salaries, bonuses, equity-based compensation (generally, awards under equity-based compensation plans) and certain allocations of profits and upward adjustments of carrying values

by BCH to individuals who are also employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Annual Compensation Cap shall not be applicable to payments or distributions payable, directly or indirectly, to any employee from any entity that is not the Company or a subsidiary of the Company including, without limitation, Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C. The terms of the Compensation Policy commenced on the consummation of the Business Combination on June 7, 2023, and continues through December 31, 2025, and will automatically renew for successive twelve (12) month periods unless the board elects not to renew any initial or renewal term.

The Compensation Policy may only be amended (including an increase in the amount of the Annual Compensation Cap), and the board of directors may elect not to renew and extend any initial or renewal term, in each case, with the consent of the majority of the Company's board of directors and, for so long as the holders of the Class B common stock have the right to elect a majority of the Company's board of directors, a majority of the members of the Company's board of directors elected by holders of the Class A common stock.

Employee Benefit Plans

We believe our ability to grant equity-based awards is a valuable compensation tool that enables us to attract, retain, and motivate our employees, consultants, and directors by aligning their financial interests with those of our equity holders. The principal features of our current equity incentive plans are summarized below. Our compensation committee, or our board of directors in place of the compensation committee, has authority to administer these plans. These summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the actual text of the plans, which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this Annual Report on Form 10-K forms a part.

Equity Incentive Plans

2018 Equity Incentive Plan

On September 25, 2018, the board of directors of BCG's general partner adopted the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan. The 2018 Equity Incentive Plan authorizes the award of options, unit appreciation rights, common units of BCG (the "BCG Common Units"), restricted BCG Common Units, deferred restricted BCG Common Units, phantom restricted BCG Common Units, or other BCG Common Unit-based awards. In connection with the Conversion, the Company assumed the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, and any awards granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan are to be settled in Class A common stock. Effective June 7, 2023, no further awards are to be made pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan.

Awards are generally subject to service-based vesting over a multi-year period from the recipient's date of hire, though some awards fully vest upon the grant date. While providing services to the Company, if applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold Class A common stock or equivalents equal to at least 15% of their cumulatively granted awards that have the minimum retained ownership requirement.

Adjustments. In the event of an extraordinary split, recapitalization, recapitalization, rights offering, split-up or spin-off or any other event that constitutes an "equity restructuring" (as defined under FASB ASC Topic 718) with respect to Class A common stock, the Board will adjust the terms of the awards in the manner determined appropriate or desirable by the Board.

Mergers, reorganizations and other corporate transactions. In the event of any reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, repurchase or exchange of Class A common stock, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Class A common stock or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event that affects the BCG Common Units such that an adjustment is determined by the Board in its discretion to be appropriate or desirable, the Board in its sole discretion and without liability to any person will make such substitution or adjustment, if any, as it deems to be equitable.

Change in control. In the event of a change in control, the Board may accelerate, vest or cause any restrictions to lapse with respect to all or any portion of an award; cancel such awards for fair value; provided that any options or unit appreciation right having an exercise price per Class A common stock that is greater than the per share consideration to be paid in the change in control transaction to a holder of a Class A common stock can be cancelled without payment of any consideration therefor; provide for the issuance of substitute awards that will substantially preserve the otherwise applicable terms of any affected awards; or provide that options shall be exercisable for a period of at least 15 days prior to the change in control and that, upon the occurrence of the change in control, such options shall terminate and be of no further force and effect.

Effect of Termination of Employment. In the event of a termination of employment for cause, all vested and unvested equity awards under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan are forfeited. In the event of a termination of employment for any other reason, the portion of the award scheduled to vest on the next vesting date will vest and all unvested equity awards under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan are forfeited.

Nontransferability of Awards. Unless otherwise determined or approved by the Board, an award is not transferable or assignable by the participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

Amendments or Termination. The Board may amend, alter or discontinue the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan or any outstanding award, but no amendment, alteration or discontinuation is to be made, without the consent of a participant, if such action would materially diminish any of the rights of the participant under any award theretofore granted to such participant.

International Participants. With respect to participants who reside or work outside the United States of America, the Board may, in its sole discretion, amend the terms of the awards with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the requirements of local law or to obtain more favorable tax or other treatment for a participant or the Company.

BMP Equity Incentive Plan

The Board of Directors of BCG's general partner, Ben Management adopted the BMP Equity Incentive Plan on April 25, 2019. Under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, certain of our directors and employees are eligible to receive equity units in BMP, an entity affiliated with the Board of Directors BCG's general partner, in return for their services to BCG. The BMP equity units eligible to be awarded to employees are comprised of BMP's Class A Units (the "BMP Class A Units") and/or BMP's Class B Units (the "BMP Class B Units") (collectively, the "BMP Equity Units"). All awards are classified in equity upon issuance.

Vesting. Awards will generally be subject to service-based vesting over a four-year period from the recipient's date of hire, though some awards fully vest upon grant date. Expense recognized for these awards is specially allocated to certain holders of redeemable noncontrolling interests. While providing services to the Company, if applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold BMP Equity Units equivalents equal to at least 25% of their cumulatively granted awards that have the minimum retained ownership requirement. The awards are generally non-transferable. Awards under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan that vest ultimately dilute our common unitholders.

Minimum Retained Ownership. While employed by us, unless waived in whole or in part, each of our named executive officers is required to hold at least 25% of the cumulative amount of BMP units granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan that have satisfied the service-based vesting condition during the duration of their employment with the Company.

Conversion. Holders of BMP Class A Units may elect quarterly to convert BCH Class S Preferred Units attributable to such holder's vested BMP Class A Units to BCH Class S Ordinary Units and/or to exchange BCH Class S Ordinary Units attributable to vested BMP Class A Units for shares of Class A common stock (or the equivalent amount in cash based on the fair market value of the Class A common stock). Holders of BMP Class B units may convert such Class B Units only on termination of employment.

Redemption upon Termination of Employment. In the event of a termination of employment for cause, all vested and unvested BMP Equity Units are forfeited. In the event of a termination of employment for any other reason, (i) a holder of BMP Class A Units will continue to participate in such units at a decreasing rate over five years, during which time, such holder's Class A Units are converted to shares of Class A common stock and, at such holder's election, distributed to such holder and (ii) Class B Units are exchanged, at the holder's election for shares of Class A common stock.

2023 Incentive Plan

On June 6, 2023, Company's board of directors adopted the 2023 Incentive Plan. Under the 2023 Incentive Plan, subject to certain adjustments, the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan in respect of awards is equal to 15% of the aggregate number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries determined as of the Effective Date, of which 100% of the available shares may be delivered pursuant to incentive stock options. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on the first trading date of each calendar quarter, the number of shares of Class A common stock available under the 2023 Incentive Plan is to be increased so that the total number of shares issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan is to be equal to the lesser of (i) 200,000,000 shares, and (ii) 15% of the total number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries, as determined as of the Adjustment Date (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan), provided that no such adjustment will have any effect on the ISO Limit (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan), except for any adjustments summarized therein. Beneficiary's Compensation Policy, which became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, will limit the number of awards that can be made each year pursuant to the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Purpose. The purpose of the 2023 Incentive Plan is to provide an incentive for key employees, non-employee directors and certain contractors of Beneficient or its subsidiaries to remain in the service of Beneficient or its subsidiaries, to extend to them the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in Beneficient so that they will apply their best efforts for the benefit of Beneficient and to aid Beneficient in attracting able persons to enter the service of Beneficient and its subsidiaries.

Effective Date and Expiration. The 2023 Incentive Plan was ratified and adopted by the Beneficient board of directors on June 6, 2023. Unless sooner terminated by the Board of Directors, the 2023 Incentive Plan will terminate and expire on the tenth anniversary of the effective date. No award may be made under the 2023 Incentive Plan after its expiration date, but awards made prior thereto may extend beyond that date.

Share Authorization. Subject to certain adjustments, the aggregate number of shares of our Class A common stock expected to be issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan in respect of awards will be equal to 15% of the aggregate number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries determined as of the effective date, of which 100% of the available shares may be delivered pursuant to incentive stock options (the “ISO Limit”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, on the first trading date of each calendar quarter (the “Adjustment Date”), the number of shares of Class A common stock available under the 2023 Incentive Plan shall be increased so that the total number of shares issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan shall be equal to the lesser of (i) 200,000,000 shares, and (ii) 15% of the total number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries, as determined as of the Adjustment Date, provided that no such adjustment shall have any effect on the ISO Limit, except for any adjustments summarized below.

Shares to be issued may be made available from authorized but unissued Class A common stock, Class A common stock held by Beneficient in its treasury, or Class A common stock purchased by Beneficient on the open market or otherwise. During the term of the 2023 Incentive Plan, Beneficient will at all times reserve and keep enough our Class A common stock available to satisfy the requirements of the 2023 Incentive Plan. If an award under the 2023 Incentive Plan is cancelled, forfeited or expires, in whole or in part, the shares subject to such forfeited, expired or cancelled award may again be awarded under the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Awards that may be satisfied either by the issuance of Class A common stock or by cash or other consideration shall be counted against the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock that may be issued under the 2023 Incentive Plan only during the period that the award is outstanding or to the extent the award is ultimately satisfied by the issuance of Class A common stock. Shares of Class A common stock otherwise deliverable pursuant to an award that are withheld upon exercise or vesting of an award for purposes of paying the exercise price or tax withholdings shall be treated as delivered to the participant and shall be counted against the maximum number of available shares. Awards will not reduce the number of shares of Class A common stock that may be issued, however, if the settlement of the award will not require the issuance of common stock. Only shares forfeited back to Beneficient, shares cancelled on account of termination, or expiration or lapse of an award, shall again be available for grant of incentive stock options under the 2023 Incentive Plan, but shall not increase the maximum number of shares described above as the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock that may be delivered pursuant to incentive stock options.

Administration. The 2023 Incentive Plan is administered by the Audit Committee of the board of directors with respect to the Company’s directors and executive officers, and the Compensation Committee administers the 2023 Incentive Plan for all other persons. Membership on the Audit Committee shall be limited to “non-employee directors” in accordance with Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Audit Committee may delegate certain duties to one or more officers of Beneficient as provided in the 2023 Incentive Plan. The Audit Committee will, with respect to directors and executive officers, and the Compensation Committee with respect to all other persons, determine the persons to whom awards are to be made, determine the type, size and terms of awards, interpret the 2023 Incentive Plan, establish and revise rules and regulations relating to the 2023 Incentive Plan and make any other determinations that it believes necessary for the administration of the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Eligibility. Employees (including any employee who is also a director or an officer), contractors, and non-employee directors of Beneficient or its subsidiaries whose judgment, initiative and efforts contributed to or may be expected to contribute to the successful performance of Beneficient are eligible to participate in the 2023 Incentive Plan. As of May 11, 2023, Beneficient (including its subsidiaries) had approximately 152 employees and six non-employee directors. The Audit Committee will, with respect to directors and executive officers, and the Compensation Committee with respect to all other persons, determine who will participate in the 2023 Incentive Plan in order to attract, reward and retain top performers and key management.

Financial Effect of Awards. Beneficient will receive no monetary consideration for the granting of awards under the 2023 Incentive Plan, unless otherwise provided when granting restricted stock or restricted stock units. Beneficient will receive no monetary consideration other than the option price for Class A common stock issued to participants upon the exercise of their stock options, and Beneficient will receive no monetary consideration upon the exercise of stock appreciation rights.

Stock Options. The Committee may grant either incentive stock options qualifying under Section 422 of the Code or non-qualified stock options, provided that only employees of Beneficient and its subsidiaries (excluding subsidiaries that are not corporations) are eligible to receive incentive stock options. Stock options may not be granted with an option price less than 100% of the fair market value of a common share on the date the stock option is granted. If an incentive stock option is granted to an employee who owns or is deemed to own more than 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of Beneficient (or any parent or subsidiary), the option price shall be at least 110% of the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant. The Committee will determine the terms of each stock option at the time of grant, including without limitation, the methods by or forms in which shares will be delivered to participants. The maximum term of each option, the times at which each option will be exercisable, and provisions requiring forfeiture of unexercised options at or following termination of employment or service generally are fixed by the Committee, except that the Committee may not grant stock options with a term exceeding 10 years or, in the case of an incentive stock option granted to an employee who owns or is deemed to own more than 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of our Class A common stock (or of any parent or subsidiary), five years.

Recipients of stock options may pay the option exercise price (i) in cash, check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of Beneficient, (ii) by delivering to Class A common stock (including restricted stock) already owned by the participant having a fair market value equal to the aggregate option exercise price, provided that the participant has not acquired such stock within six months prior to the date of exercise, (iii) by delivering to Beneficient or its designated agent an executed irrevocable option exercise form together with irrevocable instructions from the participant to a broker or dealer, reasonably acceptable to the Beneficient, to sell certain of Class A common stock purchased upon the exercise of the option or to pledge such shares to the broker as collateral for a loan from the broker and to deliver to Beneficient the amount of sale or loan proceeds necessary to pay the purchase price, (iv) by requesting Beneficient to withhold the number of shares otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the stock option by the number of shares of Class A common stock having an aggregate fair market value equal to the aggregate exercise price at the time of exercise (i.e., a cashless net exercise), or (v) by any other form of valid consideration that is acceptable to the Committee in its sole discretion.

Stock Appreciation Rights. The Committee is authorized to grant stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) as a stand-alone award (or freestanding SARs), or in conjunction with stock options granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan (or tandem SARs). A SAR is the right to receive an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of a common share on the date of exercise over the exercise price. The exercise price may be equal to or greater than the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may place a ceiling on the amount payable on the exercise of a SAR, but any such limitation shall be specified at the time the SAR is granted. A SAR granted in tandem with a stock option will require the holder, upon exercise, to surrender the related stock option with respect to the number of shares as to which the SAR is exercised. The Committee will determine the terms of each SAR at the time of the grant, including without limitation, the methods by or forms in which the value will be delivered to participants (whether made in common stock, in cash or in a combination of both). The maximum term of each SAR, the times at which each SAR will be exercisable, and provisions requiring forfeiture of unexercised SARs at or following termination of employment or service generally are fixed by the Committee, except that no freestanding SAR may have a term exceeding 10 years and no tandem SAR may have a term exceeding the term of the option granted in conjunction with the tandem SAR.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The Committee is authorized to grant restricted stock and restricted stock units. Restricted stock consists of shares that are transferred or sold by Beneficient to a participant, but are subject to substantial risk of forfeiture and to restrictions on their sale or other transfer by the participant. Restricted stock units are the right to receive Class A common stock at a future date in accordance with the terms of such grant upon the attainment of certain conditions specified by the Committee, which include substantial risk of forfeiture and restrictions on their sale or other transfer by the participant. The Committee determines the eligible participants to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of restricted stock or restricted stock units will be made, the number of shares or units to be granted, the price to be paid, if any, the time or times within which the shares covered by such grants will be subject to forfeiture, the time or times at which the restrictions will terminate, and all other terms and conditions of the grants. Restrictions or conditions could include, but are not limited to, the attainment of performance goals (as described below), continuous service with the Beneficient, the passage of time or other restrictions or conditions.

Performance Awards. The Committee may grant performance awards payable in cash, common stock, or a combination thereof at the end of a specified performance period. Payment will be contingent upon achieving pre-established performance goals (as described below) by the end of the performance period. The Committee will determine the length of the performance period, the maximum payment value of an award, and the minimum performance goals required before payment will be made, so long as such provisions are not inconsistent with the terms of the 2023 Incentive Plan, and to the extent an award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, are in compliance with the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and any applicable regulations or guidance. With respect to a performance award, if the Committee determines in its sole discretion that the established performance measures or objectives are no longer suitable because of a change in Beneficiary's business, operations, corporate structure, or for other reasons that the Committee deems satisfactory, the Committee may modify the performance measures or objectives and/or the performance period.

Vesting of Awards; Forfeiture; Assignment. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may establish the vesting terms applicable to an award, subject in any case to the terms of the 2023 Incentive Plan. The Committee may impose on any award, at the time of grant or thereafter, such additional terms and conditions as the Committee determines, including terms requiring forfeiture of awards in the event of a participant's termination of service. The Committee will specify the circumstances under which performance awards may be forfeited in the event of a termination of service by a participant prior to the end of a performance period or settlement of awards. Except as otherwise established by the Committee in the award agreement setting forth the terms, restricted stock will be forfeited upon a participant's termination of service during the applicable restriction period.

Welfare and other benefits

We provide health, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance benefits to our named executive officers, on the same terms and conditions as provided to all other eligible employees.

We also sponsor a broad-based 401(k) plan intended to provide eligible employees with an opportunity to defer compensation up to certain annual limits. As a tax-qualified retirement plan, contributions (if any) made by us are deductible by us when made, and contributions and earnings on those amounts are generally not taxable to the employees until withdrawn or distributed from the 401(k) plan. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in our employee benefit plans, including our 401(k) plan, on the same basis as our other employees.

Director Compensation

The following table sets forth the cash and non-cash compensation awarded to or earned by each non-employee who served as a member of the board of directors of Ben Management during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

Director's Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Equity Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Peter T. Cangany, Jr.	\$ 185,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 150,000 ⁽²⁾	\$ 25,000 ⁽³⁾	\$ 360,000
Richard W. Fisher	300,000 ⁽⁴⁾	150,000 ⁽⁵⁾	—	450,000
Thomas O. Hicks	300,000 ⁽⁶⁾	150,000 ⁽⁷⁾	—	450,000
Emily B. Hill	165,000 ⁽⁸⁾	— ⁽⁹⁾	25,000 ⁽³⁾	190,000
Dennis P. Lockhart	175,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	150,000 ⁽¹¹⁾	25,000 ⁽³⁾	350,000
Bruce W. Schnitzer	300,000 ⁽¹²⁾	150,000 ⁽¹³⁾	—	450,000

(1) Represents aggregate cash compensation paid to Mr. Cangany for his service as a director, the chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Enterprise Risk Committee.

(2) Represents 12,000 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Cangany pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Cangany received a grant of 12,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of \$150,000. Each restricted equity unit entitles the holder thereof to receive one of the Company's common units upon vesting in accordance with the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria. If upon the Initial Listing Event the fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to such award is less than \$150,000, Mr. Cangany will be granted additional restricted equity units such that the total fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to the initial grant and such additional grant equals \$150,000. Any such additional restricted equity units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the initial grant. As of March 31, 2023, Mr. Cangany held (i) 12,000 unvested restricted equity units, and (ii) 10,000 unvested Class A Units and 10,000 unvested Class B Units in BMP.

(3) Represents annual health and wellness allowance for independent directors.

(4) Represents aggregate cash consideration paid to Mr. Fisher for his service as a director.

- (5) Represents 12,000 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Fisher pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Fisher received a grant of 12,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of \$150,000. Each restricted equity unit entitles the holder thereof to receive one of the Company's common units upon vesting in accordance with the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria. If upon the Initial Listing Event the fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to such award is less than \$150,000, Mr. Fisher will be granted additional restricted equity units such that the total fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to the initial grant and such additional grant equals \$150,000. Any such additional restricted equity units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the initial grant. As of March 31, 2023, Mr. Fisher held 12,000 unvested restricted equity units.
- (6) Represents aggregate cash consideration paid to Mr. Hicks for his service as a director and a member of the Executive Committee.
- (7) Represents 12,000 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Hicks pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Hicks received a grant of 12,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of \$150,000. Each restricted equity unit entitles the holder thereof to receive one of the Company's common units upon vesting in accordance with the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria. If upon the Initial Listing Event the fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to such award is less than \$150,000, Mr. Hicks will be granted additional restricted equity units such that the total fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to the initial grant and such additional grant equals \$150,000. Any such additional restricted equity units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the initial grant. As of March 31, 2023, Mr. Hicks held 527,000 unvested restricted equity units the vesting of which is subject to the completion of a liquidity event, which will be satisfied by the consummation of the Avalon Merger.
- (8) Represents aggregate cash consideration paid to Ms. Hill for her service as a director, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Community Reinvestment Committee.
- (9) As of March 31, 2023, Ms. Hill held (i) 40,000 unvested restricted equity units, and (ii) 24,000 unvested Class A Units and 24,000 unvested Class B Units in BMP.
- (10) Represents aggregate cash compensation paid to Mr. Lockhart for his service as a director, chair of the Credit Committee and a member of the Audit Committee.
- (11) Represents 12,000 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Lockhart pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Lockhart received a grant of 12,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of \$150,000. Each restricted equity unit entitles the holder thereof to receive one of the Company's common units upon vesting in accordance with the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria. If upon the Initial Listing Event the fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to such award is less than \$150,000, Mr. Lockhart will be granted additional restricted equity units such that the total fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to the initial grant and such additional grant equals \$150,000. Any such additional restricted equity units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the initial grant. As of March 31, 2023, Mr. Lockhart held (i) 12,000 unvested restricted equity units, and (ii) 10,000 unvested Class A Units and 10,000 unvested Class B Units in BMP.
- (12) Represents aggregate cash consideration paid to Mr. Schnitzer for his service as a director and a member of the Executive Committee.
- (13) Represents 12,000 BCG restricted equity units awarded to Mr. Schnitzer pursuant to a restricted equity unit award agreement dated as of April 1, 2022, pursuant to which Mr. Schnitzer received a grant of 12,000 restricted equity units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of \$150,000. Each restricted equity unit entitles the holder thereof to receive one of the Company's common units upon vesting in accordance with the 2023 Period Vesting Schedule and subject to the 2023 Period Vesting Criteria. If upon the Initial Listing Event the fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to such award is less than \$150,000, Mr. Schnitzer will be granted additional restricted equity units such that the total fair market value of the Class A common stock subject to the initial grant and such additional grant equals \$150,000. Any such additional restricted equity units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the initial grant. As of March 31, 2023, Mr. Schnitzer held 12,000 unvested restricted equity units.

Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table

Director Fees

The annual fees for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 paid to the non-employee directors of Ben Management are as follows:

- annual cash retainer for each of Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Schnitzer (the “Senior Directors”) of \$300,000;
- annual cash retainer for directors who are not Senior Directors of \$150,000;
- an additional annual cash retainer of \$25,000 to the chair of the Audit Committee;
- an additional annual cash retainer of \$10,000 to a non-chair member of the Audit Committee;
- an additional cash retainer of \$15,000 to the chair of the Credit Committee;
- an additional cash retainer of \$10,000 to a member of the Enterprise Risk Committee; and
- an additional cash retainer of \$5,000 to a member of the Community Reinvestment Committee.

In addition, directors who are not Senior Directors receive an Annual Health and Wellness Allowance of \$25,000.

Director Agreements

On September 13, 2017, BCG entered into a director agreement with Mr. Hicks, which became effective upon the occurrence of a certain transaction described therein, pursuant to which (i) Mr. Hicks receives base compensation of \$300,000 per year, and (ii) Mr. Hicks was granted an award of restricted equity units with a fair market value of \$1,000,000 on the date of grant. Mr. Hicks was also granted an award of 13.5% of the participating interests available for issuance pursuant to the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Mr. Hicks' agreement has an initial term of seven (7) years, subject to earlier termination as provided therein. In the event the initial term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or

because Mr. Hicks is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the agreement), the annual compensation fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial term. In connection with his director agreement, Mr. Hicks agreed to confidentiality, intellectual property protection and non-competition provisions. On June 7, 2023, we entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Hicks to replace and supersede his director agreement, the terms of which are described below.

On September 17, 2017, BCG entered into a director agreement with Mr. Fisher, which became effective upon the occurrence of a certain transaction described therein, pursuant to which (i) Mr. Fisher receives base compensation of \$300,000 per year and (ii) Mr. Fisher was granted an award of restricted equity units with a fair market value of \$1,000,000 on the date of grant. Mr. Fisher was also granted an award of 13.5% of the participating interests available for issuance pursuant to the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Mr. Fisher's agreement has an initial term of seven (7) years, subject to earlier termination as provided therein. In the event the initial term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or because Mr. Fisher is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the agreement), the annual compensation fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial term. In connection with his director agreement, Mr. Fisher agreed to confidentiality, intellectual property protection and non-competition provisions. On June 7, 2023, we entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Fisher to replace and supersede his director agreement, the terms of which are described below.

On September 18, 2017, BCG entered into a director agreement with Mr. Schnitzer, which became effective upon the occurrence of a certain transaction described therein, pursuant to which (i) Mr. Schnitzer receives base compensation of \$300,000 per year, and (ii) Mr. Schnitzer was granted an award of restricted equity units with a fair market value of \$1,000,000 on the date of grant. Mr. Schnitzer was also granted an award of 13.5% of the participating interests available for issuance pursuant to the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Mr. Schnitzer's agreement has an initial term of seven (7) years, subject to earlier termination as provided therein. In the event the initial term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or because Mr. Schnitzer is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the agreement), the annual compensation fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial term. In connection with his director agreement, Mr. Schnitzer agreed to confidentiality, intellectual property protection and non-competition provisions. On June 7, 2023, we entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Schnitzer to replace and supersede his director agreement, the terms of which are described below.

On March 31, 2022, BCG entered into a director agreement with Ms. Hill, effective as of March 31, 2022, pursuant to which (i) Ms. Hill receives base compensation of \$150,000 per year, (ii) Ms. Hill was granted an award of restricted equity units with a fair market value of \$500,000 on the date of grant and (iii) Ms. Hill will be granted, for a period of three years, an annual award of restricted equity units with a fair market value of \$150,000 on the date of grant, provided that Ms. Hill is serving as a director of the Company as of January 1 of each such year. Ms. Hill was also granted an award of 40,000 Class A Units and 40,000 Class B Units pursuant to the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Ms. Hill's agreement has an initial term of three (3) years, subject to earlier termination as provided therein. In the event the initial term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or because Ms. Hill is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the agreement), the annual compensation fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial term. In connection with her director agreement, Ms. Hill agreed to confidentiality, intellectual property protection and non-competition provisions. On June 6, 2023, BCG terminated the director agreement with Ms. Hill, although she continues to serve as a director of Beneficient.

Our policy is to not pay director compensation to directors who are also our employees.

The Company has entered into Indemnification Agreements (the "Indemnification Agreements") with each of its current directors and executive officers (collectively, the "Indemnitees"). The Indemnification Agreements generally provide that the Company is to indemnify the Indemnitees to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, subject to certain exceptions, against expenses, judgments, fines and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with their service as a director or officer and also provide for rights to advancement of expenses and contribution.

Consulting Agreements

On June 6, 2023, BCG terminated the existing director agreements for Messrs. Hicks, Fisher, Fletcher, Silk and Schnitzer and Ms. Hill. In addition, in connection with the closing, on June 7, 2023, each of Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer entered into consulting agreements with Beneficient to replace and supersede their respective existing director agreements as described above. Pursuant to the consulting agreements, Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer agreed to mentor, advise and support Beneficient and its related entities regarding its business of providing services, insurance, liquidity and financing for alternative asset holders and each receive an annual cash fee of \$150,000 per year. Such consulting fee is in addition to the annual cash retainer each of Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer receive under the director compensation program. The

consulting agreements acknowledge the continuing effectiveness of certain provisions in the director agreements regarding equity awards previously awarded to Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer under the director agreements as described above.

The consulting agreements have an initial term of one (1) year and automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with their terms. In the event the initial or any renewal term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or because Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the consulting agreement), the annual consulting fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial or renewal term, as applicable. In connection with the consulting agreements, Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer agreed to confidentiality and intellectual property protection provisions.

Director Expenses

Non-employee directors are eligible to use an aircraft, the use of which was subject to the terms of the Bradley Capital Services Agreement, for personal purposes when the aircraft is not being used on business-related trips. Any such personal use of the Company aircraft may result in the non-employee director recognizing income for tax purposes, and the Company does not reimburse the non-employee directors for any taxes incurred in connection with such personal use.

Director Compensation Policy

Our board of directors has adopted a non-employee director compensation program, pursuant to which each non-employee director will receive an annual cash retainer of \$150,000. In addition, the chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual fee of \$15,000. Furthermore, the chair of the Credit Committee receives an additional fee of \$15,000. Furthermore, non-employee directors who are members of the Credit Committee, the Community Reinvestment Committee, the Audit Committee and the Enterprise Risk Committee receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000, \$5,000, \$35,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Non-employee directors also receive equity compensation pursuant to the non-employee director compensation program in the amount of \$150,000. In setting compensation for the members of the board of directors, the board of directors considers the significant time commitment and the skills and experience level necessary for directors to fulfill their duties.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of our directors who serve as a member of our Compensation Committee is, or has at any time during the past year been, one of our officers or employees. Thomas O. Hicks, Richard W. Fisher and Bruce W. Schnitzer are members of our Compensation Committee. Each of Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer is party to a consulting agreement with Beneficient. Pursuant to the consulting agreements, each of Messrs. Hicks, Fisher and Schnitzer agreed to mentor, advise and support Beneficient and its related entities regarding its business of providing services, insurance, liquidity and financing for alternative asset holders and each receive an annual cash fee of \$150,000 per year.

None of our executive officers currently serves, or in the past year has served, as a member of the board of directors or Compensation Committee of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving on our board of directors or compensation committee.

ITEM 12 — SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table sets forth, as of July 10, 2023, the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by (i) each person who is known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock (ii) each of our officers and directors; and (iii) all of our officers and directors as a group. There were 234,543,727 shares of Class A common stock and 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock outstanding. The following table does not reflect record or beneficial ownership of the private placement warrants as these warrants are not exercisable within 60 days of July 10, 2023.

Beneficial ownership is determined according to the rules and regulations of the SEC. A person is a “beneficial owner” of a security if that person has or shares “voting power,” which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of the security, or “investment power,” which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the security or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days.

Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the following table and subject to applicable community property laws, we believe that all persons named in the table below have, or may be deemed to have, sole voting and investment power with respect to all Beneficient common stock to be beneficially owned by them. Additionally, the following table does not reflect record or beneficial ownership of any (i) Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of Beneficient Warrants and (ii)

certain equity incentive awards that are subject to vesting conditions that have not yet been satisfied. However, shares that a person has the right to acquire within 60 days of July 10, 2023 are deemed issued and outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such rights, but are not deemed issued and outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person, except with respect to the percentage ownership of all directors and executive officers as a group.

The following table does not include shares of Class A common stock that may be issued in exchange for interests in BCH, some of which convert into Class A common stock based upon their capital account balance calculated in accordance with Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code. Except as otherwise noted below, the address for persons or entities listed in the table is c/o Beneficient, 325 N. Saint Paul St., Suite 4850, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Name of Beneficial Owner ⁽¹⁾	Class B Common Stock		Class A Common Stock		
	Number of Shares of Class B common stock Beneficially Owned ⁽²⁾	Percentage of Outstanding Class B common stock	Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned ⁽²⁾	Percentage of Outstanding Class A common stock	Percentage of Total Voting Power of Class A and Class B common stock ⁽³⁾
Named Executive Officers and Directors					
Brad K. Heppner	17,719,483 ⁽⁴⁾	92.6 %	1,095,205 ⁽⁶⁾	*	41.7 %
James G. Silk	—	—	58,359 ⁽⁷⁾	*	*
Derek L. Fletcher	—	—	191,738 ⁽⁸⁾	*	*
Peter T. Cangany, Jr.	—	—	50,625 ⁽⁹⁾	*	*
Richard W. Fisher	—	—	1,033,729 ⁽¹⁰⁾	*	*
Thomas O. Hicks	1,322,208 ⁽⁵⁾	6.9 %	93,420 ⁽¹¹⁾	*	3.1 %
Dennis P. Lockhart	—	—	50,625 ⁽¹²⁾	*	*
Bruce W. Schnitzer	98,760	*	934,968 ⁽¹³⁾	*	*
Emily B. Hill	—	—	12,500 ⁽¹⁴⁾	*	*
All directors and executive officers of Beneficient as a group (14 individuals)	19,140,451	100 %	4,013,199	1.7 %	45.6 %
Other 5% Holders					
Hatteras Investment Partners, LP ⁽¹⁵⁾	—	—	49,429,319	21.1 %	11.6 %
GWG Holdings, Inc. ⁽¹⁶⁾	—	—	169,751,487	72.4 %	39.9 %

* Indicates, as applicable, (i) less than one percent of Beneficient total voting power of Class A common stock outstanding and Class B common stock and (ii) less than one percent ownership of Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

- For purposes of this table, a person or group of persons is deemed to have beneficial ownership of any shares of Beneficient common stock that such person has the right to acquire within 60 days of July 10, 2023. For purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of Beneficient common stock held by each person or group of persons named above, any shares of Beneficient common stock that such person or persons have the right to acquire within 60 days of the date of July 10, 2023 is deemed to be outstanding but is not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
- Class B common stock will be convertible at any time by the holder into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, such that each holder of Class B common stock beneficially owns an equivalent number of shares of Class A common stock. The number of shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned does not give effect to any such conversion of Class B common stock.
- Percentage of total voting power represents voting power with respect to all shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock, as a single class. Each holder of Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share of Class B common stock and each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock on all matters submitted to our stockholders for a vote. The Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders, except as may otherwise be required by law and the election of Class B Directors.
- Represents shares of Class B common stock held by BHI. BHI is an entity held by The Highland Business Holdings Trust of which Mr. Heppner is a beneficiary and a trustee and, in such capacity, has the sole power to vote and direct the disposition of such shares. Therefore, such shares are deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Heppner and The Highland Business Holdings Trust.

- 5) Represents shares of Class B common stock held by Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC. Mr. Hicks is the sole member of Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC, and he has the power to vote and direct the disposition of such shares.
- 6) Represents 1,095,205 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Heppner upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the closing of the Business Combination (the “Closing”) out of 1,197,173 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Heppner.
- 7) Represents 58,359 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Silk upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 74,250 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Silk.
- 8) Represents 191,738 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Fletcher upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 213,560 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Fletcher
- 9) Represents 50,625 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Cangany upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 62,000 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Cangany.
- 10) Represents (i) 111,563 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Fisher upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 127,000 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Fisher and (ii) 922,166 shares of Class A common stock.
- 11) Represents (i) 66,250 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Hicks upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 135,937 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Hicks and (ii) 27,170 shares of Class A common stock.
- 12) Represents 50,625 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Mr. Lockhart upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 62,000 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Lockhart.
- 13) Represents (i) 111,563 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 127,000 vested restricted equity units held by Mr. Schnitzer and (ii) 823,405 shares of Class A common stock.
- 14) Represents 12,500 shares of Class A common stock issuable to Ms. Hill upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units in connection with the Closing out of 40,000 vested restricted equity units held by Ms. Hill.
- 15) Based on the information contained in the Schedule 13G filed by Hatteras Investment Partners, LP with the SEC on July 7, 2023. Hatteras Master Fund, LP, Hatteras Evergreen Private Equity Funds, LLC, Hatteras Global Private Equity Partners Institutional, LLC, Hatteras GPEP Fund, LP and Hatteras GPEP Fund II, GP (the “Hatteras Entities”) are the beneficial owners of 49,429,319 shares of Class A common stock. Hatteras Investment Partners, LP is the investment manager of Hatteras Master Fund, LP and, as such, has sole investment discretion and voting authority over these securities and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these securities. The principal address of the Hatteras Entities is c/o Hatteras Investment Partners, 8510 Colonnade Center Drive, Suite 150, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615.
- 16) GWG Holdings, Inc., GWG Life USA, LLC, and GWG Life, LLC are the beneficial owners of 102,530,680, 67,100,832, and 119,975 shares of Class A common stock, respectively. On July 10, 2023, 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock were issued in respect of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts held by GWG Holdings, Inc and GWG Life, LLC at a conversion price of approximately \$4.66. Such BCH Preferred C-1 converted based on the volume weighted-average closing price of the Class A common stock for the twenty (20) days following the Closing. The principal address of GWG Holdings, Inc., GWG Life USA, LLC and GWG Life, LLC is 325 North St. Paul Street, Suite 2650, Dallas, TX 75201.

Certain BCH Non-Controlling Interests

The following table sets forth information regarding the capitalization of BCH, with the equity values in BCH based upon the estimated capital account balances as determined pursuant to Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code, as of July 10, 2023. These capital account balances are estimated based on a deemed liquidation value of \$3.4 billion as of July 10, 2023 and assume (1) no change in value from the Business Combination date to liquidation date and (2) an assumed conversion price of \$10.00 per share of Class A common stock.

None of the BCH securities identified in the table below are included in the beneficial ownership table reported above as they are not exchangeable for Class A common stock within 60 days of July 10, 2023, due to exchange limitations set forth in the Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. and the Exchange Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and between the Company, BCH and Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C.

	As of July 10, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	
	Hypothetical Capital Account Balance	Capital Account Balance
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
<i>BCH Equity Securities:</i>		
Class A Units held by Beneficient	\$ —	\$ 2,297,072
Class S Ordinary Units	—	83,586
Class S Preferred Units	815	581
Preferred Series A Subclass 0	—	252,796
Preferred Series A Subclass 1	919,645	813,532
Subtotal BCH Equity	\$ 920,460	\$ 3,447,567

- (1) The table is based upon estimated capital account balances as of July 10, 2023 as determined pursuant to Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code, and such estimates are subject to adjustment. The estimated amounts are based on a deemed liquidation value of \$3,447,565,654 and assumes (1) consummation of the Business Combination, (2) consummation of the recent financings, and (3) \$191 million in Avalon shareholder redemptions.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information as of June 7, 2023 about compensation plans under which shares of Class A common stock may be issued to employees, executive officers or members of our Board of Directors upon the exercise of options, warrants or rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans. Such information is presented as of June 7, 2023, rather than as of the year ended March 31, 2023 because June 7, 2023 is the date the Company completed the Business Combination. The Company believes that presenting the information as of such date is more informative to the Company's stockholders.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants, and Rights	Weighted- Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	—	\$ —	52,962,964 ⁽¹⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	8,128,775 ⁽²⁾	—	— ⁽³⁾
Total	8,128,775	—	N/A —

(1) Represents shares of Class A common stock available for issuance under the 2023 Incentive Plan, which permits the issuance of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, shares of restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units, performance awards, dividend equivalent rights and other awards. As described below, no additional awards may be issued under the 2018 Plan. See the description of the 2023 Incentive Plan below for a description of the formula for calculating the number of securities available for issuance under the 2023 Incentive Plan. As of June 7, 2023, no awards have been granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan.

(2) Represents shares of Class A common stock issuable (i) upon settlement of outstanding restricted equity units awarded under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, and (ii) pursuant to outstanding awards under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) The weighted-average exercise price does not reflect the shares that will be issued in connection with the restricted equity units under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan.

(4) As described below, no additional awards may be issued under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan. No more than the available authorized shares of the Class A common stock, less the number of issued shares and the shares reserved for issuance, as provided in the BCH Exchange Agreement (as defined herein), can be issued under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan.

Plans Not Approved by Security Holders

2018 Equity Incentive Plan

On September 25, 2018, the Board of Directors of BCG's general partner adopted the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan. The 2018 Equity Incentive Plan authorizes the award of options, unit appreciation rights, BCG Common Units, restricted BCG Common Units, deferred restricted BCG Common Units, phantom restricted BCG Common Units, or other BCG Common Unit-based awards. Effective as of the Conversion, the Company assumed obligations under the outstanding restricted equity units under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan and agreed to issue shares of Class A common stock upon settlement of such outstanding restricted equity units. Settled awards under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan dilute our common stockholders. The total number of BCG Common Units that were issuable under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan was equivalent to 15% of the number of fully diluted BCG Common Units outstanding, subject to annual adjustment. All awards are classified in equity upon issuance. Following the Business Combination, no additional awards may be issued under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan and all outstanding awards are settleable at a ratio of one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) shares of the Class A common stock for each restricted equity unit.

BMP Equity Incentive Plan

The Board of Directors of BCG's general partner, Ben Management, adopted the BMP Equity Incentive Plan on April 25, 2019. Under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, certain of our directors and employees are eligible to receive equity units in BMP, an entity affiliated with the Board of Directors BCG's general partner, in return for their services to the Company and its subsidiaries. The BMP Equity Units eligible to be awarded to employees are comprised of BMP's Class A Units and/or BMP's Class B Units. All awards are classified in equity upon issuance. Awards will generally be subject to service-based vesting over a four-year period from the recipient's date of hire, though some awards fully vest upon grant date. Expense recognized for these awards is specially allocated to certain holders of redeemable noncontrolling interests. While providing services to the Company or its subsidiaries, if applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership

rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold BMP Equity Units equivalents equal to at least 25% of their cumulatively granted awards that have the minimum retained ownership requirement. The awards are generally non-transferable. Awards under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan that vest ultimately dilute our common stockholders.

While employed by us, unless waived in whole or in part, each of our named executive officers is required to hold at least 25% of the cumulative amount of BMP Equity Units granted pursuant to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan that have satisfied the service-based vesting condition during the duration of his employment with the firm. Holders of BMP Class A Units may elect quarterly to convert BCH Class S Preferred Units attributable to such holder's vested BMP Class A Units to BCH Class S Ordinary Units and/or to exchange BCH Class S Ordinary Units attributable to vested BMP Class A Units for shares of Class A common stock. Holders of Class B Units may convert such Class B Units only on termination of employment. In the event of a termination of employment for cause, all vested and unvested BMP Equity Units are forfeited. In the event of a termination of employment for any other reason, (i) a holder of BMP Class A Units will continue to participate in such units at a decreasing rate over five years, during which time, such holder's Class A Units are converted to shares of Class A common stock and, at such holder's election, distributed to such holder and (ii) Class B Units are exchanged, at the holder's election for shares of Class A common stock.

Plans Approved by Security Holders

2023 Incentive Plan

On June 6, 2023, Company's board of directors adopted the 2023 Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's stockholders. Under the 2023 Incentive Plan, subject to certain adjustments, the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock expected to be issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan in respect of awards will be equal to 15% of the aggregate number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries determined as of the date the 2023 Incentive Plan was adopted, of which 100% of the available shares may be delivered pursuant to incentive stock options. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on the first trading date of each calendar quarter, the number of shares of Class A common stock available under the 2023 Incentive Plan is to be increased so that the total number of shares issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan is to be equal to the lesser of (i) 200,000,000 shares, and (ii) 15% of the total number of shares issued and outstanding or then issuable upon the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company or its subsidiaries, as determined as of the such first trading date, provided that no such adjustment shall have any effect on the ISO Limit, except for any adjustments summarized therein. Beneficiary's Compensation Policy, which became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, will limit the number of awards that can be made each year pursuant to the 2023 Incentive Plan.

ITEM 13 — CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The following will describe and summarize numerous transactions among Ben and its predecessor BCG and related parties and provides a history and background concerning such transactions and the related development of Ben. Agreements previously executed by BCG, unless otherwise provided, became obligations of Company as a result of the Conversion.

Initial Capitalization and Organizational Transactions

In preparation for the commencement of commercial operations, on August 1, 2017, BCG and several of its subsidiaries, including BCH, and affiliated parties entered into a Recapitalization Agreement ("Recapitalization Agreement"). Pursuant to the Recapitalization Agreement, numerous transactions were completed in order to restructure the organization of Ben and such restructuring established the foundation for Ben's organizational structure.

Pursuant to the Recapitalization Agreement, Ben Management, which is the general partner of BCG, was formed. In addition, Ben Management formed PEN Insurance Management, LLC (which is now known as PEN Indemnity Management, L.L.C.) with Ben Management acting as its managing member. As of March 31, 2023, PEN Indemnity Management, L.L.C. is the general partner of Private Equity National Indemnity Holdings, L.P., the owner of Ben's insurance subsidiary, PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, Ltd.

As part of the recapitalization, BCG transferred to BCH all of BCG's limited partnership interests in The PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, L.P. and Beneficient Management Holdings, L.P. BCG also conveyed its limited partner interests in BMP to BHI. BMP is the sponsor of the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, which holds the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts discussed in "*— BCH FLP Unit Accounts.*" BMP also converted part of its general partner interest in The PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, L.P. to a limited partnership and conveyed such limited partnership interest to BCH and the remaining general partner interest to PEN Insurance Management, LLC.

As part of the recapitalization, the parties also entered into certain services agreements, which are the predecessor agreements for the First Amended and Restated Services Agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C., discussed below in “—*Relationships with Other Parties – Relationship with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.*,” and the Services Agreement with BHI, discussed below in “—*Relationships with Other Parties – Relationship with Beneficient Holdings, Inc.*”

Ben commenced commercial operations on September 1, 2017, when Ben and MHT Financial, L.L.C. (“MHT Financial”) entered into agreements to provide liquidity in exchange for the economic rights to several portfolios of alternative assets (collectively, the “Initial Transactions”). In December 2017 and January 2018, Ben and MHT Financial entered into additional agreements to provide liquidity in exchange for the economic rights to additional portfolios of alternative assets (collectively, the “Second Transactions”). The primary closing condition of the Initial and Second Transactions consisted of MHT Financial entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with owners of alternative asset funds (family offices, fund-of-funds, and institutions, collectively the “Sellers”) to acquire the portfolios of alternative assets (the “Initial Exchange Portfolio” for the Initial Transactions and the “Second Exchange Portfolio” for the Second Transactions) and the subsequent placement of the Initial and Second Exchange Portfolios by MHT Financial into the custody of certain constituent trusts of the ExAlt Plan (“Founding ExAlt Plan”) in exchange for BCG Common Units of Ben of a like value issued to certain other constituent trusts of the Founding ExAlt Plan (“2017-18 Exchange Trusts”) of which MHT Financial was named the beneficiary and which are not consolidated subsidiaries of BCG. The Initial Transactions and the Second Transactions resulted in an aggregate of \$565.0 million in liquidity being extended to the Founding ExAlt Plan in return for the right to the cash flows from the related exchange portfolios totaling NAV of \$733.8 million in alternative assets.

Through March 31, 2023, Ben’s originations of liquidity transactions to the Customer ExAlt Trusts have primarily been limited to the Initial and Second Transactions described above and the acquisition of \$384.8 million of alternative assets acquired from an unrelated party in exchange for the issuance of BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts in liquidity transactions that closed on and after December 7, 2021. The Initial and Second Transactions were transacted with a limited number of family offices, fund-of-funds and institutions.

Transaction with GWG and GWG Life, LLC

GWG is Beneficient’s former parent company. As of March 31, 2023, GWG held more than 5% of the outstanding Class A common stock. On January 12, 2018, Ben entered into a Master Exchange Agreement, as amended from time to time (the “MEA”), with GWG, GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of GWG (“GWG Life” and, collectively with GWG, the “GWG Parties”), and the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts. The 2017-18 Exchange Trusts agreed to transfer the Common Units they held in BCG to the GWG Parties and receive assets, including GWG’s common stock and GWG Life debt.

Under the MEA, on December 28, 2018 (the “Final Closing Date”), Ben completed a series of strategic exchanges of assets among GWG, GWG Life, and the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts (the “Exchange Transaction”). As a result of the Exchange Transaction, a number of securities were exchanged between the parties, including the following securities as of the Final Closing Date: the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts acquired GWG L Bonds due 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of \$366.9 million; the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts acquired 27,013,516 shares of GWG common stock; GWG acquired 40,505,279 BCG Common Units; and GWG acquired the right to obtain additional BCG Common Units pursuant to an option issued by Ben (the “Option Agreement”). In addition, in connection with the Exchange Transaction, BCG, as borrower, entered into a commercial loan agreement (the “Commercial Loan Agreement”) with GWG Life, as lender, providing for a loan in a principal amount of \$192.5 million as of the Final Closing Date (the “Commercial Loan”).

Ben and the GWG Parties subsequently terminated the MEA. In addition, effective November 29, 2021, BCG repaid the entire outstanding principal balance of the Commercial Loan Agreement, plus accrued interest by issuing to GWG Life 19,250,795 BCG Common Units.

Registration Rights Agreement

On August 10, 2018, BCG and GWG entered into the Registration Rights Agreement related to the BCG Common Units providing GWG with certain customary registration rights with respect to the BCG Common Units received pursuant to the MEA. Pursuant to this Registration Rights Agreement, GWG is entitled to certain customary demand registration, shelf takedown and piggyback registration rights with respect to the BCG Common Units, subject to certain customary limitations (including with respect to minimum offering size and a maximum number of demands and underwritten shelf takedowns within certain periods). The agreement remains in effect until the earlier of the date GWG is permitted to sell all registrable securities under Rule 144 or until the registrable securities are sold.

Option Agreement Conversion

Effective August 11, 2020, as a result of the Exchange Agreement entered into by the parties on December 31, 2019 discussed below, and the mutual agreement of the parties, the Option Agreement between Ben and GWG was automatically exercised under the provisions of the Option Agreement. As such, GWG received \$57.5 million of BCG Common Units at a price per unit equal to \$12.50. The exercise of the Option Agreement decreased other liabilities and increased BCG Common Units outstanding.

Collateral Swap

On September 30, 2020, certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (collectively, the “Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts”), at the sole direction of the independent trustee of each such trust, with the intention of protecting the value of certain assets of the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts underlying part of the collateral portfolio, the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts entered into that certain Contribution and Exchange Agreement with certain of the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, (collectively, the “Participating Exchange Trusts”), each of which entered into such agreement at the direction of its applicable trust advisor and by and through its applicable corporate trustee (the “Contribution and Exchange Agreement”). Under the Contribution and Exchange Agreement, the Participating Exchange Trusts agreed to exchange 9,837,264 shares of GWG’s common stock valued at \$84.6 million, 543,874 shares of BCG Common Units valued at \$6.8 million, and GWG’s L Bonds due 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of \$94.8 million to the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts for \$94.3 million in NAV of the alternative asset investments held by the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts. This transaction (the “Collateral Swap”) resulted in the Participating Customer ExAlt Trusts recognizing an additional \$84.6 million of investment in public equity securities of a related party, \$94.8 million of debt securities of a related party, \$3.4 million of treasury shares of BCG’s Common Units, and gain of \$88.5 million, which was recorded in investment income.

Transaction with GWG Controlling Shareholders

On April 15, 2019, BCG, among others, entered into a Purchase and Contribution Agreement (the “Purchase and Contribution Agreement”) with Jon R. Sabes, GWG’s Chief Executive Officer and a director, and Steven F. Sabes, GWG’s Executive Vice President and a director. Pursuant to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement, which closed on April 26, 2019 (the “Purchase and Contribution Agreement Closing”), Messrs. Jon and Steven Sabes sold and transferred all of the shares of GWG’s common stock held directly and indirectly by them and their immediate family members (approximately 12% of GWG’s outstanding common stock in the aggregate). Specifically, Messrs. Jon and Steven Sabes (i) sold in aggregate 2,500,000 shares of GWG’s common stock to Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C. (“BCC”), a subsidiary of BCH, for \$25.0 million in return for a payable ultimately settled in cash on December 31, 2019, and (ii) contributed their remaining 1,452,155 shares of GWG’s common stock to a limited liability company (“SPV”) owned by a Related Entity (defined below) and an entity held by one of the current directors of Ben Management, the general partner of BCG, in exchange for certain equity interests in the SPV. “Related Entity” or “Related Entities” include certain trusts that are directly or indirectly controlled by Ben’s CEO, Brad Heppner, and those entities directly or indirectly held by such trusts, and in which he and his family members are among classes of economic beneficiaries whether or not our CEO and founder is entitled to economic distributions from such trusts.

BCC and the SPV executed and delivered a Consent and Joinder (as defined below) to the Security Agreement (as defined below). Certain other transactions occurred pursuant to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement and in connection with the Purchase and Contribution Agreement Closing (the “Purchase and Contribution Transactions”).

On April 26, 2019, and in connection with the Purchase and Contribution Agreement Closing, BCC and the SPV executed and delivered a Consent and Joinder (the “Consent and Joinder”) to the Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement dated October 23, 2017 by and among GWG, GWG Life, Messrs. Jon and Steven Sabes and the Bank of Utah (the “Security Agreement”). Pursuant to the Consent and Joinder, Messrs. Jon and Steven Sabes assigned their rights and delegated their obligations under the Security Agreement to BCC and the SPV, and BCC and the SPV became substitute grantors under the Security Agreement such that the shares of GWG’s common stock acquired by BCC and the SPV pursuant to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement continued to be pledged as collateral security for GWG’s obligations owing in respect of the L Bonds issued under that certain amended and restated indenture, dated as of October 23, 2017, subsequently amended on March 27, 2018 and supplemented by a Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 10, 2018, as so amended and supplemented, and as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time hereafter.

Transaction with GWG Life, and certain trusts included in the ExAlt Plan

On May 31, 2019, certain trusts included in the ExAlt Plan (the “LiquidTrust Borrowers”) executed a Promissory Note (the “Promissory Note”) payable to GWG Life (acting through a then constituted special committee of the board of directors of GWG) for a principal amount of \$65.0 million that matures on June 30, 2023. An initial advance in the principal amount of

\$50.0 million was funded on June 3, 2019, and a second advance in the principal amount of \$15.0 million was funded on November 27, 2019. The proceeds from the Promissory Note were used by the LiquidTrust Borrowers to purchase senior beneficial interests held by certain other trusts of the ExAlt Plan (the “Customer Trusts”). The aforementioned trusts utilized the proceeds to repay loan amounts owed by certain of the Customer Trusts to BCC, a subsidiary of BCG. In accordance with the timeline of the Promissory Note, the LiquidTrust Borrowers purchased senior beneficial interests of \$60.0 million prior to December 31, 2019. The remaining purchase of senior beneficial interests occurred during January 2020. All proceeds from the Promissory Note have been utilized by the ExAlt Plan to repay loan amounts owed to BCC by certain of the Customer Trusts. Ben utilized the proceeds from the loan repayments to BCC to provide working capital to BCG and its subsidiaries and to pay other liabilities.

LiquidTrust Promissory Note Repayment

On September 30, 2020, GWG, GWG Life (which, collectively with GWG, acting through a then constituted special committee of the board of directors of GWG), and the LiquidTrust Borrowers agreed to the repayment of the Promissory Note and any related accrued interest for a \$75.0 million BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Account of BCH that Ben issued to the LiquidTrust Borrowers. BCG determined the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 unit account was \$71.2 million as of September 30, 2020. The carrying value of the Promissory Note on September 30, 2020, with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, was \$65.1 million. Accordingly, the difference between the fair value of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Account and the carrying value of the settled debt was settled between the equity holders.

As part of the agreement, if Ben did not receive a trust company charter as of the one-year anniversary of the definitive agreement, or if no trust company charter filing was pending or in the process of being refiled, GWG Life would receive an additional \$5.0 million of Preferred C interests in BCH. On July 1, 2021, Ben’s subsidiary, BFF, received a Kansas non-operational trust company charter and effective December 31, 2021, the State of Kansas issued to BFF a fully-operational trust company charter under the Kansas’ TEFFI Act and regulated by the OSBC. Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Beneficient.

Strategic Transactions with GWG

On December 31, 2019, BCG, BCH, Ben Management, and GWG (acting through a then constituted special committee of the board of directors of GWG) entered into a Preferred Series A Unit Account and Common Unit Investment Agreement (the “Investment Agreement”). Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, BCG and BCH received an aggregate amount of \$79.0 million from GWG in return for 666,667 BCG Common Units and Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts of BCH.

In connection with the Investment Agreement, GWG acquired, on December 31, 2019, the right to appoint a majority of the Board of Directors of Ben Management, the general partner of BCG, which in turn is the general partner of BCH. Due to this change-of-control event, BCG became a consolidated subsidiary of GWG; therefore, the results of operations for BCG and its subsidiaries being reported in GWG’s financial statements on a consolidated basis beginning on the transaction date of December 31, 2019.

Following the transaction, and as agreed in the Investment Agreement, GWG had an initial capital account balance for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts of \$319.0 million. As a result, BCG recognized a deemed dividend of \$250.0 million, which represents the difference between the redemption value and the carrying value of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, as of December 31, 2019. The parties to the Investment Agreement agreed that the aggregate capital accounts of all holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts after giving effect to the investment by GWG, including the deemed dividend, is \$1.6 billion.

Unit Purchase Agreement with GWG

On July 15, 2020, BCG and BCH entered into the Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement (“UPA”) to purchase Series C Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts”) with GWG (acting through a then constituted special committee of the board of directors of GWG). Pursuant to the UPA, GWG agreed to make capital contributions from time to time to BCH in exchange for Preferred Series C Unit Accounts of BCH during a purchasing period commencing on the date of the UPA and continuing until November 29, 2021, when BCG ceased to be a consolidated subsidiary of GWG.

At any time following July 15, 2020, all or some of the BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts purchased under the UPA may be exchanged for BCG Common Units at the option of GWG; provided that, if GWG exchanges less than all of the BCG Preferred Series C Unit Accounts purchased under the UPA, then, immediately after giving effect to such exchange, GWG shall be required to continue to hold BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts with a capital account that is at least \$10 million. The exchange price for such BCG Common Units shall be determined by third-party valuation agents selected by Ben and GWG. However, if prior to any such optional exchange the BCG Common Units (or shares of Class A common stock

following the Conversion) are listed on a national securities exchange, the BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts purchased under the UPA will be exchanged for BCG Common Units, or shares of Class A common stock, at the lower of (i) the volume-weighted average of the Common Units for the 20 trading days following the listing of the Common Units on a national securities exchange, and (ii) \$12.75 (which, following the conversion of every four BCG Class A Units into five Class A common stock, would be reduced to \$10.20 per share of Class A common stock).

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, BCH issued \$14.8 million and \$130.2 million, respectively, of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts related to this agreement for cash consideration of equal value.

On November 23, 2021, GWG converted \$14.8 million of its BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts to an equal amount of BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts. On December 1, 2021, BCH redeemed GWG's entire BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts for \$14.8 million in cash. In exchange for such payment, GWG agreed to pay BCH an early redemption fee in the amount of \$1 million, which such fee has yet to be paid. On July 10, 2023, the remaining BCH Preferred C-1 converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share.

GWG Decoupling Transaction

On November 12, 2021, amendments to the organizational documents of BCG, BCH, and Ben Management were approved by the board of directors of Ben Management and GWG (the "Amendments"). On November 29, 2021, the Amendments became effective. These Amendments are part of, and effectuate, the series of transactions (the "Decoupling Transactions"), which resulted in, among other things, (i) GWG converting its capital account balance of \$319 million in the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts to an equal amount of BCH Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts issued by BCG; (ii) GWG no longer having certain voting rights or the right to nominate or appoint members of the Board of Directors of Ben Management; and (iii) BCG no longer being a consolidated subsidiary of GWG and therefore operating as a wholly independent and separate company.

Shared Services Agreement with GWG

On May 27, 2020, Ben and GWG (acting through a then constituted special committee of the board of directors of GWG) entered into a shared services agreement effective as of January 1, 2020 (the "Shared Services Agreement"). Pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, GWG agreed to pay a quarterly fee to Ben for the provision of accounting and finance, general and administrative, human resources, sales administration and marketing, underwriting and risk management, information technology and legal services for GWG and its direct or wholly-owned subsidiaries. The total service fee for each quarter is determined in good faith by Ben on the final day of such quarter in accordance with the cost allocation methodology maintained on Ben's books and records (which provides that, to the extent the Services are eligible for the "services cost method," as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.482-9(b), the Service Fee shall be equal to the total costs incurred by Ben during each quarter in connection with BEN's provision of the Services to GWG or its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries; and that the Service Fee for Services that are not eligible for the services cost method shall be determined by reference to the "cost of services plus method," as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.482-9(e)).

The term of the Shared Services Agreement has an initial term of one year from the Effective Date and shall renew automatically for successive one-year terms, unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination at least six (6) months prior to the end of the then-current term (provided that either party may terminate the Shared Services Agreement upon sixty days' prior written notice in the event GWG no longer has the right to appoint a majority of the board of directors of the general partner of Ben). Due to the filing by GWG for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, neither party has been authorized to terminate the Shared Services Agreement. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022 and years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, GWG paid \$0.4 million, nil, \$8.0 million, and \$3.9 million, respectively, to Ben under the Shared Services Agreement. As of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, Ben has an outstanding gross receivable related to this Shared Services Agreement of \$17.8 million, \$8.9 million, \$4.4 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. Due to the financial deterioration of GWG, including the filing for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, it is unlikely that the outstanding receivables owed for period prior to the bankruptcy filing will be paid.

Relationships with Other Parties

First and Second Lien Credit Agreements with HCLP

On May 15, 2020, Ben, through its BCC subsidiary, executed a term sheet with its lender, HCLP, a Related Entity, to amend its First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement dated September 1, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively. The resulting Second Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the "Second A&R Agreements") were executed on August 13, 2020. Prior to

the execution of the Second A&R Agreements, other amendments extended the June 30, 2020 maturity dates of both loans to August 13, 2020, while Ben and the lender finalized the Second A&R Agreements. The Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is referred to herein as the “First Lien Credit Agreement” and the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement is referred to herein as the “Second Lien Credit Agreement.” Additional agreements were entered into on June 10, 2020, and on June 19, 2020, consistent with the term sheet, whereby Ben agreed to repay \$25.0 million of the then outstanding principal balance due under the First Lien Credit Agreement and pay an extension fee of 2.5% of the outstanding aggregate principal balance of both loans, calculated after the \$25.0 million repayment, on July 15, 2020. A total of \$28.6 million was paid on July 15, 2020, which included the \$25.0 million principal payment, related accrued interest thereon, and the extension fee described above.

As part of Ben’s formative transactions in 2017, the First Lien Credit Agreement proceeds were loaned by HCLP to a subsidiary of Ben. Ben’s subsidiary then loaned the amount on to the Customer Trusts so that the Customer Trusts could acquire investments in alternative assets purchased from the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts. The balance of this related party debt at the time of Ben’s September 1, 2017 commencement of Ben’s commercial operations reduced the balance of the preferred equity held by Ben’s founders.

The Second A&R Agreements extended the maturity date of both loans to April 10, 2021, and increased the interest rate on each loan to 1-month LIBOR plus 8.0%, with a maximum interest rate of 9.5%. On March 10, 2021, and again on June 28, 2021, Ben executed an amendment to, among other items, extend the maturity date to May 30, 2022, as more fully described below.

On March 10, 2021, Ben executed Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender. The amendments extended the maturity date of both loans to May 30, 2022. The amendments also provide for the payment of an extension fee equal to 1.5% of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements, which was added to the outstanding amount under the credit agreements as provided for in the amendments.

On June 28, 2021, Ben executed Amendment No. 2 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 2 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender. The amendments removed certain terms related to obligations owed by GWG and certain of its subsidiaries. Further, Ben executed the Amendment No. 3 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 3 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with its lender, effective as of July 15, 2021, pursuant to which the parties agreed to change the first installment payment date from September 10, 2021 to December 10, 2021. Both the first and second installment payments were to be paid on December 10, 2021.

On December 1, 2021, Ben executed a binding term sheet with HCLP to amend the Second A&R Agreements. Pursuant to the term sheet, HCLP agreed to return up to \$20 million of principal and interest payments (the “Returned Amount”) previously made by BCG to HCLP pursuant to the Second A&R Agreements and the parties agreed to combine the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, as amended, into one senior credit agreement. The Returned Amount would be applied to, and increase the outstanding principal balance of, the First Lien Credit Agreement. HCLP paid \$17.95 million in cash to BCG on December 1, 2021, and the remainder of the Returned Amount is available for return to BCG at its discretion. BCH used a portion of such payment to redeem GWG’s entire BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts as described in “—Unit Purchase Agreement with GWG.” BCG agreed to pay HCLP an amendment fee of \$1 million as well as HCLP’s legal fees incurred in connection with the amendment.

On March 24, 2022 (the “Consent Effective Date”), HCLP, BCH and BCG entered into a consent with respect to the Second A&R Agreements, pursuant to which (i) HCLP consented to BFF’s entrance into that certain Participation Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022, pursuant to which a third-party purchased from BFF for an aggregate purchase price of \$72,500,000 a 100% participation interest in a \$72,500,000 loan made by BFF to The EP-00117 Funding Trust, a common law trust formed under Texas law; (ii) HCLP’s security interests in the collateral that supported the repayment of the loan participation was terminated and released; and (iii) the collateral that supported the repayment of the loan participation ceased to count as collateral for purposes of the Second A&R Agreements.

In addition, on the Consent Effective Date, HCLP, BCH and BCG entered into those certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 4 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, “Amendments No. 4”) with its lender, pursuant to which HCLP consented to the transfer of certain loans to wholly owned subsidiaries of BCH and consented to all accrued interest and unpaid interest for the period beginning as of July 15, 2021 (the “Interest Consent Date”) through the Consent Effective Date being paid on the Consent Effective Date. HCLP, BCH and BCG also agreed, pursuant to the Amendments No. 4, to make the following amendments to the Second A&R Agreements: (i) defer the payment of all accrued and unpaid interest from the Interest Consent Date to the Consent Effective Date; (ii) amend the interest rate specifically for the period beginning on the

Interest Consent Date and ending on the Consent Effective Date to be 10.5% per annum; (iii) extend the final maturity date of the loan from May 30, 2022 to August 31, 2023; (iv) change the principal payments of the Second A&R Agreements to consist of \$5 million payments on each of May 10, 2022, August 10, 2022, December 10, 2022 and April 10, 2023, with the outstanding balance to be due on August 31, 2023, so long as each such payment does not cause BCG to incur a going concern qualification; and (v) amending the occurrence of an event of default to require notice (written or oral) from HCLP on almost all potential defaults listed under the Second A&R Agreements. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately 6.5% of the outstanding principal before giving effect to the amendments.

In connection with the term sheet executed on December 1, 2021 and Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben recorded a \$19.5 million loss on extinguishment of debt during the year ended December 31, 2021, which is reflected in the loss on extinguishment of debt line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. Through March 31, 2023, all required principal and interest payments due under the Second A&R Agreements have been paid.

On February 15, 2023, Ben executed those certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with HCLP, pursuant to which, as required by Amendments No. 4, certain Ben subsidiaries became subsidiary guarantors and entered into those certain Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (First Lien) and Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (Second Lien), that certain first lien Guaranty and that certain second lien Guaranty.

On June 5, 2023, Ben executed (a) that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “First Lien Amendment”), which amended the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto, and (b) that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (the “Second Lien Amendment,” and together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Amendments”), which amended the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020 among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Amendments (i) allow for the consummation of the Transactions pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, and (ii) effective as of the closing of the Business Combination (c) amend the definition of “Change of Control” (as defined therein), and (d) provide that Beneficiary will be the “Parent” thereunder.

On July 12, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Amendment No. 7 to the First Lien Amendment, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Amendment No. 7 to Second Lien Amendment (together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Seventh Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Seventh Amendments (i) modified the interest rate to a fixed rate of 9.5% (ii) extended the maturity dates of the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027, respectively, and (iii) agreed to installment payments on the First Lien Amendment of \$5.0 million on each of March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th of each year for so long as the obligations remain outstanding, and so long as such payments do not cause a going concern. No payments will be made on the Second Lien Amendment until the obligations on the First Lien Amendment have been fully satisfied. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately \$0.1 million.

In connection with the Second A&R Agreements, BHI, a Related Entity that owns a majority of the Class S Ordinary Units, Class S Preferred Units, Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts issued by BCH, will grant certain tax-related concessions to HCLP as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In exchange for the tax-related concessions, 5% of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts held by BHI, which will be held by HCLP, may convert to BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts. In addition, recipients of a grant of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts from BHI will have the right to put an amount of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts to Ben equal to any associated tax liability stemming from any such grant; provided that the aggregated associated tax liability shall not relate to more than \$30.0 million of grants of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts from BHI; and provided further, that such put right could not be exercised prior to July 1, 2021. A liability of \$3.8 million was recorded for the put right as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 related to the grants of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts to a director in 2022. No such liability existed as of March 31, 2023 as the liability was settled for cash during June 2022.

The Second A&R Agreements and ancillary documents contain covenants that (i) prevent Ben from issuing any securities senior to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts or BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts; (ii) prevent Ben from incurring additional debt or borrowings greater than \$10.0 million, other than trade payable, while the loans are outstanding; and (iii) prevent, without the written consent of the lender, GWG from selling, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts held as of May 15, 2020, other than to its subsidiary GWG DLP Funding V, LLC. As of March 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

In connection with the amendments to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben agreed to pay extension fees on a percentage of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements as of the date of the respective amendment. During the year ended March 31,

2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, Ben paid nil, \$8.6 million, \$1.1 million, and \$3.2 million, respectively, in deferred financing costs to HCLP, a Related Entity. There were no deferred financing costs paid during the twelve months ended March 31, 2023. The parties to the Second A&R Agreements no longer plan to combine the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, as amended, into one senior credit agreement.

HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, L.P. Ben's CEO is a beneficiary and trust investment advisor of the trusts that control, and are the partners of, Highland Consolidated, L.P. Further, an indirect parent entity of HCLP has previously had loans outstanding to Related Entities. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, Highland Consolidated, L.P. had outstanding loans in the principal amount of \$14.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, with a Related Entity. Ben was not a party to these loans, nor has it secured or guaranteed the loans.

Relationship with Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C.

Ben Management was the general partner of BCG and is governed by a board of directors. As part of the Decoupling Transaction, effective November 29, 2021, the limited liability company agreement of Ben Management was amended and GWG's right to appoint a majority of the nine (9) members of the board of directors of Ben Management was deleted. Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. ("BMC"), wholly- owned by a Related Entity, now has the right to appoint 49% of the members of the board of directors of Ben Management. The remaining directors are now appointed by the Nominating Committee of the board of directors, which is comprised of four (4) members, two (2) of whom are appointed by the full board of directors.

Relationship with Ben Securities

Ben Securities is an affiliate of the Company. Certain employees of the Company or its affiliates are registered persons of Ben Securities. When the Company uses Ben Securities as its broker-dealer to conduct its transactions, the Company's use of Ben Securities creates various conflicts of interest and incentives as set forth herein, which may be in conflict with the best interests of customers of Ben Securities. Because of these relationships, transactions between Ben Securities and the Company are generally not arm's-length and the Company has an incentive to use Ben Securities and its registered persons instead of other unaffiliated third parties. Through its ownership of Ben Securities, the Company, its owners, and employees receiving profit participation, equity incentives or similar benefits (including our Chief Executive Officer and other employees) indirectly benefit from and/or share in the revenue earned by Ben Securities. Individuals registered with Ben Securities that are employees of the Company or its affiliates receive a portion of the transaction compensation or other fees earned by Ben Securities for transactions in which such registered persons participate in addition to compensation they receive as employees of the Company or its affiliates. Compensation paid to Ben Securities and therefore to such registered persons of Ben Securities may be significant. Ben Securities and its registered persons are incentivized to maximize the amount of subscriptions in any offering, to favor the Company's offerings over offerings of unaffiliated third parties and to take greater risks regarding such offerings, and their decisions relating to offerings of the Company may be influenced by such persons being registered with Ben Securities and/or being employees of the Company or its affiliates and the extent of the compensation they may receive by participating in an offering of the Company.

Relationship with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.

Services Agreement. BCG was the general partner of BCH and together they entered into the Bradley Capital Agreement and BMC effective June 1, 2017 and effective as of January 1, 2022, the parties entered into the First Amended and Restated Services Agreement. Bradley Capital is a Related Entity. Under the Bradley Capital Agreement, Bradley Capital is entitled to a current base fee of \$404,132 per quarter for executive-level services provided by an executive of Bradley Capital, who is currently designated as Brad Heppner, our CEO and Chairman of Ben Management's board of directors, together with a current supplemental fee of \$160,979 per quarter for administrative and financial analysis, with both the base fee and the supplemental fee subject to an annual inflation adjustment. The base fee may be increased by the provider up to two times the initial base fee per quarter to cover increases in the cost of providing the services, or in the event of an expansion of the scope of the services with the approval of the Executive Committee of the board of Ben Management, of which our CEO and Chairman of Ben Management's board of directors is a member and Chairman. The Bradley Capital Agreement also includes a payment from Ben of \$150,000 per year, paid quarterly, to cover on-going employee costs for retired and/or departed employees of predecessor entities prior to September 1, 2017, which on-going costs were assumed by Bradley Capital, as well as a further payment to Bradley Capital in respect of the cost of health and retirement benefits for current employees of Bradley Capital all of which are reimbursed by Ben. The Bradley Capital Agreement requires Ben to reimburse Bradley Capital or its affiliates for taxes, fees, and expenses, including legal fees and related costs, relating to the contributions by affiliates of Bradley Capital of equity or debt interests in Ben to public charitable trusts in connection with the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, as well as the contribution of beneficial interests in client trusts administered by Ben. It further requires that

Ben indemnify and hold Bradley Capital harmless against any and all losses, damages, costs, fees and any other expenses incurred by Bradley Capital as air travel expenses incurred by Ben prior to the effective date of the Bradley Capital Agreement in connection with the operation of the aircraft identified in the Aircraft Sublease (as defined below). Additionally, Ben provides office space and access to needed technology systems and telephone services. Payments by Ben to Bradley Capital and its affiliates are guaranteed and subject to enforcement by the state courts in Delaware in the event of default. The Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2022, with an annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The Bradley Capital Agreement may be terminated by the mutual agreement of the parties, by the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee of the board of Ben Management, of which our CEO and Chairman of Ben Management's board of directors is a member and Chairman, or without such approval if a designated Related Entity no longer holds the lesser of \$10.0 million of Ben's securities or 1% of the aggregate fair market value of Ben on both December 31, 2022, or any applicable extension date, and the date of termination. As part of the May 2018 change of control of Ben, BCG obtained a valuation of the enterprise and its classes of equity as required by FASB ASC Topic 805 due to the application of pushdown accounting. This valuation incorporated, among other things, estimates of current and future costs arising from related party contracts, including the Bradley Capital Agreement and the BHI Services Agreement (defined below). Each class of the Company's equity was then recorded at its fair value as set forth in valuation analysis, with the preferred equity held by Ben's founders reduced for, among other things, (i) the balance of outstanding debt of Ben, including related party debt, and (ii) any decrease in the value of Ben, up to the entire founders' preferred equity amount outstanding, including decreases arising from the present value of the estimated costs of the related party contracts, including estimated costs related to private travel under the terms of the Bradley Capital Agreement. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, Ben recognized expenses totaling \$2.6 million, \$0.6 million, \$4.1 million, and \$3.8 million related to this services agreement, respectively. As of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, \$3.6 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, was owed to Bradley Capital related to the Services Agreement.

On June 7, 2023, the Bradley Capital Agreement, was replaced by the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement) with the Company as a party. The Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement is substantially similar to the previous Bradley Capital Agreement, subject to certain changes as follows. The Executive Committee (as defined in the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement) reference now refers to the Executive Committee of the Board, and the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement expressly states that it shall in no way limit the authority of Board to appoint and remove officers of the Company, including its chief executive officer. The term of the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2023, with an annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The termination provision was revised so that the agreement may be terminated upon the approval of all members of the Executive Committee, excluding Brad K. Heppner if he is then serving on the Executive Committee. The base fee was increased to \$460,000 per quarter and the supplemental fee was increased to \$180,000 per quarter, with each fee remaining subject to an annual inflation adjustment. In addition, revisions were made to the limitation of liability and indemnification provisions to reflect the applicability of the corporation laws of Nevada to Beneficient.

Aircraft Sublease. Effective January 1, 2022, Beneficient USA, a subsidiary of BCH, as sublessee, Bradley Capital, as sublessor, and BCH, solely as it relates to the guarantee it makes to Bradley Capital as set forth therein, entered into the 2022 Aircraft Sublease. On January 1, 2023, the 2022 Aircraft Sublease expired pursuant to its terms. Also on January 1, 2023, Beneficient USA, Bradley Capital and BCH entered into the 2023 Aircraft Sublease on substantially the same terms as the 2022 Aircraft Sublease that will expire on January 1, 2024. Pursuant to the Aircraft Sublease, Bradley Capital subleases the aircraft described therein, without a crew, to Beneficient USA for up to three hundred (300) hours of use. Beneficient USA is required to pay a quarterly rental of \$1,350,000 plus direct operating expenses, and Bradley Capital is required to pay the fixed and variable costs of operating the aircraft. The term of the Aircraft Sublease is one (1) year and may be terminated by either party upon three (3) days prior written notice and will automatically terminate upon the sale or similar disposition of the aircraft or the termination of the underlying lease agreement. Beneficient USA is also required to provide its own pilot(s) and crew, and Beneficient USA has entered into a separate Flight Crew Services Agreement with an unrelated third-party to provide the qualified flight crew. Pursuant to the Flight Crew Services Agreement, Beneficient USA agrees to pay the flight crew fees and agrees to reimburse all flight crew incidental fees (such as travel, meals and lodging) and all fuel and incidental costs for flights. Bradley Capital, a Related Entity, has also entered into a similar Flight Crew Services Agreement that is applicable for any use of the aircraft other than by Ben pursuant to the Aircraft Sublease, such as personal use of the aircraft by Mr. Heppner and his family, the costs of such personal use and related fees and expenses are not paid for by Ben.

Additionally, BCH agrees to unconditionally guarantee, for the benefit of Bradley Capital, all of the obligations of Beneficient USA to Bradley Capital under the Aircraft Sublease. During the year ended March 31, 2023, and the three months ended March 31, 2022, BCH expensed \$6.1 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, in lease and direct operating expenses related to this agreement. No amounts were paid during the year ended March 31, 2023 or during the three months ended March 31, 2022, under the Aircraft Sublease.

Contribution Agreement. In conjunction with the execution of the Aircraft Sublease, BHI, BCH and BCG entered into the 2022 Contribution Agreement. On January 1, 2023, in connection with the execution of the 2023 Aircraft Sublease, BHI, BCH and BCG entered into an Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement on substantially the same terms as the 2022 Contribution Agreement to incorporate both the 2022 Aircraft Sublease and the 2023 Aircraft Sublease. Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, BHI agrees to pay to BCH, on the last business day of each calendar quarter, any amounts paid or accrued by BCH during the quarter for the use of an aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease, or any similar lease or sublease, which would include the quarterly rental under the Aircraft Sublease. In addition, BHI agrees to pay to BCH any amounts paid or accrued related to fixed monthly or quarterly costs incurred in connection with such aircraft lease or sublease in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year. This additional payment would cover flight crew costs, fuel and related costs. Each contribution is conditioned upon (i) the effectiveness of the Aircraft Sublease, (ii) the effectiveness of the Guaranty (as defined below), and (iii) BCH's timely payment of the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment to BHI for the respective quarter in which such contribution is to be paid (whether or not waived in accordance with the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA); provided, that if a Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment is not timely paid, or is only paid in part, for any given quarter such payment is required under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA (whether or not waived in accordance with the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA), then any contributions contemplated under the Contribution Agreement for such quarter will not be owed; provided, further, that in the event such Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment is subsequently paid in full, then any previously unfunded contributions for the applicable quarter under the Contribution Agreement will become due and payable on the last business day of the calendar quarter in which such Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment is paid in full. All payments made by BHI to BCH pursuant to the Contribution Agreement shall be treated as capital contributions, as defined in the BCH LPA, by BHI to BCH, and shall be added to BHI's sub-capital account related to its BCH Class S Ordinary Units. BCH further agrees to specially allocate to BHI's sub-capital account related to its BCH Class S Ordinary Units any deductions derived from amounts paid or accrued by BCH for use of the aircraft to the extent such expenditures are offset by the contributions made by BHI pursuant to the Contribution Agreement.

On December 1, 2021, BCH and the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts entered into an agreement to defer the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment to August 31, 2023; provided that the Guaranteed Series A-0 Payment may be made prior to August 31, 2023 if the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ben Management determines that making such payment, in part or in full, would not cause Ben to incur a going concern. The guaranteed payment accrual totaled \$20.9 million and \$5.1 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. As of March 31, 2023, no payments have been made under the Contribution Agreement.

Guaranty. In conjunction with the execution of the Bradley Capital Agreement and the Aircraft Sublease, Bradley Capital and BCH entered into (the Guaranty. Pursuant to the Guaranty, BCH provides an irrevocable and unconditional guaranty in favor of Bradley Capital guaranteeing the complete and timely payment of any and all amounts up to \$20 million due from Bradley Capital to a lender under any financing arrangement with Bradley Capital, the proceeds of which were used the acquisition of the aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease or any other aircraft acquired by Bradley Capital in connection with Bradley Capital's obligations under the Bradley Capital Agreement. In the event BCH is required to pay any obligations under the Guaranty, a portion of the lessor of the aircraft (or any successor entity owned by Bradley Capital, or if such entity does not exist, the aircraft) equal to the fraction that the amount paid by BCH bears to the purchase price of the aircraft shall be conveyed to BCH. No guaranty payments have been required from BCH under the Guaranty through December 31, 2022. In connection with the Guaranty, on December 8, 2022, BCH and Bradley Capital entered into that certain letter agreement pursuant to which BCH and Bradley Capital agreed that, in connection with the Business Combination Agreement and the filing of the registration statement on Form S-4 that BCG initially filed with the SEC on December 9, 2022 (as amended, the "Form S-4"), Bradley Capital will not seek to enforce the Guaranty or any obligations of BCH thereunder nor will Bradley Capital utilize the Guaranty in any manner to facilitate obtaining any financing as contemplated by the Guaranty during the period of time from December 9, 2022 until such date that the Form S-4 is withdrawn (the "Forbearance Period").

Relationship with Beneficient Holdings, Inc.

Beneficient USA, a subsidiary of BCH, entered into with BHI, a Related Entity, the BHI Services Agreement. BHI pays an annual fee of \$30,000 to Ben for the provision of trust administration services for Related Entities and all trusts affiliated with its family trustee as that term is defined in the governing documents for a Related Entity. Beneficient USA also is required to provide any other services requested by BHI, subject to any restrictions in the operating agreement of BHI, at cost. The term of the BHI Services Agreement extends for the longer of (i) five years past the expiration or termination of the Bradley Capital Agreement, or (ii) seven years after the family trustee of the Related Entity is no longer a primary beneficiary of any trust affiliated with the family trustee. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, and the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the twelve months ended March 31, 2023, the income recognized by Ben related to this services agreement was immaterial.

As of March 31, 2023, BHI owns the majority of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts. Additionally, Ben, through its subsidiary, BCC, was the obligor of \$72.0 million from BHI that was subsequently contributed to a subsidiary of HCLP (a “Legacy Lender”) on April 4, 2019, through the Second Lien Credit Agreement issued in December 2018 as discussed above. There were no interest payments made during 2019 to BHI prior to the assignment on April 1, 2019. BHI expects to receive tax distributions from HCLP arising from the repayment of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to cover any tax liability associated with the contribution of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to HCLP. Additionally, if HCLP is liquidated while the Second Lien Credit Agreement is still outstanding, the Second Lien Credit Agreement with transfer back to BHI.

Administrative Services Agreement between Constitution Private Capital Company, L.L.C. (“Constitution”) and Beneficient USA.

Constitution is an entity owned 50.5% by BHI and 49.5% by BMP. It was founded in 1986 and acquired by a Related Entity in 1996. Constitution currently manages three private equity fund-of-funds. Effective January 1, 2017, Constitution entered into an Administrative Services Agreement (the “ASA”) with Beneficient USA, which is wholly owned by Ben Custody and a subsidiary of BCH, whereby Beneficient USA provides personnel to administer the portfolio assets advised by Constitution. Under the ASA, Constitution pays to Beneficient USA a monthly fee equal to .01% of the month-end net assets of its portfolio. The ASA automatically renews on an annual basis and may be terminated at any time by Constitution. Beneficient USA may only terminate the ASA in the event of a breach by Constitution. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the year ended March 31, 2023, the income recognized by Beneficient USA related to this services agreement was immaterial.

Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement with Constitution.

Prior to December 31, 2018, GWG and Constitution had a mutual understanding to enter into an agreement that was formalized in May 2019 as outlined below. BCC entered into an agreement with Constitution (the “Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement”) under which at Constitution’s option, BCC will provide liquidity to alternative asset funds sponsored by Constitution at an advance rate of not less than 82% of NAV, to the extent such funds meet certain specified qualifications. For a fund to qualify for the liquidity option, it must, among other things, hold investments that were approved or deemed approved by BCC at the time a fund makes such investments. BCC is required to provide liquidity in any combination, at its discretion, of cash, U.S. exchange traded funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or securities traded on a national securities exchange. BCC’s obligation under the Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement is guaranteed by Ben and BCH. The Preferred Liquidity Provider Agreement may be terminated solely by mutual consent of Ben and Constitution. Ben and Constitution have not contracted for any liquidity under this agreement through March 31, 2023.

Relationship with The Heppner Endowment for Research Organizations, L.L.C. (“HERO”) and Research Ranch Operating Company, L.L.C. (“RROC”)

HERO and RROC are indirectly owned by a Related Entity. HERO’s purposes are (i) to serve as an advisor to National Philanthropic Trust (“NPT”), an unrelated third-party charitable organization, regarding the disbursement of grants to qualifying organizations, and (ii) to serve as an advisor to NPT regarding the administration of charitable contributions made for the benefit of such qualifying organizations. Although HERO can advise on these matters, NPT has all final decision-making authority on charitable contributions and complete control over the proceeds received by the charitable organizations. The charitable accounts administered by NPT (“Charitable Accounts”), the beneficiaries of which have historically been multiple Texas universities, have historically received proceeds from certain trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben, in support of their charitable initiatives. HERO does not receive any proceeds from trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben.

RROC’s purpose is to provide funding and operational support for the research activities conducted by the qualified charities. The funding received by RROC, from proceeds of trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben, may be used, in RROC’s discretion, to (i) provide appropriate facilities and properties for the charitable organizations to utilize as part of their charitable initiatives (those properties and facilities being owned by a Related Entity), and (ii) provide fee revenue to RROC. RROC is granted such rights and authority pursuant to trust instruments entered into between a customer and subsidiaries of Ben as well as an agreement with NPT. Ben’s subsidiaries provide financing to the Customer ExAlt Trusts and Ben is paid as an agent of the trustees for administrative services it provides to the trusts. Ben has certain outstanding payables, including accrued interest, to RROC and the Charitable Accounts (for the benefit of the Texas universities as discussed above) of approximately \$2.1 million and \$2.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. During the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben paid \$0.8 million. There were no payments made during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. Due to changes in the Customer ExAlt Trust agreements, no incremental

amounts are expected to be allocated to RROC or the Charitable Accounts other than those amounts already provided by certain prior trust agreements. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the trust advisor to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts reassigned the beneficial interest held at NPT to the Kansas TEFFI Economic Growth Trust.

Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc.; Initial Charitable Initiative

In connection with each of Ben's liquidity transactions following the adoption of the TEFFI legislation and BFF's receipt of a fully-operational trust company charter under the Kansas TEFFI Act, pursuant to Section 28 of the TEFFI Act, a "Qualified Distribution" is made for the benefit of certain economic growth zones and rural communities in the State of Kansas (each, a "Charitable Distribution"). In January 2022, Ben announced its initial \$15.9 million Charitable Distribution. The Charitable Distribution was allocated as follows: \$2.7 million of cash for the benefit of, and to be received by, the Kansas Department of Commerce to be used at the department's discretion for development projects and the promotion and growth of the TEFFI industry in Kansas; \$6.3 million of cash and assets for the benefit of public charities dedicated to economic development within Mr. Heppner's hometown of Hesston, Kansas, and surrounding Harvey County, Kansas, as outlined in the TEFFI Act; and \$6.9 million in cash and assets to the Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc. ("BHF") as described below. Mr. Heppner's hometown is Hesston, Kansas and certain of his family members continue to live and/or work in Hesston and other areas of Harvey County, Kansas and may be considered to be indirect beneficiaries of the portions of the initial Charitable Distribution provided to Hesston and Harvey County and to BHF.

On January 20, 2022, BHF was formed as a Kansas nonprofit corporation to receive economic growth contributions pursuant to the TEFFI legislation. BHF is governed by a 13- member board of directors, nine of whom are community leaders within the Hesston, Kansas community and four of whom are Ben employees or individuals otherwise affiliated with Ben. BHF is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its purpose is to provide grants and other support to benefit growth, development and expansion of opportunities in rural Kansas communities with populations of 5,000 residents or less, including job and income growth, main street revitalization, educational facility improvements, construction and development, healthcare facility enhancements, senior facility improvements, and support for post-secondary institutions. BHF has the exclusive decision-making authority over all of the economic growth contributions it receives.

BFF is the sole member of BHF and has the right to appoint eleven members of BHF board of directors. The remaining two board members are appointed by BMC. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, BFF's governing documents prohibit any of BHF's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of BFF, BMC, or any director, officer or other private individual.

The Kansas TEFFI Economic Growth Trust

The Kansas Economic Growth Trust (the "EGT") is a common law trust formed on December 7, 2021 by and between an individual as independent trustee, Ben Custody as administrator, and BCH as advisor. The purpose of the EGT is to receive the proceeds of the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are allocable to the Charitable Beneficiaries and to allocate such proceeds between the Kansas Department of Commerce and qualified charitable organizations (including BHI) in accordance with the requirements of the TEFFI legislation. The proceeds received by the EGT are dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes and the trust agreement prohibits any of the EGT's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of Ben Custody, BCH, any director, officer or other private individual. As noted above, Ben Custody provides administrative and accounting services to the EGT, and BCH serves as advisor to the trustee with respect to the administration and distribution of the trust. Neither Ben Custody nor BCH charges a fee for these services.

Ben had an outstanding payable to EGT of \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, respectively. Ben paid \$2.7 million during the year ended March 31, 2023. Additionally, during the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben sold certain entities that held Kansas properties to the EGT in exchange for a \$1.4 million promissory note receivable.

Relationship between Ben and Hicks Holdings LLC

Hicks Holdings LLC, an entity associated with one of Ben's current directors, is one of the owners and serves as the manager of a limited liability company ("SPV"). A Related Entity also has ownership in the SPV. The SPV holds BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts and BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts among its investment holdings.

Hicks Holdings LLC also owns directly BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Hicks Holdings LLC was granted its BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and BCH Class S Ordinary Units as compensation for services provided in 2018. Hicks Holdings LLC was granted its BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts when a portion of the existing BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts converted to BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts in 2021.

The total balance as of March 31, 2023, March 31, 2022, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020 was \$72.6 million, \$75.7 million, \$80.2 million, and \$80.4 million, respectively.

Services provided by representatives of Ben and the trusts associated with the loans

An independent party currently serves as trustee for the LiquidTrusts and certain of the other trusts in the associated ExAlt Plan that are created at origination for each of our loans. Ben earns administration fees (for providing administrative services to the trustee) and interest income from these trusts. Previously, an employee of Ben and another individual served as co-trustees for these trusts. The employee received no compensation for their services as co-trustee.

Related Party Transactions in connection with the Business Combination

Conversion and Exchange Agreements

On June 6, 2023, immediately prior to the Conversion, the BCG Recapitalization occurred as follows: (i) the limited partnership agreement of BCG was amended to create one new subclass of BCG common units, the Class B Common Units (the “BCG Class B Common Units”), and the existing common units were renamed the Class A Common Units (the “BCG Class A Common Units”); and (ii) certain holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, including Messrs. Fisher, Schnitzer, Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC (“Hicks Holdings”) and BHI, entered into conversion and exchange agreements (the “BCG Conversion and Exchange Agreements”) with BCG and BCH, pursuant to which they converted certain BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts to BCH Class S Ordinary Units, which BCH Class S Ordinary Units were contributed to BCG in exchange for BCG Class A Common Units and/or BCG Class B Common Units. Pursuant to the Conversion, the BCG Class A Common Units converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, and the BCG Class B Common Units converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock. Additionally, the Class B common stock is convertible into Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis at the election of the holder thereof and is entitled to 10 votes per share in all matters on which stockholders of Beneficient generally are entitled to vote.

Pursuant to the Conversion, each BCG Class A Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, each BCG Class B Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, and the BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts converted into shares of Class A common stock at a rate based on a 20% discount to the \$10.00 valuation of the Class A common stock (or \$8.00). As a result, in the Conversion, we issued 86,116,884 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Class A Common Units, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock with respect to the BCG Class B Units and 94,050,534 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts.

On June 7, 2023, and in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, Beneficient, Ben LLC and BCH entered into that certain Exchange Agreement (the “BCH Exchange Agreement”), pursuant to which BCH Class S Ordinary Units may be exchanged, on a one-for-one basis, for Class A common stock upon the election of the holder of such BCH Class S Ordinary Units. The holder of such BCH Class S Ordinary Units must provide not less than sixty-one (61) days prior notice (“Notice”) of the exchange to both the Beneficient and Ben LLC, which shall occur on the later of (A) the expiration of such sixty-one (61) day Notice period, unless waived by Beneficient; (B) the third business day after the date of the earnings release by the Beneficient covering the fiscal quarter in which the Notice is provided; or (C) the first day following the earnings release by the Beneficient covering the fiscal quarter in which the Notice is provided that directors and executive officers of the Issuer are permitted to trade under the applicable policies of Beneficient relating to trading by directors and executive officers.

The BCH Exchange Agreement also provides that Beneficient shall have the right to refuse to honor any request for an exchange under the following circumstances: (i) if any such exchange is not permitted under the terms of any insider trading policy of Beneficient applicable to the employees and directors of Beneficient or its subsidiaries, (ii) at any time or during any period if Beneficient, BCH or Ben LLC determine, based on the advice of counsel (including advice provided by counsel employed by Beneficient, BCH or Ben LLC), that there may be material non-public information that may affect the trading price per share of Class A common stock at such time or during such period, (iii) if such exchange would be prohibited under applicable law or regulation, or (iv) to the extent such exchange would not be permitted under the terms and provisions of BCH Eighth A&R LPA.

Stockholders Agreement

In connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the Company, BHI, Hicks Holdings and Mr. Schnitzer, entered into the Stockholders Agreement, which became effective in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination on June 7, 2023.

Pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, the Class B Holders shall have the right to elect at least five directors to the Company’s Board, and the Board will be required to establish and maintain (i) a compensation committee, (ii) a nominating

committee, (iii) an executive committee and (iv) a community reinvestment committee (collectively, the “Board Committees”). The Stockholders Agreement also provides that each of the Board Committees will be comprised of no more of four members, and at least two (2) members shall be Class B Directors designated by the majority of the Class B Directors and the remaining members shall be designated by the directors elected by holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. The majority of the Class B Directors also have the right to designate the chair of each of the Board Committees.

Consulting Agreements

In connection with the Closing, the Company entered into consulting agreements with each of Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher to replace and supersede their respective director agreements (the “Consulting Agreements”). Pursuant to the Consulting Agreements, each of Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher agreed to mentor, advise and support Beneficient and its related entities regarding its business of providing services, insurance, liquidity and financing for alternative asset holders and will each receive an annual cash fee of \$150,000 per year. Such consulting fee will be in addition to the annual cash retainer Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher receive under the director compensation program. The Consulting Agreements acknowledge the continuing effectiveness of certain provisions in the director agreements regarding equity awards previously awarded to Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher under their respective previous director agreements. The Consulting Agreements have an initial term of one (1) year and will automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with their terms. In the event the initial or any renewal term is terminated before it expires due to a removal or because Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher is not re-elected or re-appointed, in each case without cause (as defined in the consulting agreement), the annual consulting fee will continue to be paid through the end of the initial or renewal term, as applicable. In connection with the consulting agreements, Messrs. Hicks, Schnitzer and Fisher agreed to confidentiality and intellectual property protection provisions.

Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the Company, Avalon Acquisition Holdings, LLC (the “Avalon Sponsor”) and the directors and executive officers of the Company, and other direct and indirect holders of BCH entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the “Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement”) containing certain registration rights for their Class A common stock and the shares of Class A common stock underlying the Class B common stock. Under the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement, as soon as it is permitted to do so, the Company shall file a shelf registration statement to register the resale of certain shares of Class A common stock and maintain its effectiveness until all registrable securities have been sold or may be sold in a single transaction pursuant to Rule 144 without volume limitation or current public information. Holders of registrable securities shall be entitled to demand and piggyback registration rights, subject to certain conditions set forth in the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement.

Beneficient Legacy Lock-Up Agreements

The Company and certain executive officers of BCG and directors of the general partner of BCG who became holders of Class A common stock as a result of the Business Combination entered into a lock-up agreement (“Beneficient Legacy Lock-Up Agreement”), dated June 7, 2023, pursuant to which each such holder agreed not to transfer Class A common stock or securities convertible into Class A common stock held or subsequently acquired by such holder for the applicable lock-up period. For such holders, the applicable lock-up period began as of the Closing and ends on earlier of (x) six (6) months of the date of the Closing, (y) the date after the 150th day following the Closing on which the closing price of the Class A common stock equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share capitalizations, share consolidations, subdivisions, share dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any twenty (20) trading days within any thirty (30) trading day period commencing at least 150 days after the Closing, and (z) the date after the Closing on which the Company consummates a liquidation, merger, share exchange, reorganization or other similar transaction with an unaffiliated third party that results in all of the Company’s shareholders having the right to exchange their equity holdings in Company for cash, securities or other property; provided that 250 shares of Class A common stock shall be free from lock-up for each holder.

Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. Interests

Many of our officers, directors and significant equity holders hold, either directly or indirectly, limited partner interests in BCH, and such interests are reflected within the noncontrolling interests in our financial statements. These equity interests in BCH have generally resulted from prior transactions involving the formation or recapitalization of the Company and its subsidiaries and constitute a significant ongoing economic interest in the Company as well as a source of significant economic value and income to the holders of these limited partner interests. Through their participation in the value of these equity interests in BCH, these related parties receive financial benefits from our businesses that include, but are not limited

to, certain income allocations, preferred returns, issuances of additional limited partner interests, cash distributions and other payments. The following will describe certain of the rights and preferences of these limited partner interests in BCH and the benefits to our related parties who are holders, either directly or indirectly, of the limited partner interests in BCH.

BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts

Holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, which include as of March 31, 2023, BHI, a Related Entity, and Messrs. Fisher, Hicks (through Hicks Holdings, LLC), Schnitzer and Silk, who were directors of Ben Management and are currently directors of Beneficient, are entitled to quarterly guaranteed cash payments (the “Guaranteed Payments”) equal to 1.50% per fiscal quarter (or 6.0% per annum) of their then respective BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts capital account balance on an annual basis. BCH’s obligation to make such Guaranteed Payment is not subject to available cash and has priority over all other distributions made by BCH. The Guaranteed Payments are not made payable in connection with an allocation of income but are a required cash payment recorded as an expense for BCH. On December 1, 2021, BHI and the other holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts entered into an agreement to defer the delivery of Guaranteed Payments until August 31, 2023; provided that, the right to such deferred Guaranteed Payments continue to accrue on a quarterly basis and that Guaranteed Payments may be made prior to August 31, 2023 if the Audit Committee of the general partner of BCG determines that making such payment, in part or in full, would not cause the Company to incur a going concern. For the twelve month period ended December 31, 2021 (the “2021 Period”), the three months ended March 31, 2022 (the “2022 Period”) and the year ended March 31, 2023 (the “2023 Period”), Guaranteed Payments in the following respective approximate amounts were accrued, but not paid, to such related party holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts: BHI – 2021 Period, \$1 million, 2022 Period, \$3.1 million and 2023 Period, \$12.9 million; Mr. Fisher – 2021 Period, \$6,000, 2022 Period, \$17,000 and 2023 Period, \$71,630; Mr. Hicks – 2021 Period, \$76,601, 2022 Period, \$230,954 and 2023 Period, \$958,982; Mr. Schnitzer – 2021 Period, \$6,000, 2022 Period, \$17,000 and 2023 Period, \$71,630; and Mr. Silk – 2021 Period, \$0, 2022 Period, \$0 and 2023 Period, \$70,220. As of March 31, 2023, the aggregate approximate amount of the accrued but unpaid Guaranteed Payments for each of the related party holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts were as follows: BHI, \$17.1 million; Mr. Fisher, \$94,602; Mr. Hicks, \$1.3 million; Mr. Schnitzer, \$94,602; and Mr. Silk, \$70,220.

BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts

Holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, which as of March 31, 2023 include, BHI, a Related Entity, and Messrs. Fisher, Hicks, Schnitzer and Silk, who were directors of Ben Management and are directors of Beneficient, are entitled to a quarterly preferred return (the “Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return”) equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts multiplied by a rate, which we refer to as the base rate (as described below), and allocable by a corresponding increase to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account.

Pursuant to the terms of the previous BCH Seventh A&R LPA, the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return is only allocable to the capital account for any quarterly period to the extent of the amount of income available to be allocated with respect to BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts; provided that, amounts not allocated to the capital account during a given quarterly period as a result of insufficient income are added pro rata to a hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account for each holder of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and become allocable to the capital account in the next quarterly period of which sufficient income is available for allocation with respect to BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts (with respect to the aggregate amounts so accrued as of any given date, such amount, the “Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return”). Holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are entitled to receive, following the allocation of certain excluded amounts pursuant to Section 5.04(c) of the BCH LPA and certain other required allocations pursuant to Section 5.04(a) of the BCH LPA, allocations until the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return and any Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return have been allocated. The hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account is used for purposes of calculating the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return and, as a result, increases in the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account result in increased Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Returns in the future. Holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account, thereby increasing such holder’s BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account and resulting distributions.

As a result, the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital balance represents a significant implicit value to any holder of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts. On April 26, 2019, the BCH LPA was amended to provide a rate cap with respect to the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return (the “Preferred Series A-1 Rate Cap”). On November 12, 2021, the BCH LPA was amended to remove the Preferred Series A-1 Rate Cap. This amendment added a feature that reduces the hypothetical capital account used to calculate quarter preferred returns by any amount that was allocated as a GAAP deemed dividend pursuant to Section 5.05(i) of the BCH LPA.

For the 2021 Period, the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period, the following approximate amounts of the Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Returns accrued to each of the related party holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts: BHI – 2021 Period, \$19.2 million, 2022 Period, \$13.5 million and 2023 Period, \$46.2 million; Mr. Fisher – 2021 Period, \$105,000, 2022 Period, \$74,000 and the 2023 Period, \$257,754; Mr. Hicks – 2021 Period, \$1.4 million, 2022 Period, \$0.99 million and 2023 Period, \$3.5 million; Mr. Schnitzer – 2021 Period, \$105,000, 2022 Period, \$74,000 and 2023 Period, \$257,754, Mr. Silk – 2021 Period, \$0, 2022 Period, \$0 and the 2023 Period, \$257,754. As of March 31, 2023, the estimated capital account balance determined in accordance with Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code and the estimated hypothetical capital account balance for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts for each of the related party holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts were approximately as follows: BHI – capital account \$821.3 million and hypothetical capital account of \$900.2 million; Mr. Fisher – capital account of \$4.6 million and hypothetical capital account of \$5.0 million; Mr. Hicks – capital account of \$61.3 million and hypothetical capital account of \$67.1 million; Mr. Schnitzer – capital account of \$4.6 million and hypothetical capital account of \$5.0 million; and Mr. Silk — capital account \$4.6 million and hypothetical capital account of \$4.8 million.

The aggregate hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital balance for BHI and Messrs. Fisher, Hicks and Schnitzer would have been higher but for the previous Preferred Series A-1 Rate Cap. With respect to any quarterly period for which there is an allocation of income to the BCH Preferred Series A-1 Unit Accounts associated with either the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return or the Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return, BCH is required to make a tax distribution in cash to BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Account holders, including BHI.

In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return as described above. Commencing with the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, on June 7, 2023, in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the base rate shall be the most recent 90-Day Average Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York prior to each fiscal quarter plus 0.5% (2.0% per annum); provided, that the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return shall be waived and shall not accrue during the period from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024, except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, in which event distributions may be requested by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and if not requested, such amounts shall be accrued. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Returns or hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account already accrued as of the effective date. BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts have the redemption and conversion features and rights as described in “—Description of Interests – BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts.”

BCH Class S Ordinary Units

As of March 31, 2023, the holders of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units include BHI, a Related Entity, Mr. Hicks, and BMP, which holds such BCH Class S Ordinary Units in connection with the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Following certain allocations of income to the BCH Class S Units, the capital account balance associated with such BCH Class S Units shall be reduced to zero and, in exchange, the holders shall be issued an equal number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units equal to the amount of the reduction in the capital account divided by a price, which we refer to as the unit price, that will equal to the closing price of the Class A common stock on the primary exchange on which the shares of Class A common stock are listed on the date of such exchange or, if the Class A common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, the closing price on the date of such exchange as quoted on the automated quotation system on which the Class A common stock is quoted. Such provisions result in the holders of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of the allocation of income of BCH while retaining the BCH Class S Units. In addition, BCH Class S Ordinary Units have the distribution and exchange features and rights as described in “—Description of Interests – BCH Class S Ordinary Units.”

BCH Class S Preferred Units

As of March 31, 2023, holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units include BHI, a Related Entity, Mr. Hicks, and BMP, which holds such BCH Class S Preferred Units in connection with the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to a quarterly preferred return (the “Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return”) equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Class S Preferred Units multiplied by the base rate and allocable by a corresponding increase to the BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account. Pursuant to the terms of the previous BCH Seventh A&R LPA, the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return is only allocable to the capital account for any quarterly period to the extent of the amount of income available to be allocated with respect to BCH Class S Preferred Units; provided

that, amounts not allocated to the capital account during a given quarterly period as a result of insufficient income are added pro rata to a hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account for each holder and become allocable to the capital account in the next quarterly period of which sufficient income is available for allocation with respect to BCH Class S Preferred Units (with respect to the aggregate amounts so accrued as of any given date, such amount, the “Accrued Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return”). Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to receive, following the allocation of certain excluded amounts pursuant to Section 5.04(c) of the BCH LPA and certain other required allocations pursuant to Section 5.04(a) of the BCH LPA, allocations until the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return and any Accrued Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return have been allocated. The hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account is used for purposes of calculating the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return and, as a result, increases in the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account result in increased returns in the future. Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are also entitled to receive allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account, thereby increasing such holder’s BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account and resulting distributions. As a result, the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital balance represents a significant implicit value to any holder of the BCH Class S Preferred Units.

For the 2021 Period, the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period, the following approximate amounts of the Accrued Quarterly Class S Preferred Returns accrued to each of the related party holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units: BHI – 2021 Period, \$45,000, 2022 Period, \$16,000 and the 2023 Period, \$51,000; Mr. Hicks – 2021 Period, \$50, 2022 Period, \$14 and the 2023 Period, \$45; and BMP – 2021 Period, \$43,000, 2022 Period, \$16,000 and the 2023 Period, \$49,000. As of March 31, 2023, the estimated capital account balance determined in accordance with Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code and the estimated hypothetical capital account balance for BCH Class S Preferred Units for each of the related party holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units were approximately as follows: BHI – capital account of \$642,000 and hypothetical capital account of \$754,000; Mr. Hicks – capital account of \$554 and hypothetical capital account of \$663; and BMP – capital account of \$620,000 and hypothetical capital account of \$729,000.

In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Class S Preferred Units return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return described above. Commencing with the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA on June 7, 2023, in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the base rate shall be reduced to the base rate described for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts described above; provided that the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return shall be waived and shall not accrue during the period from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024 except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Units capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Returns or hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit Accounts capital account already accrued as of the effective date. The BCH Class S Preferred Units have the distribution and conversion features and right as described in “—Description of Interest – BCH Class S Preferred Units.”

BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts

As the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, GWG is entitled to a quarterly preferred return (the “Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return”) equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts multiplied by a rate equal to a fraction (i) the numerator of which is (A) the positive percentage rate change, if any, to the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers covering the period including the calculation date, plus (B) 0.75 percent (0.5 percent prior to the consummation of the Business Combination), and (ii) the denominator of which is 1 minus the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income for a fiscal year for an individual in New York, New York (taking into account (a) the non-deductibility of expenses subject to the limitations described in Sections 67(a) and 68 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and (b) the character (e.g., long-term or short-term capital gain or ordinary or exempt income) of the applicable income, but not taking into account the deductibility of state and local income taxes for U.S. federal income tax purposes). Such Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return is allocable by a corresponding increase to the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account. Pursuant to the terms of the previous BCH Seventh A&R LPA, which continue to be applicable under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, the Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return is only allocable to the capital account for any quarterly period to the extent of the amount of income available to be allocated with respect to BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts; provided that, amounts not allocated to the capital account during a given quarterly period as a result of insufficient income are added pro rata to a hypothetical BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account for GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and become allocable to the capital account in the next quarterly period of which sufficient income is available for allocation with respect to BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts (with respect to the aggregate amounts so accrued as of any given date, such amount, the “Accrued Quarterly

Preferred Series C-1 Return”). GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts is entitled to receive, following the allocation of certain excluded amounts pursuant to Section 5.04(c) of the BCH LPA and certain other required allocations pursuant to Section 5.04(a) of the BCH LPA, allocations until the Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return and any Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return have been allocated. The hypothetical BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account is used for purposes of calculating the Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return and, as a result, increases in the hypothetical BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account result in increased Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Returns in the future. GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts is also entitled to receive allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account, thereby increasing GWG’s BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital account and resulting distributions. As a result, the hypothetical BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts capital balance represents a significant implicit value to GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts. For the 2021 Period, the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period, the following approximate amounts of the Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Returns accrued to GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts: 2021 Period \$4 million, 2022 Period, \$3.4 million and the 2023 Period, \$12.0 million. As of March 31, 2023, the estimated capital account balance determined in accordance with Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code and the estimated hypothetical capital account balance for the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts for GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts were approximately as follows: capital account \$205 million and hypothetical capital account \$225 million. With respect to any quarterly period for which there is an allocation of income to the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts associated with either the Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return or the Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series C-1 Return, BCH is required to make a tax distribution in cash to GWG, as the holder of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts. On July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share.

BCH FLP Unit Accounts

The BCH FLP Unit Accounts are subdivided into the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. As of March 31, 2023, BHI, a Related Entity, holds all of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and BMP, which is owned by directors and employees of Ben, holds the limited partner interests in the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. As discussed below, BCH issued the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts to an entity controlled and directly or indirectly owned by our CEO, and such BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts are entitled to certain distributions as described below and elsewhere in this Annual Report.

BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts

As the holder of BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BHI is entitled to quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts pursuant to the BCH LPA. BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts are allocated income equal to 50.5% of: (1) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries, exclusive of profits from other activities such as fees or reimbursement of expenses in connection with trustee or custodial services and insurance and insurance-related activities (this will generally include revenues from Ben Liquidity subsidiaries), and (2) the Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Beneficient, exclusive of financing activity revenues. The Excess EBITDA Margin for an applicable entity is equal to the lesser of (i) 50% of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding revenues from financing activities, and (ii) an amount of revenues that will cause the EBITDA of such entity divided by the gross revenues of such entity to equal 20% (this will generally include the subsidiaries of Ben Custody and Ben Insurance Services). BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive annual tax distributions. Such provisions result in BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of the allocation of income of BCH while retaining such BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts. For the 2021 Period, BHI received 24,905 BCH Class S Ordinary Units at a price per unit of \$15 and 21,372 Class S Preferred Units at a price per unit of \$17.48 in connection with certain income allocations as a holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts. For the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period, BHI did not receive any BCH S Ordinary Units or BCH S Preferred Units in connection with certain income allocations as a holder of the BCH FLP-1 Units Accounts.

In addition, BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts are entitled to the allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). Commencing with the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA on June 7, 2023, BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, will also receive an allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). In the event of an upward carrying value adjustment, the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts (50.5%) and the FLP-2 Unit Accounts (49.5%) are entitled to first be allocated gains associated with such carrying value adjustment equal to 15% of the value of the capital accounts of all Class A Units and Class S Units, calculated based on the post-adjusted capital accounts of the then outstanding Class A Units and Class S Units. Immediately following any such allocation, the amount allocated is converted in BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the unit price, which is determined by the closing price of a share of the Class A common stock on the

primary exchange on which such shares are listed. The consummation of the Business Combination will result in an upward adjustment of the carrying value of the assets of BCH allocable to the FLP-1 and FLP-2 Unit Accounts of approximately \$390 million. Pursuant to the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, which became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination on June 7, 2023, approximately 39 million Class S Ordinary Units would be issuable as a result of the carrying value adjustment. However, due to the limitations of the compensation policy which became effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, the number of Class S Ordinary Units that may be issued in 2023 in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination is limited; however, any such Class S Ordinary Units that may not be issued in 2023 may be issued in subsequent years in accordance with the compensation policy. For additional information, see the section in this Annual Report titled “—*Executive Compensation – Compensation Policy*.” Subject to the limitation of the compensation policy, it is anticipated that 1.51 million BCH Class S Ordinary Units with a capital account balance of \$15.15 million will be issued to BHI and 1.49 million BCH Class S Ordinary Units with a capital account balance of \$14.85 million will be issued to BMP as a result of an adjustment to the carrying value adjustment.

BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts

BMP is the sponsor of the BMP Equity Incentive Plan and holds the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. As the holder of BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, BMP is entitled to quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts pursuant to the BCH LPA. BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts are allocated income equal to 50.5% of: (1) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries, exclusive of profits from other activities such as fees or reimbursement of expenses in connection with trustee or custodial services and insurance and insurance-related activities (this will generally include revenues from Ben Liquidity subsidiaries), and (2) the Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Beneficient, exclusive of financing activity revenues. The Excess EBITDA Margin for an applicable entity is equal to the lesser of (i) 50% of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding revenues from financing activities, and (ii) an amount of revenues that will cause the EBITDA of such entity divided by the gross revenues of such entity to equal 20% (this will generally include the subsidiaries of Ben Custody and Ben Insurance Services). BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive annual tax distributions. Such provisions result in BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of the allocation of income of BCH while retaining such BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. For the 2021 Period, BMP received 24,412 BCH Class S Ordinary Units at a price per unit \$15 and 20,948 Class S Preferred Units at a per unit price of \$17.48 in connection with certain income allocations as a holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts. For the 2022 Period and the 2023 Period, BMP did not receive any BCH S Ordinary Units or BCH S Preferred Units in connection with certain income allocations as a holder of the BCH FLP- 2 Units Accounts.

In addition, commencing with the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA on June 7, 2023, BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, will also receive an allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). In the event of an upward carrying value adjustment, the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts (50.5%) and the FLP-2 Unit Accounts (49.5%) are entitled to first be allocated gains associated with such carrying value adjustment equal to 15% of the value of the capital accounts of all Class A Units and Class S Units, calculated based on the post-adjusted capital accounts of the then outstanding Class A Units and Class S Units. Immediately following any such allocation, the amount allocated is converted in BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the unit price, which is determined by the closing price of a share of the Class A common stock on the primary exchange on which such shares are listed. The consummation of the Business Combination will result in an upward adjustment of the carrying value of the assets of BCH allocable to the FLP-1 and FLP-2 Unit Accounts of approximately \$390 million. Pursuant to the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, which became effective on June 7, 2023, approximately 39 million Class S Ordinary Units would be issuable as a result of the carrying value adjustment. However, due to the limitations of the compensation policy to be effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, the number of Class S Ordinary Units that may be issued in 2023 in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination is limited; however, any such Class S Ordinary Units that may not be issued in 2023 may be issued in subsequent years in accordance with the compensation policy. For additional information, see the section in this Annual Report titled “—*Executive Compensation – Compensation Policy*.” Subject to the limitation of the compensation policy, it is anticipated that 1.51 million BCH Class S Ordinary Units with a capital account balance of \$15.15 million will be issued to BHI and 1.49 million BCH Class S Ordinary Units with a capital account balance of \$14.85 million will be issued to BMP as a result of an adjustment to the carrying value adjustment.

BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts

As the holder of BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, BHI is entitled to quarterly tax and other distributions equal to 100% of the amount of profit allocated to BHI’s BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts capital account. BCH’s obligations to make such distributions are not subject to available cash. BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts are allocated profits from net financing revenues on a quarterly

basis equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the quarterly net financing revenues, or (ii) 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenue) of the quarterly average of new ExAlt Loans issued by any subsidiaries of Beneficient during the previous twelve fiscal quarters. For the 2021 Period, distributions of \$22,800 were made to BHI, as holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. For the 2022 Period, distributions of \$0 were made to BHI, as holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. For the 2023 Period, distributions of \$0.9 million were made to BHI, as holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts.

Redemption of certain BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts held by Mr. Silk. BHI, Mr. Silk and BCG entered into that certain Limited Partnership Interest Assignment Agreement, effective as of April 1, 2022, whereby BHI assigned Mr. Silk BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts having an account balance of \$5,721,658 (the “BHI Initial Grant”). Further, effective as of April 3, 2022, BHI, Mr. Silk and BCG entered into another Limited Partnership Interest Assignment Agreement, whereby BHI assigned Mr. Silk BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts having an account balance of \$3,793,342 (the “BHI Tax Grant,” and together with the BHI Initial Grant, the “BHI Grants”). In order to provide Mr. Silk with cash to cover any tax liability arising from the BHI Grants, BCH and Mr. Silk entered into that certain Unit Account Redemption Agreement, effective as of April 3, 2022, whereby BCH agreed to, without further action or condition, purchase and redeem on June 1, 2022 from Mr. Silk all of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts granted to Mr. Silk pursuant to the BHI Tax Grant for a purchase price of \$3,793,342, in cash. On April 2, 2022, \$1,144,331.60 of Mr. Silk’s BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts were converted into BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts.

Conversion of certain BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts into BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts

Pursuant to conversion letters by and among BCG, BCH and the respective holder of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts identified in the table below, BCG, as the general partner of BCH, and the respective holder of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts converted a certain amount of the capital account balance of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts held by such holder into an equal amount of capital account balance of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts. Such conversions were effective as of December 1, 2021 for all such holders other than Mr. Silk, whose conversion was effective as of April 2, 2022. The respective holders of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and the conversion amounts are estimated in the table below as of March 31, 2023.

Holder⁽¹⁾	BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts – Pre-Conversion Capital Account Balance	BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts – Capital Account Balance Upon Conversion	BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts – Capital Account Balance Immediately Following Conversion
AltiVerse Capital Markets, L.L.C.	\$ 114,433	\$ 22,887	\$ 91,547
Beneficient Holdings, Inc.	\$ 1,027,520	\$ 206,263	\$ 821,258
Bruce W. Schnitzer	\$ 5,722	\$ 1,144	\$ 4,577
Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC	\$ 76,602	\$ 15,320	\$ 61,281
James G. Silk	\$ 5,722	\$ 1,144	\$ 4,577
MHT Financial, L.L.C.	\$ 24,468	\$ 4,894	\$ 19,575
Richard W. Fisher	\$ 5,722	\$ 1,144	\$ 4,577

(1) The table is based upon estimated capital account balances as of March 31, 2023 as determined pursuant to Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code, and such estimates are subject to adjustment. The estimated amounts are based on a deemed liquidation value of \$2,844,771,872.

Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions

One June 6, 2023, the Company adopted a new written related party transaction policy effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination. The policy provides that officers, directors, holders of more than 5% of any class of the Company’s voting securities, and any member of the immediate family of and any entity affiliated with any of the foregoing persons, will not be permitted to enter into a related-party transaction with the Company without the prior consent of the audit committee, or other independent members of the Company’s board of directors in the event it is inappropriate for the audit committee to review such transaction due to a conflict of interest, except for certain preapproved transactions. Any request for the Company to enter into a transaction with an executive officer, director, principal shareholder, or any of their immediate family members or affiliates, in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, must first be presented to the Company’s audit committee for review, consideration, and approval. In approving or rejecting the proposed transactions, the audit committee will take into account all of the relevant facts and circumstances available. All of the transactions described in this section were entered into prior to the adoption of this policy or were approved by the audit committee in accordance with the related party transactions policy.

ITEM 14 — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P. (“Weaver”) has served as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm since March 16, 2022.

Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The following table shows the aggregate fees billed to us by Weaver for professional services rendered in 2022 and 2023:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2023	2022 ⁽¹⁾
Audit fees	\$ 651	\$ 284
Audit-Related fees	225	—
Tax fees	—	—
All other fees	149	—
Total fees	\$ 1,025	\$ 284

⁽¹⁾ Includes fees incurred during fiscal year 2022 for services rendered for the audit of the Company’s consolidated financial statements for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2022.

Audit Fees. Audit fees include services related to the audit and quarterly reviews of the Company’s consolidated financial statements and consultation on accounting matters.

Audit-Related Fees. Consists of fees billed for assurance and related services that are related to the performance of the auditor review of consolidated financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees.” These services are related to process control reports delivered to the Company.

All Other Fees. All other fees in fiscal 2023 include services related to professional services other than the services reported above, including services related to the Registration Statement on Form S-4.

Approval of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Services and Fees

The SEC requires that before our independent registered public accounting firm is engaged by us to render any audit or permitted non-audit related service, the engagement be either: (i) approved by our audit committee or (ii) entered into pursuant to pre-approval policies and procedures established by the audit committee; provided that the policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service, the audit committee is informed of each service, and such policies and procedures do not include delegation of the audit committee’s responsibilities to management.

Our audit committee is responsible for pre-approving all services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. All of the above services and fees for 2022 and 2023 were pre-approved by the audit committee of BCG’s limited partner, Ben Management.

PART IV

ITEM 15. — EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

Financial Statements

See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8 in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Financial Statement Schedules

Financial Statement Schedules are omitted because they are not required or are not applicable, or the required information is provided in the consolidated financial statements or related notes in Part II, Item 8 in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Exhibits

2.1 #	Business Combination Agreement, dated as of September 21, 2022, by and among Avalon Acquisition, Inc., The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc., and Beneficient Merger Sub II, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2023).
2.2	Amendment No. 1 to Business Combination Agreement, dated as of April 18, 2023, by and among Avalon Acquisition, Inc., The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc., and Beneficient Merger Sub II, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A-1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2023).
3.1.1	Articles of Incorporation of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
3.1.2	Certificate of Designation of Beneficient Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
3.2	Bylaws of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.1.1	Specimen Class A Common Stock Certificate of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2023).
4.1.2	Specimen Class B Common Stock Certificate of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2023).
4.2.1	Warrant Agreement, dated October 5, 2021, between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and Avalon Acquisition Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Avalon Acquisition Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-40872) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 12, 2021).
4.2.2	Assignment, Assumption and Amendment to Warrant Agreement by and among The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Avalon Acquisition Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.3*	Form of Asset PIPE Warrant.
4.4	Stockholders Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and among Beneficient, Beneficient Holdings Inc., Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC and Bruce W. Schnitzer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.5.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, Beneficient, Beneficient Holdings Inc., Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC and Bruce W. Schnitzer, Avalon Acquisition Holdings, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.5.2	Registration Rights Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, certain trusts related to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and as set forth in the Agreement, dated August 10, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).

4.5.3	Registration Rights Agreement with Hatteras Investment Partners dated December 7, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
4.6*	Description of Securities.
10.1	Form of Amendment to Letter Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Avalon Acquisition Inc.'s Current Report Form 8-K (File No. 001-40872) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 21, 2022).
10.2	Form of Beneficient Legacy Holder Lock-Up Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.3	Sponsor Extended Lock-Up Agreement (incorporated by reference to Annex J to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2023).
10.4	First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Agreement of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. dated June 6, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.5	Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. dated June 7, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.6	Exchange Agreement dated June 7, 2023, by and among Beneficient, Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. and Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.7.1†	Beneficient 2023 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.7.2†	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.7.3†	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.7.4†	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10.4 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.7.5†	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10.5 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.8.1†	The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.8.2†	First Amendment to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.8.3†	Form of Restricted Equity Unit under The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.9.1†	The Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.9.2†	First Amendment to The Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.9.3†*	Second Amendment to The Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan.
10.9.4†	Third Amendment to The Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).

10.10.1	Master Exchange Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, MHT Financial SPV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and various related trusts, as amended and restated on January 18, 2018 with effect from January 12, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.10.2	First Amendment to Master Exchange Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, MHT Financial SPV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and various related trusts, dated April 30, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.10.3	Second Amendment to Master Exchange Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, MHT Financial SPV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and various related trusts, dated June 29, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.10.4	Third Amendment to Master Exchange Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, MHT Financial SPV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and various related trusts, dated August 10, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16.4 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.11.1	Commercial Loan Agreement with GWG Life, LLC a Delaware limited liability company, dated August 10, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.11.2	Amendment No. 1 to Commercial Loan Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation dated December 27, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.12	Participating Option Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, dated December 27, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.13	Consent and Joinder to Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement dated April 26, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.14.1	Intercreditor Agreement between GWG Life and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. dated May 31, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.14.2	Intercreditor Agreement between GWG Life and Beneficient Holdings, Inc. dated May 31, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.14.3	Third Amended and Restated Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020, among HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., individually as Subordinated Creditor and as Subordinated Creditor Representative and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., individually as a Senior Creditor and as Senior Creditor Representative (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.1	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020, among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)), HCLP Nominees L.L.C. certain other signatories thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.2	Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.3	Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated March 10, 2021(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).

10.15.4	Amendment No. 2 to Loan Documents, dated as of June 28, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.4 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.5	Consent and Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 3, 2021 and effective as of July 15, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.5 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.6	Consent No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.6 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.7	Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.7 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.8	Security and Pledge Agreement (BCH) (First Lien), dated as of September 1, 2017, by and among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)) and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.8 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.9	Security and Pledge Agreement (DST), dated as of September 1, 2017, by and among LT-1 Custody Trust, LT-2 Custody Trust, LT-3 Custody Trust, LT-4 Custody Trust, LT-5 Custody Trust, LT-6 Custody Trust, LT-7 Custody Trust, LT-8 Custody Trust, LT-9 Custody Trust, LT-12 Custody Trust, LT-14 Custody Trust, LT-15 Custody Trust, LT-16 Custody Trust, LT-17 Custody Trust, LT-18 Custody Trust, LT-19 Custody Trust, LT-20 Custody Trust, LT-21 Custody Trust, LT-22 Custody Trust, LT-23 Custody Trust, LT-24 Custody Trust, LT-25 Custody Trust, LT-26 Custody Trust, LT-27 Custody Trust, LT-28 Custody Trust Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)) and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.9 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.10	Joinder Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 to the Security and Pledge Agreement (DST) by certain Delaware statutory trusts (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.10 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.11	Guaranty, dated as of September 1, 2017, by LT-1 Custody Trust, LT-2 Custody Trust, LT-3 Custody Trust, LT-4 Custody Trust, LT-5 Custody Trust, LT-6 Custody Trust, LT-7 Custody Trust, LT-8 Custody Trust, LT-9 Custody Trust, LT-12 Custody Trust, LT-14 Custody Trust, LT-15 Custody Trust, LT-16 Custody Trust, LT-17 Custody Trust, LT-18 Custody Trust, LT-19 Custody Trust, LT-20 Custody Trust, LT-21 Custody Trust, LT-22 Custody Trust, LT-23 Custody Trust, LT-24 Custody Trust, LT-25 Custody Trust, LT-26 Custody Trust, LT-27 Custody Trust and LT-28 Custody Trust. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.11 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.12	Joinder Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 to the Guaranty by certain Delaware statutory trusts (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.12 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.13	Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.14 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.15.14	Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 5, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.16.1	Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020, among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)) and certain other signatories thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.16.2	Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).

10.16.3	<u>Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated March 10, 2021(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.4	<u>Amendment No. 2 to Second Lien Loan Documents, dated as of June 28, 2021(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.4 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.5	<u>Consent and Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of November 3, 2021 and effective as of July 15, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.5 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.6	<u>Consent No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as March 24, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.6 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.7*	<u>Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2022.</u>
10.16.8	<u>Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.13 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.9	<u>Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of June 5, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).</u>
10.16.10	<u>Security and Pledge Agreement (BCH) (Second Lien), dated as of August 13, 2020, by and among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)) and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.8 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.11	<u>Security and Pledge Agreement (DST), dated as of August 13, 2020, by and among LT-1 Custody Trust, LT-2 Custody Trust, LT-3 Custody Trust, LT-4 Custody Trust, LT-5 Custody Trust, LT-6 Custody Trust, LT-7 Custody Trust, LT-8 Custody Trust, LT-9 Custody Trust, LT-12 Custody Trust, LT-14 Custody Trust, LT-15 Custody Trust, LT-16 Custody Trust, LT-17 Custody Trust, LT-18 Custody Trust, LT-19 Custody Trust, LT-20 Custody Trust, LT-21 Custody Trust, LT-22 Custody Trust, LT-23 Custody Trust, LT-24 Custody Trust, LT-25 Custody Trust, LT-26 Custody Trust, LT-27 Custody Trust, LT-28 Custody Trust Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (as successor to Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.)) and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.9 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.12	<u>Guaranty Agreement, dated as of June 10, 2020 and effective as of February 21, 2020, by LT-1 Custody Trust, LT-2 Custody Trust, LT-3 Custody Trust, LT-4 Custody Trust, LT-5 Custody Trust, LT-6 Custody Trust, LT-7 Custody Trust, LT-8 Custody Trust, LT-9 Custody Trust, LT-12 Custody Trust, LT-14 Custody Trust, LT-15 Custody Trust, LT-16 Custody Trust, LT-17 Custody Trust, LT-18 Custody Trust, LT-19 Custody Trust, LT-20 Custody Trust, LT-21 Custody Trust, LT-22 Custody Trust, LT-23 Custody Trust, LT-24 Custody Trust, LT-25 Custody Trust, LT-26 Custody Trust, LT-27 Custody Trust and LT-28 Custody Trust (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.10 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.13	<u>Joinder Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 to the Guaranty by certain Delaware statutory trusts (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22.11 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>
10.16.14*	<u>Amendment No. 7 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 12, 2023, among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. as the Borrower and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. as the Lender.</u>
10.16.15*	<u>Amendment No. 7 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of July 12, 2023, among Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. as the Borrower and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. as the Lender.</u>
10.17	<u>Security and Pledge Agreement (DST), dated as of August 13, 2020, by and among certain Delaware statutory trusts, Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).</u>

10.18.1†	First Amended and Restated Services Agreement, by and among Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C., The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. and Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C., effective as of January 1, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.18.2†	Second Amended and Restated Services Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and among Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C., The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. and Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.19†	Employment Agreement, by and between The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C. and James G. Silk, dated December 31, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.1†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and James G. Silk, dated December 31, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.2†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and Derek Fletcher, dated November 29, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.3†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and Richard W. Fisher, Dated September 17, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.3 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.4†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and Emily B. Hill, Dated March 31, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.4 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.5†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and Thomas O. Hicks, Dated September 13, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.5 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.20.6†	Director Agreement, by and between Beneficient Management, L.L.C. and Bruce W. Schnitzer, Dated September 18, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27.6 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.21	Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated as of April 15, 2019 by and among The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., AltiVerse Capital Markets, L.L.C., Sabes AV Holdings, LLC, Jon R. Sabes, Steven F. Sabes, Insurance Strategies Fund, LLC and SFS Holdings, LLC. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.22	Form of Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
10.23.1	Conversion and Exchange Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and between Bruce W. Schnitzer, Beneficient Company Holding, L.P., and The Beneficient Company Group, L. P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.23.2	Conversion and Exchange Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and between Richard W. Fisher, Beneficient Company Holding, L.P., and The Beneficient Company Group, L. P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.23.3	Conversion and Exchange Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and between Beneficient Holdings Inc., Beneficient Company Holding, L.P., and The Beneficient Company Group, L. P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).

10.23.4	Conversion and Exchange Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and between Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC, Beneficient Company Holding, L.P., and The Beneficient Company Group, L. P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.24	Consulting Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and between Beneficient and Bruce W. Schnitzer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.25	Consulting Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and between Beneficient and Thomas O. Hicks (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.26	Consulting Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and between Beneficient and Richard W. Fisher (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.27*	Form of Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement, dated June 5, 2023, by and between The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P., as amended through June 25, 2023.
10.28*	Settlement and Release Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, by and among Beneficient, Avalon Acquisition Inc. and Maxim Partners LLC.
10.29.1	Standby Equity Purchase Agreement dated as of June 27, 2023 among Beneficient and YA II PN, Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 28, 2023).
21*	List of Consolidated Subsidiaries of Beneficient.
23*	Consent of Weaver & Tidwell LLP, independent registered accounting firm for Beneficient.
31.1*	Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Filed herewith.

** The certifications as Exhibit 32.1 and Exhibit 32.2 are not deemed “filed” with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by the reference into any filing of Beneficient under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

Schedules to this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The registrant hereby agrees to furnish a copy of any omitted schedules to the SEC upon request.

ITEM 16 — FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BENEFICIENT

Date: July 13, 2023

By: /s/ Brad K. Heppner
Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 13, 2023

By: /s/ Gregory W. Ezell
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<hr/> <div>/s/ Brad K. Heppner</div> <div>Brad K. Heppner</div>	Chief Executive Officer	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Gregory W. Ezell</div> <div>Gregory W. Ezell</div>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Peter T. Cangany, Jr.</div> <div>Peter T. Cangany, Jr.</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Richard W. Fisher</div> <div>Richard W. Fisher</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Derek L. Fletcher</div> <div>Derek L. Fletcher</div>	Chief Fiduciary Officer and Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Thomas O. Hicks</div> <div>Thomas O. Hicks</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Emily B. Hill</div> <div>Emily B. Hill</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Dennis P. Lockhart</div> <div>Dennis P. Lockhart</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ Bruce W. Schnitzer</div> <div>Bruce W. Schnitzer</div>	Director	July 13, 2023
<hr/> <div>/s/ James G. Silk</div> <div>James G. Silk</div>	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Director	July 13, 2023

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Warrants

**THIS WARRANT SHALL BE VOID IF NOT EXERCISED PRIOR TO
THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXERCISE PERIOD PROVIDED FOR
IN THE WARRANT AGREEMENT DESCRIBED BELOW**

BENEFICIENT

Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of Nevada

CUSIP 08178Q 119

Warrant Certificate

This Warrant Certificate certifies that _____, or its registered assigns, is the registered holder of warrant(s) evidenced hereby (the “**Warrants**” and each, a “**Warrant**”) to purchase shares of Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value (the “**Class A common stock**”) and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value (the “**Series A preferred stock**”), of Beneficient, a Nevada corporation (the “**Company**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder, upon exercise during the period set forth in the Warrant Agreement referred to below, to receive from the Company that number of fully paid and non-assessable shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock as set forth below, at the exercise price (the “**Warrant Price**”) as determined pursuant to the Warrant Agreement, payable in lawful money (or through “**cashless exercise**” as provided for in the Warrant Agreement) of the United States of America upon surrender of this Warrant Certificate and payment of the Warrant Price at the office or agency of the Warrant Agent referred to below, subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Warrant Agreement. Defined terms used in this Warrant Certificate but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Warrant Agreement.

Each whole Warrant is initially exercisable for one fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A common stock and one fully paid non-assessable share of Series A preferred stock. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of any Warrant. If, upon the exercise of Warrants, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share of Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock, the Company will, upon exercise, round down to the nearest whole number the number of shares of Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock to be issued to the Warrant holder. The number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the Warrant Agreement.

The initial Warrant Price per one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock for any Warrant is equal to \$11.50 per share.

The Warrant Price is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the Warrant Agreement.

Subject to the conditions set forth in the Warrant Agreement, the Warrants may be exercised only during the Exercise Period and to the extent not exercised by the end of such Exercise Period, such Warrants shall become void. The Warrants may be redeemed, subject to certain conditions, as set forth in the Warrant Agreement. The Warrants may be redeemed, subject to certain conditions, as set forth in the Warrant Agreement. Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Warrant Certificate set forth on the reverse hereof and such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place. This Warrant Certificate shall not be valid unless countersigned by the Warrant Agent, as such term is used in the Warrant Agreement.

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This Warrant Certificate shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof.

BENEFICIENT

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER &
TRUST COMPANY, as Warrant Agent

By: _____
Name:
Title:

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The Warrants evidenced by this Warrant Certificate are part of a duly authorized issue of Warrants entitling the holder on exercise to receive shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock and are issued or to be issued pursuant to a Warrant Agreement dated as of October 5, 2021, as amended by that certain Amendment to the Warrant Agreement, dated as of June 7, 2023 (the “**Warrant Agreement**”), duly executed and delivered by the Company to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, a New York corporation, as warrant agent (the “**Warrant Agent**”), which Warrant Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference in and made a part of this instrument and is hereby referred to for a description of the rights, limitation of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Warrant Agent, the Company and the holders (the words “**holders**” or “**holder**” meaning the Registered Holders or Registered Holder, respectively) of the Warrants. A copy of the Warrant Agreement may be obtained by the holder hereof upon written request to the Company. Defined terms used in this Warrant Certificate but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Warrant Agreement.

Warrants may be exercised at any time during the Exercise Period set forth in the Warrant Agreement. The holder of Warrants evidenced by this Warrant Certificate may exercise them by surrendering this Warrant Certificate, with the form of Election to Purchase set forth hereon properly completed and executed, together with payment of the Warrant Price as specified in the Warrant Agreement (or through “**cashless exercise**” as provided for in the Warrant Agreement) at the principal corporate trust office of the Warrant Agent. In the event that upon any exercise of Warrants evidenced hereby the number of Warrants exercised shall be less than the total number of Warrants evidenced hereby, there shall be issued to the holder hereof or his, her or its assignee, a new Warrant Certificate evidencing the number of Warrants not exercised.

Notwithstanding anything else in this Warrant Certificate or the Warrant Agreement, no Warrant may be exercised unless at the time of exercise (i) a registration statement covering the issuance of the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock to be issued upon exercise is effective under the Securities Act and (ii) a prospectus thereunder relating to the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock is current, except through “**cashless exercise**” as provided for in the Warrant Agreement.

The Warrant Agreement provides that upon the occurrence of certain events the number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants set forth on the face hereof may, subject to certain conditions, be adjusted. If, upon exercise of a Warrant, the holder thereof would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share of Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock, the Company shall, upon exercise, round down to the nearest whole number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock to be issued to the holder of the Warrant.

Warrant Certificates, when surrendered at the principal corporate trust office of the Warrant Agent by the Registered Holder thereof in person or by legal representative or attorney duly authorized in writing, may be exchanged, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Warrant Agreement, but without payment of any service charge, for another Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates of like tenor evidencing in the aggregate a like number of Warrants.

Upon due presentation for registration of transfer of this Warrant Certificate at the office of the Warrant Agent a new Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates of like tenor and evidencing in the aggregate a like number of Warrants shall be issued to the transferee(s) in exchange for this Warrant Certificate, subject to the limitations provided in the Warrant Agreement, without charge except for any tax or other governmental charge imposed in connection therewith.

The Company and the Warrant Agent may deem and treat the Registered Holder(s) hereof as the absolute owner(s) of this Warrant Certificate (notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing hereon made by anyone), for the purpose of any exercise hereof, of any distribution to the holder(s) hereof, and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Warrant Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Neither the Warrants nor this Warrant Certificate entitles any holder hereof to any rights of a shareholder of the Company.

Election to Purchase

(To Be Executed Upon Exercise of Warrant)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to exercise the right, represented by this Warrant Certificate, to receive shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock and herewith tenders payment for such shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock to the order of Beneficient (the “**Company**”) in the amount of \$ _____ in accordance with the terms hereof. The undersigned requests that a certificate for such shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock be registered in the name of _____, whose address is _____ and that such shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock be delivered to _____ whose address is _____. If said number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock is less than all of the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock purchasable hereunder, the undersigned requests that a new Warrant Certificate representing the remaining balance of such shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock to be registered in the name of _____, whose address is _____ and that such Warrant Certificate be delivered to _____, whose address is _____.

In the event that the Warrant has been called for redemption by the Company pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Warrant Agreement and a holder thereof elects to exercise its Warrant pursuant to a Make-Whole Exercise, the number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock that this Warrant is exercisable for shall be determined in accordance with subsection 3.3.1(c) or Section 6.2 of the Warrant Agreement, as applicable.

In the event that the Warrant is a Private Placement Warrant that is to be exercised on a “cashless” basis pursuant to subsection 3.3.1(c) of the Warrant Agreement, the number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock that this Warrant is exercisable for shall be determined in accordance with subsection 3.3.1(c) of the Warrant Agreement.

In the event that the Warrant is to be exercised on a “cashless” basis pursuant to Section 7.4 of the Warrant Agreement, the number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock that this Warrant is exercisable for shall be determined in accordance with Section 7.4 of the Warrant Agreement.

In the event that the Warrant may be exercised, to the extent allowed by the Warrant Agreement, through cashless exercise (i) the number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock that this Warrant is exercisable for would be determined in accordance with the relevant section of the Warrant Agreement which allows for such cashless exercise and (ii) the holder hereof shall complete the following: The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to exercise the right, represented by this Warrant Certificate, through the cashless exercise provisions of the Warrant Agreement, to receive shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock. If said number of shares is less than all of the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock purchasable hereunder (after giving effect to the cashless exercise), the undersigned requests that a new Warrant Certificate representing the remaining balance of such shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock be registered in the name of _____, whose address is _____ and that such Warrant Certificate be delivered to _____, whose address is _____.

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Date: , 20

(Signature)

(Tax Identification Number)

Signature Guaranteed:

THE SIGNATURE(S) SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED).

**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES
REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

Description of Securities of Beneficient

Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, on June 6, 2023, following a series of recapitalizations, The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. (“BCG”) converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation (the “Conversion”) and changed its name to “Beneficient.” The following description summarizes certain important terms of the capital stock of Beneficient, a Nevada corporation (“Beneficient,” “we,” “us,” “our” and the “Company”), including the provisions included in our articles of incorporation, bylaws, certain registration rights agreements and the Amendment to Warrant Agreement, dated June 7, 2023 (the “Warrant Agreement”), by and among (i) Avalon Acquisition Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Avalon”), (ii) Beneficient and (iii) Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, a New York limited purpose trust company, as warrant agent (the “Warrant Agent”). This description is not complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of our articles of incorporation, bylaws, the Registration Rights Agreement and the Warrant Agreement, which are also included as exhibits to the Annual Report on Form 10-K on which this exhibit is filed, as well as the applicable provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes (the “NRS”).

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 1,500,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Class A common stock”), 20,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 (the Class B common stock, together with the Class A Common Stock, the “Common Stock”) and 250,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001, of which 50,000,000 are designated as shares of Series A preferred stock (the “Series A preferred stock”) pursuant to a certificate of designation.

Common Stock

Voting

Each holder of our Class A Common Stock is entitled to one vote per each share of Class A Common Stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote, and each holder of our Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of Common Stock vote as a single class, except for certain matters for which only holders of Class B common stock are entitled to vote. Pursuant to a Stockholders Agreement, dated June 6, 2023 (the “Stockholders Agreement”), by and among Beneficient, Beneficient Holdings Inc. (“BHI”), Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC (“Hicks Holdings”), and Bruce Schnitzer (“Schnitzer”) the holders of Class B common stock (the “Class B Holders”) agreed to vote their shares as specified therein with respect to the directors elected by the Class B Holders (the “Class B Directors”), and Beneficient agreed to not take certain actions without the consent of the Class B common stock.

Dividends

Subject to preferences that may apply to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for that purpose on a non-cumulative basis; provided, however, that in the case of any dividends in Common Stock, holders of Class A common stock are entitled only to receive Class A common stock and holders of Class B common stock are entitled only to receive Class B common stock. In no event will the shares of either Class A common stock or Class B common stock be split, divided, or combined unless the outstanding shares of the other class are proportionally split, divided or combined.

Liquidation or Dissolution

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding up, holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the Liquidation Preference (as defined herein) of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, including shares of Series A preferred stock.

Conversion and Transferability

Shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into any other shares of our capital stock. Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time at the option of the holder or upon any transfer, except for certain transfers described in our articles of incorporation. Common Stock (including Common Stock obtained from the conversion of Series A preferred stock) held by parties to lock-up agreements are subject to contractual transfer restrictions.

Other Provisions

Holders of Common Stock have no preemptive or subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to shares of Common Stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of Common Stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of Series A preferred stock and shares of any other series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our articles of incorporation, our board of directors are authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by the NRS and by our articles of incorporation, to issue up to 250,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series without further action by the holders of Common Stock, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock are designated as shares of Series A preferred stock pursuant to a certificate of designation. Our board of directors have the discretion, subject to limitations prescribed by the NRS, our articles of incorporation and the Stockholders Agreement, to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of preferred stock. The rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of Series A preferred stock are described below.

Series A Preferred Stock

Maturity

Subject to the redemption and conversion rights described below, shares of Series A preferred stock are perpetual securities.

Priority

Shares of Series A preferred stock rank, with respect to dividend rights and/or distribution rights upon the liquidation, winding up or dissolution, as applicable, of Beneficient: (i) senior to shares of Common Stock and each other class or series of capital stock of Beneficient, the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior or on parity to shares of Series A preferred stock as to dividend rights or distribution rights upon Beneficient's liquidation, winding up or dissolution (such stock, "Junior Stock"); (ii) on parity with any class or series of capital stock of Beneficient, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks on parity with shares of Series A preferred stock as to dividend rights and distribution rights upon Beneficient's liquidation, winding-up or dissolution (such stock "Parity Stock"); and (iii) junior to each class or series of capital stock of Beneficient, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to shares of Series A preferred stock as to dividend rights or distribution rights upon Beneficient's liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

Voting

Holders of Series A preferred stock are not entitled to vote on any matter, except as required by law.

Dividends

Holders of Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that our board of directors declares and pays on the Common Stock, on an as-converted basis, when paid to holders of Common Stock. Beneficient may, subject to customary restrictions, but is not required to, declare or pay any dividends solely on shares of Series A preferred stock.

Liquidation or Dissolution

The initial liquidation preference of Series A preferred stock is \$0.001 per share, plus any declared but unpaid dividends (the “Liquidation Preference”). In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive, per share of Series A preferred stock, the Liquidation Preference or, prior to the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date, if a greater amount, the amount such holder would have received had their shares of Series A preferred stock converted into Class A common stock immediately prior to such liquidation event.

Conversion, Transferability and Exchange

Each share of Series A preferred stock that is then issued and outstanding is convertible, at the option of the holder thereof, into one-fourth (1/4) of a share of Class A common stock on, and only on, the later of (i) 90 days after the date that Avalon and Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation shall cause the Avalon Merger to be consummated by filing a certificate of merger in a form mutually agreeable to the Parties (the “Avalon Certificate of Merger”) with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in accordance with the applicable provisions of the DGCL (the time of such filing, or such later time as may be agreed in writing by the Company and Avalon and specified in the Certificate of Merger, being the “Avalon Merger Effective Time”) and (ii) 30 days after a registration statement under the Securities Act has been declared effective with respect to the issuance of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock upon the exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants (as defined herein) (the “Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date”); *provided* that prior to the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date, if at the time a share of Series A Preferred Stock is issued, the Series A Preferred Stock is not listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC, then such shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically and immediately upon issuance convert into shares of Class A Common Stock at the Conversion Rate. Each holder of Series A preferred stock shall be deemed to have elected to convert such shares under such optional conversion right from Series A preferred stock into Class A common stock unless they have delivered written notice addressed to investor relations of Beneficient two business days prior to the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date, stating that they do not wish to elect to participate in such optional conversion.

In the event of specified extraordinary transactions, as a result of which shares of Class A common stock would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities or other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof), each share of Series A preferred stock outstanding immediately prior to such event will, without the consent of the holders of Series A preferred stock, become convertible into the kind of stock, other securities or other property or assets that such holder would have been entitled to receive if such holder had converted its shares of Series A preferred stock into shares of Class A common stock immediately prior to such event.

The equity-holders parties to the lock-up agreements are subject to contractual transfer restrictions with respect to their shares of Series A preferred stock and any shares of Class A common stock into which their shares of Series A preferred stock are converted.

Redemption

At any time after the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date, Beneficient may redeem, ratably, in whole or, from time to time in part, the shares of Series A preferred stock of any holder then outstanding at the Liquidation Preference in cash. Holders of shares of Series A preferred stock do not have the right to require Beneficient to redeem their shares of Series A preferred stock under any circumstances.

Sinking Fund

Shares of Series A preferred stock are not subject to or entitled to the operation of a retirement or sinking fund.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Various Provisions of Nevada Law, Our Articles of Incorporation and Our Bylaws

Provisions of the NRS and our articles of incorporation and bylaws could make it more difficult to acquire Beneficient by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise, or to remove incumbent officers and directors. These provisions, which are summarized below, may discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and takeover bids that our board of directors may consider inadequate and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of Beneficient to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection of our ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure it outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging takeover or acquisition proposals because, among other things, negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of Nevada State Law

We may be, or in the future we may become, subject to Nevada's control share laws. A corporation is subject to Nevada's control share law if it has more than 200 stockholders, at least 100 of whom are stockholders of record and residents of Nevada, and if the corporation does business in Nevada, including through an affiliated corporation. This control share law may have the effect of discouraging corporate takeovers.

The control share law focuses on the acquisition of a "controlling interest," which means the ownership of outstanding voting shares that would be sufficient, but for the operation of the control share law, to enable the acquiring person to exercise the following proportions of the voting power of the corporation in the election of directors: (i) one-fifth or more but less than one-third; (ii) one-third or more but less than a majority; or (iii) a majority or more. The ability to exercise this voting power may be direct or indirect, as well as individual or in association with others.

The effect of the control share law is that an acquiring person, and those acting in association with that person, will obtain only such voting rights in the control shares as are conferred by a resolution of the stockholders of the corporation, approved at a special or annual meeting of stockholders. The control share law contemplates that voting rights will be considered only once by the other stockholders. Thus, there is no authority to take away voting rights from the control shares of an acquiring person once those rights have been approved. If the stockholders do not grant voting rights to the control shares acquired by an acquiring person, those shares do not become permanent non-voting shares. The acquiring person is free to sell the shares to others. If the buyer or buyers of those shares themselves do not acquire a controlling interest, the shares are not governed by the control share law.

If control shares are accorded full voting rights and the acquiring person has acquired control shares with a majority or more of the voting power, a stockholder of record, other than the acquiring person, who did not vote in favor of approval of voting rights, is entitled to demand fair value for such stockholder's shares.

In addition to the control share law, Nevada has a business combination law, which prohibits certain business combinations between Nevada publicly traded corporations and "interested stockholders" for two years after the interested stockholder first becomes an interested stockholder, unless the corporation's board of directors approves the combination in advance. For purposes of Nevada law, an interested stockholder is any person who is: (i) the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting shares of the corporation, or (ii) an affiliate or associate of the corporation and at any time within the previous two years was the

beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then-outstanding shares of the corporation. The definition of “business combination” contained in the statute is sufficiently broad to cover virtually any kind of transaction that would allow a potential acquirer to use the corporation’s assets to finance the acquisition or otherwise to benefit its own interests rather than the interests of the corporation and its other stockholders.

The effect of Nevada’s business combination law is to potentially discourage parties interested in taking control of the Company from doing so if it cannot obtain the approval of our board of directors.

Class A Director Election and Class B Director Designation Rights

Our articles of incorporation provide that, if on the record date for notice of any meeting of stockholders of the Company at which directors are to be elected by the holders of Common Stock, (i) the aggregate number of outstanding shares of Class B common stock is at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares of Class B common stock outstanding on the date of the articles of incorporation, or (ii) if the condition in preceding clause (i) is not satisfied, the aggregate capital account balances with respect to the limited partner interests in Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“BCH”), held by the Class B Holders is an amount that is at least twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate capital account balances such limited partner interests on the date of the articles of incorporation (the condition in either clause (i) or clause (ii) being referred to as the “Class B Threshold”), then, then (i) holders of shares of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect that number of directors that constitutes 51% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the total number of authorized directors and (ii) holders of shares of Common Stock, voting as a single class, are entitled to elect all remaining directors that are not otherwise entitled to be elected by a series of preferred stock, but in no event shall they not be entitled to elect at least one director. Accordingly, so long as the Class B Threshold is met, holders of shares of Class A common stock only have the ability, voting together with two holders of the Class B common stock as a single class (with each holder of the Class B common stock having 10 votes per share of the Class B common stock), to vote on the election of a minority of the board of directors. Accordingly, these provisions could discourage a third party from initiating a proxy contest, making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to gain control of Beneficient. If, on the applicable record date, the Class B Threshold is not met, then holders of Common Stock will vote together as a single class with respect to the election of all directors, with each holder of the Class B common stock having 10 votes per share of Class B common stock.

Removal of Directors

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Stockholders Agreement, if the Class B Threshold is met, (i) a Class A Director (as defined herein) may be removed from office at any time by an affirmative vote of the stockholders representing not less than two-thirds of the voting power of the outstanding Common Stock that is entitled to vote at an annual or special meeting, voting together as a single class, and (ii) a Class B Director may be removed from office at any time by an affirmative vote of the stockholders representing not less than two-thirds of the voting power of the outstanding Class B common stock that is entitled to vote at an annual or special meeting, voting as a separate class. If the Class B Threshold is not met, then any director may be removed by an affirmative vote of the stockholders representing not less than two-thirds of the voting power of the outstanding Common Stock that is entitled to vote at an annual or special meeting.

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our articles of incorporation provide that they may be amended, altered, changed or repealed in any manner provided by statute, provided that specified amendments require the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of two-thirds of the voting power of our capital stock eligible to vote in the election of directors, and other specified amendments that affect the rights of holders of Class B common stock require the affirmative vote of the holders of Class B common stock eligible to vote in the election of directors if the Class B Threshold is met. Our articles of incorporation also provide that our bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by our stockholders upon the approval of a majority of the voting power entitled to vote thereon. Additionally, our articles of incorporation provide that our bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by our board of directors.

Size of Board and Vacancies

Our articles of incorporation provide that the number of directors on our board of directors are fixed exclusively by our board of directors, provided that the board of directors shall initially consist of nine (9) directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of Class B common stock, any newly created directorship that results from an increase in the number of directors or any vacancy that results from the death, disability, resignation, disqualification or removal of any director or from any other cause will be filled solely by the affirmative majority vote of the directors then in office, or by a sole remaining director, and will not be filled by the stockholders; provided, however, that any vacancy in the office of a Class B Director shall be filled solely by the holders of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, or, in the absence of a stockholder vote, by a vote of the remaining Class B Directors; provided further, that if (i) any increase in the number of directors results in the Class B Directors representing less than 51% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the directors, and (ii) at the time of such increase, the Class B Threshold is met, then the newly created directorship resulting from such increase will be filled by the holders of the Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, or, in the absence of a stockholder vote, by a vote of the remaining Class B Directors.

Furthermore, our articles of incorporation provide that directors have one vote per director on all matters brought before our board of directors; provided, however, that in the event of a vacancy in the office of a Class B Director, each Class B Director has the number of votes per Class B Director equal to (i) the total number of Class B Director seats divided by (ii) the number of Class B Director seats that are not then vacant.

Special Stockholder Meetings

Our articles of incorporation provide that only the chairman of the board of directors, our chief executive officer or our president upon the direction of the board of directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the board of directors may call special meetings of stockholders, and stockholders may not call special stockholder meetings.

Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Our articles of incorporation provide that stockholder action must take place at the annual or a special meeting of Beneficient stockholders, and no action shall be taken by stockholders by written consent; provided, however, that if the Class B Threshold is met, then any action required or permitted to be taken by the holders of Class B common stock may be effected by an action by written consent in lieu of a meeting with the approval of the holders of outstanding Class B common stock having not less than the minimum voting power that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of Class B common stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals

Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and nominations of candidates for election as directors designated by holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class (the “Class A Directors”). Additionally, our bylaws require that candidates nominated by stockholders for election as a Class A Director disclose their qualifications and make customary representations, including that (i) they are not a party to any undisclosed voting commitment, any voting commitment that could interfere with their ability to fulfill their fiduciary duties as a director, should they be elected, or any undisclosed agreement pursuant to which they would receive compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with their service as a director and (ii) they will be in compliance, should they be elected, with our bylaws, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and any other publicly available policies and guidelines applicable to our directors.

No Cumulative Voting

The NRS provides that stockholders will not have the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless the company’s articles of incorporation provides otherwise. Our articles of incorporation do not provide for cumulative voting.

Undesignated Preferred Stock

The authority that our board of directors possess to issue shares of preferred stock could potentially be used to discourage attempts by third parties to obtain control of Beneficient through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise by making such attempts more difficult or more costly. Our board of directors may be able to issue shares of preferred stock with voting rights or conversion rights that, if exercised, could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of Common Stock.

Limitations on Liability, Indemnification of Officers and Directors and Insurance

Elimination of Liability of Directors

The NRS authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors and officers to corporations and their stockholders and creditors for damages as a result of any act or failure to act in their capacity as a director or officer, and our articles of incorporation include such an exculpation provision. Our articles of incorporation provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by the NRS, no director or officer will be personally liable to us, our stockholders or our creditors for any damages as a result of any act or failure to act in his or her capacity as a director or officer. While our articles of incorporation provide directors with protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, it does not eliminate this duty. Accordingly, our articles of incorporation have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission based on a director's breach of his or her duty of care.

Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws require us to indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent of Beneficient who was or is a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to, or is otherwise involved in, any proceeding, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of Beneficient or is or was serving at the request of Beneficient as a director, officer, employee or agent of, or in any other capacity for, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under Nevada law, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, taxes, penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection with such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Beneficient and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

We are authorized under our bylaws to purchase and maintain insurance to protect Beneficient and any current or former director, officer, employee or agent of Beneficient or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not Beneficient would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the NRS.

We have entered into an indemnification agreement with each of our directors and officers. The indemnification agreements provide that we will indemnify each indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the NRS from and against all loss and liability suffered and expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred in connection with defending, investigating or settling any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding related to the indemnitee's service with Beneficient. Additionally, we have agreed to advance to the indemnitee expenses incurred in connection therewith.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in these indemnification agreements and our articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors for breach of fiduciary duty. These provisions also may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your

investment in Beneficient’s securities may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards under these indemnification provisions.

Exclusive Forum

Our articles of incorporation provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada, will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any or all actions, suits, proceedings, whether civil, administrative or investigative or that asserts any claim or counterclaim, (i) brought in the name or right of Beneficient or on its behalf, (ii) asserting a claim for breach of any fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee or agent of Beneficient to Beneficient or Beneficient’s stockholders, (iii) arising or asserting a claim pursuant to any provision of NRS Chapters 78 or 92A or any provision of the Proposed Charter or the Proposed Bylaws, (iv) to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Proposed Charter or the Proposed Bylaws or (v) asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine. In the event that the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada does not have jurisdiction over any such action, then any other state district court located in the State of Nevada will be the exclusive forum for such action. In the event that no state district court in the State of Nevada has jurisdiction over any such action, then a federal court located within the State of Nevada will be the exclusive forum for such action.

Our articles of incorporation also provide that its exclusive forum provisions will not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Additionally, the articles of incorporation provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts will be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act against Beneficient or any of Beneficient’s directors, officers, other employees or agents. There is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce this provision with respect to claims under the Securities Act.

Corporate Opportunity Waiver

Our articles of incorporation acknowledge that we may have overlapping directors and officers with other entities that compete with our businesses and that we may engage in material business transactions with such entities. In the articles of incorporation, we will renounce our rights to certain business opportunities, and the articles of incorporation provide that no director or officer will breach their fiduciary duty and therefore be liable to us or our stockholders by reason of the fact that any such individual directs a corporate opportunity to another person or entity instead of to us, or does not refer or communicate information regarding such corporate opportunity to us, unless (i) such opportunity was expressly offered to such person solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of us or as a director or officer of any of our subsidiaries, and (ii) such opportunity relates to a line of business in which we or any of our subsidiaries is then directly engaged.

Authorized but Unissued Shares

Our authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock and shares of our Preferred Stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval. We may use additional shares for a variety of purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, to fund acquisitions and as employee compensation. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of Beneficient by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

Registration Rights

We have entered into registration rights agreements with several parties as detailed below.

Registration Rights for the Beneficient Public Warrants

In connection with the assumption of the Avalon Warrants, we have agreed that as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 20 business days after the closing of our Business Combination, which occurred on June 7, 2023 (the “Closing”), we will use our commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC a registration statement for the registration, under the Securities Act, of the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants (as defined herein). We will use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the same to become effective within 60 business days following the Closing and to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement, and a current prospectus relating thereto, until the expiration or redemption of the Beneficient Public Warrants in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Agreement.

Legacy Beneficient Holders Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the Company, the Avalon Sponsor and the directors and executive officers of the Company, and other direct and indirect holders of BCH entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the “Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement”) containing certain registration rights for their Class A common stock and the shares of Class A common stock underlying the Beneficient Class B common stock. Under the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement, as soon as it is permitted to do so, the Company shall file a shelf registration statement to register the resale of certain shares of Class A common stock and maintain its effectiveness until all registrable securities have been sold or may be sold in a single transaction pursuant to Rule 144 without volume limitation or current public information. Holders of registrable securities shall be entitled to demand and piggyback registration rights, subject to certain conditions set forth in the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Ben Legacy Holder Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.5.1 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

GWG Registration Rights Agreement

On August 10, 2018, BCG and GWG Holdings Inc. (“GWG”) entered into the Registration Rights Agreement related certain securities held by GWG in BCG, which provided GWG with certain customary registration rights (the “GWG Registration Rights Agreement”). The registrable securities under the GWG Registration Rights Agreement would include the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the conversion of the certain BCG securities pursuant to the Conversion and the BCH Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (the “BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts”). Pursuant to the GWG Registration Rights Agreement, GWG is entitled to certain customary demand registration, shelf takedown and piggyback registration rights, subject to certain customary limitations (including with respect to minimum offering size and a maximum number of demands and underwritten shelf takedowns within certain periods). The agreement remains in effect until the earlier of the date GWG is permitted to sell all registrable securities under Rule 144 or until the registrable securities are sold. The foregoing description of the GWG Registration Rights Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the GWG Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.5.2 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement

On December 7, 2021, BCG entered into the Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement with certain holders party thereto (collectively, “Hatteras”), pursuant to which, Hatteras was provided certain registration rights related to Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts of BCG (the “Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts”) (the “Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement”). The registrable securities under the Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement would include the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the conversion of the Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts pursuant to the Conversion. The Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement provides the holders with certain demand registration, shelf takedown and piggyback registration rights with respect to the registrable securities, subject to certain customary limitations (including with respect to the maximum number of securities and a maximum number of demands and underwritten shelf takedowns within certain periods). The Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement remains in effect until the earlier of the seventh anniversary of the closing of the initial issuance of the Preferred B-2 Unit Accounts or, as to the holders party thereto or any permitted transferees of such holders, on such date on which all registrable securities owned by such holders or any permitted transferees of such holders cease to be registrable securities. In connection with the Business Combination, the Company assumed the Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement. The foregoing description of the Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Hatteras Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.5.3 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Recent Financings Registration Rights Agreement

On December 1, 2022, the Company, through its subsidiary, entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a net asset value (“NAV”) of approximately \$5.3 million as of the date of the relevant financing agreement (the “Recent Financings”). The Recent Financings closed in connection with the Closing, and the Company issued the investor 530,000 shares of Beneficient Class A common stock and 132,500 Beneficient Warrants. The issuance of the Recent Financing Units pursuant to the Recent Financings were not registered under the Securities Act, and the Recent Financing Units were issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

In connection with the Recent Financings, the Company granted certain customary registration rights to the investors receiving the securities comprising the Recent Financing Units.

Stockholders Agreement

On June 6, 2023, in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the Company and certain Class B Holders entered into the Stockholders Agreement.

Pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, the Class B Holders shall have the right to elect at least five Class B Directors, and the board of directors are required to establish and maintain (i) a compensation committee, (ii) a nominating committee, (iii) an executive committee and (iv) a community reinvestment committee (collectively, the “Board Committees”). The Stockholders Agreement also provides that each of the Board Committees will be comprised of no more of four members, and at least two (2) members shall be Class B Directors designated by the majority of the Class B Directors and the remaining members shall be designated by the directors elected by holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. The majority of the Class B Directors also have the right to designate the chair of each of the Board Committees. The foregoing description of the Stockholders Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Stockholders Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.4 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Beneficient Public Warrants

Commencing on June 8, 2023, each warrant listed for trading on Nasdaq under the symbol “BENFW” (the “Beneficient Public Warrants”) entitles the registered holder to purchase, at an exercise price of \$11.50 (subject to adjustment as discussed below), one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock at any time commencing 30 days after the Closing, provided that we have an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the shares of the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants and a current prospectus relating to them is available (or we permit holders to exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants on a cashless basis under the circumstances specified in the Warrant Agreement) and such shares are registered, qualified or exempt from registration under the securities, or blue sky, laws of the state of residence of the holder. Each share of Series A preferred stock that is then issued and outstanding is convertible into one-fourth (1/4) of a share of Class A common stock on, and only on, the later of (i) 90 days after the Avalon Merger Effective Time and (ii) 30 days after a registration statement under the Securities Act has been declared effective with respect to the issuance of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock upon the exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants unless the holder of the Series A preferred stock elects to not convert under the optional conversion right.

Pursuant to the Warrant Agreement, a Beneficient Public Warrant holder may exercise its Beneficient Public Warrants only for a whole number of shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock. This means only a whole Beneficient Public Warrant may be exercised at a given time by a Beneficient Public Warrant holder. The Beneficient Public Warrants will expire five years after the Closing, at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

We are not obligated to deliver any Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock pursuant to the exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant and will have no obligation to settle such Beneficient Public Warrant exercise unless a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to the shares of the Class A common stock and the Series A preferred stock underlying the Beneficient Public Warrants is then effective and a prospectus relating thereto is current, subject to our satisfying our obligations described below with respect to registration, or a valid exemption from registration is available, including as a result of a notice of redemption described below under “*Redemption of Beneficient Public Warrants when the price per Class A common stock equals or exceeds \$10.00*”. No Beneficient Public Warrant will be exercisable and we will not be obligated to issue a share of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant unless the shares of the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon such Beneficient Public Warrant exercise has been registered, qualified, or deemed to be exempt under the securities laws of the state of residence of the registered holder of the Beneficient Public Warrants. In the event that the conditions in the two immediately preceding sentences are not satisfied with respect to a Beneficient Public Warrant, the holder of such Beneficient Public Warrant will not be entitled to exercise such Beneficient Public Warrant and such Beneficient Public Warrant may have no value and expire worthless. In no event will we be required to net cash settle any Beneficient Public Warrant.

We have agreed that as soon as practicable, but in no event later than twenty business days after the Closing, we will use our commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC a registration statement for the registration, under the Securities Act, of the shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants. We will use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the same to become effective within 60 business days following the Closing and to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement, and a current prospectus relating thereto, until the expiration or redemption of the Beneficient Public Warrants in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Agreement. If a registration statement covering the issuance of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants is not effective by the 60th business day after the Closing of the initial business combination, Beneficient Public Warrant holders may, until such time as there is an effective registration statement and during any period when we will have failed to maintain an effective registration statement, exercise Beneficient Public Warrants on a “cashless basis” in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act or another exemption. In addition, if shares of Class A common stock are at the time of any exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant not listed on a national securities exchange such that they satisfy the definition of a “covered security” under Section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act,

we may, at our option, require holders of our public Beneficient Public Warrants who exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants to do so on a “cashless basis” in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act and, in the event we elect to do so, we will not be required to file or maintain in effect a registration statement, but we will use our best efforts to register or qualify the shares under applicable blue sky laws to the extent an exemption is not available. In such event, each holder would pay the exercise price by surrendering each such Beneficient Public Warrant for that number of shares of Class A common stock equal to the lesser of (A) the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of Class A common stock underlying the Beneficient Public Warrants, multiplied the excess of the “fair market value” less the exercise price of the Beneficient Public Warrants by (y) the fair market value and (B) 0.361. The “fair market value” shall mean the volume-weighted average price of the shares of Class A common stock for the 10 trading days ending on the trading day prior to the date on which the notice of exercise is received by Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

Redemption of Beneficient Public Warrants When the Price per Share of Class A Common Stock Equals or Exceeds \$18.00

We may redeem the outstanding Beneficient Public Warrants (except as described herein with respect to the Beneficient Private Warrants):

- in whole and not in part;
- at a price of \$0.01 per Beneficient Public Warrant;
- upon not less than 30 days prior written notice of redemption to each Beneficient Public Warrant holder; and
- if, and only if, the last reported sale price of the shares of Class A common stock for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending three business days before we send to the notice of redemption to the Beneficient Public Warrant holders (which we refer to as the “Reference Value”) equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for anti-dilution adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant).

If and when the Beneficient Public Warrants become redeemable by us, we may exercise our redemption right even if we are unable to register or qualify the underlying securities for sale under all applicable state securities laws. However, we will not redeem the Beneficient Public Warrants unless an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the shares of the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants is effective and a current prospectus relating to those shares of the Class A common stock and the Series A preferred stock is available throughout the 30-day redemption period.

If the foregoing conditions are satisfied and we issue a notice of redemption of the Beneficient Public Warrants, each Beneficient Public Warrant holder will be entitled to exercise his, her, or its Beneficient Public Warrant prior to the scheduled redemption date. Any such exercise would not be done on a “cashless” basis and would require the exercising Beneficient Public Warrant holder to pay the exercise price for each Beneficient Public Warrant being exercised. However, the price of the shares of the Class A common stock may fall below the \$18.00 redemption trigger price (as adjusted for anti-dilution adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant) as well as the \$11.50 (for whole shares) Beneficient Public Warrant exercise price after the redemption notice is issued.

Redemption of Beneficient Public Warrants When the Price per Share of Class A Common Stock Equals or Exceeds \$10.00

We may redeem the outstanding Beneficient Public Warrants:

- in whole and not in part;
- at \$0.10 per Beneficient Public Warrant upon a minimum of 30 days’ prior written notice of redemption; provided that holders will be able to exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants on a cashless basis prior to redemption and receive that number of shares determined by reference to the table below, based on the

redemption date and the “fair market value” of the Class A common stock (as defined herein); if, and only if, the Reference Value equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share (as adjusted for anti-dilution adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant); and

- if the Reference Value is less than \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for anti-dilution adjustments to the number of shares issuable upon exercise or the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant) the Beneficient Private Warrants must also be concurrently called for redemption on the same terms as the outstanding Beneficient Public Warrants, as described above.

During the period beginning on the date the notice of redemption is given, holders may elect to exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants on a cashless basis. The numbers in the table below represent the number of shares of the Class A common stock that a Beneficient Public Warrant holder will receive upon such cashless exercise in connection with a redemption by us pursuant to this redemption feature, based on the “fair market value” of the Class A common stock on the corresponding redemption date (assuming holders elect to exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants and such Beneficient Public Warrants are not redeemed for \$0.10 per Beneficient Public Warrant), determined based on volume-weighted average price of the Class A common stock as reported during the 10 trading days immediately following the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of Beneficient Public Warrants, and the number of months that the corresponding redemption date precedes the expiration date of the Beneficient Public Warrants, each as set forth in the table below. We will provide our Beneficient Public Warrant holders with the final fair market value no later than one business day after the 10-trading day period described above ends.

The stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table below will be adjusted as of any date on which the number of shares issuable upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant or the exercise price of the Beneficient Public Warrant is adjusted. If the number of shares issuable upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant is adjusted, the adjusted stock prices in the column headings will equal the stock prices immediately prior to such adjustment, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares deliverable upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant immediately prior to such adjustment and the denominator of which is the number of shares deliverable upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant as so adjusted. The number of shares in the table below shall be adjusted in the same manner and at the same time as the number of shares issuable upon exercise of a Beneficient Public Warrant. If the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant is adjusted, (a) in the case of an anti-dilution adjustment, the adjusted stock prices in the column headings will equal the unadjusted stock price multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the higher of the (i) the volume-weighted average trading price of Avalon’s Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Avalon Class A Common Stock”) during the 20 trading day period starting on the trading day prior to the date on which we completed our initial business combination (such price, the “Market Value”) and (ii) if Avalon issued additional shares of Avalon Class A Common Stock or equity-linked securities for capital raising purposes in connection with the Closing at an issue price or effective issue price of less than \$9.20 per share of Avalon Class A Common Stock (with such issue price or effective issue price to be determined in good faith by our board of directors and, in the case of any such issuance to an Avalon Sponsor or its affiliates, without taking into account any shares of Avalon Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Avalon Class B Common Stock”) initially issued to the Avalon Sponsor in a private placement prior to its IPO (the “Founder Shares”) held by an Avalon Sponsor or such affiliates, as applicable, prior to such issuance) (the “Newly Issued Price”) and the denominator of which is \$10.00 and (b) in the case of an adjustment pursuant to the second paragraph under the heading “*Anti-dilution Adjustments*” below, the adjusted stock prices in the column headings will equal the unadjusted stock price less the decrease in the exercise price of a Beneficient Public Warrant pursuant to such exercise price adjustment.

Redemption Date (period to expiration of warrants)	Fair Market Value of Our Class A Common Stock								
	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00
60 months	0.261	0.281	0.297	0.311	0.324	0.337	0.348	0.358	0.361
57 months	0.257	0.277	0.294	0.310	0.324	0.337	0.348	0.358	0.361
54 months	0.252	0.272	0.291	0.307	0.322	0.335	0.347	0.357	0.361
51 months	0.246	0.268	0.287	0.304	0.320	0.333	0.346	0.357	0.361
48 months	0.241	0.263	0.283	0.301	0.317	0.332	0.344	0.356	0.361
45 months	0.235	0.258	0.279	0.298	0.315	0.330	0.343	0.356	0.361
42 months	0.228	0.252	0.274	0.294	0.312	0.328	0.342	0.355	0.361
39 months	0.221	0.246	0.269	0.290	0.309	0.325	0.340	0.354	0.361
36 months	0.213	0.239	0.263	0.285	0.305	0.323	0.339	0.353	0.361
33 months	0.205	0.232	0.257	0.280	0.301	0.320	0.337	0.352	0.361
30 months	0.196	0.224	0.250	0.274	0.297	0.316	0.335	0.351	0.361
27 months	0.185	0.214	0.242	0.268	0.291	0.313	0.332	0.350	0.361
24 months	0.173	0.204	0.233	0.260	0.285	0.308	0.329	0.348	0.361
21 months	0.161	0.193	0.223	0.252	0.279	0.304	0.326	0.347	0.361
18 months	0.146	0.179	0.211	0.242	0.271	0.298	0.322	0.345	0.361
15 months	0.130	0.164	0.197	0.230	0.262	0.291	0.317	0.342	0.361
12 months	0.111	0.146	0.181	0.216	0.250	0.282	0.312	0.339	0.361
9 months	0.090	0.125	0.162	0.199	0.237	0.272	0.305	0.336	0.361
6 months	0.065	0.099	0.137	0.178	0.219	0.259	0.296	0.331	0.361
3 months	0.034	0.065	0.104	0.150	0.197	0.243	0.286	0.326	0.361
0 months	—	—	0.042	0.115	0.179	0.233	0.281	0.323	0.361

The exact fair market value and redemption date may not be set forth in the table above, in which case, if the fair market value is between two values in the table or the redemption date is between two redemption dates in the table, the number of shares of the Class A common stock to be issued for each Beneficient Public Warrant exercised will be determined by a straight-line interpolation between the number of shares set forth for the higher and lower fair market values and the earlier and later redemption dates, as applicable, based on a 365 or 366-day year, as applicable.

No fractional shares of the Class A common stock will be issued upon exercise. If, upon exercise, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, we will round down to the nearest whole number of the number of shares of each of the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock to be issued to the holder.

Maximum Percentage Procedures

A holder of a Beneficient Public Warrant may notify us in writing in the event it elects to be subject to a requirement that such holder will not have the right to exercise such Beneficient Public Warrant, to the extent that after giving effect to such exercise, such person (together with such person’s affiliates), to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company’s actual knowledge, would beneficially own in excess of 4.9% or 9.8% (as specified by the holder) of the shares of the Class A common stock issued and outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise.

Anti-dilution Adjustments

If the number of outstanding shares of either of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock is increased by a stock capitalization or stock dividend payable in shares of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock, or by a split-up of common stock or other similar event, then, on the effective date of such stock capitalization or stock dividend, split-up or similar event, the number of shares of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred

stock, as applicable, issuable on exercise of each Beneficient Public Warrant will be increased in proportion to such increase in the outstanding shares of common stock or preferred stock.

In addition, if we, at any time while the Beneficient Public Warrants are outstanding and unexpired, pay a dividend or make a distribution in cash, securities or other assets to the holders of shares of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock on account of such Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock, as applicable, , other than (a) as described above or (b) any cash dividends or cash distributions which, when combined on a per share basis with all other cash dividends and cash distributions paid on the shares of the Class A common stock during the 365-day period ending on the date of declaration of such dividend or distribution does not exceed \$0.50 (as adjusted to appropriately reflect any other adjustments and excluding cash dividends or cash distributions that resulted in an adjustment to the exercise price or to the number of shares of the Class A common stock issuable on exercise of each Beneficient Public Warrant) but only with respect to the amount of the aggregate cash dividends or cash distributions equal to or less than \$0.50 per share, then the Beneficient Public Warrant exercise price will be decreased, effective immediately after the effective date of such event, by the amount of cash and/or the fair market value of any securities or other assets paid on each share of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock in respect of such event.

If the number of outstanding shares of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock, as applicable, is decreased by a consolidation, combination, reverse share split, or reclassification of the Class A common stock or the Series A preferred stock or other similar event, then, on the effective date of such consolidation, combination, reverse share split, reclassification or similar event, the number of shares of the Class A common stock or the Series A preferred stock, as applicable, issuable on exercise of each Beneficient Public Warrant will be decreased in proportion to such decrease in outstanding shares of the Class A common stock.

In case of any reclassification or reorganization of the outstanding Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock (other than those described above or that solely affects the par value of such Class A common stock), or in the case of any merger or consolidation of us with or into another corporation (other than a consolidation or merger in which we are the continuing corporation and that does not result in any reclassification or reorganization of our outstanding Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock), or in the case of any sale or conveyance to another corporation or entity of the assets or other property of us as an entirety or substantially as an entirety in connection with which we are dissolved, the holders of the Beneficient Public Warrants will thereafter have the right to purchase and receive, upon the basis and upon the terms and conditions specified in the Beneficient Public Warrants and in lieu of the shares of the Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock immediately theretofore purchasable and receivable upon the exercise of the rights represented thereby, the kind and amount of the Class A common stock or Series A preferred stock or other securities or property (including cash) receivable upon such reclassification, reorganization, merger or consolidation, or upon a dissolution following any such sale or transfer, that the holder of the Beneficient Public Warrants would have received if such holder had exercised their Beneficient Public Warrants immediately prior to such event.

However, if such holders were entitled to exercise a right of election as to the kind or amount of securities, cash or other assets receivable upon such consolidation or merger, then the kind and amount of securities, cash or other assets for which each Beneficient Public Warrant will become exercisable will be deemed to be the weighted average of the kind and amount received per share by such holders in such consolidation or merger that affirmatively make such election, and if a tender, exchange or redemption offer has been made to and accepted by such holders under circumstances in which, upon completion of such tender or exchange offer, the maker thereof, together with members of any group (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Exchange Act) of which such maker is a part, and together with any affiliate or associate of such maker (within the meaning of Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act) and any members of any such group of which any such affiliate or associate is a part, own beneficially (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) more than 50% of the issued and outstanding Class A common stock, the holder of a Beneficient Public Warrant will be entitled to receive the highest amount of cash, securities or other property to which such holder would actually have been entitled as a stockholder if such Beneficient Public Warrant holder had exercised the Beneficient Public Warrant prior to the expiration of such tender or exchange offer, accepted such offer and all of the Class A common stock held by such holder had

been purchased pursuant to such tender or exchange offer, subject to adjustment (from and after the consummation of such tender or exchange offer) as nearly equivalent as possible to the adjustments provided for in the Warrant Agreement.

Additionally, if less than 70% of the consideration receivable by the holders of the Class A common stock in such a transaction is payable in the form of the Class A common stock in the successor entity that is listed for trading on a national securities exchange or is quoted in an established over-the-counter market, or is to be so listed for trading or quoted immediately following such event, and if the registered holder of the Beneficient Public Warrant properly exercises the Beneficient Public Warrant within thirty days following public disclosure of such transaction, the Beneficient Public Warrant exercise price will be reduced as specified in the Warrant Agreement based on the Black-Scholes value (as defined in the Warrant Agreement) of the Beneficient Public Warrant. The purpose of such exercise price reduction is to provide additional value to holders of the Beneficient Public Warrants when an extraordinary transaction occurs during the exercise period of the Beneficient Public Warrants pursuant to which the holders of the Beneficient Public Warrants otherwise do not receive the full potential value of the Beneficient Public Warrants.

The Beneficient Public Warrants are issued in registered form under a warrant agreement between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent, and us. The Warrant Agreement provides that the terms of the Beneficient Public Warrants may be amended without the consent of any holder to cure any ambiguity or correct any defective provision but requires the approval by the holders of at least 50% of the then- outstanding public Beneficient Public Warrants to make any change that the parties deem adversely affects the interests of the registered holders.

The Beneficient Public Warrants may be exercised upon surrender of the Beneficient Public Warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date at the offices of the Beneficient Public Warrant agent, with the exercise form on the reverse side of the Beneficient Public Warrant certificate completed and executed as indicated, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price (or on a cashless basis, if applicable), by certified or official bank check payable to us, for the number of Beneficient Public Warrants being exercised. The Beneficient Public Warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of common stock and any voting rights until they exercise their Beneficient Public Warrants and receive Class A common stock. After the issuance of Class A common stock upon exercise of the Beneficient Public Warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

Beneficient Private Warrants

The Beneficient Private Warrants are not redeemable by us so long as they are held by an Avalon Sponsor or their permitted transferees (except as otherwise set forth herein).

An Avalon Sponsor, or its permitted transferees, has the option to exercise the Beneficient Private Warrants on a cashless basis and have certain registration rights. Except as described below, the Beneficient Private Warrants have terms and provisions that are identical to the Beneficient Public Warrants. If the Beneficient Private Warrants are held by holders other than an Avalon Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Beneficient Private Warrants are redeemable by us in all redemption scenarios and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Beneficient Public Warrants.

If holders of the Beneficient Private Warrants elect to exercise them on a cashless basis, they would pay the exercise price by surrendering his, her, or its warrants for that number of shares of the Class A common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of the Class A common stock underlying the warrants, multiplied by the excess of the “historical fair market value” (defined below) over the exercise price of the warrants by (y) the historical fair market value. For these purposes, the “historical fair market value” shall mean the average last reported sale price of the shares of the Class A common stock for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of warrant exercise is sent to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

Description of Securities of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C and Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P.

The following is a description of (i) the membership interests of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C (“Ben LLC”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and (ii) the common and preferred units of BCH, a non-wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Company. This description is not complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. (the “Ben A&R LLCA”) and the Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (the “BCH Eighth A&R LPA”).

Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C.

Membership Interests. The membership interests in Ben LLC are subdivided into the managing member interests and the non-managing member interests. The managing member interests are held by the Company, as the sole managing member of Ben LLC. The non-managing member interests represent an interest of a non-managing member in Ben LLC. The only non-managing member interests outstanding are the Class A Units (the “Ben LLC Class A Units”), which are held solely by the Company. In connection with the Closing, Ben LLC issued a Ben LLC Class A Unit to the Company for each share of Class A common stock and Class B common stock that was issued by the Company. Ben LLC may issue additional non-managing member interests from time to time. The Company is the sole holder of the outstanding non-managing members interests and entitled to receive any distributions made by Ben LLC, including any distributions upon Ben LLC’s liquidation.

Distributions. The managing member of Ben LLC may authorize distributions by Ben LLC to the holders of non-managing member interests, which, subject to the terms and provisions of any class or series of non-managing member interests subsequently issued by Ben LLC, shall be distributed on a pro rata basis.

Voting. The following is a summary of the vote required by the non-managing members for approval of the matters specified below. Certain matters that require approval may require the approval of the “Outstanding” membership interests, as the term “Outstanding” is defined in the Ben A&R LLCA. In addition, except as expressly provided in the Ben A&R LLCA, non-managing members of Ben LLC shall not have the right to vote on any matter involving Ben LLC.

The non-managing members have no approval right to issue additional units; approve a merger, company sale or dissolution; or the withdrawal or removal of Ben LLC’s managing member. The Ben A&R LLCA may be amended, supplemented, waived or modified by the Company, as Ben LLC’s managing member, without the approval of the non-managing members. However, any amendments that would modify the limited liability of any non-managing member or enlarge the obligations of a non-managing member, or that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any class of membership interests would require the approval of such non-managing members or the holders of not less than a majority of the voting power of the outstanding membership interests of the affected class, as applicable. The non-managing members have no approval right with respect to the transfer of Ben LLC’s managing member interest; *provided*, that the Ben LLC managing member may not transfer the managing member interest unless (i) the transferee agrees to assume the rights and duties of the managing member, (ii) Ben LLC receives an opinion of counsel that such transfer would not result in the loss of limited liability of any non-managing member, and (iii) such transferee agrees to purchase the general partner or managing member interest held by the Ben LLC managing member, if any, of BCH and the subsidiaries of Ben LLC and BCH.

Liquidation. Any amounts Ben LLC distributes upon the occurrence of Ben LLC’s liquidation will be made, subject to the terms and provisions of any class or series of non-managing member interests subsequently issued by Ben LLC, to the holders of non-managing member interests in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective capital accounts.

Transfer of Membership Interests. Except as may be provided in an applicable exchange agreement, by and among the Company, Ben LLC and other parties, no holder of a non-managing member interest may transfer any such non-managing member interests without the prior written consent of the Company, as the Managing Member, which consent may be granted or withheld in its sole discretion. Upon the transfer of any non-managing member interests in accordance with the Ben A&R LLCA, the transferee of such non-managing member interests shall be admitted as a non-managing member with respect to the non-managing member interests transferred when such transfer and admission are reflected in the books and records. Each transferee:

- automatically becomes bound by the terms and conditions of the Ben A&R LLCA;
- grants the powers of attorney contained in the Ben A&R LLCA; and
- gives the consents, waivers and approvals contained in the Ben A&R LLCA.

Ben LLC may, at its discretion, treat the nominee holder of membership interests as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Membership interests are securities, and any transfers thereof are subject to the laws governing the transfer of securities in addition to the provisions of the Ben A&R LLCA, which prohibit any transfers of non-managing member interests without the consent of the managing member. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to become a substituted member in the Ben LLC with respect to the transferred membership interests.

Until a membership interest has been transferred on Ben LLC's books, Ben LLC and any transfer agent may treat the record holder of the membership interest as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

The Ben A&R LLCA also includes certain additional restrictions on the transfer of the membership interests. No transfer may be made if such transfer would:

- violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the SEC, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer;
- terminate Ben LLC's existence or qualification under the laws of the State of Delaware; or
- cause Ben LLC to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxed as an entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

Beneficial Company Holdings, L.P.

The Company's only cash generating assets consist of the interests it owns, indirectly through Ben LLC, in its non-wholly owned subsidiary, BCH. Therefore, the Company's cash flow and resulting ability to make distribution to its stockholders is completely dependent on the ability of BCH to make distributions to its partners, including Ben LLC, and the terms and provisions of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. Subject to applicable law and contractual restrictions to which BCH may be subject, the Company controls, as the managing member of Ben LLC, which is the sole general partner of BCH, whether and when BCH makes any distributions. The actual amount of cash that BCH has available for distribution depends on the amount of cash BCH, its subsidiaries and related affiliates generate from their operations. As a result of the Company's dependence on distributions from BCH, the following is a description of the partnership interests of BCH under the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, as well as the relative priorities of such partnership interests.

Limited Partner Interests in BCH

The limited partner interests in BCH are comprised of five classes designated as BCH Class A Units, BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH FLP Unit Accounts and BCH Preferred Series Unit Account (as such terms are defined below). The BCH FLP Unit Accounts are subdivided into BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BCH

FLP-2 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. The BCH Preferred Series Unit Accounts are further subdivided into the BCH Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts”), BCH Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts”) and the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, although the BCH Preferred C-1 Units converted into shares of Class A common stock effective July 10, 2023. The limited partner interests in BCH are entitled to certain allocations, distributions, preferred returns, conversion and other rights and preferences as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, which are described in further detail below.

Preferred Returns and Special Allocations

Each of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts (to the extent outstanding) and BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to quarterly preferred returns pursuant to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, subject to a limited waiver and deferral of such return for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH Class S Preferred Units as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. Such limited waiver does not affect or waive any accrued quarterly preferred returns or hypothetical capital account balances. To the extent there is not sufficient income to allocate the quarterly preferred return to the respective capital account for these units, the amount of the quarterly preferred return that is not allocated to the capital account will be allocated to a hypothetical capital account for each holder and will become allocable to the holder’s capital account in the next quarterly period in which there is sufficient income to make such allocation, subject to the limited waiver and deferral of such return and any allocations to the hypothetical capital accounts for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH Class S Preferred Units. The hypothetical capital account balances are used to calculate the amount of the quarterly preferred return. In addition, holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts (to the extent outstanding) and BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to receive allocations upon a sale of BCH, or more than 40% of its assets, up to the amount of their hypothetical capital account balances, which increases such holder’s capital account balances upon which distributions are made. As a result, these hypothetical capital account balances represent a significant implicit value to the holders of such partnership interests, and the amount of such hypothetical capital account balances have priority over any distributions that may be made with respect to the BCH Class A Units indirectly held by the Company.

Priority of Distributions

The BCH Class A Units held indirectly by the Company are subject to the preferences to other classes of BCH limited partner interests, including the right to receive any distributions from BCH. These classes of BCH limited partner interests that have priority over the BCH Class A Units are primarily held, directly, or indirectly, by the Company’s officers, directors and existing equityholders. The following summarizes the order of priority of distributions from BCH from operations and from a sale of BCH, or at least 40% of the value of its assets.

Distributions From Operations

The BCH Class A Units held by Ben LLC are only entitled to receive with respect to the operations of BCH discretionary distributions as determined by Ben LLC, as the general partner of BCH.

- Funds available for such discretionary distributions are subject to the prior payment of the following obligations that have priority over such discretionary distributions:
 - any required distributions to holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts;
 - any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA; and
 - any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders thereof on or after January 1, 2023.

- In addition, such discretionary distributions are subject to certain restrictions and no discretionary distributions, assuming funds are available, may be made until:
 - there are no BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023, this limitation is no longer applicable;
 - any required guaranteed payment with respect to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; and
 - any required distributions to BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts that have been requested pursuant to Section 4.01 of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made.
- Any discretionary distributions made shall be in the following order of priority:
 - *First*, pro rata to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts until the amount of such distributions and tax distributions to such holders equals the sum of all unpaid quarterly returns applicable to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts;
 - *Second*, pro rata to the holders of any outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts until the amount of such distributions and tax distributions to such holders equals the sum of all unpaid quarterly returns applicable to the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts;
 - *Third*, pro rata to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such distributions and tax distributions to such holders equals the sum of all unpaid quarterly returns applicable to the BCH Class S Preferred Units; and
 - *Thereafter*, pro rata to all holders of the limited partner interests in BCH in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances; provided, that without the consent of the executive committee of the Company's board of directors, such distributions may not result in the amount of liquid assets of BCH being less than the "Minimum Retained Earnings." The Minimum Retained Earnings is an amount equal to (i) the sum of the hypothetical capital account balances for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, and BCH Class S Preferred Units; (ii) the sum of all capital contributions made by the BCH Class A Units, plus (iii) the aggregate amount of carrying value adjustments allocated to the limited partner interests.

Distribution of Sales Proceeds

In the event of a sale of BCH, or more than 40% of the assets, the proceeds of such sale shall be distributed in the following order of priority:

- *First*, pro rata to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts in an amount equal to the positive capital account attributable to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts;
- *Second*, pro rata and pari passu to the holders of (i) the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts in an amount equal to the positive capital account attributable to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and (ii) any outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts in an amount equal to the positive capital account attributable to the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts;
- *Third*, pro rata to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units in an amount equal to the positive capital account attributable to the BCH Class S Preferred Units; and
- *Thereafter*, pro rata to the holders of the BCH Class A Units and the BCH Class S Ordinary Units.

BCH Class A Units

The BCH Class A Units are comprised solely of the BCH Class A Units (“BCH Class A Units”). The BCH Class A Units track the Ben LLC Class A Units. BCH shall issue one BCH Class A Unit for each Ben LLC Class A Unit outstanding. The BCH Class A Units track the Ben LLC Class A Units with respect to profit and loss allocations and are subject to being redeemed or cancelled when a corresponding Ben LLC Class A Unit is redeemed or cancelled. Ben LLC owns one hundred percent (100%) of the outstanding BCH Class A Units.

Distributions. Each BCH Class A Unit is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions. Funds available for such discretionary distributions are subject to the prior payment of the following obligations that have priority over such discretionary distribution: (i) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts; (ii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA; and (iii) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023. In addition, BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023, this limitation is no longer applicable. Further, no discretionary distributions, assuming funds are available, shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; and (ii) any required distributions to BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts that have been requested pursuant to Section 4.01 of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the Class S Preferred Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Preferred Units”) until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to all holders of BCH units, including the BCH Class A Units, pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “—*Priority of Distributions – Distributions from Operations.*”

Voting. The BCH Class A Units have no voting rights, except as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA as set forth below. Unless BCH has received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority in interest of the outstanding BCH Class A Units voting as a separate class, BCH cannot adopt any amendment to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such class. In addition, the limited partners of BCH shall have the right to vote on any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of BCH.

Partnership Sale, Liquidation. Upon the occurrence of a Partnership Sale (as defined in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA) involving BCH or the liquidation of BCH, the guaranteed payments (described below) to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts shall first be paid. The remaining amounts available for distribution will be made to BCH limited partners in accordance with their respective capital account balances in the order of priority as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions – Distribution of Sales Proceeds.*” The holders of certain outstanding BCH units that have priority as to the BCH Class A Units will be specially allocated items of gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any Partnership Sale or liquidation, a capital account balance equal to such class’s preferred or designated return.

BCH Class S Units

The Class S Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Units”) are subdivided into the Class S Ordinary Units (the “BCH Class S Ordinary Units”) and the BCH Class S Preferred Units.

BCH Class S Ordinary Units

Distributions. Each BCH Class S Ordinary Unit is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts,

provided further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023, this limitation is no longer applicable. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to the holders of BCH units, including the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions – Distribution from Operations.*”

Issuance of Additional BCH Class S Units. Following certain allocations of income to the BCH Class S Units, the capital account balance associated with such BCH Class S Units shall be reduced to zero and, in exchange, the holder shall be issued an equal number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units equal to the amount of the reduction in the capital account divided by a price, which we refer to as the unit price, equal to the closing price of Class A common stock on the primary exchange on which the shares of Class A common stock are listed on the date of such exchange or, if Class A common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, the closing price on the date of such exchange as quoted on the automated quotation system on which Class A common stock is quoted. Such provisions result in the holders of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of the allocation of income of BCH while retaining the BCH Class S Units.

Redemption, Conversion or Exchange. BCH Class S Ordinary Units may be exchanged, in accordance with the terms of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA and an exchange agreement to be executed by and among the Company, BCH and others, on a one-for-one basis, for Class A common stock upon election of a holder of BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Upon such election, each BCH Class S Ordinary Unit shall be exchanged for one share of Class A common stock, each exchanged BCH Class S Ordinary Unit will then be cancelled, and BCH shall issue to Ben LLC a BCH Class A Unit for each BCH Class S Ordinary Unit that is exchanged.

Voting. The BCH Class S Ordinary Units have no voting rights, except as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA as set forth below. Unless BCH has received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority in interest of the outstanding BCH Class S Units, or the BCH Class S Ordinary Units or BCH Class S Preferred Units, as applicable, voting as a separate class, BCH cannot adopt any amendment to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such class or subclass, as applicable. In addition, the limited partners of BCH shall have the right to vote on any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of BCH.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. Upon the occurrence of a Partnership Sale involving BCH or the liquidation of BCH, the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts shall first be paid. The remaining amounts available for distribution will be made to BCH limited partners in accordance with their respective capital account balances in the order of priority as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions – Distribution of Sale Proceeds.*” The holders of certain outstanding BCH units that have priority as to the BCH Class S Ordinary Units will be specially allocated items of gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any Partnership Sale or liquidation, a capital account balance equal to such class’s preferred or designated return.

BCH Class S Preferred Units

Distributions. Each BCH Class S Preferred Unit is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023, this limitation is no

longer applicable. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred return. Discretionary distributions shall then be made to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their total unpaid preferred return. Thereafter, discretionary distributions shall be made to the holders of BCH units pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions – Distributions from Operations.*”

Preferred Return and Special Allocations. The BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to a quarterly preferred return (the “Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return”) equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Class S Preferred Unit, multiplied by a rate, which we refer to as the base rate. Under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, the base rate is the most recent 90-Day Average Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York prior to each fiscal quarter plus 0.5% (2.0% per annum); provided, that the BCH Class S Preferred Unit preferred rate shall be waived and shall not accrue during the period from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024, except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units. In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Class S Preferred Unit return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return as described above. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical Class S Preferred Unit capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Returns or hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit Accounts capital account already accrued as of the effective date.

Subject to the limited waiver and deferral of the preferred return as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LP, (i) to the extent there is sufficient income, the BCH Class S Preferred quarterly return is allocated to the capital accounts of the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units, and (ii) to the extent there is not sufficient income, the portion of the quarterly preferred return that is not allocated to the capital account is allocated to the hypothetical Class S Preferred Units capital account and would become allocable to the holder’s capital account in the next quarterly period in which there is sufficient income to make such allocation (with respect to the aggregate amounts so accrued as of any given date, such amount, the “Accrued Quarterly Class Preferred Unit Return”).

Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to receive, following the allocation of certain excluded amounts pursuant to Section 5.04(a)(viii) of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA and certain other required allocations pursuant to Section 5.04(f) of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, allocations until the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return and any Accrued Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return have been allocated. The hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account is used for purposes of calculating the Quarterly Class S Preferred Unit Return and, as a result, increases in the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account result in increased returns in the future. Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are also entitled to receive allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account, thereby increasing such holder’s BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account and resulting distributions. As a result, the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account balance represents a significant implicit value to any holder of the BCH Class S Preferred Units.

Issuance of Additional BCH Class S Units. Following certain allocations of income to the BCH Class S Units, the capital account balance associated with such BCH Class S Units shall be reduced to zero and, in exchange, the holder shall be issued an equal number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units necessary to provide such holder with an additional number of units that, in the aggregate, equal the amount of the reduction in the capital account divided by the unit price on the date of such exchange. On a quarterly basis, the capital account balance associated with the BCH Class S Preferred Units of each holder of such units shall be reduced by the amount of the profit allocated to such holder during such quarter pursuant to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. In exchange, such holder shall be issued the number of BCH Class S Preferred Units equal to the amount of the reduction in the capital account balance divided by the unit price on the date of such exchange. Such provisions result in the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of allocations of income of BCH while retaining the BCH Class S Units.

Redemption, Conversion or Exchange. BCH Class S Preferred Units may be converted into BCH Class S Ordinary Units on a quarterly basis upon election of the holder. The holder will receive 1.0 BCH Class S Ordinary Unit for every 1.2 BCH Class S Preferred Unit. Each converted BCH Class S Preferred Unit will be cancelled. The BCH Class S Ordinary Units issued upon such conversion may be contemporaneously exchanged for shares of Class A common stock.

Voting. The BCH Class S Preferred Units have no voting rights, except as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA as set forth below. Unless BCH has received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority in interest of the outstanding BCH Class S Units, or the BCH Class S Ordinary Units or the BCH Class S Preferred Units, as applicable, voting as a separate class, BCH cannot adopt any amendment to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such class or subclass, as applicable. In addition, the limited partners of BCH shall have the right to vote on any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of BCH.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. Upon the occurrence of a Partnership Sale involving BCH or the liquidation of BCH, the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts shall first be paid. The remaining amounts available for distribution will be made to BCH limited partners in accordance with their respective capital account balances in the order of priority as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. For additional information, see the section titled “ — Priority of Distributions – Distribution of Sale Proceeds.” The holders of certain outstanding BCH units that have priority as to the BCH Class S Preferred Units, as well as the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units, will be specially allocated items of gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any Partnership Sale or liquidation, a capital account balance equal to such class’s preferred or designated return.

BCH FLP Unit Accounts

Certain members of our management team and our founders have retained certain profits interests and revenue and profit participations, which we collectively refer to as retained interests, that are represented by the BCH FLP Unit Accounts of BCH. The BCH FLP Unit Accounts are subdivided into BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, BHI, a Related Entity, which owns a majority of the BCH Class S Units, BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts and BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, held 100% of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and 100% of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts and Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. (“BMP”) held 100% of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts.

BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts

Distributions. Each BCH FLP-1 Unit Account is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023, this limitation is no longer applicable. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit

Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to all holders of BCH units, including the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions – Distributions from Operations.*”

Special Allocations, Issuances of Additional BCH Class S Units. In the event of an upward adjustment of the carrying value of any BCH assets and an allocation of the book difference allocation amount (approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the then outstanding capital account balances of the outstanding BCH Class A Units and the BCH Class S Units) among the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, the capital account balance associated with each BCH FLP-1 Unit Account and BCH FLP-2 Unit Account shall be reduced by such allocation. In exchange for such reduction, each holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts shall be issued the number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units equal to the amount of the reduction in the capital account balance divided by the unit price on the date of such exchange. Such provision results in BHI, a Related Entity, as the holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of any upward adjustment of the carrying value of the assets of BCH while retaining such BCH FLP-1 Units and BCH FLP-2 Units. As a result of the consummation of the Business Combination, an adjustment to the carrying value of BCH’s assets of approximately \$391 million occurred. Pursuant to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, approximately 39,077,780 Class S Ordinary Units would be issuable as a result of the carrying value adjustment. However, due to the Company’s Compensation Policy, the number of Class S Ordinary Units that may be issued in 2023 in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination will be limited; provided that any such Class S Ordinary Units that may not be issued in 2023 may be issued in subsequent years in accordance with the Compensation Policy. Subject to the limitation of the Compensation Policy, it is anticipated that as a result of the Business Combination, BHI, as the holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, will receive approximately 1,515,000 BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BMP, as the holder of the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, will receive approximately 1,485,000 BCH Class S Ordinary Units as a result of the carrying value adjustment.

In addition to the carrying value adjustment relating to the consummation of the Business Combination, the carrying value will also be adjusted in the future upon the occurrence of certain events such as the acquisition of additional limited partner interests for more than a de minimis capital contribution. These events, and the resulting carrying value adjustments, are likely to occur. As a result, additional Class S Ordinary Units will be issuable to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts in the future in an amount that will be equal to approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the then outstanding capital account balances of the outstanding BCH Class A Units and BCH Class S Units.

The BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts also receive certain allocations, including a special allocation to the retained interests, that result in the issuance of additional BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units to the holders of such BCH FLP Unit Accounts. In addition to preferred allocations to BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts upon a Partnership Sale (as defined in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA) with respect to BCH, the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts (receiving 50.5%) and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts (receiving 49.5%) shall be allocated (i) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits and losses from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries and (ii) an amount equal to the lesser of (A) fifty percent (50%) of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding financing activities revenues, and (B) that amount of revenues that will cause the profit margin (as defined in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA) to equal twenty percent (20%). After any such allocations, other allocations of profits and losses excluding such special allocations, and allocations of sales proceeds, if a capital account balance associated with a BCH FLP-1 Unit Account or BCH FLP-2 Unit Account is positive, such capital account balance shall be reduced to zero and, in exchange, the holder of such BCH FLP Unit Account shall be

issued an equal number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units necessary to provide such holder with an additional number of units that, in the aggregate, equal the amount of the reduction in the capital account divided by the unit price on the date of such exchange. The allocation provisions may result in positive allocations, and the issuance of additional Class S Units, to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts when the Company is not profitable on a consolidated basis and/or when BCH is not profitable on an unconsolidated basis. Such BCH Class S Units that are issued may not be disposed of by any holder before April 1 of the following year. If the calculation of such allocations on a quarterly basis rather than an annual basis results in an excess allocation to the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, then an equal number of issued BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units having a value equal to such excess allocation shall be cancelled on or before March 31 of the following year.

Voting. Without the consent of the limited partners holding a majority of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts, voting as a single class, and, to the extent effecting the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, the consent of the holders of a majority of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, BCH may not sell, modify the economic rights of, or pledge any interests in any subsidiary in a manner that adversely affects certain special allocations to the BCH FLP Units described above and the special allocations with respect to the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts described below.

In addition, without the consent of the limited partners holding a majority of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts, voting as a single class, and, to the extent affecting the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, the consent of the holders of a majority of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, BCH may not take any action or participate in any transaction that would cause BCH to hold, directly or indirectly, less than 100% of the economic interest in The Pen Indemnity Insurance Company, L.P., its subsidiaries and its general partner.

Except for the foregoing required approvals and as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA as set forth below, the BCH FLP Unit Accounts have no voting rights. Unless BCH has received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority in interest of the outstanding BCH FLP Unit Accounts, or the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, or BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts as applicable, voting as a separate class, BCH cannot adopt any amendment to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such class or subclass, as applicable. In addition, the limited partners of BCH shall have the right to vote on any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of BCH.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. The BCH FLP Unit Accounts do not receive distributions upon a Partnership Sale or dissolution. However, prior to any such distribution, the capital account balances of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts will be reduced to zero and the capital account balances of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts will be converted into BCH Class S Ordinary and BCH Class S Preferred Units prior to any such distributions.

BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts

Distributions. Each BCH FLP-2 Unit Account is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that, BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to all holders of BCH units, including the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, pro rata in

accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “—*Priority of Distributions – Distributions from Operations.*”

Special Allocations, Issuances of Additional BCH Class S Units. For additional information, see the section titled “*BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts — Special Allocations, Issuances of Additional BCH Class S Unit*” for a discussion of the special allocations to, and conversion of, the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts into BCH Class S Units.

Voting. For additional information, see the section titled “*BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts — Voting*” for a discussion of the approval and voting rights of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. For additional information, see the section titled “*BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts — Partnership Sale, Dissolution*” for a discussion of the rights of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts upon a Partnership Sale or dissolution.

BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts

Special Allocations, Distributions. The BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts shall be allocated, on a pro rata basis each fiscal quarter, five percent (5%) of the profits and losses from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries, with certain exceptions; provided that the amount allocated for any fiscal quarter shall not exceed 10% of the average annualized stated interest of the quarterly average of new loans made by subsidiaries of Beneficient, including Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C, to customized trust vehicles that we implement for our customers and through which we provide our customers liquidity for their alternative assets to finance liquidity transactions (the “ExAlt Loans”) issued during the twelve (12) quarters immediately preceding such fiscal quarter. If at the end of each fiscal year the capital account balance of any BCH Subclass 3 Unit Account is positive, BCH shall distribute to the holder of such BCH FLP-3 Unit Account cash in an amount equal to the capital account balance of such applicable BCH FLP-3 Unit Account, and such capital account will be reduced to zero. The allocation provisions may result in positive allocations, and additional distributions, to the holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts when the Company is not profitable on a consolidated basis and/or when BCH is not profitable on an unconsolidated basis.

In addition to the foregoing special allocations and distributions, each BCH FLP-3 Unit Account is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that, BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made, (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts, and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to of their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to all holders of BCH units, including the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “—*Priority of Distributions — Distributions from Operations.*”

Redemption, Conversion or Exchange. The BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts are not subject to any redemption, conversion or exchange.

Voting. For additional information, see the section titled “*BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts — Voting*” for a discussion of the approval and voting rights of the BCH FLP Unit Accounts.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. The BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts do not receive distributions in connection with a Partnership Sale or dissolution. However, prior to any distribution of sales proceeds from a Partnership Sale, the holder of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts will be entitled to receive any distributions that are payable as described above.

BCH Preferred Series A Unit Accounts

The Preferred Series A Unit Accounts of BCH (the “BCH Preferred A Unit Accounts”) are subdivided into the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts and the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts. Approximately \$193,860,223 of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts were converted and exchanged for shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock in connection with the Business Combination. A significant percentage of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts and the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are held by BHI, a related entity.

BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts

Distributions. Each BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Account is entitled to receive, on a quarterly basis, a guaranteed payment in an amount equal to the (i) the product of (1) the then current capital account balance of such BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Account, multiplied by (2) 1.5% (or 6.0% per annum), plus (ii) any previously due but unpaid guaranteed payments owing to the holder of such BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Account. BCH’s obligation to make such guaranteed payment is not subject to available cash and has priority over all other distributions made by BCH. The guaranteed payments are not made payable in connection with an allocation of income but are a required cash payment recorded as an expense for BCH. On December 1, 2021, BHI and the other holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts entered into an agreement to defer the delivery of guaranteed payments until August 31, 2023; provided that, the right to such deferred guaranteed payments continue to accrue on a quarterly basis and that guaranteed payments may be made prior to August 31, 2023 if the Audit Committee of the general partner of BCG determines that making such payment, in part or in full, would not cause the Company to incur a going concern.

In addition to the guaranteed payments, each BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Account is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that, BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023. Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made, (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed.

Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, then to the holders of the outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns, and then to all holders of BCH units, including the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions — Distributions from Operations.*”

Redemption, Conversion or Exchange. At any time on or after January 1, 2023, the capital account balance of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts may be converted into BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the election of the holder. Upon conversion, the holder shall be issued BCH Class S Ordinary Units in an amount equal to the capital account balance associated with the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts being converted divided by a price equal to the average of (i) \$10.50, and (ii) the volume-weighted average closing price of Class A common stock for the twenty (20) days preceding the applicable exchange date; provided, that from the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA through December 31, 2027, such conversion price shall not be less than \$10.50. Such provision results in the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH while retaining the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts.

In addition, at any time on or after January 1, 2023, a holder of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts may elect to convert, on a quarterly basis, an amount of BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance up to 12.5% of such holder's initial capital account balance of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts into BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, provided that in no event shall a holder convert an amount of their BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, on an aggregate basis, in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the initial capital account balance of such holder's BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts.

At any time on or after January 1, 2023, holders of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts may elect, on a quarterly basis, to redeem an amount of BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts with a capital account balance up to 12.5% of such holder's capital account balance of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts; provided that no holder may require the redemption of more than 50% of the capital account balance of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts. To the extent there is not sufficient BCH Available Redeeming Cash (as defined in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA) to redeem all applicable BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts, BCH shall continue to redeem such BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on a quarterly basis until all applicable unit accounts have been redeemed.

Voting. Without the consent of the limited partners holding a majority of the BCH Preferred Series A Units (i) neither BCH nor its subsidiaries shall issue any equity securities or incur or issue any indebtedness that, in any such case, is senior to, or *pari passu*, with any right of distribution, redemption, or other payment to the Preferred Series A Units, (ii) prior to the conversion of all BCH Preferred Series A Units, BCH may not incur additional long-term indebtedness unless (a) after giving effect to the incurrence of such additional indebtedness, the sum of such additional indebtedness and all other existing indebtedness would not exceed 55% of the net asset value of BCH's alternative asset financing portfolio plus all cash on hand at the Company, BCH and its subsidiaries, and (b) at the time of incurrence, the aggregate balance of BCH's (including controlled subsidiaries) indebtedness plus such additional indebtedness does not exceed 40% of the net asset value of the collateral underlying the loan portfolio of BCH and its subsidiaries plus cash on hand at the Company, BCH and its subsidiaries, and (iii) BCH shall not, except as permitted in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, redeem any other class or series of equity securities until the holders of the BCH Preferred Series A Units have been paid or redeemed an amount based upon their capital account balances, as adjusted pursuant to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA.

Except for the foregoing required approvals and as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA as set forth below, the BCH Preferred Series A Units have no voting rights. Unless BCH has received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority in interest of the outstanding BCH Preferred Series A Units, or the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts or BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, as applicable, voting as a separate class, BCH cannot adopt any amendment to the BCH Eighth A&R LPA that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such class or subclass, as applicable. In addition, the limited partners of BCH shall have the right to vote on any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of BCH.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. Upon the occurrence of a Partnership Sale involving BCH or the liquidation of BCH, the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts shall first be paid. The remaining amounts available for distribution will be made to BCH limited partners in accordance with their respective capital account balances. Distributions shall be made in the order of priority as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, with the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts having the senior priority. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions* — *Distribution of Sale Proceeds*.” The holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts will be specially allocated items of gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any Partnership Sale or liquidation, a capital account balance equal to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts' preferred or designated return.

BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts

Distributions. From and after April 1, 2023, to the extent there is an allocation of profits from operations to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts in an amount equal to the quarterly preferred return during any quarter, BHI may make a request for a distribution in the amount of such allocation, subject to available cash and to the guaranteed payment to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts.

In addition to the foregoing, each BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Account is entitled to receive discretionary cash distributions to the extent BCH makes discretionary distributions; provided, that, BCH may not make any discretionary distributions without the consent of a majority in interest of the holders of the BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts, provided, further, that upon the conversion of the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts effective July 10, 2023.

Further, no discretionary distributions shall be made until (i) the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts have been made; (ii) any required distributions to holders of the BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts have been made; (iii) any required tax distributions under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA have been made; and (iv) any redemption of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts which may be required by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts on or after January 1, 2023 have been completed. Discretionary distributions shall first be made to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts' unpaid preferred returns. Discretionary distributions shall then be made to the holders of any outstanding BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts and then to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units until the amount of such discretionary distributions, and any tax distributions, are equal to their respective unpaid preferred returns.

Thereafter, discretionary distributions shall be made to the holders of BCH units pro rata in accordance with their respective positive capital account balances. For additional information, see the section titled "*Priority of Distributions — Distributions from Operations.*"

Preferred Return and Special Allocation

The BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are entitled to a quarterly preferred return (the "Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return") equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, multiplied by the base rate; provided, that the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts preferred rate shall be waived and shall not accrue during the period from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024, except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, in which event distributions may be requested by the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and if not requested, such amounts shall be accrued. In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return as described above. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return from the effective date of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Returns or hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account already accrued as of the effective date.

Subject to the waiver and deferral of the preferred return as provided in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, (i) to the extent there is sufficient income, the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts quarterly return is allocated to the capital accounts of the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, and (ii) to the extent there is not sufficient income, the portion of the quarterly preferred return that is not allocated to the capital account is allocated to the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account and would become allocable to the holder's capital account in the next quarterly period in which there is sufficient income to make such allocation (with respect to the aggregate amounts so accrued as of any given date, such amount, the "Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return"). As stated above, the accrual of the preferred return is waived and deferred under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. Holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are entitled to receive, following the allocation of certain excluded amounts

pursuant to Section 5.04(a)(iv) of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA and certain other required allocations pursuant to Section 5.04(f) of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA, allocations until the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return and any Accrued Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return have been allocated. The hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account is used for purposes of calculating the Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Return and, as a result, increases in the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account result in increased Quarterly Preferred Series A-1 Returns in the future. Holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts are also entitled to receive allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account, thereby increasing such holder's BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital account and resulting distributions. As a result, the hypothetical BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts capital balance represents a significant implicit value to any holder of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts.

Redemption, Conversion and Exchange. From and after January 1, 2025, BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts may be converted into BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the election of the holder, subject to a 20% annual conversion limit through December 31, 2029 as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA; provided, that if the conversion price for the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts equals or exceeds \$18.00 after January 1, 2025, the annual conversion limit shall no longer be applicable. Upon conversion, the holder shall be issued BCH Class S Ordinary Units in an amount equal to the capital account balance associated with the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts being converted divided by a price equal to the average closing price of Class A common stock for the thirty (30) days preceding the applicable exchange date; provided, that from the effectiveness of the BCH Eighth A&R LPA through December 31, 2027, such conversion price shall not be less than \$10.50.

Voting. For additional information, see the section titled “*BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts — Voting*” for a description of the voting rights of the BCH Preferred Series A Units.

Partnership Sale, Dissolution. Upon the occurrence of a Partnership Sale involving BCH or the liquidation of BCH, the guaranteed payments to the BCH Preferred A-0 Unit Accounts shall first be paid. The remaining amounts available for distribution will be made to BCH limited partners in accordance with their respective capital account balances. Distributions shall be made in the order of priority as set forth in the BCH Eighth A&R LPA. For additional information, see the section titled “ — *Priority of Distributions — Distribution of Sale Proceeds.*” The holders of certain outstanding BCH units that have priority as to the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, as well as the holders of the BCH Preferred A-1 Unit Accounts, will be specially allocated items of gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any Partnership Sale or liquidation, a capital account balance equal to such class's preferred or designated return.

BCH Preferred Series C-1 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred Series C Unit Accounts were subdivided into the BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts and the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts. On December 1, 2021, all outstanding BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts were redeemed and as of the date of this Annual Report on 10-K there are no BCH Preferred C-0 Unit Accounts outstanding, and only BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts are authorized under the BCH Eighth A&R LPA.

The BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts outstanding as of March 31, 2023 converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock effective July 10, 2023, and as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, no BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts are outstanding.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BENEFICIENT MANAGEMENT
PARTNERS, L.P.
2019 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

This Second Amendment to the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Amendment”) is made effective as of January 1, 2021, by Beneficient Management Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Partnership”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2019, the General Partner of the Partnership approved the adoption of the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) and the Plan was subsequently amended on December 29, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Plan contains certain redemption provisions applicable to the Class A Units; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership now desires to amend the Plan to add an alternative redemption provision for the Class A Units;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Plan is hereby amended as follows:

1. The first sentence of Section 15 of the Plan is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Subject to the Minimum Retained Ownership Requirement and Section 4.05 of the LP Agreement, on a quarterly basis, the Participant may direct the Partnership, upon written notice, with respect to all or a portion of the Participant’s Vested Class A Units, (i)(A) to convert all or any number of Allocation Partnership Preferred Units attributable to such Vested Class A Units to Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units and/or (B) exchange all or any number of Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units attributable to such Vested Class A Units for common units (the “MLP Units”) of the applicable Issuer pursuant to an Exchange Agreement; and (ii) to distribute such MLP Units to the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, fractional Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units may be settled in cash as allowed by the Administrator.

2. Section 16(a) of the Plan is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) *Redemption and Consideration Covering Net Assets having an Exchange Traded Market Value.* The Administrator shall cause the Participant’s Vested Class A Units to be redeemed in the manner provided in Section 16(a)(i); provided, however, that in the event the Repurchase Amount (as defined in Section 16(a)(ii)) is less than \$250,000, the Administrator, in its sole discretion,

may cause the Participant's Vested Class A Units to be redeemed in the manner provided in Section 16(a)(ii).

(i) The Partnership shall contribute Allocation Partnership Holdings underlying the Vested Class A Units held by the Participant along with cash and/or marketable securities (which are not pledged to secure other obligations of the Partnership) in an amount equal to the positive amount of Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets to a subsidiary of the Partnership (the "Subsidiary") organized as a Delaware limited liability company managed by the Partnership. The Partnership shall subsequently distribute the interests in the Subsidiary received for such contribution to the Participant, subject to the following:

(A) If the Partnership's Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets represent a negative amount, then the Partnership shall reduce the contribution (but not below zero) to the Subsidiary of the Allocation Partnership Preferred Units by an amount equal to the product of (x) the percent obtained by dividing the value of the Allocation Partnership Preferred Units by the total Allocation Partnership Holdings and (y) the absolute value of the negative Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets. The Partnership shall further reduce the contribution (but not below zero) to the Subsidiary of the Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units by the number of Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units that are equal in value to the Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets which were not used to reduce the amount of Allocation Partnership Preferred Units in the previous sentence.

(B) The Partnership shall take the required steps to advance the following additional consideration to the Participant in return for the redemption of the Participant's Class A Units in the Partnership. On an annual basis for the five year period following the Participant's termination of Employment, the Participant's continued participation under the applicable Award Agreement shall be reduced by 20% each year with such initial participation to be calculated based on the Vested Class A Units the Participant held immediately prior to the Participant's termination of Employment. The result of which shall be the Participant participating in 100% of his or her otherwise Vested Class A Units in year one, 80% of its otherwise Vested Class A Units in year two, 60% of its otherwise Vested Class A Units in year three, 40% of its otherwise Vested Class A Units in year four, 20% of its otherwise Vested Class A Units in year five, and no Vested Class A Units at the end of the five-year period. All distributions to the Participant under this Section 16(a)(i)(B) shall be treated as payments for the Participant's interest in the Partnership within the meaning of Section 736 of the Code. At the end of the five-year

period, the Participant shall cease to hold Class A Units and shall cease to be a Limited Partner of the Partnership. The Partnership shall make a contribution (which shall not be less than zero) to the Subsidiary of all of the Allocation Partnership Holdings underlying the Participant's participation pursuant to this Section 16(a)(i)(B) reduced by the absolute value of any remaining negative amount of Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets and Net Vested Class B Monetary Assets which may have not been allocated pursuant to Section 16(a)(i)(A), Section 16(b)(i) and Section 16(b)(ii).

(ii) The Partnership shall reacquire the Participant's outstanding Vested Class A Units (the "Repurchased Class A Units") for an amount (the "Repurchase Amount") equal to the then-current Carrying Value of the businesses underlying the Class A Units (the "BEN Operations"). For purposes of this Section 16(a)(ii), the Carrying Value of the BEN Operations shall be deemed equal to five (5) times the BEN Operations' steady-state operating EBITDA (which EBITDA shall not include income from assets included in Net Monetary Assets of the BEN Operations) as forecasted by the Partnership's General Partner in its sole discretion for the twelve full months following the Employee's termination of employment, and such Carrying Value of the BEN Operations shall be adjusted upward or downward, as the case may be, by the aggregate Net Monetary Assets of the BEN Operations, as applicable, as of the month- end following such termination of employment. Concurrent with this reacquisition of the Repurchased Class A Units, the Partnership is authorized and directed to modify the Partnership allocation and distribution terms for the Repurchased Class A Units to receive a Profits allocation and cumulative cash distributions equal to the actual EBITDA (which EBITDA shall not include income from assets included in Net Monetary Assets of the BEN Operations), which shall be subordinated to Tax Distributions (as defined in Article IV of the LP Agreement), for a five year period following the repurchase of the Repurchased Class A Units. After such five year period, the Repurchased Class A Units shall be retired by the Partnership and the holder of the Repurchased Class A Units shall no longer be a Limited Partner of the Partnership. The Partnership shall (x) distribute to the Participant the Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets (if such amount is a positive amount) and (y) deliver the Repurchase Amount for the five year period following the termination of the Participant's employment by providing the Participant with the rights pertaining to Repurchased Class A Units in the Partnership described above; provided, however, that the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may elect to deliver the Repurchase Amount to the Participant as a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable following the Participant's termination of employment. All distributions to the Participant under this Section 16(a)(ii) shall be treated as payments for the Participant's interest in the Partnership within the meaning of Section 736 of the Code. The

Participant shall cease to hold Class A Units upon the termination of the Participant's employment. If the Net Vested Class A Monetary Assets is a negative amount, then the cash distributable to the Participant under this Section 16(a)(ii) will be reduced (but not below zero) by the absolute value of such negative amount.

3. Section 16(c)(i) of the Plan is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(i) Without regard to the Minimum Retained Ownership Requirement, on a quarterly basis, the Partnership shall also authorize and direct the Subsidiary to take any one or more of the actions at the election of the Participant: (A) to convert any underlying Allocation Partnership Preferred Units to Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units, and/or (B) to convert any underlying Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units to MLP Units and distribute all or a portion of such MLP Units to the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, fractional Allocation Partnership Ordinary Units may be settled in cash as allowed by the Administrator.

4. Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Partnership has caused this Amendment to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer on the date set forth above.

BENEFICIENT MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Beneficient Management Group, L.L.C., its General Partner

By:/s/ Jamie Crable
Name: Jamie Crable
Title: Authorized Signatory

Adopted solely with respect to its obligations under Section 16:

THE BENEFICIENT COMPANY GROUP, L.P.

By: Beneficient Management, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ Art Damoulakis
Name: Art Damoulakis
Title: Authorized Signatory

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**CONSENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 4
TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT**

THIS CONSENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment"), dated as of March 24, 2022 is entered into by and among BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P. (the "Borrower"), THE BENEFICIENT COMPANY GROUP, L.P. ("Parent"), HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C. ("HCLP"), as Lender under the Credit Agreement (as defined below) (in such capacity, the "Lender") and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement), and the DSTs party hereto.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Borrower, the Lender, and the Parent are party to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 (as modified by that certain Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 10, 2021, and as further amended by that certain Amendment No. 2 to Second Lien Loan Documents, dated as of June 28, 2021, as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of November 3, 2021 and effective as of July 15, 2021 ("Third Amendment"), as amended by that certain Consent No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of the date hereof ("Consent No. 2"), and as otherwise amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "Existing Credit Agreement", and the Existing Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment, the "Credit Agreement";

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Section 2.06(b) of the Credit Agreement with respect to payment of interest, the Borrower has requested that the Lender consent to all accrued interest and unpaid interest for the period beginning as of July 15, 2021 (the "Interest Consent Date") through the Amendment Effective Date being paid on the Amendment Effective Date (the "Interest Payment Extension");

WHEREAS, Borrower was required to cause all proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans to be paid to a deposit account of Borrower subject to an Account Control Agreement pursuant to Section 2.04(a) of the Existing Credit Agreement, but has not complied with such covenant (the "Account Control Agreement Deficiency");

WHEREAS, Section 7.05 of the Existing Credit Agreement provides that the Borrower may not, directly or indirectly, Dispose of any Funding Trust Loan (or any interest under any Funding Trust Loan Agreement, to any Person except as provided therein, including with the written consent of the Lender;

WHEREAS, the Borrower has advised the Lender that the agreements attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements") have been executed and such Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements provide that on December 31, 2021 (the "Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date"), the Borrower transferred (whether by assignment, contribution, amendment of the Liquidity Funding Trust Loan Transfer Agreements or otherwise) the rights in all of the applicable Liquidity Funding Trust Loan Transfer Agreements it held and with respect to the Funding Trust Loans, in each case, held by the Borrower, to Ben Liquidity, L.L.C, a Delaware limited liability company, which then transferred such rights to Beneficient Capital Company Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("BEN Capital Holdings"), which then transferred such rights to Beneficient Capital Lending, L.L.C. (f.k.a., Ben Liquidity Holdings, L.L.C.), a Delaware limited liability company

("BCL") (such transfers, collectively, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated thereby, the "Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer");

WHEREAS, the Borrower has advised the Lender that the agreements attached as Exhibit B hereto (the "Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements") have been executed and such Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements provide that on December 31, 2021 (the "Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date"), Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("New BCC") transferred (whether by assignment, contribution, amendment of the Fiduciary Funding Trust Loan Transfer Agreements or otherwise) the rights in all of the applicable Fiduciary Funding Trust Loan Transfer Agreements it held and with respect to the Funding Trust Loans, in each case, held by New BCC, to BEN Capital Holdings, which then transferred such rights to Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C, a Kansas Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution ("Fiduciary") (such transfers collectively, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated thereby, the "Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer");

WHEREAS, the Borrower has advised the Lender that PEN Indemnity Insurance Company Ltd., a Bermuda exempted company ("PEN"), Private Equity National Indemnity Holdings, L.P., a Bermuda exempted limited partnership ("Pen LP"), and PEN Insurance Holdings, L.P. ("PEN Insurance"), has entered into a Master Distribution Agreement dated effective as of March 8, 2022 (the "PEN Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date"), substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C hereto (the "PEN Loans Transfer Agreement"), pursuant to which PEN transferred (whether by assignment, contribution, amendment of the PEN Loans Transfer Agreements or otherwise) its rights in the loans set forth on Exhibit A to the PEN Loans Transfer Agreement (the "PEN Loans"), in each case, held by PEN, to Pen LP, which then transferred such rights to PEN Insurance (such transfers, collectively, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated thereby, the "PEN Funding Trust Loans Transfer", and together with the Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer and the Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer, each a "Funding Trust Loans Transfer", and collectively, the "Funding Trust Loan Transfers");

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2021, as required by Section 6 of the Third Amendment, the Borrower, paid-in-kind an amendment fee to the Third Amendment equal to \$2,277,144.89 (the "Third Amendment Fee");

WHEREAS, for good and valuable consideration, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, as a condition of Lender agreeing to the amendments and consents in both (i) this Amendment and
(ii) the Consent No. 2, Borrower agrees to pay to Lender amendment and consent fees consisting of:

(A) A maturity extension fee in the amount of \$2,808,861.60 (the "Maturity Extension Fee"), equaling approximately 3% of the sum of the current outstanding principal of the Loan before giving effect to this Amendment; and

(B) A consent fee for the consents contemplated by Amendment No. 2 and this Amendment in the amount of \$3,277,005.20 (the "Amendment No. 4 and Consent No. 2 Amendment Fee"), equaling approximately 3.5% of current outstanding principal of the Loan before giving effect to this Amendment;

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that Lender extend the Scheduled Maturity Date and the Final Maturity Date to August 31, 2023 (the "Maturity Extension"), and the Lender has agreed to extend the maturity subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Lender has agreed to
(i) make certain amendments to the Existing Credit Agreement and certain other Loan Documents, (ii)

consent to the Funding Trust Loans Transfers, (iii) consent to the Account Control Agreement Deficiency, (iv) consent to the Interest Payment Extension and (v) evidence the Maturity Extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Defined Terms.** All initially capitalized terms used herein (including the preamble and recitals hereof) without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Credit Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment.

2. **Other Defined Terms.** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Section 2:

“Released Claims” means any and all actions, causes of action, judgments, executions, suits, debts, claims, demands, controversies, liabilities, obligations, damages and expenses of any and every character (whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, absolute or contingent, acknowledged or disputed, direct or indirect), at law or in equity, of whatsoever kind or nature (including claims of usury), whether heretofore or hereafter accruing, for or because of any matter or things done, omitted or suffered to be done by any of the Released Persons prior to and including the date hereof that in any way directly or indirectly arise out of or in any way are connected to (a) any of the Loan Documents or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, (b) any negotiation, discussion, enforcement action, agreement or failure to agree related to any Loan Document or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, or (c) any action, event, occurrence, or omission otherwise related to the rights, duties, obligations and relationships among the Borrower and Lender.

“Released Persons” means Lender and its respective employees, agents, attorneys, officers, partners, shareholders, affiliates, accountants, consultants, and directors, and their respective successors and assigns.

3. **Consents.** Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5 hereof:

(a) **Consent to the Funding Trust Loans Transfers.** The Lender hereby consents to (a), as of the Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date, the Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer, (b) as of the Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date, the Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer, and (c) as of the PEN Funding Trust Loans Transfer Effective Date, the PEN Funding Trust Loans Transfer; provided, however, that, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Lender’s consent to the Funding Trust Loans Transfers is strictly conditioned on (i) each Funding Trust Loans Transfer expressly providing by its terms (and agreed in writing by all applicable parties thereto) that any transferee of any Collateral or other assets (real or personal) subject to Liens in favor of Lender pursuant to the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents will expressly assume such Liens in favor of Lender and that such transferred Collateral or other assets (real or personal) (other than, subject to Section 3(b) below, Subject Collateral (as defined below)) will be made subject to such Liens in favor of Lender, and (ii) the satisfaction of the post-closing covenants set forth in Section 6 hereof; provided further, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no consent made pursuant this Section 3(a) extinguishes, novates or releases any right, lien, claim, Lien, security interest or entitlement of the Lender created by or contained in the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Documents.

(b) Consent to Interest Payment Extension. Notwithstanding Section 2.06(b) of the Credit Agreement, effective as of the Interest Consent Date, the Lender hereby consents to the Interest Payment Extension and Borrower agrees to pay all interest subject to the Interest Payment Extension on the Amendment Effective Date; provided that the payment of such interest shall be calculated as giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment (including the revision to the definition of "Accrued Interest"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no consent made pursuant hereto extinguishes, novates or releases any right, lien, claim, Lien, security interest or entitlement of the Lender created by or contained in the Existing Credit Agreement or any other Loan Documents.

4. Amendment to Existing Credit Agreement. Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5 hereof, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended to reflect the following modifications:

(a) The following definitions are added to Section 1.01 of the Existing Credit Agreement in alphanumerical order:

"Fourth Amendment" means that certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022 by and among the Borrower, the Parent, Lender, and the other parties thereto.

"Fourth Amendment Effective Date" means March 24, 2022.

"Interest Consent Date" has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

"Third Amendment Fee" has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

"PIK Amount" means, as of any date of determination, the amount of the Third Amendment Fee that has been paid-in-kind.

- (b) The definition of "Accrued Interest" in Section 1.01 of the Existing Credit Agreement is hereby amended to delete clause (a) of such definition and replace it in its entirety as follows:

"(a) During any Interest Period, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to (x) prior to the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (A) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (B) the Spread and (y) on and after the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (i) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (ii) 8.0%; provided that, if the Accrued Interest pursuant to this clause (y) is greater than 9.5%, the Accrued Interest shall be deemed to be 9.5% (except as provided otherwise by the following proviso); provided further, and notwithstanding the foregoing, for the period beginning with the Interest Consent Date and ending on the Fourth Amendment Effective Date, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to 10.5%."

- (c) The following definitions in Section 1.01 of the Existing Credit Agreement are hereby amended and restated in their respective entireties as follows:

"Final Maturity Date" means August 31, 2023.

"Loan" means, collectively, (i) each of the outstanding Advances made hereunder, plus (ii) any outstanding PIK Amount.

"Scheduled Maturity Date" means August 31, 2023."

- (d) Effective as of December 1, 2021, the first sentence of Section 2.05 of the Existing Credit Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

"The Borrower shall, until such time as all outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations (as defined in the Subordination Agreement)) shall have been paid in full, repay to the Lender the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Loan in installments of

\$5 million to be paid on May 10, 2022, \$5 million to be paid on August 10, 2022, \$5 million to be paid on December 10, 2022, \$5 million to be paid on April 10, 2023 and the remaining outstanding Obligations to be paid on the Final Maturity; *provided that*, notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrower shall not make all or any portion of such payments under this Section 2.05 until the Obligations under the Senior Loan Documents are paid in full; *provided further*, that such payments shall be subject to a determination of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, L.L.C. that making such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the Company to incur a going concern, with such payment to be senior to any payment made with respect to the guaranteed payment due to holders of Preferred A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts of Borrower; provided, further, that if any payment is not made on such payment date, as set forth in this Section 2.05, then such payment shall be made as soon as a determination is made by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, L.L.C. that such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the Company to incur a going concern."

- (e) Section 8.01 of the Existing Credit Agreement is amended by deleting the lead-in clause "The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default" and is replaced with the following:

"Upon the occurrence of (i) any of the following events, and (ii) notice (written or oral) from Lender to Borrower that such Default shall constitute an Event of Default, such event shall constitute an Event of Default; provided, that, this clause (ii) shall not apply to clauses

(f) and (g) of this Section 8.01 and that the occurrence of any event described in clause (f) or (g) shall trigger an Event of Default without notice of any kind from Lender:"

- (f) The Borrower, the Lender, the Parent, and the other parties hereto agree that the payment- in-kind of the Third Amendment Fee satisfied the obligations of Borrower to pay such fee.
- (g) Effective as of August 13, 2020, the Lender and any relevant party hereto agrees that the Account Control Agreement Deficiency shall not constitute an Event of Default; provided that the Borrower enters into an Account Control Agreement on a post-closing basis as contemplated by Section 6 of this Amendment.
- (h) Schedule 1.01A of the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended to reflect the changes which are attached as Schedule 1.01A hereto, such that on the Amendment Effective Date (as defined below) the terms set forth in Schedule 1.01A hereto which appear in bold and double underlined text (inserted text) shall be added to Schedule 1.01A and the terms appearing as text which is stricken (~~deleted text~~) shall be deleted therefrom.

1. Conditions Precedent to Amendment. The satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of each of the following shall constitute conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Amendment (such date being the "Amendment Effective Date"):

(a) the Lender shall have received:

(i) this Amendment and Consent No. 2, in each case, duly executed by the parties hereto, and the same shall be in full force and effect;

(ii) payment of the Amendment No. 4 and Consent No. 2 Amendment Fee in cash;

and

(iii) payment of the Maturity Extension Fee in cash;

(b) Substantially concurrently with the closing of this Amendment, the Borrower shall prepay the "Obligations" (as defined in the Credit Agreement) under the Credit Agreement in an amount equal to \$2,277,144.89 (including any applicable prepayment premium or other charges), in each case, in compliance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the Subordination Agreement;

(c) the Lender shall have received all documents and instruments that Lender has then reasonably requested, in addition to those described in this Section 5. All such additional documents and instruments shall be reasonably satisfactory to Lender in form, substance and date;

(d) The Lender shall have received all interest subject to the Interest Payment Extension on the Amendment Effective Date calculated as giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment (including the revision to the definition of "Accrued Interest").

(e) after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment, no event shall have occurred and be continuing that would constitute an Event of Default;

(f) all representations and warranties made by Borrower or any other party in any Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) on and as of time of the effectiveness hereof as if such representations and warranties had been made as of the time of the effectiveness hereof (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty was made as of a specific date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) as of such specific date); and

(g) Borrower shall have paid, in connection with such Loan Documents, all reasonable and documented fees and reimbursements to be paid to Lender pursuant to any Loan Documents, or otherwise due Lender and including the reasonable and documented fees, expenses, and disbursements of Holland & Knight LLP.

2. Post-closing. Within 30 days of the Amendment Effective Date (or such later date as Lender may permit in its sole discretion), the Borrower agrees to execute and to cause all other Loan Parties (including the DSTs) to execute and enter into one or more amendments or modifications to the Credit Agreement and other Loan Documents, as well cause to be delivered any legal opinions requested by Lender, (including, but not limited to the joinder of new DSTs, as well as the Maturity Extension and this Amendment), in each case, as reasonably required by Lender in its reasonable discretion and on terms reasonably acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion, to (i) enter into one or more acknowledgments and/or amendments to the DST Security Agreement with

respect to the Credit Agreement and the joinder of the Trusts added to Section 1.01(A) hereunder,

(ii) enter into one or more Security Agreements, Guarantees, or other security instruments from PEN Insurance, BCL, and Fiduciary to guaranty the Obligations and pledge all of its respective interests in the Collateral (other than the Subject Collateral), (iii) enter into an Account Control Agreement on bank accounts of Borrower (including all such accounts containing proceeds of Funding Trust Loans except to the extent such account solely contains proceeds of the Prosperity Loan (as defined in Consent No. 2) and the Hatteras Loan (as defined in Consent No. 2)) in form and substance acceptable to Lender, (iv) enter into one or more amendments to the Credit Agreement with respect to such matters covered by this Amendment, and (v) make such other modifications as Lender may deem in its reasonable discretion to be required or appropriate to effect or reflect the transactions contemplated hereby or to add or perfect collateral for the Obligations. the Borrower agrees that the failure to comply with this Section 6 shall constitute an immediate Event of Default under the Credit Agreement.

3. Representations and Warranties. The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lender that:

(a) the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Loan Documents (as modified by this Amendment) are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) on and as of the date hereof (after giving effect to this Amendment), except to the extent that such representations and warranties are by their terms made as of a specified date, in which case they are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) as of such specified date;

(b) Immediately after giving effect to this Amendment, no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(c) Attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B are true and correct executed copies (and any amendments or other modifications thereto), as applicable, of the Liquidity Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements and the Fiduciary Funding Trust Loans Transfer Agreements.

(d) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower;

(e) this Amendment (with respect to the Borrower and Parent) and the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment) (with respect to the Borrower and Parent) constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of such Person, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and

(f) the execution and delivery by the Borrower and Parent of this Amendment and the performance by the Borrower and Parent of this Amendment and the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment), have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and

(i) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (ii) will not violate any material requirement of law applicable to the Borrower and Parent, (iii) will not violate or result in a default under any material indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon the Borrower and Parent or the assets of the Borrower or Parent, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by the Borrower or Parent, and (iv) except as expressly provided by this Amendment, will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of the Borrower, Parent, or any Subsidiary, except Liens created pursuant to the Loan Documents and the Senior Loan Documents.

4. **GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.** THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL SET FORTH IN **SECTIONS 9.14 AND 9.15** OF THE CREDIT AGREEMENT, AND SUCH PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, *MUTATIS MUTANDIS*.

5. **RELEASE OF CLAIMS.** TO INDUCE THE LENDER TO ENTER INTO THIS AMENDMENT, THE BORROWER HEREBY (A) REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT THERE ARE NO CLAIMS OR OFFSETS AGAINST OR DEFENSES OR COUNTERCLAIMS TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL SUCH CLAIMS, OFFSETS, DEFENSES, OR COUNTERCLAIMS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, ARISING PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, (B) RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES THE RELEASED PERSONS FROM ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS, AND (C) COVENANTS NOT TO ASSERT (AND NOT TO ASSIST OR ENABLE ANY OTHER PERSON TO ASSERT) ANY RELEASED CLAIM AGAINST ANY RELEASED PERSON. THE BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT SUCH RELEASE IS A GENERAL RELEASE OF ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS THAT CONSTITUTES A FULL AND COMPLETE SATISFACTION FOR ALL OR ANY ALLEGED INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASED CLAIMS, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREIN COMPROMISED AND SETTLED.

6. **Amendments.** This Amendment cannot be altered, amended, changed or modified in any respect except in accordance with **Section 9.01** of the Credit Agreement.

7. **Counterpart Execution.** This Amendment may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Amendment by facsimile transmission or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

8. **Continuing Effectiveness; Etc.**

(a) Upon the effectiveness of this Amendment, each reference in the Credit Agreement to "this Agreement," "hereunder," "hereof," "herein," "hereby" or words of like import shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby and each reference to the Credit Agreement in any other document, instrument or agreement executed and/or delivered in connection with the Senior Credit Agreement shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby.

(b) Except as specifically amended hereby, and subject to the consents set forth herein, the Existing Credit Agreement and all other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith, shall remain in full force and effect, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Borrower (i) agrees that, except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment and the transactions contemplated hereby shall not limit or diminish the obligations of the Borrower arising under or pursuant to the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, (ii) reaffirms its obligations under the Credit Agreement and each and every other Loan Document to which it is a party and (iii) reaffirms (x) all Liens on the Collateral which have been granted by it in favor of the Lender pursuant to any of the Loan Documents and (y) all filings made with any Governmental Authority in connection with such Liens, as applicable. **NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AMENDMENT OR OTHERWISE, NOTHING IN THIS AMENDMENT EXTINGUISHES, NOVATES OR RELEASES ANY RIGHT, CLAIM, LIEN, SECURITY INTEREST OR**

ENTITLEMENT OF ANY OF THE LENDER CREATED BY OR CONTAINED IN THE CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS NOR IS THE BORROWER NOR HOLDINGS NOR ANY OTHER PARTY RELEASED FROM ANY COVENANT, WARRANTY OR OBLIGATION CREATED BY OR CONTAINED HEREIN OR THEREIN.

(c) Except with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the consents and amendments specifically set forth herein, the execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of the Lender nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement or any other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith.

(d) This Amendment shall constitute a Loan Document under the Credit Agreement.

9. Integration. This Amendment, together with the other Loan Documents and the other documents contemplated hereby, contains the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

10. Severability. In case any provision in this Amendment shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be severable from the remainder of this Amendment and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

11. Headings. Section headings in this Amendment are included herein for convenience or reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Amendment for any other purpose.

12. Representation. The parties hereto acknowledge that Lender has selected Holland & Knight LLP as its legal counsel in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment. Borrower, each Guarantor, and Parent acknowledge that Holland & Knight LLP has not represented it in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment, and Holland & Knight LLP shall owe no duties directly to Borrower or Parent. Each of Borrower, each Guarantor, and Parent confirm that it has been advised (and given adequate time) to consult with its own legal and tax advisors regarding this Amendment and the Loan Documents.

13. Acknowledgment and Ratification of Guarantors. For the avoidance of doubt, each of the undersigned DSTs acknowledges, ratifies, and agrees to the terms of the Credit Agreement, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified on or prior to the date hereof (including, but not limited to, the change in Borrower and extension of maturity), including this Amendment, and that the Obligations as amended by the foregoing and this Amendment continue to be (A) Guaranteed Obligations under that certain Guaranty dated as of September 1, 2017 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof) executed by the DSTs as Guarantors for the benefit of Lender, and (B) secured by that certain Security and Pledge Agreement dated as of September 1, 2017 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof), executed by the DSTs as Pledgors for the benefit of Lender.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Amendment as of the date first above written.

BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P.,
as Borrower

By: /s/ James Silk
Name: James Silk
Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BENEFICIENT COMPANY GROUP, L.P.,
as Parent

By: /s/ James Silk
Name: James Silk
Title: Authorized Signatory

[Signature Page to Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement]

HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C.,
as the Lender, and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement

By: CROSSMARK MASTER HOLDINGS, LLC, its Manager

By: /s/ David L. Wickline
Name: David L. Wickline
Title: Manager

[Signature Page to Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement]

Acknowledged, Ratified, and agreed as of the date hereof:

DSTs:

LT-1 CUSTODY TRUST

By: /s/ John A. Stahl
Name: John A. Stahl
Title: Trustee of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, certificateholder of LT-1 Custody Trust

LT-3 CUSTODY TRUST

By: /s/ John A. Stahl
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EXHIBIT A

(See attached.)

EXHIBIT B

(See attached.)

[CONSENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT]

EXHIBIT C

(See attached.)

[CONSENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT]

AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this “Amendment”), dated as of July 12, 2023 (the “Effective Date”) is entered into by and among BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P. (the “Borrower”), BENEFICIENT, a Nevada corporation (“Parent”), the DSTs and Subsidiary Guarantors party hereto, and HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C. (“HCLP”), as Lender under the Credit Agreement (as defined below) (in such capacity, the “Lender”) and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Borrower, the Lender, and the Parent are party to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 (as modified by that certain Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 10, 2021, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 2 to Loan Documents, dated as of June 28, 2021, as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 3, 2021 and effective as of July 15, 2021, as modified by that certain Consent No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022, as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 15, 2023, as modified by that certain Consent No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 10, 2023, and as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 5, 2023, and as otherwise amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the “Existing Credit Agreement”, and the Existing Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment, the “Credit Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lender extend the Final Maturity Date to September 15, 2024 (the “Maturity Extension”), and the Lender has agreed to extend the maturity subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, as a condition of Lender agreeing to the Maturity Extension as set forth herein, Borrower agrees to pay to Lender a maturity extension fee in the amount of \$25,000.00 (the “Maturity Extension Fee”); and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Lender has agreed to evidence the Maturity Extension and make certain other amendments to the Existing Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such amendments, the Borrower has requested, and the Lender has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein to: (a) release Parent from all of its obligations under the Credit Agreement, and (b) acknowledge that certain obligations of the Borrower under the Fourth Amendment have been deemed satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Defined Terms.** All initially capitalized terms used herein (including the preamble and recitals hereof) without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Credit Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment.

2. Other Defined Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Section 2:

“Released Claims” means any and all actions, causes of action, judgments, executions, suits, debts, claims, demands, controversies, liabilities, obligations, damages and expenses of any and every character (whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, absolute or contingent, acknowledged or disputed, direct or indirect), at law or in equity, of whatsoever kind or nature (including claims of usury), whether heretofore or hereafter accruing, for or because of any matter or things done, omitted or suffered to be done by any of the Released Persons prior to and including the date hereof that in any way directly or indirectly arise out of or in any way are connected to (a) any of the Loan Documents or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, (b) any negotiation, discussion, enforcement action, agreement or failure to agree related to any Loan Document or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, or (c) any action, event, occurrence, or omission otherwise related to the rights, duties, obligations and relationships among the Borrower and Lender.

“Released Persons” means Lender and its respective employees, agents, attorneys, officers, partners, shareholders, affiliates, accountants, consultants, and directors, and their respective successors and assigns.

3. Compliance with Fourth Amendment. The Lender confirms that Lender extended the post-closing deadline in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Fourth Amendment to the date hereof, and, subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6 hereof, the Lender confirms that the requirements of Section 6 of the Fourth Amendment have been satisfied (or otherwise waived by the Lender), as of the Effective Date.

4. Release. Effective as of the Effective Date, Lender hereby confirms and agrees that Parent is released from all of its obligations under the Credit Agreement and from and after such date, Parent shall cease to be a party thereto. From and after the Effective Date, Lender agrees to execute and deliver to Parent evidence of such release, such evidence to be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Parent and Lender.

5. Amendments to Existing Credit Agreement. Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6 hereof, effective as of the Effective Date, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended as follows:

(a) The Existing Credit Agreement and Appendix 1 to the Existing Credit Agreement (excluding the Appendices, Schedules (except with respect to Appendix 1) and Exhibits attached thereto) shall be amended to delete the stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: ~~stricken text~~) and to add the double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: double-underlined text) set forth in the pages of the Credit Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

(b) Schedule 1.01B is hereby deleted in its entirety from the Credit Agreement.

6. Conditions Precedent to Amendment. The satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of each of the following shall constitute conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Amendment:

(a) Lender shall have received this Amendment duly executed by the parties thereto;

(b) Lender shall have received an amendment to the Second Lien Credit Agreement on substantially similar terms to this Amendment in form acceptable to Lender;

(c) Lender shall have received a favorable opinion of legal counsel to the Borrower, addressed to the Lender, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Lender, with respect to the Borrower’s execution and delivery of this Amendment;

(d) the Lender shall have received all documents (including organizational documents), certificates and instruments that Lender has then reasonably requested, which additional documents, certificates and instruments shall be reasonably satisfactory to Lender in form, substance and date;

(e) after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment, no event shall have occurred and be continuing that would constitute an Event of Default; and

(f) all representations and warranties made by Borrower or any Affiliate thereof (other than Parent except to the extent set forth herein) in any Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) on and as of time of the effectiveness hereof as if such representations and warranties had been made as of the time of the effectiveness hereof (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty was made as of a specific date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) as of such specific date).

On the Effective Date, the Maturity Extension Fee shall be deemed to have been paid in kind by Borrower and shall be added to the outstanding principal amount of the Loan. The Maturity Extension Fee shall not be refundable under any circumstances and shall not be subject to any counterclaim, setoff or other impairment of right or rescission or turnover.

7. Representations and Warranties.

(a) The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lender that:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor, and each DST set forth in the Loan Documents (as modified by this Amendment) are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) on and as of the date hereof (after giving effect to this Amendment), except to the extent that such representations and warranties are by their terms made as of a specified date, in which case they are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) as of such specified date;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to this Amendment, no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(iii) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto;

(iv) this Amendment and the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment), constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto or thereto, as applicable, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and

(v) the execution and delivery by the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto of this Amendment and the performance by such Person of this Amendment and, in the case of the Borrower, the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment), have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and (A) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (B) will not violate any material requirement of law applicable to such Person, (C) will not violate or result in a default under any material indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon such Person or the assets of such Person, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by such Person, and (D) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of such Person or any Subsidiary, except Liens created pursuant to the Loan

Documents, the Second Lien Loan Documents, the TCB Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as defined therein).

(b) The Parent represents and warrants to the Lender that:

(i) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Parent;

(ii) this Amendment constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of the Parent enforceable against the Parent in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and

(iii) the execution and delivery by the Parent of this Amendment and the performance by the Parent of this Amendment have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and (A) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (B) will not violate any material requirement of law applicable to the Parent, and (C) will not violate or result in a default under any material indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon the Parent or the assets of the Parent.

8. Covenant. Borrower agrees to pay the reasonable and documented fees, expenses, and disbursements invoiced by Holland & Knight LLP (counsel to the Lender) in connection with this Amendment and the other Loan Documents on or before the earlier of (a) the date that is seven (7) days after the Effective Date, and (b) the initial funding under the TCB Credit Agreement.

9. **GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 9.14 AND 9.15 OF THE CREDIT AGREEMENT, AND SUCH PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, MUTATIS MUTANDIS.**

10. **RELEASE OF CLAIMS. TO INDUCE THE LENDER TO ENTER INTO THIS AMENDMENT, EACH OF THE BORROWER AND THE PARENT HEREBY (A) REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT THERE ARE NO CLAIMS OR OFFSETS AGAINST OR DEFENSES OR COUNTERCLAIMS TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL SUCH CLAIMS, OFFSETS, DEFENSES, OR COUNTERCLAIMS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, ARISING PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, (B) RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES THE RELEASED PERSONS FROM ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS, AND (C) COVENANTS NOT TO ASSERT (AND NOT TO ASSIST OR ENABLE ANY OTHER PERSON TO ASSERT) ANY RELEASED CLAIM AGAINST ANY RELEASED PERSON. THE BORROWER AND THE PARENT EACH ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT SUCH RELEASE IS A GENERAL RELEASE OF ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS THAT CONSTITUTES A FULL AND COMPLETE SATISFACTION FOR ALL OR ANY ALLEGED INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASED CLAIMS, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREIN COMPROMISED AND SETTLED.**

11. Amendments. This Amendment cannot be altered, amended, changed or modified in any respect except in accordance with Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement.

12. Counterpart Execution. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Amendment by facsimile transmission or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

13. Continuing Effectiveness; Ratification; Etc.

(a) Upon the effectiveness of this Amendment, each reference in the Credit Agreement to “*this Agreement*,” “*hereunder*,” “*hereof*,” “*herein*,” “*hereby*” or words of like import shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby and each reference to the Credit Agreement in any other document, instrument or agreement executed and/or delivered in connection with the Credit Agreement shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby.

(b) Except as specifically amended hereby, and subject to the consent set forth herein, the Existing Credit Agreement and all other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith, shall remain in full force and effect, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto: (i) agrees that, except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment and the transactions contemplated hereby shall not limit or diminish the obligations of such Person arising under or pursuant to the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, (ii) reaffirms its obligations under the Credit Agreement and each and every other Loan Document to which it is a party (including, without limitation, the Guaranty Agreement and DST Guaranty, as applicable), and (iii) reaffirms (x) all Liens on the Collateral which have been granted by it in favor of the Lender pursuant to any of the Loan Documents (including without limitation pursuant to the Security Agreement and the DST Security Agreement, as applicable), and (y) all filings made with any Governmental Authority in connection with such Liens, as applicable. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AMENDMENT OR OTHERWISE, NOTHING IN THIS AMENDMENT EXTINGUISHES, NOVATES OR RELEASES ANY RIGHT, CLAIM, LIEN, SECURITY INTEREST OR ENTITLEMENT OF ANY OF THE LENDER CREATED BY OR CONTAINED IN THE CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS NOR IS THE BORROWER NOR ANY OTHER PARTY RELEASED FROM ANY COVENANT, WARRANTY OR OBLIGATION CREATED BY OR CONTAINED HEREIN OR THEREIN, EXCEPT FOR THE PARENT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

(c) Except with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the consent and amendments specifically set forth herein, the execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of the Lender nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement or any other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith.

(d) This Amendment shall constitute a Loan Document under the Credit Agreement.

14. Integration. This Amendment, together with the other Loan Documents and the other documents contemplated hereby, contains the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

15. Severability. In case any provision in this Amendment shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be severable from the remainder of this Amendment and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

16. Headings. Section headings in this Amendment are included herein for convenience or reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Amendment for any other purpose.

17. Representation. The parties hereto acknowledge that Lender has selected Holland & Knight LLP as its legal counsel in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment. Borrower and Parent acknowledge that Holland & Knight LLP has not represented it in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment, and Holland & Knight LLP shall owe no duties directly to Borrower or Parent. Each of Borrower and Parent confirms that it has been advised (and given adequate time) to consult with its own legal and tax advisors regarding this Amendment and the Loan Documents.

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Signature Page(s) Follow(s).]***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Amendment as of the date first above written.

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BENEFICIENT, as Parent

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Name: David Rost
Title: General Counsel

Acknowledged, Ratified and Agreed as of the date hereof:

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By: /s/ John A. Stahl

Name: John A. Stahl

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HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C., as the Lender, and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement

By: **CROSSMARK MASTER HOLDINGS, LLC**, its Manager

By: /s/ David Wickline

Name: David Wickline

Title: Manager

Signature Page to
Amendment No. 7 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement

EXHIBIT A

Amended Credit Agreement

[See attached]

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of August 13, 2020, among
BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P.

as the Borrower, [and](#)
HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C.,

as the Lender;

and

~~THE PARENT (defined herein)~~

~~solely with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10~~

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 13, 2020, as amended as of March 10, 2021, June 28, 2021, November 3, 2021 (effective as of July 15, 2021), March 24, 2022, February 15, 2023 ~~and~~, June 5, 2023 (but effective as of the Merger Date), and July 12, 2023, among:

(i) BENEFCIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“BCH”); and

(ii) HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the “Lender”); ~~and~~

~~(iii) — the Parent (hereinafter defined), solely with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10.~~

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, BCC and the Lender are currently party to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 21, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, the “Existing Credit Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, BCC and the Lender wish to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant to and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby expressly acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below: “Account Control Agreement” shall

mean an account control agreement or similar agreement, in

form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Lender, pursuant to which the Lender obtains Control (as defined in the UCC) of each deposit account or securities account, as applicable, identified therein.

“Accrued Interest” means:

~~(a) — During any Interest Period, from and after the Amendment No. 7 Effective Date, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to (x) prior to the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (A) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (B) the Spread and (y) on and after the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (i) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (ii) 8.0%; provided that if the Accrued Interest pursuant to this clause (y) is greater than 9.5%, the Accrued Interest shall be deemed to be 9.5% (except as provided otherwise by the following proviso); provided further, and notwithstanding the foregoing, for the period beginning with the Interest Consent Date and ending on the Fourth Amendment Effective Date, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to 10.59.5%.~~

~~(b) —~~ Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, at Lender’s option and upon written notice to Borrower (or automatically upon any acceleration of the Obligations pursuant to Section 8.02), interest shall accrue on each calendar day on

the outstanding amount of the Loan, after as well as before judgment, at a rate equal to ~~2.00~~11.5% per annum ~~plus the rate otherwise applicable to the Loan as provided in clause (a) or (c) of this definition~~; provided, that all interest accrued pursuant to this ~~clause (b)~~sentence shall be payable on demand.

~~(c) — Notwithstanding clause (a), if the Lender determines at any time (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that (i) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining One Month Adjusted LIBOR for any Interest Period (including because LIBOR has ceased to exist) or that no such One Month Adjusted LIBOR or LIBOR rate exists, (ii) One Month Adjusted LIBOR will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to the Lender of holding the Loan, (iii) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of LIBOR has made a public announcement that LIBOR is no longer representative, (iv) any Law has made it unlawful for any relevant Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful for the Lender or its Lending Office to determine or charge interest rates on the Loan based upon LIBOR or (v) any relevant Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of the Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, in each case, effective upon the Lender providing notice thereof to the Borrower until the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist (which the Lender shall promptly confirm by notice to the Borrower), Accrued Interest shall accrue on each calendar day at a per annum rate equal to the Alternate Base Rate for such day plus 8.0%; provided, that if the Accrued Interest pursuant to this clause (c) is greater than 9.5%, the Accrued Interest shall be deemed to be 9.5%.~~

~~(d) — Accrued Interest shall be computed in respect of the Loan on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year).~~

~~(e) — LIBOR, One Month Adjusted LIBOR, and the Alternate Base Rate shall be determined by the Lender, and such determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error.~~

“Acquisition Documents” means the Transaction Agreement, the Funding Trust Loan Agreements, the LiquidTrust Notes, the BCC Notes, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Economic Direction Agreement, each Seller Security Agreement and each document, instrument and agreement executed in connection therewith.

“Additional BCC Notes” means the promissory notes issued by BCC to each of The LT-9 LiquidTrust, The LT-12 LiquidTrust, The LT-13 LiquidTrust, The LT-14 LiquidTrust, The LT-15 LiquidTrust, The LT-16 LiquidTrust, The LT-17 LiquidTrust, The LT-18 LiquidTrust, The LT-19 LiquidTrust, The LT-20 LiquidTrust, The LT-21 LiquidTrust, The LT-22 LiquidTrust, The LT-23 LiquidTrust, The LT-24 LiquidTrust, the LT-25 LiquidTrust and The LT-26 LiquidTrust on or after December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Acquisition Documents.

“Additional LiquidTrust Notes” means the promissory notes issued by each of The LT-9 LiquidTrust, The LT-12 LiquidTrust, The LT-13 LiquidTrust, The LT-14 LiquidTrust, The LT-15 LiquidTrust, The LT-16 LiquidTrust, The LT-17 LiquidTrust, The LT-18 LiquidTrust, The LT-19 LiquidTrust, The LT-20 LiquidTrust, The LT-21 LiquidTrust, The LT-22 LiquidTrust, The LT-23 LiquidTrust, The LT-24 LiquidTrust, the LT-25 LiquidTrust and The LT-26 LiquidTrust to BCC on or after December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Acquisition Documents.

“Advance” has the meaning specified in Section 2.01.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Aggregate Cash Receipts” shall mean, for any period, with respect to any Person, the sum, without duplication, of (i) the Consolidated Cash Net Income of such Person for such period, less capital expenditures, plus, (ii) all net cash proceeds of assets sales (including any sale of Equity Interests), issuances of debt or equity or equitable contributions, distributions from investments, insurance proceeds and payments of Indebtedness, leases or licenses, or any other cash payments or proceeds, received by such Person; provided, however, that such amount shall not include Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds.

“Agreement” means this Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

~~“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any date of determination, the greater of (a) the sum of (i) the Federal Funds Rate on such date plus (ii) one percent (1.00%) and (b) the positive difference, if any, between (i) the Prime Rate on such date less (ii) two and a half percent (2.50%);~~

“Amendment No. 2” means that certain Amendment No. 2 to Loan Documents, dated as of the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, by and among BCC, the Borrower, the Parent, GWG, GWG Life, GWG DLP Funding V Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the Lender.

“Amendment No. 2 Effective Date” means June 24, 2021. “Amendment No. 7 Effective Date” means July 12, 2023.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all Laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

“Appraisal Adjustment” means with respect to any Eligible Underlying Investment, an adjustment to the Market Value of such Eligible Underlying Investment made where the Lender uses a Third Party Appraisal of the “market value” of such Eligible Underlying Investment to determine such Eligible Underlying Investment’s Market Value in lieu of the value reported by the applicable Underlying Investment Fund’s general partner to its investors for a given period, where the Third Party Appraisal assessed the value of such Eligible Underlying Investment to be less than 80% of the value most recently reported by such Eligible Underlying Investment’s general partner to its investors.

“Approved Assignee” means any Lending Entity that is administered or managed by (a) the Lender, (b) an Affiliate of the Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages the Lender.

“Available Amount” means, at any time, the excess at such time of (a) prior to the expiration of the Commitment Period, an amount equal to (x) the least of (i) the Commitment and (ii) the Maintenance LTV Percentage *multiplied* by the Collateral Value, *minus* (with respect to each clause (i) and (ii)), (y) the Total Outstandings, and (b) after the expiration of the Commitment Period, an amount equal to zero.

“BCC” means Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.).

“BCC Notes” means the Original BCC Notes and the Additional BCC Notes. “BCH” has the meaning specified in the preamble hereto.

“BEN Capital” means Beneficient Capital Lending, L.L.C. (f/k/a Ben Liquidity Holdings, L.L.C.), a Delaware limited liability company.

“BEN Fiduciary” means Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C., a [TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED FIDUCIARY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION formed under the laws of the State of Kansas](#).

“BEN Financing SPV” means [Beneficient Financing, L.L.C., a Delaware](#) limited liability company.

“Ben LLC” means Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. “Beneficient” means

Beneficient, a Nevada corporation.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time.

“Beneficient Transactions” means (i) the “Beneficient Transactions” as defined in the Form 10-K filed by GWG with the Securities Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, or any of the transactions contemplated thereby, related thereto or consummated in connection therewith, including with respect to any of the “Seller Trusts” as defined therein (or any payments or distributions made in connection with any of the foregoing other than, for the avoidance of doubt, (1) interest payments made on any debt securities held by the Seller Trusts or (2) distribution of proceeds following the sale of any debt or equity securities held by the Seller Trusts to third parties unaffiliated with the Borrower) or (ii) the CVR Contract dated as of September 1, 2017 (the “CVR Contract”), by and among MHT Financial, L.L.C., Highland Consolidated Business Holdings GP, L.L.C., the Parent, Beneficient Management, L.L.C., the Borrower, Highland Consolidated L.P. and BHI, as amended from time to time, and any agreement, acknowledgement or representation related to, or made in connection with, the CVR Contract.

“BHI” means Beneficient Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“Binding Term Sheet” means [that certain Binding Term Sheet, by and among the applicable Seller, BEN Fiduciary, and certain other parties entered into in connection with the sale and purchase of the applicable Underlying Investment Fund.](#)

“BMP” means Beneficient Management Partners, L.P.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrower” means (i) prior to the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, BCC and (ii) from and after the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, BCH.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state of New York.

“Change in Law” means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement (a) the adoption of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) compliance by any Lender (or, for purposes

of Section 3.04(b), by the Lending Office of the Lender or by the Lender's, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,

(x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if, ~~after the Merger Date~~:

(a) the occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Parent by Persons who were not named or nominated in the manner set forth in the (i) Organization Documents of Parent, and (ii) Stockholders Agreement among Parent, BHI, Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC, and Bruce Schnitzer, each as of the Merger Date;

(b) the Parent shall fail to be the sole managing member of Ben LLC;

(c) Ben LLC shall fail to be the sole general partner of the Borrower; or

(d) any Person or "group" (as such term is used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than a Permitted Holder, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of the Equity Interests representing more than 50% of the aggregate voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Parent.

Notwithstanding the preceding or any provision of Section 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, (i) a Person or group shall not be deemed to beneficially own Equity Interests subject to a stock or asset purchase agreement, merger agreement, option agreement, warrant agreement or similar agreement (or voting or option or similar agreement related thereto) until the consummation of the acquisition of the Equity Interests in connection with the transactions contemplated by such agreement, (ii) if any group includes one or more Permitted Holders, the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Parent owned, directly or indirectly, by any Permitted Holders that are part of such group shall not be treated as being beneficially owned by such group or any other member of such group for purposes of determining whether a Change of Control has occurred and (iii) a Person or group will not be deemed to beneficially own the Equity Interests of another Person as a result of its ownership of the Equity Interests or other securities of such other Person's parent entity (or related contractual rights) unless it owns 50% or more of the total voting power of the Equity Interests entitled to vote for the election of directors of such parent entity having a majority of the aggregate votes on the board of directors (or similar body) of such parent entity.

"Closing Date" means September 1, 2017.

"Collateral" means a collective reference to the right, title and interest in all property with respect to which Liens in favor of the Lender are purported to be granted pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Collateral Documents. For the avoidance of doubt, "Collateral" shall not include any Underlying Investment Fund that becomes subject to a Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement).

"Collateral Documents" means a collective reference to the Security Agreement, the DST Security Agreement, each Account Control Agreement, and any other security documents as may be

executed and delivered by the Borrower, any Subsidiary Guarantor and/or the DSTs pursuant to the Loan Documents.

“Collateral Value” means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the aggregate sum of the Market Values of all Eligible Underlying Investments as of such date (provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, no Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement or DST shall be included in determining the Collateral Value hereunder unless such Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement or DST, as applicable, (i) is listed on Schedule 1.01A (as such schedule may be updated from time to time in accordance herewith)) and (ii) otherwise qualifies pursuant to the terms and requirements of this ~~agreement~~Agreement.

“Collective Trust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “Collective Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

~~“Commercial Loan Agreement” means the commercial loan agreement dated as of August 10, 2018, between the Parent and GWG Life.~~

“Commitment” means the Lender’s obligation to make Advances to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01, as such commitment may be reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.05. The amount of the Commitment as of the December 2021 Advance Date is \$166,000,000. After the expiration of the Commitment Period, the Commitment will be zero.

“Commitment Period” means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the December 2021 Advance Date and (b) the date of termination of the Commitment of the Lender to make Advances pursuant to Section 8.02.

“Completion Date” means June 30, 2018.

“Connection Income Taxes” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“Consent” means that certain Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020, by and between BCC, the Borrower and the Lender. For avoidance of doubt, the consents set forth therein shall remain effective after the execution of Amendment No. 2.

“Consolidated Cash Net Income” shall mean, for any period, with respect to any Person, the consolidated cash net income (or cash net loss) of such Person and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, determined on a consolidated basis. The cash items in this calculation include cash receipts of all fees, interest, return on investment and any other income items less cash disbursements for all operating expenses, interest expenses and any other expense items.

“Contractual Obligation” means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Debtor Relief Laws” means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

“December 2021 Advance Date” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment. “December 2021 Fee” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

“Default” means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

“Disposition” or “Dispose” means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (whether effected pursuant to a Division or otherwise) of any property comprising Collateral or other assets by the Borrower.

“Dividing Person” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Division.”

“Division” means the division of the assets, liabilities and/or obligations of a Person (the “Dividing Person”) among two or more Persons (whether pursuant to a “plan of division” or similar arrangement), which may or may not include the Dividing Person and pursuant to which the Dividing Person may or may not survive.

“Dollar” and “\$” mean lawful money of the United States.

“DST” means a Delaware statutory trust identified as a “DST” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time ~~upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender~~ in accordance with Section 6.11(a).

“DST Default” means, with respect to any DST, the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) such DST fails to perform or observe any covenant or agreement contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for thirty (30) days after the earlier of the date that such DST (i) knows or should have known of such breach or (ii) has received notice thereof by the Lender;

(b) any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of such DST in any Loan Document shall be incorrect or misleading in any respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of fact containing qualifications as to materiality or incorrect or misleading in any material respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of facts without qualifications as to materiality when so made or deemed to be made; or

(c) any provision of any Loan Document to which such DST is a party, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect or ceases to give the Lender any material part of the Liens purported to be created thereby; or such DST or any other affiliated Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document to which such DST is a party; or such DST denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document to which it is a party, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any such Loan Document.

“DST Guaranty” means (a) the guaranty, dated as of the Closing Date, executed in favor of the Lender by each certain of the DSTs, and (b) any other guaranty executed after the Closing Date by one or more DSTs in favor of the Lender in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof.

“DST Security Agreement” means (a) the security and pledge agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, executed in favor of the Lender by certain of the DSTs, and (b) any other security and pledge agreement executed after the Closing Date by one or more DSTs in favor of the Lender in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof.

“Economic Direction Agreement” means each Economic Direction Agreement, entered into from time to time among the persons party thereto as Sellers (the “Sellers”), the persons party thereto as Seller GPs, as applicable, MHT Financial, LLC, the Trusts party thereto and the Lender.

“Eligible Underlying Investment” means, as of any date of determination, an investment in an Underlying Investment Fund, to the extent such investment satisfies all of the criteria set forth on Appendix 1 at such time.

“Equity Interests” means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Borrower, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Internal Revenue Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30 day notice period is waived); (b) the existence with respect to any Plan of an “accumulated funding deficiency” (as defined in Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived;

(c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(d) of the Code or Section 303(d) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (g) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

“ExAlt Plan Program Agreement” means that certain ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, by and among the applicable Seller, BEN Fiduciary, and certain other parties entered into in connection with the sale and purchase of the applicable Underlying Investment Fund.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the regulations promulgated and the rulings issued thereunder.

“Exchange Transactions” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Consent.

“Exchange Trust” means a trust identified as an “Exchange Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of or having its principal office or, in the case of the Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of the Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of the Lender with respect to an applicable interest in the Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) the Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment or (ii) the Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.01, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to the Lender’s assignor immediately before the Lender became a party hereto or to the Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient’s failure to comply with Section 3.01(d) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

“Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds” any proceeds received on the Funding Trust Loans with The LT-1 Funding Trust, The LT-2 Funding Trust, The LT-5 Funding Trust, The LT-7 Funding Trust, the LT-8 Funding Trust and the LT-9 Funding Trust prior to May 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000,000.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning specified in the preamble.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

~~“Federal Funds Rate” means, for any day, the rate per annum calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall set forth on its public website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as the federal funds effective rate; provided, that if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day; provided further that if the Federal Funds Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.~~

~~“Fifth Amendment Effective Date” means February 15, 2023.~~

“Final Maturity Date” means ~~August 31, 2023~~ September 15, 2024.

“Foreign Lender” means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

“Fourth Amendment” means that certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022 by and among the Borrower, the Parent, Lender, and the other parties thereto.

“Fourth Amendment Effective Date” means March 24, 2022.

“Funding Trust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “Funding Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto (as such Schedule may be updated from time to time in accordance with Section 6.11(a)); provided that, ~~any additional “Funding Trust” may be added with the written approval of the Lender or, if the Lender shall request in writing any amendments, modifications or supplements to the trust documentation of any Funding Trust reasonably determined by the Lender as necessary to secure the required repayment of any Total Outstandings and such amendment, modification or supplement is not made within such reasonable period as may be specified by the Lender, such “Funding Trust” may be removed by written notice from the Lender to the Borrower~~.

“Funding Trust Loan Agreement” means each Demand Loan and Security Agreement or Loan and Security Agreement between the Borrower and/or any Subsidiary Guarantor (whether originally or by assignment or other transfer) (and/or any other Person by assignment or other transfer not in violation of this Agreement), on the one hand, and the Trustee(s) of a Funding Trust, on the other hand, set forth on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time ~~upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing (for avoidance of doubt, such approval may be provided via email) by the Lender~~ in accordance with Section 6.11(a); provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that any assignment or transfer in violation of this Agreement shall not remove such Funding Trust Loan Agreement from any grant of Collateral under the Security Agreement or the DST Security Agreements.

“Funding Trust Loans” means the loans made by the Borrower, New BCC, PEN and/or any other Person to the Funding Trusts on the Closing Date, and from time to time thereafter, pursuant to the Funding Trust Loan Agreements.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Guarantee” means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to repay (or advance or supply funds for the repayment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (4) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part) or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien) but limited to the fair market value of such asset; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, (i) uncalled capital commitments, (ii) endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business and (iii) customary indemnity and similar provisions entered into in the ordinary course of business, shall, in each case, not be deemed a “Guarantee”. The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term “Guarantee” as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

“Guaranty Agreement” means that certain Guaranty Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023, by the Subsidiary Guarantors in favor and for the benefit of Lender, as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

“GWG” means GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“GWG Life” means GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

~~“GWG Note” means the Promissory Note dated as of May 31, 2019, made by Jeffrey S. Hinkle and John A. Stahl, as trustees of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust, The LT-8 LiquidTrust and The LT-9 LiquidTrust, each a Texas common law trust, payable to the order of GWG Life, LLC, in the principal amount of \$65,000,000 (as may be amended, restated, replaced, extended, renewed, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time).~~

“Indebtedness” means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

(a) all obligations, whether current or long-term, for borrowed money (including Obligations hereunder) and all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;

(b) indebtedness evidenced by the Second Lien Credit Agreement or the other Second Lien Loan Documents in aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount permitted under the Subordination Agreement, in each case so long as such indebtedness is permitted and subject to the Subordination Agreement;

(c) the maximum amount available to be drawn under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers’ acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;

(d) all obligations in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable and accrued obligations in the ordinary course of business);

(e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;

(f) all obligations to purchase, redeem, retire or defease any Equity Interests (valued in the case of a redeemable preferred interest at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends) prior to the ~~Scheduled~~Final Maturity Date;

(g) without duplication, all Guarantees with respect to Indebtedness of the types specified in clauses (a) through (f) above of another Person; and

(h) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, except to the extent that such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning specified in Section 9.04(b). “Information” has the meaning

specified in Section 9.07. “Initial Advance” means the Advance made on the Closing Date.

“Initial Advance Amount” means \$141,000,000.

~~“Initial Proceeds Date” means the initial date on which any DST shall receive any proceeds from any distributions and other amounts received from any Underlying Investment Fund, including any disbursement of such proceeds to such DST from a Seller Account, in each case in accordance with the Economic Direction Agreement.~~

“Interest Consent Date” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

“Interest Payment Date” means the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day).

~~“Interest Period” means (a) initially, the period from the Closing Date to the first Interest Payment Date hereunder and (b) thereafter, each period from an Interest Payment Date to the next occurring Interest Payment Date.~~

“Internal Revenue Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. “IRS” means the United States

Internal Revenue Service.

“Laws” means, collectively, all international, foreign, federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

“Lender” has the meaning specified in the preamble hereto.

“Lending Entity” means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

“Lending Office” means the office or offices of the Lender at which the Lender funds or books its interest in the Loan hereunder.

~~“LIBOR” means, with respect to any interest period, the London interbank offered rate for Dollars for such interest period administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate) that appears on the display page for “ICE Benchmark Administration Interest Settlement Rates” on that day or, if such rate does not appear on the above mentioned Bloomberg page, as such rate appears on another major pricing service (“the LIBOR Screen Rate”) as of 11:00 a.m., London time on the date two London Banking Days preceding such interest period; provided that if the LIBOR Screen Rate determined in accordance with the foregoing shall be less than 1.00% at any time, such rate shall be deemed to be 1.00% at such time for purposes of this Agreement.~~

~~“LIBOR Screen Rate” has the meaning specified in the definition of “LIBOR” above.~~

“Lien” means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease (other than true leases) having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

“LiquidTrust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “LiquidTrust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

“LiquidTrust Notes” means the Original LiquidTrust Notes and the Additional LiquidTrust Notes.

“Loan” means, collectively, (i) each of the outstanding Advances made hereunder, plus (ii) any outstanding PIK Amount.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement, each Collateral Document, the Guaranty Agreement, the DST Guaranty, the Subordination Agreement and any other agreement, instrument or document (including any financing statement) delivered in connection herewith or therewith.

“Loan Notice” means a notice of a borrowing of an Advance, in each case pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

~~“London Banking Day” means any day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.~~

“LTV Percentage” means, at any time, the quotient (expressed as a percentage) of (a) the Total Outstandings divided by (b) the Collateral Value.

“Main Beneficient Party” means BEN Financing SPV and each other “Main Beneficient Party” (other than the Borrower) under and as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender).

“Maintenance LTV Percentage” means 40%.

“Mandatory Prepayment Event” has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(i).

“Market Value” means, with respect to any Eligible Underlying Investment at any time, the value of such Eligible Underlying Investment determined from the net asset value for such Eligible Underlying Investment (as of the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which information has been provided by the Borrower), adjusted to reflect: (i) any Appraisal Adjustment applicable to such Eligible Underlying Investment at such time and (ii) adjustments to account for Underlying Fund Contributions and Underlying Fund Distributions.

“Master Term Sheet” means the Binding Term Sheet to Amend the Credit Agreement dated as of May 15, 2020, among BCC, the Lender, BHI, GWG and GWG Life.

“Material Adverse Effect” means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, actual liabilities, contingent liabilities that are reasonably likely to occur, or financial condition of the Borrower; (b) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Lender under any Loan Document; (c) a material impairment of the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under any Loan Document; or (d) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against the Borrower of any Loan Document.

“Material Indebtedness” means the Second Lien Obligations and any other Indebtedness of the Borrower (other than Indebtedness arising under the Loan Documents) having an aggregate principal amount (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) of more than the Threshold Amount.

“Maximum LTV Percentage” means 50%.

“Merger Date” means ~~the date on which Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc. merges with and into Avalon Acquisition Inc~~ June 7, 2023.

“Monthly Measurement Date” means the relevant measurement date for an Underlying Investment Fund Report delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(a).

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA. “Multiple Employer Plan” means a

Plan which has two or more contributing sponsors (including the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.

“New BCC” means Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company. “Note” has the meaning specified in Section 2.09.

“NPC-A” means a Preferred Series A Sub Class 1 Unit Account of the Borrower.

“Obligations” means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor, and the DSTs arising under any Loan Document, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Borrower of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding.

~~“One Month Adjusted LIBOR” means an interest rate *per annum* (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) equal to (a) LIBOR for an interest period of one month multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate (if any).~~

“Organization Documents” means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating or limited liability company agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

“Original BCC Notes” means the promissory notes issued by BCC to each of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-3 LiquidTrust, The LT-4 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-6 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust and The LT-8 LiquidTrust on the Closing Date pursuant to the Acquisition Documents in an aggregate initial outstanding principal balance of no greater than \$11,200,633.

“Original Credit Agreement” means the Credit Agreement dated as of September 1, 2017, between the Borrower and the Lender.

“Original LiquidTrust Notes” means the promissory notes issued by each of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-3 LiquidTrust, The LT-4 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-6 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust and The LT-8 LiquidTrust to BCC on the Closing Date pursuant to the Acquisition Documents in an aggregate initial outstanding principal balance of no greater than \$11,200,633.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in the Loan or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 3.05).

“Outstanding Amount” means, on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Loan after giving effect to all Accrued Interest compounded thereon and any prepayments or repayments of the Loan occurring on such date.

“Parent” means (a) prior to the Merger Date, The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and (b) from and after the Merger Date, Beneficient.

“Parent Company” means (a) Ben LLC, (b) the Parent and (c) any other Person of which the Borrower is a direct or indirect Subsidiary.

“Participant” has the meaning specified in Section 9.06(d). “Participant Register” has the meaning specified in Section 9.06(d).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“PEN” means PEN Insurance Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership. “Permitted Encumbrances” means:

- (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges that are not yet due or have not been delinquent for in excess of ninety (90) days, or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;
- (b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s, landlords’ and other like Liens imposed by law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than thirty (30) days or which are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;
- (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;
- (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
- (e) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money (or appeal or other surety bonds relating to such judgments) not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h);
- (f) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to bankers’ Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts, securities accounts or other funds maintained with a creditor depository institution;
- (g) easements, zoning restrictions, zoning by-laws, municipal by-laws and regulations, development agreements, site plan agreements, municipal agreements, encroachment agreements, restrictive covenants and other restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, rights-of-way and similar

encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Borrower; and

(h) title defects, encroachments or irregularities which are of a minor nature and which in the aggregate do not materially impair the value of any real property or the use of the affected property for the purpose for which it is used by that Person;

provided, that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness. “Permitted Holders” means [each of](#)

GWG, BHI, BMP, Brad Heppner, and The Highland

Business Holdings Trust, [or any of their affiliates or any other entities controlled by them, or any combination of the foregoing](#).

“Permitted Liens” means, at any time, Liens on property and assets of the Borrower permitted to exist as of such time pursuant to the terms of Section 7.01.

“Permitted Trust Liens” means (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges that are not yet due or have not been delinquent for in excess of ninety (90) days, or are being contested in accordance with the Loan Documents, (b) Liens arising under the Loan Documents or the Second Lien Loan Documents and (c) Liens arising under the Acquisition Documents.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“PIK Amount” means, as of any date of determination, (i) the amount of the December 2021 Fee that has been paid-in-kind, and (ii) the amount of the Third Amendment Fee that has been paid-in-kind.

“Plan” means any employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

“Prepayment Premium” means, with respect to any prepayment of the Loan, an amount equal to the product of (x) 8.0%, (y) the principal amount of such prepayment and (z) the lesser of (i) 1.50 and (ii)(A) the number of days remaining until the ~~Scheduled~~[Final](#) Maturity Date divided by (B) 365.

~~“Prime Rate” means the rate last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the “Prime Rate” in the United States or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the prime rate in the United States as last quoted in such source as the Lender shall reasonably select.~~

“Purchase and Sale Agreement” means that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date among the Sellers and MHT Financial, LLC.

“Recipient” means the Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder.

“Register” has the meaning specified in Section 9.06(e).

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors and representatives of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release Conditions” means, at any time, (a) no Default has occurred and is continuing and (b) the LTV Percentage is less than the Release LTV Percentage (after giving effect to any prepayment of the Loan on such date).

“Release LTV Percentage” means 35%.

“Responsible Officer” means the chief executive officer, president, managing member, general partner, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of the Borrower and, solely for purposes of the delivery of incumbency certificates, the secretary or any assistant secretary of the Borrower or the general partner of the Borrower (or its general partner), and, solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article II, any other officer of the Borrower or the general partner of the Borrower (or its general partner) so designated by any of the foregoing Persons in a notice to the Lender. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Person and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of the Borrower.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests of any Person, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests or on account of any return of capital to such Person’s stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof), or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such dividend or other distribution or payment.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country, region or territory that is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council or the European Union, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person controlled by any such Person.

“Sanctions” means economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

~~“Scheduled Maturity Date” means August 31, 2023.~~

“Second Amendment and Restatement Date” means August 13, 2020.

“Second Lien Credit Agreement” means that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, by and among the Borrower (as successor to BCC), the Second Lien Lender and the other parties party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time not in violation of the Subordination Agreement.

“Second Lien Lender” means the “Lender” as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement.

“Second Lien Loan Documents” means “Loan Documents” as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement.

“Second Lien Obligations” means “Obligations” as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement.

“Security Agreement” means that certain Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023, executed in favor of the Lender by the Borrower and the other grantors party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Seller Account” means (a) a “Specified Account” as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement or (b) an account designated and agreed to by the applicable Seller and BEN Fiduciary pursuant to the Binding Term Sheet and ExAlt Plan Program Agreement.

“Seller Security Agreement” means each security and pledge agreement executed by a Seller in favor of the Lender pursuant to the Economic Direction Agreement.

“Sellers” has the meaning specified in ~~the definition of “Economic Direction Agreement”~~ Appendix 1.

“Senior NPC-A” means a Preferred Series A Sub Class 0 Unit Account of the Borrower.

“Solvent” or “Solvency” means, with respect to any Person as of a particular date, that on such date (a) such Person is able to pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they become absolute and mature in the ordinary course of business, (b) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person’s ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they become absolute and mature in the ordinary course of business, (c) such Person is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in a business or a transaction, for which such Person’s property would constitute unreasonably small capital, (d) the sum of the fair saleable value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, as such liabilities become absolute and matured, (e) the sum of present fair salable value of the property of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured and (f) such Person does not intend, in any transaction, to defraud either present or future creditors or any other person to which such Person is or will become, through such transaction, indebted. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

~~“Spread” means 3.95% per annum.~~

~~“Statutory Reserve Rate” means a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one minus the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentage (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the Board to which the Lender is subject with respect to LIBOR, for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency Liabilities” in Regulation D of the Board). Such reserve percentage shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. The Loan shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to the Lender under such Regulation D or any comparable regulation to the extent the interest rate for the Loan is determined~~

~~by reference to LIBOR. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage. If the Statutory Reserve Rate determined in accordance with the foregoing shall be less than one (1) at any time, such rate shall be deemed to be one (1) at such time for purposes of this Agreement.~~

“Subordination Agreement” means the Third Amended and Restated Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, which amended and restated that certain Second Amended and Restated Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement dated on or about February 21, 2020 between Lender and Second Lien Lender, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Subsidiary” of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the outstanding shares of Equity Interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or equivalent governing body (other than Equity Interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a “Subsidiary” or to “Subsidiaries” shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

“Subsidiary Guarantors” means, in singular or the plural, each of (i) The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (ii) Ben Liquidity, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (iii) Beneficient Capital Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (iv) Beneficient Capital Company Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, (v) BEN Capital, (vi) New BCC, (vii) Ben Insurance, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (viii) PEN, (ix) PEN Indemnity Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and (x) each other subsidiary of the Borrower from time to time party to the Guaranty Agreement as a guarantor.

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“TCB Consent Notice” means a written notice from Lender to Borrower approving, in its reasonable discretion, the TCB Credit Agreement and material agreements to be entered into by Borrower in connection therewith.

“TCB Consent Notice Date” means the date on which Borrower receives the TCB Consent Notice from Lender.

“TCB Credit Agreement” means that certain Credit and Guaranty Agreement to be entered into among Ben Financing SPV, as borrower, BCH, as guarantor, Texas Capital Bank, as administrative agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto.

“Third Amendment Fee” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

“Third Party Appraisal” means an appraisal performed by a Third Party Appraiser, at the Lender’s sole cost, to assess the fair market value of an Eligible Underlying Investment for purposes of determining whether to make an Appraisal Adjustment to the Market Value of such Eligible Underlying Investment.

“Third Party Appraiser” means an industry recognized appraising agent experienced in the valuation of private equity funds selected by the Lender in its reasonable discretion.

“Threshold Amount” means, with respect to the Borrower, the greater of (i) 5.0% of the total assets thereof and (ii) \$20,000,000.

“Total Outstandings” means the aggregate Outstanding Amount and any other accrued and unpaid amounts due under the Loan Documents.

“Transaction Agreement” means that certain Transaction Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Sellers, the Borrower, MHT Financial, L.L.C. and the other parties thereto.

“Trust Adverse Event” means, with respect to any Trust, the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) such Trust shall incur any Indebtedness (other than (i) in the case of any Funding Trust, its respective Funding Trust Loans and (ii) in the case of any LiquidTrust, its respective LiquidTrust Note);

(b) such Trust engages, at any time in any business other (i) in the case of any Funding Trust, holding investments in Collective Trusts (and similar trusts), (ii) in the case of any Collective Trust, holding investments in LiquidTrusts (and similar trusts), (iii) in the case of any LiquidTrust or Exchange Trust, holding investments in DSTs (and similar trusts), (iv) in the case of any DST, holding investments in Underlying Investment Funds (and similar funds and co-investment vehicles), (v) the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Documents and (vi) the Exchange Transactions;

(c) such Trust merges into or consolidates, or permits to merge into or consolidate with it, any Person;

(d) such Trust enters into any amendment or modification of any of its Organization Documents that could adversely affect the Lender, as determined in the reasonable good faith discretion of the Lender;

(e) such Trust shall at any time fail to do any of the following (and, except with respect to clause (i) below as to legal existence, such failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after (y) such Trust knows or should have known of such failure or (y) such Trust or the Borrower has received written notice thereof from such Lender):

(i) maintain its legal existence and (as applicable) good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization;

(ii) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Trust Material Adverse Effect;

(iii) pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable all material tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by such Trust;

(iv) comply with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by

appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Trust Material Adverse Effect; or

(v) (A) comply in all material respects with its obligations under the Acquisition Documents and (B) use commercially reasonable efforts to enforce the obligations of the Sellers under the Acquisition Documents;

(f) such Trust institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Trust and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for sixty calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to such Trust or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Trust and continues undismissed or unstayed for sixty calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding;

(g) (i) such Trust becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due and payable, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of such Trust and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within thirty days after its issue or levy;

(h) in the case of any DST, such DST shall have failed to fund any capital call obligation made on such DST by any Underlying Investment Fund in which such DST is invested within ten (10) Business Days after the date such DST receives notice that such obligation has not been paid unless such DST is contesting the validity of such capital call in good faith based on the terms of the applicable limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement; provided, that in the event such DST contests the validity of a capital call obligation in good faith, the Borrower must provide the Lender evidence of such good faith claim with particularity with reference to the applicable limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement, and provided, further, that any failure under this clause (h) shall not be deemed continuing if such DST subsequently funds such capital call.

“Trust Material Adverse Effect” means, with respect to any Trust, (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, (i) the operations, business, properties, actual liabilities, contingent liabilities that are reasonably likely to occur, or financial condition of such Trust; (b) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Lender under any Loan Document; (c) a material impairment of the ability of any DST to perform its obligations under any Loan Document; or (d) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any DST of any Loan Document.

“Trusts” means, collectively, the Funding Trusts, the Collective Trusts, the LiquidTrusts, the DSTs and the Exchange Trusts.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.

“Unasserted Obligations” has the meaning given to such term in the Subordination Agreement.

“Underlying Fund Contributions” means, as of any date of determination, the aggregate absolute value of all cash contributed by the DSTs (or, as applicable, the Sellers) to each Underlying Investment Fund during the period from the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which net asset value information has been provided by the Borrower until such date.

“Underlying Fund Distributions” means the aggregate absolute value of all cash distributed by each Underlying Investment Fund to the DSTs (or, as applicable, the Sellers) during the period from the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which net asset value information has been provided by the Borrower until such date.

“Underlying Investment Fund” means a fund or co-investment vehicle ~~set forth on Schedule 1.01B hereto in which any DST has an interest, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice~~ or other investment identified in, and sold by the Borrower ~~applicable Seller pursuant to, the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender~~ Acquisition Documents or corresponding Binding Term Sheet, as applicable.

“Underlying Investment Fund Report” means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A. “United States” and “U.S.” mean the United States of America.

“Upfront Fee” has the meaning specified in Section 2.07 hereof. “Upfront Fee Rate” means 1.00%.

“U.S. Person” means any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 3.01(d)(ii) hereof. “Withdrawal Liability” means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or

partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions.

With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:

(a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns, (iii) the words “hereto,” “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder,” and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words “asset” and “property” shall be

construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all assets and properties, tangible and intangible, real and personal, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word “from” means “from and including,” the words “to” and “until” each mean “to but excluding,” and the word “through” means “to and including.”

(c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.03 Accounting Terms.

(a) Generally. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.

(b) Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Borrower or the Lender shall so request, the Lender and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP; provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Lender financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

1.04 Rounding.

Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

1.05 Times of Day.

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.06 Divisions.

For all purposes under this Agreement, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and

(b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its capital stock or similar equity interests at such time.

1.07 Interest Rates; LIBOR Notification: [\[Reserved\]](#).

~~The interest rate on a Loan denominated in U.S. Dollars may be derived from an interest rate benchmark that is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Regulators have signaled the need to use alternative benchmark reference rates for some of these interest rate benchmarks and, as a result, such interest rate benchmarks may cease to comply with applicable Laws, may be permanently discontinued, and/or the basis on which they are calculated may change. The London interbank offered rate is intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. In July 2017, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority announced that, after the end of 2021, it would no longer persuade or compel contributing banks to make rate submissions to the ICE Benchmark Administration (together with any successor to the ICE Benchmark Administration, the “IBA”) for purposes of the IBA setting the London interbank offered rate. As a result, it is possible that commencing in 2022, the London interbank offered rate may no longer be available or may no longer be deemed an appropriate reference rate upon which to determine the interest rate on LIBOR Loans. In light of this eventuality, public and private sector industry initiatives are currently underway to identify new or alternative reference rates to be used in place of the London interbank offered rate.~~

1.08 Amendment and Restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement.

The terms and provisions of the Existing Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be, and hereby are, amended, superseded and restated in their entirety, with effect as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, by the terms and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement is not intended to be, and shall not constitute, a novation. All Loans made, and Obligations incurred, under the Existing Credit Agreement which are outstanding on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date shall continue as the Loan and Obligations, respectively, under (and shall be governed by the terms of) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the effectiveness of the amendment and restatement contemplated hereby, (i) all references in the “Loan Documents” (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) to the “Credit Agreement” and the “Loan Documents” shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement and the Loan Documents and (ii) the “Loan” (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) shall be redesignated as the Loan hereunder.

ARTICLE II THE LOAN

2.01 Advances.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Lender agrees to make advances (each, an “Advance”) from time to time during the Commitment Period to the Borrower in Dollars in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Commitment. On the Closing Date, the Lender agrees to make the Initial Advance to the Borrower in an amount equal to the Initial Advance Amount. Once any portion of the Loan is repaid under this Agreement (including prepayments under Section 2.03), it may not be reborrowed.

2.02 Borrowing of the Advances.

(a) Each Advance shall be made upon the Borrower’s irrevocable written notice in the form of a Loan Notice, appropriately completed and duly signed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the

Lender. Each such Loan Notice (other than with respect to the Initial Advance) must be received by the Lender not later than 11:00 a.m. (New York time) two (2) Business Days prior to the requested date of any Advance. Each Loan Notice shall be accompanied by an Underlying Investment Fund Report and shall specify (i) the requested date of the Advance (which shall be a Business Day) and (ii) the principal amount of the Advance to be borrowed, which shall be in a principal amount of \$200,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, if less, in an amount equal to the remaining Commitment.

(b) Following receipt of a Loan Notice, and upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.03 (and, if such Advance is the Initial Advance, Section 4.01), the Lender shall make the amount of the Advance available to the Borrower by wire transfer of such funds to such account as shall be specified by the Borrower and reasonably acceptable to the Lender; provided, that the parties hereto agree that the Initial Advance Amount may be made available to the Borrower in book-entry form.

2.03 Prepayments; Cash Distributions.

(a) Voluntary Prepayments of the Loan. The Borrower may, upon notice from the Borrower to the Lender, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay the Loan in whole or in part, subject to the Prepayment Premium; provided, that (i) no Prepayment Premium shall apply to any prepayment made from proceeds of cash distributions from Underlying Investment Funds and (ii) the aggregate Prepayment Premiums paid by the Borrower hereunder shall not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to 1.0% of \$169,950,000. With respect to any voluntary prepayment, (A) the Borrower's notice of such prepayment must (i) be received by the Lender not later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of the Loan and (ii) specify the Prepayment Premium, if any, applicable thereto; and (B) any such prepayment of the Loan (other than a prepayment pursuant to Section 2.04) shall be in a principal amount of \$2,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding). Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment. The payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments of the Loan.

(i) If at any time after the Completion Date the LTV Percentage exceeds the Maximum LTV Percentage (a "Mandatory Prepayment Event"), the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Maintenance LTV Percentage (the amount required to so reduce the LTV Percentage shall be determined on the initial date of such excess) within ninety (90) days (or, if the LTV Percentage exceeds 60.0%, thirty (30) days) after the occurrence of such excess; provided, that (A) within thirty (30) business days of such Mandatory Prepayment Event, the Borrower shall submit a plan acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion with respect to demands for payment under the Funding Trust Loans and Disposal by the DSTs of Equity Interests of Underlying Investment Funds ~~and~~, (B) within seventy-five (75) days of such Mandatory Prepayment Event, the applicable DSTs shall have entered into purchase and sale agreements with respect thereto with a buyer acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion, and (C) in lieu of prepaying the Loan pursuant to this Section 2.03(b)(i), the Borrower may pledge additional Collateral reasonably acceptable to the Lender, pursuant to documentation reasonably acceptable to the Lender, within ninety (90) days (or, if the LTV Percentage exceeds 60.0%, thirty (30) days) after the occurrence of such excess, in order to eliminate such excess.

(ii) If at any time prior to the expiration of the Commitment Period, the Total Outstandings exceed the Commitment, the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the Total Outstandings to an amount less than the Commitment within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of such excess.

(iii) ~~On the Initial Proceeds Date, the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount equal to \$25,000,000 (net of any prepayment of the Loan made pursuant to Section 2.04(a) on such date)~~ [Reserved].

(iv) Commencing on January 1, 2019 and calculated monthly, unless waived in writing by the Lender, the Borrower shall, with respect to each calendar month, prepay the Loan on the Interest Payment Date following such calendar month, in an amount (not to exceed \$30,000,000 for any calendar month) equal to (A) the sum of (x) the beginning of the month cash and cash equivalents balances of the Borrower and all of its Affiliates (other than the Main Beneficient Parties) but excluding Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds and any regulatory capital required by regulators, ~~plus~~ (y) the Aggregate Cash Receipts of the Borrower for such month plus, without duplication, (z) the Aggregate Cash Receipts of each of its Affiliates (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt and without any implication to the contrary, any Funding Trust, Collective Trust, LiquidTrust ~~or~~, Exchange Trust or Main Beneficient Party), less (B) ~~\$25,000,000~~ 50,000,000; ~~provided, however,~~ that (I) equity contributions by any party to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates shall not be included in the Aggregate Cash Receipts of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than the Main Beneficient Parties) for purposes of this Section 2.03(b)(iv) until such equity contributions shall be equal to or greater than \$50,000,000 in the aggregate since January 1, 2019.

(v) The provisions of this Section 2.03(b) shall not apply to any Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds.

2.04 Release of Proceeds of Funding Trust Loans.

(a) The Borrower shall cause all proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans to be paid to a deposit account of Borrower subject to an Account Control Agreement.

~~(b) Upon receipt by the Borrower, New BCC or PEN (or any other Person that is a holder of Funding Trust Loans not in violation of this Agreement) of any proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans, the Borrower shall cause (or shall cause New BCC, PEN or such other Person to cause, as applicable) an amount equal to the amount of such proceeds to be paid as follows:~~

~~(i) First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts due and payable under the Loan Documents (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Lender and amounts payable under Article III) payable to the Lender;~~

~~(ii) Second, to payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan; provided, however, that the Borrower's obligations to apply such proceeds in accordance with this Section 2.04(b)(ii) is subject to the terms and provisions set forth in Section 2.06(b);~~

~~(iii) Third, to repayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Release LTV Percentage;~~

~~(iv) Fourth, to payment of any other Obligations (other than interest and principal) then due and owing;~~

~~(v) Fifth, at the option of the Borrower, to an optional prepayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan in such amount as the Borrower shall determine; and~~

~~(vi) Sixth, (A) if the Release Conditions are satisfied, as directed by the Borrower and (B) otherwise, to repayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan.~~

(b) [Reserved].

(c) ~~Not less than five (5) Business Days prior to each application of proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(a), the Borrower shall provide the Lender with written notice of such application, together with the amount to be applied pursuant to each clause of Section 2.04(a) and, as applicable, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the Release Conditions, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Lender~~ [Reserved].

2.05 Repayment of the Loan.

The Borrower shall, until such time as all outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~) shall have been paid in full, repay to the Lender the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Loan (a) in installments of \$5 million to be paid on ~~May 10~~ September 29, 2022 ~~2023~~, \$5 million to be paid on ~~August 10, 2022~~ December 29, 2023, \$5 million to be paid on ~~December 10~~ March 29, 2022 ~~2024~~, \$5 million to be paid on ~~April 10~~ June 28, 2023 ~~2024~~ and (b) the remaining outstanding Obligations to be paid on the Final Maturity Date; provided that such payments described in clause (a) above shall be subject to a determination of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of ~~Beneficient Management, L.L.C.~~ the Parent that making such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the ~~Company~~ Parent to incur a going concern, with such payment to be paid senior to any payment made with respect to the guaranteed payment due to holders of Preferred A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts of Borrower; provided, further, that if any payment is not made on such payment date, as set forth in this Section 2.05, then such payment shall be made as soon as a determination is made by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of ~~Beneficient Management, L.L.C.~~ the Parent that such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the ~~Company~~ Parent to incur a going concern. For avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise as set forth in the immediately succeeding sentence, accrued interest on any such installment shall not become due and payable at such time, and shall instead be payable in accordance with Section 2.06 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on any date on which an installment of principal is required to be paid pursuant to clause (a) of the first sentence of this Section 2.05, less than \$5,000,000 of the principal balance of the Loan remains outstanding and unpaid, the Borrower shall pay the following obligations (if any) in the following order until either the sum paid on such date equals \$5,000,000 or all outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~) have been paid in full: (A) outstanding unpaid principal of the Loan, (B) accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan and (C) all other outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~). The outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Loan and all accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan shall be due and payable on the ~~Scheduled~~ Final Maturity Date. If all of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan and accrued interest on the Loan are fully repaid on any date, this Agreement shall terminate as of such date. Any repayment or prepayment of the Loan that is allocated to the principal amount of the Loan shall reduce the Commitment of the Lender on a dollar for dollar basis. ~~On each Scheduled Maturity Date prior to the Final Maturity Date, the Borrower shall provide written notice (an "Extension Notice") to the Lender not less than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date of the upcoming Scheduled Maturity Date, and, subject to lender's confirmation of receipt of such notice, such Scheduled Maturity Date shall be extended by one additional calendar year, unless the Lender shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, have delivered written notice declining such Extension Notice not less than ten (10) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date. If the Borrower fails to provide such Extension Notice (or fails to provide it not less than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date), then the Lender shall have the right to deliver a written notice declining any further extension (a "Non-Renewal Notice") at any time prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Scheduled Maturity Date, and effective upon the delivery of such Non-Renewal Notice, (i) if delivered prior to the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date, then no extension shall occur on the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date and such Scheduled Maturity Date shall constitute~~

~~the Final Maturity Date, or (ii) if delivered after the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date, the date occurring two Business Days following the date of such Non-Renewal Notice shall constitute the Final Maturity Date. If no Extension Notice or Non-Renewal Notice is delivered, the Scheduled Maturity Date shall be extended by one additional calendar year.~~

2.06 Interest.

(a) Accrued Interest. The Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at the interest rate set out in the definition of Accrued Interest.

(b) Interest Payment Dates. Interest accrued on the Loan ~~during each Interest Period~~ shall be due and payable in cash on ~~the following each~~ Interest Payment Date.

2.07 Upfront Fee.

The Borrower shall pay to the Lender an upfront fee (the “Upfront Fee”) equal to the product of (i) the Upfront Fee Rate times (ii) the Commitment as of the Closing Date. The entire amount of the Upfront Fee shall be fully earned as of the Closing Date and shall be due and payable in full in cash in immediately available funds on the earlier of (x) the Completion Date and (y) payment in full of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan; provided, that, at the option of the Borrower, the Upfront Fee may be deemed paid in kind on the Completion Date and added to the outstanding principal amount of the Loan. The Upfront Fee shall not be refundable under any circumstances and shall not be subject to any counterclaim, setoff or other impairment of right or rescission or turnover.

2.08 Computation of Interest and Fees.

All computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed, ~~except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year).~~ Subject to Section 2.10(a), interest shall accrue on the Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on the Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid; provided that any portion of the Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.10(a), bear interest for one day. Each determination by the Lender of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

2.09 Evidence of Debt.

The Loan shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by the Lender in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Loan advanced by the Lender to the Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. Upon the reasonable request of the Lender, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to the Lender a promissory note in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Lender (a “Note”), which shall evidence the Loan in addition to such accounts or records. The Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, amount and maturity of the Loan and payments with respect thereto.

2.10 Payments Generally.

(a) General. All payments to be made by the Borrower shall be made free and clear of and without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by the Borrower hereunder shall be made to the Lender at such account as the Lender shall specify to the Borrower in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. All payments received by the Lender after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by the Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

(b) Funding Source. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate the Lender to obtain the funds for the Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by the Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for the Loan in any particular place or manner.

ARTICLE III

TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 Taxes.

(a) Payments Free of Taxes.

(i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Law. If any Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Borrower) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Borrower, then the Borrower shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(b) Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower. The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law any Other Taxes.

(c) Tax Indemnifications. The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within ten days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Status of Lender.

(i) If the Lender is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document it shall deliver to the Borrower, at the

time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, the Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower as will enable the Borrower to determine whether or not the Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 3.01(d)(ii)(A), 3.01(d)(ii)(B) and 3.01(d)(ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject the Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of the Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the Borrower) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-2 or Exhibit B-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the Borrower) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower as may be necessary for the Borrower to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(e) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any Recipient determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Borrower or with respect to which the Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.01, it shall pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrower under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that upon the request of the Recipient, Borrower agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection, in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Borrower pursuant to this subsection the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such

Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This subsection shall not be construed to require any Recipient to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person.

(f) Survival. Each party's obligations under this Section 3.01 shall survive any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, the Lender and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

(g) FATCA. For purposes of this Section 3.01, the term "Laws" includes FATCA.

3.02 [Reserved].

3.03 [Reserved].

3.04 Increased Costs.

(a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, the Lender ~~(except any reserve requirement reflected in the One Month Adjusted LIBOR)~~;

(ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or

(iii) impose on the Lender or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or the Loan;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to the Lender of making or maintaining the Loan ~~to the extent the interest thereon is determined by reference to LIBOR~~, or to increase the cost to the Lender, or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by the Lender (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of the Lender, the Borrower will, upon delivery of a certificate as set forth in Section 3.04(c), pay to the Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Lender, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) Capital Requirements. If the Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting the Lender or any Lending Office of the Lender or the Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on the Lender's capital or on the capital of the Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitment or the Loan, to a level below that which the Lender or the Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration the Lender's policies and the policies of the Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time the Borrower will (so long as the Lender makes a similar determination in similar transactions) pay to the Lender upon delivery of a certificate as set forth in Section 3.04(c) below, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Lender or the Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate of the Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate the Lender or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in subsection (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay the Lender, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten days after receipt thereof.

(d) Delay in Requests. Failure or delay on the part of the Lender to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of the Lender's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate the Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that the Lender, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of the Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

3.05 Mitigation of Obligations.

If the Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to the Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of the Lender pursuant to Section 3.01, ~~or if the Lender gives a notice pursuant to clause (c)(iv) of the definition of Accrued Interest~~, then at the request of the Borrower, the Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking the Loan hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of the Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.01 or 3.04, as the case may be, in the future, ~~or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to clause (c)(iv) of the definition of Accrued Interest, as applicable~~; and (ii) in each case, would not subject the Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to the Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

3.06 Survival.

All of the Borrower's obligations under this Article III shall survive termination of the Commitment and repayment of the Obligations.

ARTICLE IV

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO BORROWINGS

4.01 Conditions to Effectiveness of the Original Credit Agreement.

The Original Credit Agreement shall be effective upon, and the obligation of the Lender to make the Loan on the Closing Date shall be subject to, satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent in each case in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) Loan Documents. Receipt by the Lender of executed counterparts of the Original Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as in effect on the Closing Date).

(b) Opinions of Counsel. Receipt by the Lender of favorable opinions of legal counsel to BCC, the Borrower and the DSTs, addressed to the Lender, dated as of the Closing Date.

(c) Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc. Receipt by the Lender of the following:

(i) copies of the Organization Documents of BCC, the Borrower and each Trust certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, where applicable, and certified to be true and correct as of the Closing Date;

(ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates as the Lender may require; and

(iii) such documents and certifications as the Lender may require to evidence that BCC, the Borrower and each Collective Trust is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation.

(d) Collateral. Receipt by the Lender of the following:

(i) searches of Uniform Commercial Code filings in such jurisdictions and with respect to such Persons as reasonably deemed appropriate by the Lender; and

(ii) UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary, in the Lender's discretion, to perfect the Lender's security interest in the Collateral.

(e) Acquisition Documents. Receipt by the Lender of copies of the Acquisition Documents certified to be true and correct as of the Closing Date.

(f) Acquisition. The Transaction Closing (as defined in the Transaction Agreement) shall have occurred or shall occur substantially contemporaneously with the funding of the Loan hereunder.

(g) Fees. Receipt by the Lender of any fees set forth herein that are required to be paid on or before the Closing Date.

4.02 Conditions to Effectiveness of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

This Agreement shall be effective upon satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent in each case in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) Loan Documents. Receipt by the Lender of executed counterparts of this Agreement, the Subordination Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

(b) Opinions of Counsel. Receipt by the Lender of favorable opinions of legal counsel to BCC, the Borrower and the DSTs, addressed to the Lender, dated as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date.

(c) Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc. Receipt by the Lender of the following:

(i) copies of the Organization Documents of BCC, the Borrower and each DST certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, where applicable, and certified to be true and correct as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date;

(ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates as the Lender may require with respect to BCC, the Borrower and each DST; and

(iii) such documents and certifications as the Lender may require to evidence that the Borrower and each DST is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation.

(d) Fees. Receipt by the Lender of any additional fees and expenses set forth herein that are required to be paid on or before the Second Amendment and Restatement Date.

(e) Purchase Option. Receipt by the Lender of an option agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, granting HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. the right to make a capital contribution of up to \$152,000,000 to Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date) in exchange for a capital account designated as NPC-A with respect to such capital contribution and, in connection therewith, be admitted as a limited partner in Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date).

(f) Fifth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of an executed fifth amended and restated limited partnership agreement of Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date).

(g) Unit Purchase Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement among GWG, Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date) and Parent.

(h) Put Right Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of an executed copy of that certain Put Right Agreement, among BHI, Parent and Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date), relating to put rights granted to BHI employees in respect of certain tax liabilities incurred in connection with the receipt of NPC-As from BHI.

4.03 Conditions to Each Advance.

The obligation of the Lender to honor any request for an Advance is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent as of the date of such Advance:

(a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Borrower, the Subsidiary Guarantors and each DST contained in the Loan Documents, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date.

(b) No Default. No Default shall exist or would result as a consequence of the making of such Advance or the subsequent application by the Borrower of the proceeds thereof.

(c) Loan Notice. The Lender shall have received a Loan Notice and an Underlying Investment Fund Report in accordance with the requirements hereof.

(d) Commitment. The Commitment Period has not expired and such Advance does not exceed the Available Amount.

(e) LTV Percentage. Immediately after giving effect to such Advance, the LTV Percentage shall be less than the Maintenance LTV Percentage.

Each Loan Notice submitted by the Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in Section 4.03 have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Advance.

ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lender that:

5.01 Existence, Qualification and Power.

It (a) is (i) duly organized or formed, validly existing and, (ii) in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clauses (a)(ii), (b)(i) or (c), to the extent that failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.02 Authorization; No Contravention.

The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Document to which it is party has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and does not (a) contravene the terms of any of its Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien (other than any Lien created pursuant to the Loan Documents) under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any material Contractual Obligation to which it is a party or affecting it or its properties or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which it or its property is subject; or (c) violate any material Law.

5.03 Governmental Authorization; Other Consents.

No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, the Borrower of this Agreement or any other Loan Document to which it is a party other than (i) those that have been obtained and are in full force and effect and (ii) filings to perfect the Liens created by the Collateral Documents.

5.04 Binding Effect.

Each Loan Document to which it is party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower. Each Loan Document to which it is party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency and other Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or law.

5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.

(a) BCC has heretofore furnished to the Lender its consolidated pro forma balance sheet and statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the pro forma financial position and results of operations and cash flows of BCC and its subsidiaries, as of such date and for such period in accordance with GAAP.

(b) Since December 31, 2016, there has been no event or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.06 Litigation.

There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes before any Governmental Authority pending or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers after due inquiry, threatened in writing, at Law, in equity or in arbitration, by or against the Borrower that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or (b) [except as disclosed to the Lender in writing](#), either individually or in the aggregate, there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.07 No Default.

The Borrower is not in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

5.08 Ownership of Property; Liens.

The Borrower has good and indefeasible title to its respective Collateral and such Collateral is not subject to any Liens other than Permitted Liens.

5.09 Taxes.

The Borrower has filed all federal, material state and other tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all federal, state and other taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed tax assessment against the Borrower that could reasonably be expected to, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower is not a party to any tax sharing agreement.

5.10 ERISA Compliance.

No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than the Threshold Amount the fair market value of the assets of such Plan, and the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations of all underfunded Plans (based on the assumptions

used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than the Threshold Amount the fair market value of the assets of all such underfunded Plans.

5.11 Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act.

(a) The Borrower is not engaged and will not engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the Board), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock.

(b) No part of the proceeds of the Loan will be used by the Borrower directly or indirectly (i) for the purpose of, whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the Board) or (ii) for any other purpose that would entail a violation of or that would be inconsistent with the provisions of the regulations of the Board (including regulations T, U or X).

(c) The Borrower is not required to register as an “investment company” or as a Person controlled by a “person” required to register as an “investment company”, in each case as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

5.12 Disclosure.

The Borrower has disclosed to the Lender all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it is subject, and all other matters known to it, that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No report, financial statement, certificate or other written information furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect as of such date furnished or certified; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time it being understood that such projections may vary from actual results and that such variances may be material.

5.13 Compliance with Laws.

The Borrower is in compliance with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.14 Solvency.

The Borrower is Solvent.

5.15 Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.

The Borrower has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and

their respective officers and employees and to the knowledge of the Borrower, its directors and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of

(1) the Borrower, any Subsidiary, any Trust or any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or

(2) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent of the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any Trust that will act in any capacity in connection with the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. None of the Loan, the use of proceeds thereof and the transactions directly or indirectly by the Borrower contemplated by this Agreement will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

5.16 Second Lien Loan Documents.

As of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, the Borrower has delivered to the Lender true and correct copies of the Second Lien Loan Documents. The Second Lien Loan Documents are in full force and effect as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date and have not been terminated, rescinded or withdrawn as of such date. The execution, delivery and performance of the Second Lien Loan Documents by the Borrower does not and will not require any registration with, consent, or approval of, or notice to, or other action with or by, any Governmental Authority, other than consents or approvals that have been obtained and that are still in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as the Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, or the Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than Unasserted Obligations), the Borrower shall:

6.01 Financial Statements.

Upon the written request of the Lender, the Borrower will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to the Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) For so long as the Parent is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, beginning with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, the Parent shall provide, unless available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or successor system), upon filing of the same (or if the Parent is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, then within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Parent, its), a copy of the annual audit report for the Parent for such fiscal year containing, on a consolidated basis, balance sheet ~~sheets~~ and related statements of ~~operations, shareholders' equity~~ income, retained earnings, and cash ~~flows~~ flow as of the end of ~~and for~~ such year, ~~(i) with respect to the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, such financial statements will be reported on by independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and (ii) with respect to each~~ and for the 12-month period then ended, in each case setting forth in comparative form the figures for the preceding fiscal year thereafter, such financial statements will include consolidating financial statements for the most recent period and such financial statements will be reported on by, all in reasonable detail and audited and certified by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., or other independent certified public accountants of recognized ~~national~~ standing ~~(without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any~~

~~qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit)~~acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion, to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis~~report has been prepared~~ in accordance with GAAP ~~consistently applied and containing no material qualifications or limitations on scope~~; and

(b) ~~For so long as the Parent is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, beginning with the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2023, the Parent shall provide, unless available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or successor system), upon filing of the same (or if the Parent is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, then within forty-five (45) 60 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Parent, its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows~~Parent), a copy of an unaudited financial report of the Parent as of the end of ~~and for~~ such fiscal quarter and ~~for the then elapsed portion of such fiscal year for each of the first three quarters of each~~the fiscal year, ~~then ended, containing, on a consolidated basis, balance sheets and statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flow, in each case~~ setting forth ~~in each case~~ in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period ~~or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous preceding~~ fiscal year, all in reasonable detail certified by a Responsible Officer ~~as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries of the Parent to have been prepared in accordance with GAAP and to fairly and accurately present (subject to year-end audit adjustments) the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent, on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; provided, however, that the Parent and the Borrower shall not be required to deliver such balance sheets, as of the dates and reports for the second fiscal quarter of 2019 periods indicated therein.~~

Information required to be delivered pursuant to Sections 6.01(a) and 6.01(b) shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Lender on the date on which such information or one or more annual or quarterly reports containing such information have been posted on the Parent's website as identified to the Lender from time to time or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

6.02 Certificates; Other Information.

Upon the written request of the Lender, the Borrower will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver (or cause to be delivered) to the Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) within forty-five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Parent, an Underlying Investment Fund Report as of the end of such fiscal quarter, including a calculation of the Collateral Value as of the date of such report;

(b) each of the following documents with respect to the Underlying Investment Funds, in each case, to the extent provided to any DST: (i) any written amendment, supplement or other modification to the limited liability company or limited partnership agreement of each Underlying Investment Fund delivered as of the Closing Date, (ii) any written amendment, supplement or other modification to the subscription agreements delivered pursuant to Section 4.01(f) as of the Closing Date, if any, (iii) side letters which the relevant Underlying Investment Fund has entered into with the applicable DST and (iv) such other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Lender from time to time (subject, in each case, to any necessary confidentiality undertakings); and

(c) promptly, such additional information regarding the business or corporate affairs or financial condition of the Borrower, BEN Fiduciary, the Subsidiary Guarantors, or the Trusts or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

6.03 Notices.

Promptly notify the Lender of:

- (a) the occurrence of any Default;
- (b) any claim made or asserted against the Collateral or the property, contract rights, or assets of BEN Fiduciary (whether held by a trust or otherwise) (other than by the Lender under the Loan Documents);
- (c) any filing or commencement of or, to its knowledge, any written threat or notice of intention of any Person to file or commence any material action, suit, proceeding whether at law or equity by or before any Governmental Authority against or affecting the Borrower that if adversely determined could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (d) any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and
- (e) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount exceeding the Threshold Amount.

Each notice pursuant to this Section 6.03 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer setting forth reasonable details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 6.03(a) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have or may have been breached.

6.04 Payment of Taxes.

Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable all material tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by the Borrower.

6.05 Preservation of Existence, Etc.

- (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization.
- (b) Take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.06 Maintenance of Properties.

Maintain, preserve and protect all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

6.07 Compliance with Laws.

Comply with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

6.08 Books and Records.

(a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all material financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Borrower.

(b) Maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over the Borrower.

6.09 Inspection Rights.

Upon five (5) Business Days prior written notice and only once in any fiscal year, permit representatives and independent contractors of the Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of the Borrower and at reasonable times during normal business hours; provided, however, that when an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing the Lender (or any of its representatives or independent contractors) (i) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice and (ii) without limiting the inspection rights under this Section 6.09 shall be authorized to request and receive the valuations of the Underlying Investment Funds and the Borrower will provide, or cause to be provided, such valuations.

6.10 Use of Proceeds.

Use the proceeds of the Advances to repay existing indebtedness and for other general corporate purposes of the Borrower.

6.11 Security Interests; Further Assurances.

(a) ~~Promptly after (i) the formation of any Funding Trust, (ii) the execution of any Funding Trust Loan Agreement, or (iii) the formation of any DST, in each case, that would otherwise qualify under such definitions but for being listed on Schedule 1.01A, the Borrower shall give written notice thereof (which may be via email) to the Lender.~~ From time to time, in order to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Maintenance LTV Percentage or otherwise provide additional Collateral hereunder, the Borrower may request that any Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement and/or DST be added to Schedule 1.01A, and if approved in writing by Lender (which for the avoidance of doubt may be via email), from and after the date of such approval, Schedule 1.01A shall be deemed modified to include such Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement and/or DST. Within thirty (30) days of such approval, the Borrower shall (and shall cause the Subsidiary Guarantors and/or DSTs) to execute and deliver Collateral Documents as may be reasonably requested by Lender in order to cause (as applicable): (i) such Funding

Trust Loan Agreement to constitute Collateral, (ii) such DST to become party to the DST Guaranty, and/or (iii) the applicable investment(s) owned by such DST to become subject to a valid, perfected first priority lien in favor of the Lender pursuant to the DST Security Agreement.

(b) Execute and deliver any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents), that may be required under any applicable Law, or that the Lender may reasonably request, in order to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the security interest of the Lender in the Borrower's right, title and interest in the Collateral granted pursuant to the Security Documents, all at the Borrower's expense.

ARTICLE VII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as the Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, or the Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, ~~(a) other than Unasserted Obligations~~, the Borrower shall not, ~~(b) with respect to Section 7.02, Parent and the Borrower shall not, (c) with respect to Section 7.03, Parent and the Borrower shall not, and (d) with respect to Section 7.10, Parent and the Borrower shall not, in each case,~~ directly or indirectly:

7.01 Liens.

Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than the following:

(a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;

(b) Any Lien on any property or asset of the Borrower existing on the Closing Date and set forth in Schedule 7.01; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of such the Borrower unless permitted elsewhere under this Section 7.01, and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Closing Date and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof (without giving effect to accrued interest, fees or transaction costs with respect to such Indebtedness);

(c) Permitted Encumbrances;

(d) Liens on property acquired by Borrower that were in existence at the time of the acquisition of such property and were not created in contemplation of such acquisition;

(e) After the Completion Date, other Liens securing obligations not exceeding \$10,000,000 in the aggregate;

(f) Liens granted to Second Lien Lender pursuant to the Second Lien Loan Documents; ~~and~~

(g) Liens arising under the Acquisition Documents;

(h) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, Liens on the Equity Interests of BEN Financing SPV and related rights securing Indebtedness under the TCB Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents referred to therein; and

(i) other Liens securing obligations (other than Indebtedness for borrowed money) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 at any time outstanding, provided that such Liens do not attach to any Collateral.

7.02 Beneficient Transactions.

Make or agree to make, ~~nor shall Parent, make~~ or permit ~~their respective~~ Affiliates to make or agree to make, any distribution or payment relating to, in satisfaction of, or in purported satisfaction of, any demand relating to any Beneficient Transaction (including any demand made prior to a filing of any action, suit, proceeding, claim or dispute).

7.03 Indebtedness.

Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness ~~by Parent or Borrower~~, except:

- (a) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness evidenced by the Second Lien Credit Agreement or the other Second Lien Loan Documents in aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount permitted under the Subordination Agreement, in each case so long as such Indebtedness is permitted and subject to the Subordination Agreement;
- (c) Indebtedness and guarantees thereof existing on the Closing Date and set forth in Schedule 7.03 and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness with Indebtedness that does not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof (without giving effect to accrued interest, fees or transaction costs with respect to such Indebtedness);
- (d) Indebtedness in respect of overdrawn checks, drafts and similar instruments arising in the ordinary course of maintaining deposit accounts (if repaid within two (2) Business Days);
- (e) Indebtedness arising in connection with endorsement of instruments for deposit in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) Indebtedness owed to any Person providing workers' compensation, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance, pursuant to reimbursement or indemnification obligations to such Person, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) Indebtedness as an account party in respect of performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds and similar obligations, in each case provided in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) The BCC Notes; ~~and~~
- (i) After the Completion Date, other Indebtedness; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of such other Indebtedness does not exceed \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (j) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, Indebtedness of the Borrower pursuant to the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender);
- (k) Indebtedness of the Borrower under the Master Intercompany Note (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice, as such Master Intercompany Note may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender in its reasonable discretion); and

(l) other Indebtedness not constituting Indebtedness for borrowed money in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding \$2,500,000.

7.04 Fundamental Changes.

(a) (i) Merge into, consolidate with or amalgamate with (by scheme, arrangements or otherwise) any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into, consolidate with or amalgamate with it, in each case, unless the Borrower is the continuing or surviving Person and the Lender consents to such merger, consolidation or amalgamation in writing (for avoidance of doubt, such consent may be provided via email), (ii) sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of (in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or any substantial part of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) or (iii) liquidate, wind-up or dissolve;

(b) engage in any business if, as a result, the general nature of the business in which the Borrower would then be engaged would be substantially and adversely changed from the general nature of the business in which the Borrower is engaged as of the Closing Date;

(c) without the written consent of the Lender, enter into any amendment or modification of any of its Organization Documents that could adversely affect the Lender, as determined in the reasonable good faith discretion of the Lender;

(d) change (i) its fiscal year or (ii) its method of accounting as in effect on the Closing Date, unless prior notice is given to the Lender by the Borrower and the Lender consents to such change (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); or

(e) become an “investment company” or a Person controlled by a “person” required to register as an “investment company”, in each case as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

7.05 Dispositions.

Except (i) as required pursuant to the Acquisition Documents, (ii) as contemplated by the Consent or (iii) with the written consent of the Lender (for avoidance of doubt, such consent may be provided via email), Dispose of any Funding Trust Loan (or any interest under any Funding Trust Loan Agreement) to any Person.

7.06 Restricted Payments.

Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so unless (a)(i) such Restricted Payment is permitted under its Organization Documents, (ii) such Restricted Payment is not in breach of the Subordination Agreement and (iii) no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Restricted Payment ~~or~~; (b) such Restricted Payment constitutes tax distributions that are required or permitted to be made by its Organization Documents; or (c) such Restricted Payment is made to a Parent Company to the extent necessary to permit such Parent Company to pay general administrative costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, corporate overhead, legal, accounting, and other professional fees and directors and officers insurance, including premiums therefore, or similar expenses), franchise fees, franchise taxes and similar expenses required to maintain the organizational existence of such Parent Company, exchange listing and registration fees and other costs and expenses attributable to the Parent Company being a publicly traded company, in each case, which are reasonable and customary and incurred in the ordinary course of business, plus any reasonable and customary indemnification claims made by directors,

officers, members of management or consultants of such Parent Company, in each case, to the extent attributable to the ownership or operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

7.07 Transactions with Affiliates.

Enter into any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of the Borrower, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to the Borrower as would be obtainable by the Borrower at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate, other than (i) transactions entered into prior to the Closing Date or contemplated by the Organization Documents thereof as of the Closing Date, (ii) transactions permitted by the other provisions of this Agreement or of any other Loan Document ~~and~~, (iii) transactions described in the Master Term Sheet and any transactions incidental or related thereto, (iv) transactions and agreements described in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration Number 333-268741) filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 9, 2022, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the SEC on January 23, 2023, Amendment No. 2 filed with the SEC on March 6, 2023, Amendment No. 3 filed with the SEC on April 19, 2023, Amendment No. 4 filed with the SEC on May 8, 2023 and Amendment No. 5 filed with the SEC on May 11, 2023, and (v) any transaction or series of related transactions involving aggregate consideration not in excess of \$500,000.

7.08 Burdensome Agreements.

Enter into, or permit to exist, any Contractual Obligation that (a) encumbers or restricts the ability of the Borrower to (i) pledge the Collateral pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof or (ii) act as the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clause (i) above) for (1) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (2) from and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, the TCB Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents referred to therein (in the forms approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender)), and ~~(23)~~ any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided, that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien, or (b) requires the grant of any security for any obligation if such property is given as security for the Obligations, other than any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien.

7.09 Sanctions.

Use, or permit its respective directors, officers, employees or agents to use, the proceeds of the Loan (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of directly or indirectly funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country to the extent such activities, businesses or transactions would be prohibited by Sanctions if conducted by a corporation incorporated in the United States or in a European Union member state, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

7.10 Securities.

Issue, ~~nor shall Parent issue~~ or permit any of its Subsidiaries to issue, any securities that are senior to the NPC-A interests (other than Senior NPC-A securities) or Senior NPC-A securities, other than Indebtedness permitted by Section 7.03.

ARTICLE VIII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

8.01 Events of Default.

Upon the occurrence of (i) any of the following events, and (ii) notice (written or oral) from Lender to Borrower that such Default shall constitute an Event of Default, such event shall cause an Event of Default; provided, that this clause (ii) shall not apply to clauses (f) and (g) of this Section 8.01 and that the occurrence of any event described in clause (f) or (g) shall trigger an Event of Default without notice of any kind from Lender:

(a) Non-Payment. The Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid by such Person herein, any amount of the Loan, (ii) within three (3) days after the same becomes due, any interest or fee due hereunder, or (iii) within five (5) days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document;

(b) Specific Covenants. The Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in (i) Section 6.03(a), 6.05 (as to legal existence of the Borrower), Section 6.11, or Article VII; (ii) Section 6.01 and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for fifteen (15) days after notice thereof by the Lender; or (iii) any of Section 6.02(a) and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for five (5) Business Days after notice thereof by the Lender.

(c) Other Defaults. The Borrower, any DST, any Subsidiary Guarantor, or the Parent fails to perform or observe any covenant or agreement (not specified in subsection (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for thirty (30) days after the earlier of the date that the Borrower, (i) knows or should have known of such breach or (ii) has received notice thereof by the Lender;

(d) Representations and Warranties. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower, any DST or any Subsidiary Guarantor herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of fact containing qualifications as to materiality or incorrect or misleading in any material respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of facts without qualifications as to materiality when so made or deemed to be made;

(e) Cross-Default.

(i) The Borrower (or any Affiliate thereof) or any LiquidTrust fails to (ix) make any payment of principal when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Second Lien Obligations or (ix) observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Second Lien Obligations or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Second Lien Obligations (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Second Lien Obligations to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Second Lien Obligations to be made, prior to its stated maturity;

provided, that this clause shall not apply to (1) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder, or (2) Indebtedness described in clause (ii) below; or

(ii) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, BEN Financing SPV fails to (x) make any payment of principal when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect any Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) under the TCB Credit Agreement or (y) observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) under the TCB Credit Agreement or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) to be made, prior to its stated maturity unless, in the case of this clause (y) only, such failure is cured or waived in accordance with the TCB Credit Agreement or other agreements securing or relating thereto; provided, that this clause shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder;

(f) Insolvency Proceedings, Etc. The Borrower institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for sixty calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for sixty calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding;

(g) Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment. (i) The Borrower becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due and payable, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within thirty days after its issue or levy;

(h) Judgments. ~~The Borrower cannot make the representation with respect to Section 5.06(ii); or there~~ There is entered against the Borrower (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments or orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (after giving effect to any insurance proceeds covering such judgments or orders), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of thirty (30) consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect;

(i) Invalidity of Loan Documents. Any provision of any Loan Document to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor or DST is a party, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect or ceases to give the Lender any material part of the Liens purported to be created thereby; or the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor, any DST, or any

other affiliated Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any such Loan Document; or the Borrower or any DST or Subsidiary Guarantor denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any such Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any such Loan Document;

(j) Lien Defects. Any Lien created or purported to be created by any of the Loan Documents on any asset of the Borrower shall at any time fail to constitute a valid and perfected Lien (or the equivalent thereof under applicable Laws) on any of the property purported to be subject thereto, securing the obligations purported to be secured thereby, with the priority required by the Loan Documents, or the Borrower shall so assert in writing except to the extent that any such failure or loss of benefit, perfection or priority results from the failure of the Lender to file UCC financing or continuation statements;

(k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control;

(l) ERISA. An ERISA Event shall have occurred that, in the opinion of the Lender, when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower in an aggregate amount exceeding the Threshold Amount;

(m) Governmental Investigation. The occurrence of (i) any investigation or seizure made by any Governmental Authority for an actual or alleged violation or breach of Law by the Borrower, or by any director or executive officer thereof that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a revocation, suspension or termination of any license, permit or approval held by the Borrower or any director or executive officer thereof that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(n) Acquisition Documents. The Borrower, any Trust or any Affiliate thereof shall (i) enter into, or consent to, any amendment to any Acquisition Document in any manner adverse to the Lender (other than any amendments to Funding Trust Loan Agreements specified on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be modified from time to time in accordance with the definition of Funding Trust Loan Agreement) or (ii) fail to comply in all material respects with its obligations under the Acquisition Documents;

(o) Proceeds of Underlying Investment Funds. (i) Any Trust shall fail to apply any proceeds of any Distribution from, or Disposition of, any Equity Interests of any Underlying Investment Fund in accordance with the Organization Documents of such Trust or (ii) any Funding Trust shall fail to apply any proceeds of any Distribution from, or Disposition of, any Equity Interests of any Underlying Investment Fund received by such Funding Trust (indirectly through distributions from the applicable Trusts) to payment of amounts owing pursuant to its respective Funding Trust Loan Agreement; or

(p) Any revenues, monies, distributions or proceeds received by or on behalf of the LiquidTrusts on account of or attributable to any Senior Beneficial Interests from time to time purchased or acquired by the LiquidTrusts are not used to acquire as an investment Senior Beneficial Interests in Collective Trusts.

8.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default.

If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Lender may take any or all of the following actions:

- (a) terminate the Commitment and any obligation to make Advances;
- (b) declare the amount of the outstanding principal amount of the Loan and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower; and
- (c) exercise all rights and remedies available to it under the Loan Documents or applicable Law or at equity (provided, that the Lender shall not take any action pursuant to the Limited Power of Attorney as the Borrower's agent and attorney-in-fact unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing);

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, the obligation of the Lender to make Loan shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loan and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable without further act of the Lender;

provided, further, however, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein and regardless of whether an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Lender will continue to permit the Borrower, BEN Fiduciary, the Subsidiary Guarantors, their Subsidiaries and Affiliates, and the Funding Trusts to make any and all distributions required to be made by any of such Persons pursuant to the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions Act as in effect from time to time in the State of Kansas.

8.03 Application of Funds.

After the exercise of remedies provided for in Section 8.02 (or after the Loan have automatically become immediately due and payable as set forth in the proviso to Section 8.02), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by the Lender in the following order:

First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts due and payable under the Loan Documents (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Lender and amounts payable under Article III) payable to the Lender;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting the Loan and other Obligations arising under the Loan Documents;

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Law.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 Amendments, Etc.

No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by the Borrower therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by ~~(a) the Lender; (b) and the Borrower and (c) with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10, to the extent adverse to the interests of the Parent, the Parent.~~

9.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications.

(a) Notices Generally. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in subsection (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by facsimile as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on Schedule 9.02; and

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such subsection (b).

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Lender hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Lender. The Lender or the Borrower may each, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that, approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Lender otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement) and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; provided that, for both clauses (i) and (ii), if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice, email or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient.

(c) Change of Address, Etc. The Borrower and the Lender may change its address, facsimile or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

(d) Reliance by the Lender. The Lender shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including electronic Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Borrower shall indemnify the Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with the Lender may be recorded by the Lender, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

9.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement.

No failure by the Lender to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the imposition of any per annum increase in the interest rate consistent with ~~clause (b) of~~ the definition of Accrued Interest) preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided and provided under each other Loan Document are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by Law.

9.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lender and its Affiliates in connection the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), and (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lender, and shall pay all reasonable fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of the Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights during the continuation of an Event of Default (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, or (B) in connection with the Loan made hereunder, including all such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of the Loan.

(b) Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower shall indemnify the Lender and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), and shall indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee from all fees and time charges and disbursements for attorneys who may be employees of any Indemnitee, incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any Person (including the Borrower) other than such Indemnitee and its Related Parties arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) the Loan or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom, or (iii) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the bad faith, fraud, gross negligence or willful

misconduct of such Indemnatee or its Related Party or (y) result from a claim brought by the Borrower against an Indemnatee for breach of such Indemnatee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if such Borrower has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Without limiting the provisions of Section 3.01(c), this Section 9.04(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, the Borrower and the Lender shall not assert, and the Borrower and the Lender each hereby waives, and acknowledges that no other Person shall have, any claim against the Borrower or any Indemnatee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, the Loan or the use of the proceeds thereof, provided that nothing in this Section 9.04(c) shall relieve the Borrower of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnatee against special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnatee by a third party. No Indemnatee shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnatee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnatee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable not later than ten (10) Business Days after demand therefor.

(e) Survival. The agreements in this Section and the indemnity provisions of Section 9.02(d) shall survive the replacement of the Lender, the termination of the Commitment and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of the Obligations.

9.05 Payments Set Aside.

To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Borrower is made to the Lender, or the Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then, to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred.

9.06 Successors and Assigns.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and thereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except (i) that the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder without the prior written consent of the Lender and (ii) the Lender may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder except (A) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.06(b), (B) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.06(c) or (C) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of Section 9.06(e) (and

any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in Section 9.06(b) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of the Lender) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) Assignments by Lender. The Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all or a portion of the Commitment and the Loan outstanding); provided that the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any such assignment unless (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (ii) such assignment is to an existing Lender or an Affiliate of an existing Lender or an Approved Assignee; provided that, the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Lender within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof. From and after the effective date of any such assignment, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned, have the rights and obligations of the Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an assignment and covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, and 9.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment). Upon request, the Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by the Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by the Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 9.06(d).

(c) Register. The Lender, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower (and such agency being solely for tax purposes), shall maintain at the Lending Office a copy of each assignment agreement (or the equivalent thereof in electronic form) and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lender, the Commitment and the amount of the Loan pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. The Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower, sell participations to one or more participants (other than the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of the Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loan owing to it); provided that (i) the Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) the Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower shall continue to deal solely and directly with the Lender in connection with the Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement.

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which the Lender sells such a participation shall provide that the Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, and 3.04 to the same extent as if it were the Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 3.01(d) shall be delivered to the Lender who

sells the participation); provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 3.05 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 3.01 or 3.04, with respect to any participation, than the Lender from whom it acquired the applicable participation would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. The Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 3.05 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by Law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.08 as though it were the Lender. The Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loan or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary.

(e) Certain Pledges. The Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of the Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided that no such pledge or assignment shall release the Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for the Lender as a party hereto.

9.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality.

The Lender agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent required or requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over such Person or its Related Parties (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners),

(c) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process,

(d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (g) on a confidential basis to (i) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or the credit facilities provided hereunder or (ii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers or other market identifiers with respect to the credit facilities provided hereunder, (h) any Third Party Appraiser, (i) with the consent of the Borrower or (j) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to the Lender or any of its Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or BCC. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower or BCC, other than any such

information that is available to the Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower or BCC. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

The Lender acknowledges that (a) the Information may include material non-public information concerning the Parent, Borrower and BCC, (b) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and (c) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including United States federal and state securities Laws. With respect to any Information provided hereunder, the Lender's obligations under this Section 9.07 shall terminate on the two (2) year anniversary of the ~~Scheduled~~Final Maturity Date.

9.08 Right of Setoff.

If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by the Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the Lender or its Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not the Lender or such Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of the Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The Lender agrees to notify the Borrower promptly after any such setoff and application; provided that, the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

9.09 Interest Rate Limitation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If the Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loan or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

9.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Lender, constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Lender and when the Lender shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties

hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic imaging means (e.g., “pdf” or “tif”) shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

9.11 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Lender or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of the funding of the Loan, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than Unasserted Obligations).

9.12 Severability.

If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

9.13 [Reserved].

9.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

(a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (EXCEPT, AS TO ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN) AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW).

(b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. THE BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT COMMENCE ANY ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION, WHETHER IN LAW OR EQUITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST THE LENDER OR ANY RELATED PARTY OF THE FOREGOING IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATING HERETO OR THERETO, IN ANY FORUM OTHER THAN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES

THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT THE LENDER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST THE BORROWER OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) WAIVER OF VENUE. THE BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) SERVICE OF PROCESS. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN SECTION 9.02. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

9.15 Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

9.16 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document), the Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) (A) the arranging and other services regarding this Agreement provided by the Lender are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Borrower and its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Lender, on the other hand, (B) the Borrower has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and (C) the Borrower is capable of evaluating, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents; (ii) (A) the Lender is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Borrower or any of its Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) the Lender has no obligation to the

Borrower or any of its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; and (iii) the Lender and its Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Borrower and its Affiliates, and the Lender has no obligation to disclose any of such interests to the Borrower and its Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Borrower hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against the Lender with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

9.17 Electronic Execution of Assignments and Certain Other Documents.

The words “execute” “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in any assignment or in any amendment or other modification hereof (including waivers and consents) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Lender or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable Law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state Laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

9.18 USA PATRIOT Act.

The Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the “Act”), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow the Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act. The Borrower shall, promptly following a request by the Lender, provide all documentation and other information that the Lender requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Act.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

APPENDIX 1

Eligibility Criteria of Each Eligible Underlying Investment

An investment in any Underlying Investment Fund shall be an Eligible Underlying Investment if the following criteria are satisfied (or otherwise waived by the Lender):

(a) from the Closing Date until the ~~Assignment (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement)~~ transfer or assignment of legal title of such investment (an "Assignment") to the Related DST (as defined below) in accordance with the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable:

(i) a DST (the "Related DST") holds an economic interest in such investment in such Underlying Investment Fund pursuant to the ~~Economic Direction Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable~~ (and such investment is not subject to a Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement));

~~(ii) the interest of the applicable Seller in such investment is subject to a valid, perfected first priority lien in favor of the Lender pursuant to a Seller Security Agreement; and~~

~~(ii) (iii)~~ such Seller has complied in all material respects with its obligations under the ~~Economic Direction Agreement and such Seller Security Agreement~~ Acquisition Documents in respect of such investment; and

~~(iii) (iv) (A)~~ the applicable seller of such Underlying Investment Fund (a "Seller") shall have caused all distributions and other amounts received in respect of such investment to be paid to the applicable Seller Account in accordance with the ~~Economic Direction Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement and (B)~~ Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable;

(b) from and after the ~~Completion Date, Assignment of such investment to the Related DST in accordance with the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable~~;

(i) the Related DST shall have caused all amounts received in any Seller Account in respect of such investment to be promptly transferred to a deposit account of the Related DST;

~~(b) from and after, if such deposit account is not the Assignment (same as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement) of such investment to the Related DST in accordance with the Acquisition Documents; applicable Seller Account;~~

(ii) ~~(i)~~ such investment is owned by, and registered in the name of, the Related DST;
and

~~(iii) (ii)~~ the Related DST shall have provided irrevocable instructions to such Underlying Investment Fund to pay all distributions in respect of such investment to a deposit account of the Related DST; if such deposit account is not the same as the applicable Seller Account.

~~(c) such Underlying Investment Fund has furnished its Equity Interests holders with (x) its quarterly net asset value within seventy-five (75) Business Days following the end of the preceding quarter and (y) an unqualified audit of its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity or partners' equity, as the case may be, and cash flows as of the end of~~

~~each fiscal year within 180 days following the end of such fiscal year, in each case, evidenced by supporting detail acceptable to the Lender in its sole discretion reasonably exercised;~~

~~(d) — if such Underlying Investment Fund is no longer in its investment period, such Underlying Investment Fund has made material cash distributions to its limited partners within the previous twelve (12) months;~~

~~(e) —~~ (e) to the knowledge of the Borrower, such Underlying Investment Fund is not subject to any investigation, action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator, regulator, or Governmental Authority that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

~~(d) —~~ (f) such Underlying Investment Fund is Solvent;

~~(e) —~~ (g) the Related DST funds or procures the funding of each capital call obligation made on the Related DST in respect of such investment no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date the Related DST receives notice that such obligation has not been met, unless the Related DST is contesting the validity of such capital call in good faith; provided, that in the event the Related DST contests the validity of a capital call obligation in good faith, the Borrower must provide the Lender evidence of such good faith claim;

~~(f) —~~ (h) (A) if the interests in the Related DST have been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, 100% of the Equity Interests of the Related DST are owned by an Exchange Trust or (B) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, (i) 100% of the Equity Interests of the Related DST are owned by a LiquidTrust (the “Related LiquidTrust”), (ii) 100% of the Equity Interests in the Related LiquidTrust (other than the residual beneficial interest therein owned by certain charitable endowments as of the Closing Date (or applicable acquisition date of the assets of such the Related DST) or Equity Interests in the Related LiquidTrust held by such Related LiquidTrust itself) are owned by a Collective Trust (the “Related Collective Trust”) and (iii) 100% of the Equity Interests in the Related Collective Trust (other than the residual beneficial interest therein owned by certain charitable endowments as of the Closing Date) are owned by one or more Funding Trusts (each, a “Related Funding Trust”), in each case, with respect to clauses (A) and (B), free and clear of any Liens other than Permitted Trust Liens;

~~(g) — (i) (i) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, each trustee of each of the Related LiquidTrust, Related Collective Trust and Related Funding Trusts shall be an individual acting as a trustee thereof on the Closing Date (or, if later, the date of formation of such Trust) (or another individual reasonably acceptable to the Lender) and (ii) the trustee of the Related DST shall be Delaware Trust Company (or another trustee reasonably acceptable to the Lender);~~

~~(h) —~~ (j) such investment is subject to a valid, perfected first priority lien in favor of the Lender pursuant to the DST Security Agreement; and

~~(i) —~~ (k) (A) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, none of the Related Funding Trust, Related Collective Trust or Related LiquidTrust is subject to a Trust Adverse Event and (B) the Related DST is not subject to a Trust Adverse Event;

~~(j) —~~ (l) the Related DST is not subject to a DST Default; and

~~(k)~~—~~(m)~~ no Event of Default has occurred under the Funding Trust Loan Agreement to which any Related Funding Trust is a party;

provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, (x) if an investment fails to satisfy any of the criteria set forth above at any time, such investment will not be precluded from becoming an Eligible Underlying Investment by virtue of such prior failure to the extent such investment satisfies the criteria set forth above at a later time (including, with respect to clause ~~(e)~~, ~~upon delivery of the reporting required thereunder at a subsequent required reporting date under such clause, and with respect to clause (g)~~, upon payment of any capital call obligation that has not been paid) and (y) nothing in this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict (A) any partition of any LiquidTrust required pursuant to the Organization Documents thereof or the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable, (B) the severing of the Economic Direction Agreement pursuant to any Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement) or (C) any distribution or transfer of any such Severed EDA (and related interests in Underlying Investment Funds) required pursuant to the Organization Documents of the Trusts or the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable.

Appendix 1-3

SCHEDULE 1.01A

Trusts

Funding Trusts

1. THE LT-1B FUNDING TRUST
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44. [THE EP-00119 FUNDING TRUST](#)
45. [THE EP-00120 FUNDING TRUST](#)

Funding Trust Loan Agreements

1. LT-1B Loan and Security Agreement dated September 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
2. LT-2B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
3. LT-3B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
4. LT-4B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
5. LT-5B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
6. LT-6B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
7. LT-7B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
8. LT-8B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
9. LT-9B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
10. LT-12B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
11. LT-14B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
12. LT-15B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
13. LT-16B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
14. LT-17B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)

15. LT-18B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
16. LT-19B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
17. LT-20B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
18. LT-21B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
19. LT-22B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
20. LT-23B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
21. LT-24B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
22. LT-25B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
23. LT-26B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
24. LT-27B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 13, 2019 (as amended and restated January 1, 2021)
25. LT-28B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 13, 2019 (as amended and restated January 1, 2021)
26. EP-00100 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020 (as amended March 31, 2021)
27. EP-00101 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
28. EP-00102 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
29. EP-00103 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
30. EP-00104 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
31. EP-00105 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
32. EP-00106 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
33. EP-00107 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
34. EP-00108 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 15, 2021

35. EP-00109 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 8, 2021
36. EP-00110 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 8, 2021
37. EP-00111 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 27, 2021
38. EP-00112 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 27, 2021
39. EP-00113 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
40. EP-00114 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
41. EP-00115 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
42. EP-00116 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
43. First Amended and Restated EP-00117 Loan and Security Agreement dated March 24, 2022
44. EP-00118 Loan and Security Agreement dated April 15, 2022
45. EP-00119 Loan and Security Agreement dated May 2, 2022
46. [EP-00120 Loan and Security Agreement dated June 7, 2023](#)

Collective Trusts

1. THE COLLECTIVE COLLATERAL TRUST

Liquid Trusts

1. THE LT-1 LIQUIDTRUST
2. THE LT-2 LIQUIDTRUST
3. THE LT-3 LIQUIDTRUST
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Exchange Trusts

1. LT-21 EXCHANGE TRUST
2. LT-22 EXCHANGE TRUST
3. LT-23 EXCHANGE TRUST
4. LT-24 EXCHANGE TRUST
5. LT-25 EXCHANGE TRUST
6. LT-26 EXCHANGE TRUST

EXHIBIT B-1

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the “Borrower”), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the “Lender”) (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(3) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (iv) it is not a “controlled foreign corporation” related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Borrower with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-2

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the “Borrower”), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the “Lender”) (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-3

U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate (For Foreign Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the “Borrower”), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the “Lender”) (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such participation, (iii) with respect such participation, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN from each of such partner’s/member’s beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-4

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the “Borrower”), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the “Lender”) (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)), (iii) with respect to the extension of credit pursuant to this Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Borrower with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN from each of such partner’s/member’s beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: _____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT C

Form of Loan Notice

Date: __, 20__

To: HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. 325 N. Saint Paul Street Suite
4850
Dallas, TX 75201

Re: Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the "Borrower"), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the "Lender") (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The Borrower hereby requests an Advance:

1. On __, __, which shall be a Business Day
2. In the amount of \$__.

[Wire Instructions for receipt of Advance:

Bank Name: [] []
Bank ABA: [] Swift/BIC Code: [] Attn: [] Account
Name: [] Account Number: []]

The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the date of such Advance:

- (a) The representations and warranties of the Borrower and each DST contained in the Loan Documents, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection therewith, are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date;
- (b) No Default exists or will result as a consequence of the making of such Advance or the subsequent application by the Borrower of the proceeds thereof;
- (c) Such Advance does not exceed the Available Amount; and
- (d) Immediately after giving effect to such Advance, the LTV Percentage will not exceed the Maintenance LTV Percentage.

With respect to the Advance requested herein, the undersigned Borrower hereby represents and warrants that (i) such request complies with the requirements of Section 2.02 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) each of the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 of the Credit Agreement (and, if such Advance is the Initial Advance, Section 4.01), have been satisfied on and as of the date of such Advance.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is an Underlying Investment Fund Report.

BENEFICIENT CAPITAL COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: __ Name:
Title:

Exhibit C-2

Exhibit 1 to Loan Notice

Underlying Investment Fund Report

See attached.

Exhibit C-3

AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment"), dated as of July 12, 2023 (the "Effective Date") is entered into by and among BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P. (the "Borrower"), BENEFICIENT, a Nevada corporation ("Parent"), the DSTs and Subsidiary Guarantors party hereto, and HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C. ("HCLP"), as Lender under the Credit Agreement (as defined below) (in such capacity, the "Lender") and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Borrower, the Lender, and the Parent are party to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of August 13, 2020 (as modified by that certain Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 10, 2021, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 2 to Loan Documents, dated as of June 28, 2021, as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of November 3, 2021 and effective as of July 15, 2021, as modified by that certain Consent No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022, as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of February 15, 2023, as modified by that certain Consent No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 10, 2023, and as amended by that certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of June 5, 2023, and as otherwise amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "Existing Credit Agreement", and the Existing Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment, the "Credit Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lender extend the Final Maturity Date to September 15, 2027 (the "Maturity Extension"), and the Lender has agreed to extend the maturity subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, as a condition of Lender agreeing to the Maturity Extension as set forth herein, Borrower agrees to pay to Lender a maturity extension fee in the amount of \$25,000.00 (the "Maturity Extension Fee"); and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Lender has agreed to evidence the Maturity Extension and make certain other amendments to the Existing Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such amendments, the Borrower has requested, and the Lender has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein to: (a) release Parent from all of its obligations under the Credit Agreement, and (b) acknowledge that certain obligations of the Borrower under the Fourth Amendment have been deemed satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Defined Terms.** All initially capitalized terms used herein (including the preamble and recitals hereof) without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Credit Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the preamble and recitals of this Amendment.

2. Other Defined Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Section 2:

“Released Claims” means any and all actions, causes of action, judgments, executions, suits, debts, claims, demands, controversies, liabilities, obligations, damages and expenses of any and every character (whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, absolute or contingent, acknowledged or disputed, direct or indirect), at law or in equity, of whatsoever kind or nature (including claims of usury), whether heretofore or hereafter accruing, for or because of any matter or things done, omitted or suffered to be done by any of the Released Persons prior to and including the date hereof that in any way directly or indirectly arise out of or in any way are connected to (a) any of the Loan Documents or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, (b) any negotiation, discussion, enforcement action, agreement or failure to agree related to any Loan Document or any Default or Event of Default thereunder, or (c) any action, event, occurrence, or omission otherwise related to the rights, duties, obligations and relationships among the Borrower and Lender.

“Released Persons” means Lender and its respective employees, agents, attorneys, officers, partners, shareholders, affiliates, accountants, consultants, and directors, and their respective successors and assigns.

3. Compliance with Fourth Amendment. The Lender confirms that Lender extended the post-closing deadline in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Fourth Amendment to the date hereof, and, subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6 hereof, the Lender confirms that the requirements of Section 6 of the Fourth Amendment have been satisfied (or otherwise waived by the Lender), as of the Effective Date.

4. Release. Effective as of the Effective Date, Lender hereby confirms and agrees that Parent is released from all of its obligations under the Credit Agreement and from and after such date, Parent shall cease to be a party thereto. From and after the Effective Date, Lender agrees to execute and deliver to Parent evidence of such release, such evidence to be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Parent and Lender.

5. Amendments to Existing Credit Agreement. Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6 hereof, effective as of the Effective Date, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended as follows:

(a) The Existing Credit Agreement and Appendix 1 to the Existing Credit Agreement (excluding the Appendices, Schedules (except with respect to Appendix 1) and Exhibits attached thereto) shall be amended to delete the stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: ~~stricken text~~) and to add the double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: double-underlined text) set forth in the pages of the Credit Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

(b) Schedule 1.01B is hereby deleted in its entirety from the Credit Agreement.

6. Conditions Precedent to Amendment. The satisfaction (or waiver in writing by the Lender) of each of the following shall constitute conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Amendment:

(a) Lender shall have received this Amendment duly executed by the parties thereto;

(b) Lender shall have received an amendment to the Senior Credit Agreement on substantially similar terms to this Amendment in form acceptable to Lender;

(c) Lender shall have received a favorable opinion of legal counsel to the Borrower, addressed to the Lender, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Lender, with respect to the Borrower’s execution and delivery of this Amendment;

(d) the Lender shall have received all documents (including organizational documents), certificates and instruments that Lender has then reasonably requested, which additional documents, certificates and instruments shall be reasonably satisfactory to Lender in form, substance and date;

(e) after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment, no event shall have occurred and be continuing that would constitute an Event of Default; and

(f) all representations and warranties made by Borrower or any Affiliate thereof (other than Parent except to the extent set forth herein) in any Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) on and as of time of the effectiveness hereof as if such representations and warranties had been made as of the time of the effectiveness hereof (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty was made as of a specific date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) as of such specific date).

On the Effective Date, the Maturity Extension Fee shall be deemed to have been paid in kind by Borrower and shall be added to the outstanding principal amount of the Loan. The Maturity Extension Fee shall not be refundable under any circumstances and shall not be subject to any counterclaim, setoff or other impairment of right or rescission or turnover.

7. Representations and Warranties.

(a) The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lender that:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor, and each DST set forth in the Loan Documents (as modified by this Amendment) are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) on and as of the date hereof (after giving effect to this Amendment), except to the extent that such representations and warranties are by their terms made as of a specified date, in which case they are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if the applicable representation and warranty is qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or any other materiality qualifier) as of such specified date;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to this Amendment, no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(iii) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto;

(iv) this Amendment and the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment), constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto or thereto, as applicable, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and

(v) the execution and delivery by the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto of this Amendment and the performance by such Person of this Amendment and, in the case of the Borrower, the Credit Agreement (as modified by this Amendment), have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and (A) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (B) will not violate any material requirement of law applicable to such Person, (C) will not violate or result in a default under any material indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon such Person or the assets of such Person, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by such Person, and (D) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of such Person or any Subsidiary, except Liens created pursuant to the Loan

Documents, the Senior Documents, the TCB Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as defined therein).

(b) The Parent represents and warrants to the Lender that:

(i) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered by the Parent;

(ii) this Amendment constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of the Parent enforceable against the Parent in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and

(iii) the execution and delivery by the Parent of this Amendment and the performance by the Parent of this Amendment have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and (A) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (B) will not violate any material requirement of law applicable to the Parent, and (C) will not violate or result in a default under any material indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon the Parent or the assets of the Parent.

8. Covenant. Borrower agrees to pay the reasonable and documented fees, expenses, and disbursements invoiced by Holland & Knight LLP (counsel to the Lender) in connection with this Amendment and the other Loan Documents on or before the earlier of (a) the date that is seven (7) days after the Effective Date, and (b) the initial funding under the TCB Credit Agreement.

9. **GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 9.14 AND 9.15 OF THE CREDIT AGREEMENT, AND SUCH PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, MUTATIS MUTANDIS.

10. **RELEASE OF CLAIMS**. TO INDUCE THE LENDER TO ENTER INTO THIS AMENDMENT, EACH OF THE BORROWER AND THE PARENT HEREBY (A) REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT THERE ARE NO CLAIMS OR OFFSETS AGAINST OR DEFENSES OR COUNTERCLAIMS TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL SUCH CLAIMS, OFFSETS, DEFENSES, OR COUNTERCLAIMS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, ARISING PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, (B) RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES THE RELEASED PERSONS FROM ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS, AND (C) COVENANTS NOT TO ASSERT (AND NOT TO ASSIST OR ENABLE ANY OTHER PERSON TO ASSERT) ANY RELEASED CLAIM AGAINST ANY RELEASED PERSON. THE BORROWER AND THE PARENT EACH ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT SUCH RELEASE IS A GENERAL RELEASE OF ANY AND ALL RELEASED CLAIMS THAT CONSTITUTES A FULL AND COMPLETE SATISFACTION FOR ALL OR ANY ALLEGED INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASED CLAIMS, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREIN COMPROMISED AND SETTLED.

11. Amendments. This Amendment cannot be altered, amended, changed or modified in any respect except in accordance with Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement.

12. Counterpart Execution. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Amendment by facsimile transmission or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

13. Continuing Effectiveness; Ratification; Etc.

(a) Upon the effectiveness of this Amendment, each reference in the Credit Agreement to “*this Agreement*,” “*hereunder*,” “*hereof*,” “*herein*,” “*hereby*” or words of like import shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby and each reference to the Credit Agreement in any other document, instrument or agreement executed and/or delivered in connection with the Credit Agreement shall mean and be a reference to the Existing Credit Agreement as modified hereby.

(b) Except as specifically amended hereby, and subject to the consent set forth herein, the Existing Credit Agreement and all other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith, shall remain in full force and effect, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor and DST party hereto: (i) agrees that, except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment and the transactions contemplated hereby shall not limit or diminish the obligations of such Person arising under or pursuant to the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, (ii) reaffirms its obligations under the Credit Agreement and each and every other Loan Document to which it is a party (including, without limitation, the Guaranty Agreement and DST Guaranty, as applicable), and (iii) reaffirms (x) all Liens on the Collateral which have been granted by it in favor of the Lender pursuant to any of the Loan Documents (including without limitation pursuant to the Security Agreement and the DST Security Agreement, as applicable), and (y) all filings made with any Governmental Authority in connection with such Liens, as applicable. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AMENDMENT OR OTHERWISE, NOTHING IN THIS AMENDMENT EXTINGUISHES, NOVATES OR RELEASES ANY RIGHT, CLAIM, LIEN, SECURITY INTEREST OR ENTITLEMENT OF ANY OF THE LENDER CREATED BY OR CONTAINED IN THE CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS NOR IS THE BORROWER NOR ANY OTHER PARTY RELEASED FROM ANY COVENANT, WARRANTY OR OBLIGATION CREATED BY OR CONTAINED HEREIN OR THEREIN, EXCEPT FOR THE PARENT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

(c) Except with respect to the subject matter hereof, including the consent and amendments specifically set forth herein, the execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of the Lender nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement or any other documents, instruments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection therewith.

(d) This Amendment shall constitute a Loan Document under the Credit Agreement.

14. Integration. This Amendment, together with the other Loan Documents and the other documents contemplated hereby, contains the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

15. Severability. In case any provision in this Amendment shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be severable from the remainder of this Amendment and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

16. Headings. Section headings in this Amendment are included herein for convenience or reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Amendment for any other purpose.

17. Representation. The parties hereto acknowledge that Lender has selected Holland & Knight LLP as its legal counsel in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment. Borrower and Parent acknowledge that Holland & Knight LLP has not represented it in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Amendment, and Holland & Knight LLP shall owe no duties directly to Borrower or Parent. Each of Borrower and Parent confirms that it has been advised (and given adequate time) to consult with its own legal and tax advisors regarding this Amendment and the Loan Documents.

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Signature Page(s) Follow(s).]***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Amendment as of the date first above written.

**BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS,
L.P.**, as Borrower

By: /s/ Greg W. Ezell
Name: Greg W. Ezell
Title: Chief Financial Officer
BENEFICIENT, as Parent

By: /s/ David Rost
Name: David Rost
Title: General Counsel

Acknowledged, Ratified and Agreed as of the date hereof:

DSTs:

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By: ___/s/ John A. Stahl_____

Name: John A. Stahl

Title: Trustee of each of the following:

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its sole member

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Title: General Counsel

HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C., as the Lender, and as Senior Creditor and Subordinated Creditor under the Subordination Agreement

By: **CROSSMARK MASTER HOLDINGS, LLC**, its Manager

By: /s/ David Wickline

Name: David Wickline

Title: Manager

Signature Page to
Amendment No. 7 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement

EXHIBIT A

Amended Credit Agreement

[See attached]

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS EVIDENCED HEREBY ARE SUBORDINATE IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH IN THAT CERTAIN THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUBORDINATION AND INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT (AS AMENDED, RESTATED, AMENDED AND RESTATED, SUPPLEMENTED OR OTHERWISE MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME, THE "SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT"), DATED AS OF AUGUST 13, 2020, AMONG HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C., A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (TOGETHER WITH ITS SUCCESSORS AND PERMITTED ASSIGNS), INDIVIDUALLY AS A SUBORDINATED CREDITOR AND AS SUBORDINATED CREDITOR REPRESENTATIVE, AND HCLP NOMINEES L.L.C., A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, INDIVIDUALLY AS A SENIOR CREDITOR AND AS SENIOR CREDITOR REPRESENTATIVE AND IN SUCH CAPACITY AS AGENT FOR THE SENIOR LENDERS REFERRED TO THEREIN (AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS IN SUCH CAPACITY), TO THE SENIOR DEBT DESCRIBED IN THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT, AND EACH HOLDER OF THIS INSTRUMENT, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, SHALL BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TERMS OF THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT AND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE TERMS OF THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT SHALL GOVERN AND CONTROL.

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of August 13, 2020, among
BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P.

as the Borrower, ~~and~~
HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C.,

as the Lender,

~~and~~

~~THE PARENT (defined herein)~~

~~solely with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10~~

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 13, 2020, as amended as of March 10, 2021, June 28, 2021, November 3, 2021 (effective as of July 15, 2021), March 24, 2022, February 15, 2023 ~~and~~, June 5, 2023 (but effective as of the Merger Date), and July 12, 2023, among:

- (i) BENEFICIENT COMPANY HOLDINGS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“BCH”); and
- (ii) HCLP NOMINEES, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the “Lender”); ~~and~~
- ~~(iii) — the Parent (hereinafter defined), solely with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10.~~

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, BCC and the Lender are currently party to the Amended and Restated Subordinated Credit Agreement dated as of February 21, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, the “Existing Credit Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, BCC and the Lender wish to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant to and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby expressly acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below: “Account Control Agreement” shall mean an account control agreement or similar agreement, in

form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Lender, pursuant to which the Lender obtains Control (as defined in the UCC) of each deposit account or securities account, as applicable, identified therein.

“Accrued Interest” means:

(a) ~~During any Interest Period, from and after the Amendment No. 7 Effective Date, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to (x) prior to the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (A) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (B) the Spread and (y) on and after the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, (i) One Month Adjusted LIBOR for such Interest Period plus (ii) 8.0%; provided that if the Accrued Interest pursuant to this clause (y) is greater than 9.5%, the Accrued Interest shall be deemed to be 9.5% (except as provided otherwise by the following proviso); provided further, and notwithstanding the foregoing, for the period beginning with the Interest Consent Date and ending on the Fourth Amendment Effective Date, an amount which shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan at a per annum rate equal to 10.59.5%. (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, at Lender's option and upon written notice to Borrower (or automatically upon any acceleration of the Obligations pursuant to Section 8.02), interest shall accrue on each calendar day on the outstanding amount of the Loan, after as well as before judgment, at a rate equal to 2.00% per annum plus the rate otherwise applicable to the Loan as provided in clause (a) or (c) of this definition; provided, that all interest accrued pursuant to this clause (b) shall be payable on demand.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding clause (a), if the Lender determines at any time (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that (i) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining One Month Adjusted LIBOR for any Interest Period (including because LIBOR has ceased to exist) or that no such One Month Adjusted LIBOR or LIBOR rate exists, (ii) One Month Adjusted LIBOR will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to the Lender of holding the Loan, (iii) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of LIBOR has made a public announcement that LIBOR is no longer representative, (iv) any Law has made it unlawful for any relevant Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful for the Lender or its Lending Office to determine or charge interest rates on the Loan based upon LIBOR or (v) any relevant Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of the Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, in each case, effective upon the Lender providing notice thereof to the Borrower until the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist (which the Lender shall promptly confirm by notice to the Borrower), Accrued Interest shall accrue on each calendar day at a per annum rate equal to the Alternate Base Rate for such day plus 8.0%11.5% per annum; provided, that if the Accrued Interestall interest accrued pursuant to this clause (c) is greater than 9.5%; the Accrued Interest shall be deemed to be 9.5%.~~

~~(d) Accrued Interest shall be computed in respect of the Loan on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year).~~

~~(e) LIBOR, One Month Adjusted LIBOR, and the Alternate Base Rate shall be determined by the Lender, and such determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error.~~ sentence shall be payable on demand.

“Acquisition Documents” means the Transaction Agreement, the Funding Trust Loan Agreements, the LiquidTrust Notes, the BCC Notes, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Economic Direction Agreement, each Seller Security Agreement and each document, instrument and agreement executed in connection therewith.

“Additional BCC Notes” means the promissory notes issued by BCC to each of The LT-9 LiquidTrust, The LT-12 LiquidTrust, The LT-13 LiquidTrust, The LT-14 LiquidTrust, The LT-15 LiquidTrust, The LT-16 LiquidTrust, The LT-17 LiquidTrust, The LT-18 LiquidTrust, The LT-19 LiquidTrust, The LT-20 LiquidTrust, The LT-21 LiquidTrust, The LT-22 LiquidTrust, The LT-23 LiquidTrust, The LT-24 LiquidTrust, the LT-25 LiquidTrust and The LT-26 LiquidTrust on or after December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Acquisition Documents.

“Additional LiquidTrust Notes” means the promissory notes issued by each of The LT-9 LiquidTrust, The LT-12 LiquidTrust, The LT-13 LiquidTrust, The LT-14 LiquidTrust, The LT-15 LiquidTrust, The LT-16 LiquidTrust, The LT-17 LiquidTrust, The LT-18 LiquidTrust, The LT-19 LiquidTrust, The LT-20 LiquidTrust, The LT-21 LiquidTrust, The LT-22 LiquidTrust, The LT-23 LiquidTrust, The LT-24 LiquidTrust, the LT-25 LiquidTrust and The LT-26 LiquidTrust to BCC on or after December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Acquisition Documents.

“Advance” has the meaning specified in Section 2.01.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Aggregate Cash Receipts” shall mean, for any period, with respect to any Person, the sum, without duplication, of (i) the Consolidated Cash Net Income of such Person for such period, less capital expenditures, plus, (ii) all net cash proceeds of assets sales (including any sale of Equity Interests), issuances of debt or equity or equitable contributions, distributions from investments, insurance proceeds and payments of Indebtedness, leases or licenses, or any other cash payments or proceeds, received by such Person; provided, however, that such amount shall not include Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds.

“Agreement” means this Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement. ~~“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any date of determination, the greater of (a) the sum of (i) the Federal Funds Rate on such date plus (ii) one percent (1.00%) and (b) the positive difference, if any, between (i) the Prime Rate on such date less (ii) two and a half percent (2.50%);~~

“Amendment No. 2” means that certain Amendment No. 2 to Second Lien Loan Documents, dated as of the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, by and among BCC, the Borrower, the Parent, GWG, GWG Life, GWG DLP Funding V Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the Lender.

“Amendment No. 2 Effective Date” means June 24, 2021. “Amendment No. 7 Effective Date” means July 12, 2023.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all Laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

“Appraisal Adjustment” means with respect to any Eligible Underlying Investment, an adjustment to the Market Value of such Eligible Underlying Investment made where the Lender uses a Third Party Appraisal of the “market value” of such Eligible Underlying Investment to determine such Eligible Underlying Investment’s Market Value in lieu of the value reported by the applicable Underlying Investment Fund’s general partner to its investors for a given period, where the Third Party Appraisal assessed the value of such Eligible Underlying Investment to be less than 80% of the value most recently reported by such Eligible Underlying Investment’s general partner to its investors.

“Approved Assignee” means any Lending Entity that is administered or managed by (a) the Lender, (b) an Affiliate of the Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages the Lender.

“Available Amount” means, at any time, the excess at such time of (a) prior to the expiration of the Commitment Period, an amount equal to (x) the least of (i) the Commitment and (ii) the Maintenance LTV Percentage *multiplied* by the Collateral Value, *minus* (with respect to each clause (i) and (ii)), (y) the Total Outstandings, and (b) after the expiration of the Commitment Period, an amount equal to zero.

“BCC” means Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (f/k/a Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.).

“BCC Notes” means the Original BCC Notes and the Additional BCC Notes. “BCH” has the meaning specified in the preamble hereto.

“BEN Capital” means Beneficient Capital Lending, L.L.C. (f/k/a Ben Liquidity Holdings, L.L.C.), a Delaware limited liability company.

“BEN Fiduciary” means Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C., a [TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED FIDUCIARY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION formed under the laws of the State of](#) Kansas.

[“BEN Financing SPV” means Beneficient Financing, L.L.C., a Delaware](#) limited liability company.

“Ben LLC” means Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. “Beneficient” means

Beneficient, a Nevada corporation.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time.

“Beneficient Transactions” means (i) the “Beneficient Transactions” as defined in the Form 10-K filed by GWG with the Securities Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, or any of the transactions contemplated thereby, related thereto or consummated in connection therewith, including with respect to any of the “Seller Trusts” as defined therein (or any payments or distributions made in connection with any of the foregoing other than, for the avoidance of doubt, (1) interest payments made on any debt securities held by the Seller Trusts or (2) distribution of proceeds following the sale of any debt or equity securities held by the Seller Trusts to third parties unaffiliated with the Borrower) or (ii) the CVR Contract dated as of September 1, 2017 (the “CVR Contract”), by and among MHT Financial, L.L.C., Highland Consolidated Business Holdings GP, L.L.C., the Parent, Beneficient

Management, L.L.C., the Borrower, Highland Consolidated L.P. and BHI, as amended from time to time, and any agreement, acknowledgement or representation related to, or made in connection with, the CVR Contract.

“BHI” means Beneficient Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“Binding Term Sheet” means that certain Binding Term Sheet, by and among the applicable Seller, BEN Fiduciary, and certain other parties entered into in connection with the sale and purchase of the applicable Underlying Investment Fund.

“BMP” means Beneficient Management Partners, L.P.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrower” means (i) prior to the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, BCC and (ii) from and after the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date, BCH.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state of New York.

“Change in Law” means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement (a) the adoption of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) compliance by any Lender (or, for purposes of Section 3.04(b), by the Lending Office of the Lender or by the Lender’s, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall be deemed to be a “Change in Law”, regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

“Change of Control” shall be deemed to have occurred if, ~~after the Merger Date:~~

(a) the occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Parent by Persons who were not named or nominated in the manner set forth in the (i) Organization Documents of Parent, and (ii) Stockholders Agreement among Parent, BHI, Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC, and Bruce Schnitzer, each as of the Merger Date;

(b) the Parent shall fail to be the sole managing member of Ben LLC;

(c) Ben LLC shall fail to be the sole general partner of the Borrower; or

(d) any Person or “group” (as such term is used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than a Permitted Holder, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of the Equity Interests representing more than 50% of the aggregate voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Parent.

Notwithstanding the preceding or any provision of Section 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, (i) a Person or group shall not be deemed to beneficially own Equity Interests subject to a stock or asset

purchase agreement, merger agreement, option agreement, warrant agreement or similar agreement (or voting or option or similar agreement related thereto) until the consummation of the acquisition of the Equity Interests in connection with the transactions contemplated by such agreement, (ii) if any group includes one or more Permitted Holders, the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Parent owned, directly or indirectly, by any Permitted Holders that are part of such group shall not be treated as being beneficially owned by such group or any other member of such group for purposes of determining whether a Change of Control has occurred and (iii) a Person or group will not be deemed to beneficially own the Equity Interests of another Person as a result of its ownership of the Equity Interests or other securities of such other Person's parent entity (or related contractual rights) unless it owns 50% or more of the total voting power of the Equity Interests entitled to vote for the election of directors of such parent entity having a majority of the aggregate votes on the board of directors (or similar body) of such parent entity.

“Closing Date” means December 28, 2018.

“Collateral” means a collective reference to the right, title and interest in all property with respect to which Liens in favor of the Lender are purported to be granted pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Collateral Documents. For the avoidance of doubt, “Collateral” shall not include any Underlying Investment Fund that becomes subject to a Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement).

“Collateral Documents” means a collective reference to the Security Agreement, the DST Security Agreement, each Account Control Agreement, and any other security documents as may be executed and delivered by the Borrower, any Subsidiary Guarantor and/or the DSTs pursuant to the Loan Documents.

“Collateral Value” means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the aggregate sum of the Market Values of all Eligible Underlying Investments as of such date (provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, no Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement or DST shall be included in determining the Collateral Value hereunder unless such Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement or DST, as applicable, (i) is listed on Schedule 1.01A (as such schedule may be updated from time to time in accordance herewith)) and (ii) otherwise qualifies pursuant to the terms and requirements of this ~~agreement~~Agreement.

“Collective Trust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “Collective Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

~~“Commercial Loan Agreement” means the commercial loan agreement dated as of August 10, 2018, between the Parent and GWG Life.~~

“Commitment” means the Lender’s obligation to make Advances to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01, as such commitment may be reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.05. The initial amount of the Commitment as of the Closing Date is \$72,000,000. After the expiration of the Commitment Period, the Commitment will be zero.

“Commitment Period” means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the ~~Initial Proceeds~~Amendment No. 7 Effective Date and (b) the date of termination of the Commitment of the Lender to make Advances pursuant to Section 8.02.

“Completion Date” means December 28, 2018.

“Connection Income Taxes” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“Consent” means that certain Consent No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2021 and effective as of September 30, 2020, by and between BCC, the Borrower and the Lender. For avoidance of doubt, the consents set forth therein shall remain effective after the execution of Amendment No. 2.

“Consolidated Cash Net Income” shall mean, for any period, with respect to any Person, the consolidated cash net income (or cash net loss) of such Person and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, determined on a consolidated basis. The cash items in this calculation include cash receipts of all fees, interest, return on investment and any other income items less cash disbursements for all operating expenses, interest expenses and any other expense items.

“Contractual Obligation” means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Debtor Relief Laws” means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

“Default” means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

“Disposition” or “Dispose” means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (whether effected pursuant to a Division or otherwise) of any property comprising Collateral or other assets by the Borrower.

“Dividing Person” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Division.”

“Division” means the division of the assets, liabilities and/or obligations of a Person (the “Dividing Person”) among two or more Persons (whether pursuant to a “plan of division” or similar arrangement), which may or may not include the Dividing Person and pursuant to which the Dividing Person may or may not survive.

“Dollar” and “\$” mean lawful money of the United States.

“DST” means a Delaware statutory trust identified as a “DST” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time ~~upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender~~ in accordance with Section 6.11(a).

“DST Default” means, with respect to any DST, the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) such DST fails to perform or observe any covenant or agreement contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for thirty (30) days after the earlier of the date that such DST (i) knows or should have known of such breach or (ii) has received notice thereof by the Lender;

(b) any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of such DST in any Loan Document shall be incorrect or misleading in any respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of fact containing qualifications as to materiality or incorrect or misleading in any material respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of facts without qualifications as to materiality when so made or deemed to be made; or

(c) any provision of any Loan Document to which such DST is a party, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect or ceases to give the Lender any material part of the Liens purported to be created thereby; or such DST or any other affiliated Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document to which such DST is a party; or such DST denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document to which it is a party, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any such Loan Document.

“DST Guaranty” means (a) the guaranty, dated as of June 10, 2020 and effective as of February 21, 2020, executed in favor of the Lender by each certain of the DSTs, and (b) any other guaranty executed after such date by one or more DSTs in favor of the Lender in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof.

“DST Security Agreement” means (a) the security and pledge agreement, dated as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, executed in favor of the Lender by certain of the DSTs, and (b) any other security and pledge agreement executed after such date by one or more DSTs in favor of the Lender in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof.

“Economic Direction Agreement” means each Economic Direction Agreement, entered into from time to time among the persons party thereto as Sellers (the “Sellers”), the persons party thereto as Seller GPs, as applicable, MHT Financial, LLC, the Trusts party thereto and the Lender.

“Eligible Underlying Investment” means, as of any date of determination, an investment in an Underlying Investment Fund, to the extent such investment satisfies all of the criteria set forth on Appendix 1 at such time.

“Equity Interests” means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Borrower, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Internal Revenue Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30 day notice period is waived); (b) the existence with respect to any Plan of an “accumulated funding deficiency” (as defined in Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived;

(c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(d) of the Code or Section 303(d) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (g) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

“ExAlt Plan Program Agreement” means that certain ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, by and among the applicable Seller, BEN Fiduciary, and certain other parties entered into in connection with the sale and purchase of the applicable Underlying Investment Fund.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the regulations promulgated and the rulings issued thereunder.

“Exchange Transactions” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Consent.

“Exchange Trust” means a trust identified as an “Exchange Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of or having its principal office or, in the case of the Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of the Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of the Lender with respect to an applicable interest in the Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) the Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment or (ii) the Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.01, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to the Lender’s assignor immediately before the Lender became a party hereto or to the Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient’s failure to comply with Section 3.01(d) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

“Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds” any proceeds received on the Funding Trust Loans with The LT-1 Funding Trust, The LT-2 Funding Trust, The LT-5 Funding Trust, The LT-7 Funding Trust, the LT-8 Funding Trust and the LT-9 Funding Trust prior to May 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000,000.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning specified in the preamble.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

~~“Federal Funds Rate” means, for any day, the rate per annum calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall set forth on its public website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as the federal funds effective rate; provided, that if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day; provided further that if the Federal Funds Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.~~

~~“Fifth Amendment Effective~~Final Maturity Date” means ~~February~~September 15, 2023.

~~“Final Maturity Date” means August 31, 2023~~2027.

“Foreign Lender” means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

“Fourth Amendment” means that certain Consent and Amendment No. 4 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 24, 2022 by and among the Borrower, the Parent, Lender, and the other parties thereto.

“Fourth Amendment Effective Date” means March 24, 2022.

“Funding Trust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “Funding Trust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto (~~as such Schedule may be updated from time to time in accordance with Section 6.11(a)~~); provided that, ~~any additional “Funding Trust” may be added with the written approval of the Lender or, if the Lender shall request in writing any amendments, modifications or supplements to the trust documentation of any Funding Trust reasonably determined by the Lender as necessary to secure the required repayment of any Total Outstandings and such amendment, modification or supplement is not made within such reasonable period as may be specified by the Lender, such “Funding Trust” may be removed by written notice from the Lender to the Borrower~~).

“Funding Trust Loan Agreement” means each Demand Loan and Security Agreement or Loan and Security Agreement between the Borrower and/or any Subsidiary Guarantor (whether originally or by assignment or other transfer) (and/or any other Person by assignment or other transfer not in violation of this Agreement), on the one hand, and the Trustee(s) of a Funding Trust, on the other hand, set forth on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time ~~upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing (for avoidance of doubt, such approval may be provided via email) by the Lender~~in accordance with Section 6.11(a); provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that any assignment or transfer in violation of this Agreement shall not remove such Funding Trust Loan Agreement from any grant of Collateral under the Security Agreement or the DST Security Agreements.

“Funding Trust Loans” means the loans made by the Borrower, New BCC, PEN and/or any other Person to the Funding Trusts on the Closing Date, and from time to time thereafter, pursuant to the Funding Trust Loan Agreements.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Guarantee” means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to repay (or advance or supply funds for the repayment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (4) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part) or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien) but limited to the fair market value of such asset; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, (i) uncalled capital commitments, (ii) endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business and (iii) customary indemnity and similar provisions entered into in the ordinary course of business, shall, in each case, not be deemed a “Guarantee”. The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term “Guarantee” as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

“Guaranty Agreement” means that certain Guaranty Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023, by the Subsidiary Guarantors in favor and for the benefit of Lender, as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

“GWG” means GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“GWG Life” means GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“GWG Note” means the Promissory Note dated as of May 31, 2019, made by Jeffrey S. Hinkle and John A. Stahl, as trustees of ~~The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust, The LT-8 LiquidTrust and The LT-9 LiquidTrust, each a Texas common law trust, payable to the order of GWG Life, LLC, in the principal amount of \$65,000,000 (as may be amended, restated, replaced, extended, renewed, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time).~~

“Indebtedness” means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

(a) all obligations, whether current or long-term, for borrowed money (including Obligations hereunder) and all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;

(b) indebtedness evidenced by the Senior Credit Agreement or the other Senior Loan Documents in aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount permitted under the Subordination Agreement, in each case so long as such indebtedness is permitted and subject to the Subordination Agreement;

(c) the maximum amount available to be drawn under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers’ acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;

(d) all obligations in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable and accrued obligations in the ordinary course of business);

(e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;

(f) all obligations to purchase, redeem, retire or defease any Equity Interests (valued in the case of a redeemable preferred interest at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends) prior to the ~~Scheduled~~Final Maturity Date;

(g) without duplication, all Guarantees with respect to Indebtedness of the types specified in clauses (a) through (f) above of another Person; and

(h) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, except to the extent that such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning specified in Section 9.04(b). “Information” has the meaning

specified in Section 9.07. “Initial Advance” means the Advance made on the Closing Date.

“Initial Advance Amount” means \$72,000,000.

~~“Initial Proceeds Date” means the initial date on which any DST shall receive any proceeds from any distributions and other amounts received from any Underlying Investment Fund, including any disbursement of such proceeds to such DST from a Seller Account, in each case in accordance with the Economic Direction Agreement.~~

“Interest Consent Date” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

“Interest Payment Date” means the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day).

~~“Interest Period” means (a) initially, the period from the Closing Date to the first Interest Payment Date hereunder and (b) thereafter, each period from an Interest Payment Date to the next occurring Interest Payment Date.~~

“Internal Revenue Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. “IRS” means the United States

Internal Revenue Service.

“Laws” means, collectively, all international, foreign, federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

“Lender” has the meaning specified in the preamble hereto.

“Lending Entity” means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

“Lending Office” means the office or offices of the Lender at which the Lender funds or books its interest in the Loan hereunder.

~~“LIBOR” means, with respect to any interest period, the London interbank offered rate for Dollars for such interest period administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate) that appears on the display page for “ICE Benchmark Administration Interest Settlement Rates” on that day or, if such rate does not appear on the above mentioned Bloomberg page, as such rate appears on another major pricing service (“the LIBOR Screen Rate”) as of 11:00 a.m., London time on the date two London Banking Days preceding such interest period; provided that if the LIBOR Screen Rate determined in accordance with the foregoing shall be less than 1.00% at any time, such rate shall be deemed to be 1.00% at such time for purposes of this Agreement.~~

~~“LIBOR Screen Rate” has the meaning specified in the definition of “LIBOR” above.~~

“Lien” means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease (other than true leases) having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

“LiquidTrust” means a trust organized under the laws of Texas identified as a “LiquidTrust” on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice by the Borrower to the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender.

“LiquidTrust Notes” means the Original LiquidTrust Notes and the Additional LiquidTrust Notes.

“Loan” means, collectively, (i) each of the outstanding Advances made hereunder, plus (ii) any outstanding PIK Amount.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement, each Collateral Document, the Guaranty Agreement, the DST Guaranty, to the extent the Senior Lender is acting as perfection agent on behalf of the Lender, the Senior Loan Documents, the Subordination Agreement and any other agreement, instrument or document (including any financing statement) delivered in connection herewith or therewith.

“Loan Notice” means a notice of a borrowing of an Advance, in each case pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

~~“London Banking Day” means any day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.~~

“LTV Percentage” means, at any time, the quotient (expressed as a percentage) of (a) the Total Outstandings divided by (b) the Collateral Value.

“Main Beneficient Party” means BEN Financing SPV and each other “Main Beneficient Party” (other than the Borrower) under and as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender).

“Maintenance LTV Percentage” means 40%.

“Mandatory Prepayment Event” has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(i).

“Market Value” means, with respect to any Eligible Underlying Investment at any time, the value of such Eligible Underlying Investment determined from the net asset value for such Eligible Underlying Investment (as of the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which information has been provided by the Borrower), adjusted to reflect: (i) any Appraisal Adjustment applicable to such Eligible Underlying Investment at such time and (ii) adjustments to account for Underlying Fund Contributions and Underlying Fund Distributions.

“Master Term Sheet” means the Binding Term Sheet to Amend the Credit Agreement dated as of May 15, 2020, among BCC, the Lender, BHI, GWG and GWG Life.

“Material Adverse Effect” means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, actual liabilities, contingent liabilities that are reasonably likely to occur, or financial condition of the Borrower; (b) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Lender under any Loan Document; (c) a material impairment of the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under any Loan Document; or (d) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against the Borrower of any Loan Document.

“Material Indebtedness” means the Senior Obligations and any other Indebtedness of the Borrower (other than Indebtedness arising under the Loan Documents) having an aggregate principal amount (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) of more than the Threshold Amount.

“Maximum LTV Percentage” means 50%.

“Merger Date” means ~~the date on which Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc. merges with and into Avalon Acquisition Inc~~June 7, 2023.

“Monthly Measurement Date” means the relevant measurement date for an Underlying Investment Fund Report delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(a).

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA. “Multiple Employer Plan” means a Plan which has two or more contributing sponsors (including the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.

“New BCC” means Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company. “Note” has the meaning specified in Section 2.09.

“NPC-A” means a Preferred Series A Sub Class 1 Unit Account of the Borrower.

“Obligations” means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor, and the DSTs arising under any Loan Document, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Borrower of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding.

~~“One Month Adjusted LIBOR” means an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) equal to (a) LIBOR for an interest period of one month multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate (if any);~~

“Organization Documents” means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating or limited liability company agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

“Original BCC Notes” means the promissory notes issued by BCC to each of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-3 LiquidTrust, The LT-4 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-6 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust and The LT-8 LiquidTrust on September 1, 2017 pursuant to the Acquisition Documents in an aggregate initial outstanding principal balance of no greater than \$11,200,633.

“Original Credit Agreement” means the Credit Agreement dated as of December 28, 2018, between the Borrower and the Lender.

“Original LiquidTrust Notes” means the promissory notes issued by each of The LT-1 LiquidTrust, The LT-2 LiquidTrust, The LT-3 LiquidTrust, The LT-4 LiquidTrust, The LT-5 LiquidTrust, The LT-6 LiquidTrust, The LT-7 LiquidTrust and The LT-8 LiquidTrust to BCC on September 1, 2017 pursuant to the Acquisition Documents in an aggregate initial outstanding principal balance of no greater than \$11,200,633.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in the Loan or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 3.05).

“Outstanding Amount” means, on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Loan after giving effect to all Accrued Interest compounded thereon and any prepayments or repayments of the Loan occurring on such date.

“Paid in Full” means “Paid in Full” as defined in the Subordination Agreement.

“Parent” means (a) prior to the Merger Date, The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and (b) from and after the Merger Date, Beneficient.

“Parent Company” means (a) Ben LLC, (b) the Parent and (c) any other Person of which the Borrower is a direct or indirect Subsidiary.

“Participant” has the meaning specified in Section 9.06(d). “Participant Register” has the meaning

specified in Section 9.06(d).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“PEN” means PEN Insurance Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership. “Permitted Encumbrances”

means:

(a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges that are not yet due or have not been delinquent for in excess of ninety (90) days, or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;

(b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s, landlords’ and other like Liens imposed by law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than thirty (30) days or which are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;

(c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;

(d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;

(e) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money (or appeal or other surety bonds relating to such judgments) not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h);

(f) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to bankers' Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts, securities accounts or other funds maintained with a creditor depository institution;

(g) easements, zoning restrictions, zoning by-laws, municipal by-laws and regulations, development agreements, site plan agreements, municipal agreements, encroachment agreements, restrictive covenants and other restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Borrower; and

(h) title defects, encroachments or irregularities which are of a minor nature and which in the aggregate do not materially impair the value of any real property or the use of the affected property for the purpose for which it is used by that Person;

provided, that the term "Permitted Encumbrances" shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness. "Permitted Holders" means each of

GWG, BHI, BMP, Brad Heppner, and The Highland

Business Holdings Trust, or any of their affiliates or any other entities controlled by them, or any combination of the foregoing.

"Permitted Liens" means, at any time, Liens on property and assets of the Borrower permitted to exist as of such time pursuant to the terms of Section 7.01.

"Permitted Trust Liens" means (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges that are not yet due or have not been delinquent for in excess of ninety (90) days, or are being contested in accordance with the Loan Documents, (b) Liens arising under the Loan Documents or the Senior Loan Documents and (c) Liens arising under the Acquisition Documents.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"PIK Amount" means, as of any date of determination, the amount of the Third Amendment Fee that has been paid-in-kind.

"Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Prepayment Premium" means, with respect to any prepayment of the Loan, an amount equal to the product of (x) 8.0%, (y) the principal amount of such prepayment and (z) the lesser of (i) 1.50 and (ii)(A) the number of days remaining until the ~~Scheduled~~Final Maturity Date divided by (B) 365.

~~"Prime Rate" means the rate last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the "Prime Rate" in the United States or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the prime rate in the United States as last quoted in such source as the Lender shall reasonably select.~~

"Purchase and Sale Agreement" means that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement among the Sellers and MHT Financial, LLC.

"Recipient" means the Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder.

“Register” has the meaning specified in Section 9.06(e).

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors and representatives of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release Conditions” means, at any time, (a) no Default has occurred and is continuing and (b) the LTV Percentage is less than the Release LTV Percentage (after giving effect to any prepayment of the Loan on such date).

“Release LTV Percentage” means 35%.

“Responsible Officer” means the chief executive officer, president, managing member, general partner, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of the Borrower and, solely for purposes of the delivery of incumbency certificates, the secretary or any assistant secretary of the Borrower or the general partner of the Borrower (or its general partner), and, solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article II, any other officer of the Borrower or the general partner of the Borrower (or its general partner) so designated by any of the foregoing Persons in a notice to the Lender. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Person and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of the Borrower.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests of any Person, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests or on account of any return of capital to such Person’s stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof), or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such dividend or other distribution or payment.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country, region or territory that is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council or the European Union, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person controlled by any such Person.

“Sanctions” means economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

~~“Scheduled Maturity Date” means August 31, 2023.~~

“Second Amendment and Restatement Date” means August 13, 2020.

“Security Agreement” means that certain Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2023, executed in favor of the Lender by the Borrower and the other grantors party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Seller Account” means (a) a “Specified Account” as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement or (b) an account designated and agreed to by the applicable Seller and BEN Fiduciary pursuant to the Binding Term Sheet and ExAlt Plan Program Agreement.

“Seller Security Agreement” means each security and pledge agreement executed by a Seller in favor of the Lender pursuant to the Economic Direction Agreement.

“Sellers” has the meaning specified in ~~the definition of “Economic Direction Agreement”~~ Appendix 1.

“Senior Account Control Agreement” means an “Account Control Agreement” as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement.

“Senior Credit Agreement” means that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among Borrower (as successor to BCC) and Senior Lender, dated as of August 13, 2020, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time not in violation of the Subordination Agreement.

“Senior Lender” means the “Lender” as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement.

“Senior Loan Documents” means “Loan Documents” as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement. “Senior Obligations” means “Obligations” as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement.

“Senior Loan” means “Loan” as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement.

“Senior NPC-A” means a Preferred Series A Sub Class 0 Unit Account of the Borrower. “Solvent” or “Solvency” means, with

respect to any Person as of a particular date, that on such

date (a) such Person is able to pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they become absolute and mature in the ordinary course of business, (b) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person’s ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they become absolute and mature in the ordinary course of business,

(c) such Person is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in a business or a transaction, for which such Person’s property would constitute unreasonably small capital, (d) the sum of the fair saleable value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, as such liabilities become absolute and matured, (e) the sum of present fair salable value of the property of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured and (f) such Person does not intend, in any transaction, to defraud either present or future creditors or any other person to which such Person is or will become, through such transaction, indebted. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

~~“Spread” means 3.95% per annum.~~

~~“Statutory Reserve Rate” means a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one minus the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentage (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the Board to which the Lender is subject with respect to LIBOR, for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency Liabilities” in Regulation D of the Board). Such reserve percentage shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. The Loan shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to the Lender under such Regulation D or any comparable regulation to the extent the interest rate for the Loan is determined by reference to LIBOR. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage. If the Statutory Reserve Rate determined in accordance with the foregoing shall be less than one (1) at any time, such rate shall be deemed to be one (1) at such time for purposes of this Agreement.~~

“Subordination Agreement” means the Third Amended and Restated Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, which amended and restated that certain Second Amended and Restated Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement dated on or about February 21, 2020 between Lender and Senior Lender, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Subsidiary” of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the outstanding shares of Equity Interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or equivalent governing body (other than Equity Interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a “Subsidiary” or to “Subsidiaries” shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

“Subsidiary Guarantors” means, in singular or the plural, each of (i) The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (ii) Ben Liquidity, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (iii) Beneficient Capital Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (iv) Beneficient Capital Company Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, (v) BEN Capital, (vi) New BCC, (vii) Ben Insurance, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, (viii) PEN, (ix) PEN Indemnity Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and (x) each other subsidiary of the Borrower from time to time party to the Guaranty Agreement as a guarantor.

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“TCB Consent Notice” means a written notice from Lender to Borrower approving, in its reasonable discretion, the TCB Credit Agreement and material agreements to be entered into by Borrower in connection therewith.

“TCB Consent Notice Date” means the date on which Borrower receives the TCB Consent Notice from Lender.

“TCB Credit Agreement” means that certain Credit and Guaranty Agreement to be entered into among Ben Financing SPV, as borrower, BCH, as guarantor, Texas Capital Bank, as administrative agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto.

“Third Amendment Fee” has the meaning set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

“Third Party Appraisal” means an appraisal performed by a Third Party Appraiser, at the Lender’s sole cost, to assess the fair market value of an Eligible Underlying Investment for purposes of determining whether to make an Appraisal Adjustment to the Market Value of such Eligible Underlying Investment.

“Third Party Appraiser” means an industry recognized appraising agent experienced in the valuation of private equity funds selected by the Lender in its reasonable discretion.

“Threshold Amount” means, with respect to the Borrower, the greater of (i) 5.0% of the total assets thereof and (ii) \$20,000,000.

“Total Outstandings” means the aggregate Outstanding Amount and any other accrued and unpaid amounts due under the Loan Documents.

“Transaction Agreement” means that certain Transaction Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2017, among the Sellers, the Borrower, MHT Financial, L.L.C. and the other parties thereto.

“Trust Adverse Event” means, with respect to any Trust, the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) such Trust shall incur any Indebtedness (other than (i) in the case of any Funding Trust, its respective Funding Trust Loans and (ii) in the case of any LiquidTrust, its respective LiquidTrust Note);

(b) such Trust engages, at any time in any business other (i) in the case of any Funding Trust, holding investments in Collective Trusts (and similar trusts), (ii) in the case of any Collective Trust, holding investments in LiquidTrusts (and similar trusts), (iii) in the case of any LiquidTrust or Exchange Trust, holding investments in DSTs (and similar trusts), (iv) in the case of any DST, holding investments in Underlying Investment Funds (and similar funds and co-investment vehicles), (v) the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Documents and (vi) the Exchange Transactions;

(c) such Trust merges into or consolidates, or permits to merge into or consolidate with it, any Person;

(d) such Trust enters into any amendment or modification of any of its Organization Documents that could adversely affect the Lender, as determined in the reasonable good faith discretion of the Lender;

(e) such Trust shall at any time fail to do any of the following (and, except with respect to clause (i) below as to legal existence, such failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after (y) such Trust knows or should have known of such failure or (y) such Trust or the Borrower has received written notice thereof from such Lender):

(i) maintain its legal existence and (as applicable) good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization;

(ii) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Trust Material Adverse Effect;

(iii) pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable all material tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by such Trust;

(iv) comply with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Trust Material Adverse Effect; or

(v) (A) comply in all material respects with its obligations under the Acquisition Documents and (B) use commercially reasonable efforts to enforce the obligations of the Sellers under the Acquisition Documents;

(f) such Trust institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Trust and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for sixty calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to such Trust or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Trust and continues undismissed or unstayed for sixty calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding;

(g) (i) such Trust becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due and payable, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of such Trust and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within thirty days after its issue or levy;

(h) in the case of any DST, such DST shall have failed to fund any capital call obligation made on such DST by any Underlying Investment Fund in which such DST is invested within ten (10) Business Days after the date such DST receives notice that such obligation has not been paid unless such DST is contesting the validity of such capital call in good faith based on the terms of the applicable limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement; provided, that in the event such DST contests the validity of a capital call obligation in good faith, the Borrower must provide the Lender evidence of such good faith claim with particularity with reference to the applicable limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement, and provided, further, that any failure under this clause (h) shall not be deemed continuing if such DST subsequently funds such capital call.

“Trust Material Adverse Effect” means, with respect to any Trust, (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, (i) the operations, business, properties, actual liabilities, contingent liabilities that are reasonably likely to occur, or financial condition of such Trust; (b) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Lender under any Loan Document; (c) a material impairment of the ability of any DST to perform its obligations under any Loan Document; or (d) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any DST of any Loan Document.

“Trusts” means, collectively, the Funding Trusts, the Collective Trusts, the LiquidTrusts, the DSTs and the Exchange Trusts.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.

“Unasserted Obligations” has the meaning given to such term in the Subordination Agreement.

“Underlying Fund Contributions” means, as of any date of determination, the aggregate absolute value of all cash contributed by the DSTs (or, as applicable, the Sellers) to each Underlying Investment Fund during the period from the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which net asset value information has been provided by the Borrower until such date.

“Underlying Fund Distributions” means the aggregate absolute value of all cash distributed by each Underlying Investment Fund to the DSTs (or, as applicable, the Sellers) during the period from the most recent Monthly Measurement Date for which net asset value information has been provided by the Borrower until such date.

“Underlying Investment Fund” means a fund or co-investment vehicle ~~set forth on Schedule 1.01B hereto in which any DST has an interest, as such schedule may be updated from time to time upon written notice~~ or other investment identified in, and sold by the Borrower applicable Seller pursuant to, the Lender and approval in writing by the Lender Acquisition Documents or corresponding Binding Term Sheet, as applicable.

“Underlying Investment Fund Report” means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A. “United States” and “U.S.” mean the United States of America.

“Upfront Fee” has the meaning specified in Section 2.07 hereof. “Upfront Fee Rate” means 1.00%.

“U.S. Person” means any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 3.01(d)(ii) hereof. “Withdrawal Liability” means liability

to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions.

With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:

(a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns, (iii) the words “hereto,” “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder,” and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan

Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all assets and properties, tangible and intangible, real and personal, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word “from” means “from and including,” the words “to” and “until” each mean “to but excluding,” and the word “through” means “to and including.”

(c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.03 Accounting Terms.

(a) Generally. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.

(b) Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Borrower or the Lender shall so request, the Lender and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP; provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Lender financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

1.04 Rounding.

Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

1.05 Times of Day.

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.06 Divisions.

For all purposes under this Agreement, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction’s laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and

(b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and

acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its capital stock or similar equity interests at such time.

1.07 Interest Rates; LIBOR Notification. [Reserved].

~~The interest rate on a Loan denominated in U.S. Dollars may be derived from an interest rate benchmark that is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Regulators have signaled the need to use alternative benchmark reference rates for some of these interest rate benchmarks and, as a result, such interest rate benchmarks may cease to comply with applicable Laws, may be permanently discontinued, and/or the basis on which they are calculated may change. The London interbank offered rate is intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. In July 2017, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority announced that, after the end of 2021, it would no longer persuade or compel contributing banks to make rate submissions to the ICE Benchmark Administration (together with any successor to the ICE Benchmark Administration, the “IBA”) for purposes of the IBA setting the London interbank offered rate. As a result, it is possible that commencing in 2022, the London interbank offered rate may no longer be available or may no longer be deemed an appropriate reference rate upon which to determine the interest rate on LIBOR Loans. In light of this eventuality, public and private sector industry initiatives are currently underway to identify new or alternative reference rates to be used in place of the London interbank offered rate.~~

1.08 Amendment and Restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement.

The terms and provisions of the Existing Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be, and hereby are, amended, superseded and restated in their entirety, with effect as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, by the terms and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement is not intended to be, and shall not constitute, a novation. All Loans made, and Obligations incurred, under the Existing Credit Agreement which are outstanding on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, shall continue as the Loan and Obligations, respectively, under (and shall be governed by the terms of) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the effectiveness of the amendment and restatement contemplated hereby, (i) all references in the “Loan Documents” (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) to the “Credit Agreement” and the “Loan Documents” shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement and the Loan Documents and (ii) the “Loan” (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) shall be redesignated as the Loan hereunder.

ARTICLE II THE LOAN

2.01 Advances.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Lender agrees to make advances (each, an “Advance”) from time to time during the Commitment Period to the Borrower in Dollars in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Commitment. On the Closing Date, the Lender agrees to make the Initial Advance to the Borrower in an amount equal to the Initial Advance Amount. Once any portion of the Loan is repaid under this Agreement (including prepayments under Section 2.03), it may not be reborrowed.

2.02 Borrowing of the Advances.

(a) Each Advance shall be made upon the Borrower's irrevocable written notice in the form of a Loan Notice, appropriately completed and duly signed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Lender. Each such Loan Notice (other than with respect to the Initial Advance) must be received by the Lender not later than 11:00 a.m. (New York time) two (2) Business Days prior to the requested date of any Advance. Each Loan Notice shall be accompanied by an Underlying Investment Fund Report and shall specify (i) the requested date of the Advance (which shall be a Business Day) and (ii) the principal amount of the Advance to be borrowed, which shall be in a principal amount of \$200,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, if less, in an amount equal to the remaining Commitment.

(b) Following receipt of a Loan Notice, and upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.03 (and, if such Advance is the Initial Advance, Section 4.01), the Lender shall make the amount of the Advance available to the Borrower by wire transfer of such funds to such account as shall be specified by the Borrower and reasonably acceptable to the Lender; provided, that the parties hereto agree that the Initial Advance Amount may be made available to the Borrower in book-entry form.

2.03 Prepayments; Cash Distributions.

(a) Voluntary Prepayments of the Loan. If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, the Borrower may, upon notice from the Borrower to the Lender, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay the Loan in whole or in part, subject to the Prepayment Premium; provided, that (i) no Prepayment Premium shall apply to any prepayment made from proceeds of cash distributions from Underlying Investment Funds and (ii) the aggregate Prepayment Premiums paid by the Borrower hereunder shall not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to 1.0% of \$72,000,000. With respect to any voluntary prepayment, (A) the Borrower's notice of such prepayment must (i) be received by the Lender not later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of the Loan and (ii) specify the Prepayment Premium, if any, applicable thereto; and (B) any such prepayment of the Loan (other than a prepayment pursuant to Section 2.04) shall be in a principal amount of \$2,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding). Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment. The payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments of the Loan.

(i) If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, then if at any time after the Completion Date the LTV Percentage exceeds the Maximum LTV Percentage (a "Mandatory Prepayment Event"), the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Maintenance LTV Percentage (the amount required to so reduce the LTV Percentage shall be determined on the initial date of such excess) within ninety (90) days (or, if the LTV Percentage exceeds 60.0%, thirty (30) days) after the occurrence of such excess; provided, that (A) within thirty (30) business days of such Mandatory Prepayment Event, the Borrower shall submit a plan acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion with respect to demands for payment under the Funding Trust Loans and Disposal by the DSTs of Equity Interests of Underlying Investment Funds ~~and~~, (B) within seventy-five (75) days of such Mandatory Prepayment Event, the applicable DSTs shall have entered into purchase and sale agreements with respect thereto with a buyer acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion, and (C) in lieu of prepaying the Loan pursuant to this Section 2.03(b)(i), the Borrower may pledge additional Collateral reasonably acceptable to the Lender, pursuant to documentation reasonably

acceptable to the Lender, within ninety (90) days (or, if the LTV Percentage exceeds 60.0%, thirty (30) days) after the occurrence of such excess, in order to eliminate such excess.

(ii) If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, then if at any time prior to the expiration of the Commitment Period, the Total Outstandings exceed the Commitment, the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the Total Outstandings to an amount less than the Commitment within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of such excess.

~~(iii) If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, on the Initial Proceeds Date, the Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an amount equal to \$25,000,000 (net of any prepayment of the Loan made pursuant to Section 2.04(a) on such date)~~[Reserved].

(iv) If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, commencing on January 1, 2019 and calculated monthly, unless waived in writing by the Lender, the Borrower shall, with respect to each calendar month, prepay the Loan on the Interest Payment Date following such calendar month, in an amount (not to exceed \$30,000,000 for any calendar month) equal to (A) the sum of (x) the beginning of the month cash and cash equivalents balances of the Borrower and all of its Affiliates (other than the Main Beneficiary Parties) but excluding Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds and any regulatory capital required by regulators, plus (y) the Aggregate Cash Receipts of the Borrower for such month plus, without duplication, (z) the Aggregate Cash Receipts of each of its Affiliates (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt and without any implication to the contrary, any Funding Trust, Collective Trust, LiquidTrust ~~or~~, Exchange Trust or Main Beneficiary Party), less (B) ~~\$25,000,000~~50,000,000; provided, however, that (I) equity contributions by any party to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates shall not be included in the Aggregate Cash Receipts of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than the Main Beneficiary Parties) for purposes of this Section 2.03(b)(iv) until such equity contributions shall be equal to or greater than \$50,000,000 in the aggregate since January 1, 2019.

(v) The provisions of this Section 2.03(b) shall not apply to any Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds.

2.04 Release of Proceeds of Funding Trust Loans.

(a) The Borrower shall cause all proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans to be paid to a deposit account of Borrower subject to an Account Control Agreement (or, if applicable, a Senior Account Control Agreement).

~~(b) If the Senior Obligations have been Paid in Full and otherwise satisfied pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, upon receipt by the Borrower, New BCC or PEN (or any other Person that is a holder of Funding Trust Loans not in violation of this Agreement) of any proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans (other than Exempted Funding Trust Proceeds), the Borrower shall cause (or shall cause New BCC, PEN or such other Person to cause, as applicable) an amount equal to the amount of such proceeds to be paid as follows:~~

~~(i) First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts due and payable under the Loan Documents (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Lender and amounts payable under Article III) payable to the Lender;~~

~~(ii) Second, to payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan; provided, however, that the Borrower's obligations to apply such proceeds in accordance with this Section 2.04(b)(ii) is subject to the terms and provisions set forth in Section 2.06(b);~~

~~(iii) Third, to repayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan in an amount sufficient to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Release LTV Percentage;~~

~~(iv) Fourth, to payment of any other Obligations (other than interest and principal) then due and owing;~~

~~(v) Fifth, at the option of the Borrower, to an optional prepayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan in such amount as the Borrower shall determine; and~~

~~(vi) Sixth, (A) if the Release Conditions are satisfied, as directed by the Borrower and (B) otherwise, to repayment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan.~~

~~(b) [Reserved].~~

~~(c) Not less than five (5) Business Days prior to each application of proceeds of the Funding Trust Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(a), the Borrower shall provide the Lender with written notice of such application, together with the amount to be applied pursuant to each clause of Section 2.04(a) and, as applicable, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the Release Conditions, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Lender [Reserved].~~

2.05 Repayment of the Loan.

The Borrower shall, until such time as all outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~) shall have been paid in full, repay to the Lender the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Loan ~~(a)~~ in installments of \$5 million to be paid on ~~May 10, 2022, \$5 million to be paid on August 10, 2022, \$5 million to be paid on December 10, 2022,~~ ~~\$5 million to be paid on April 10, 2023~~ the following dates of each year following the Amendment No. 7 Effective Date and prior to the Final Maturity Date: March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th and ~~(b)~~ (b) the remaining outstanding Obligations to be paid on the Final Maturity Date; provided that,

notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrower shall not make all or any portion of such payments under this Section 2.05 until all Obligations under the Senior Loan Documents are paid in full; *provided further*, that such payments described in clause (a) above shall be subject to a determination of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of ~~Beneficient Management, L.L.C.~~ the Parent that making such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the ~~Company~~ Parent to incur a going concern, with such payment to be paid senior to any payment made with respect to the guaranteed payment due to holders of Preferred A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts of Borrower; *provided*, further, that if any payment is not made on such payment date, as set forth in this Section 2.05, then such payment shall be made as soon as a determination is made by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of ~~Beneficient Management, L.L.C.~~ the Parent that such payment, in part or in full, shall not cause the ~~Company~~ Parent to incur a going concern. For avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise as set forth in the immediately succeeding sentence, accrued interest on any such ~~principal payment~~ installment shall not become due and payable at such time, and shall instead be payable in accordance with Section 2.06 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on any date on which ~~a payment~~ an installment of principal is required to be ~~made~~ paid pursuant to clause (a) of the first sentence of this Section 2.05, less than ~~the required payment amount~~ \$5,000,000 of the principal balance of the Loan remains outstanding and unpaid, the Borrower shall pay the following obligations (if any) in the following order until either the sum paid on such date equals ~~the required payment amount for such date~~ \$5,000,000 or all outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~) have been paid in full: (A) outstanding unpaid principal of the Loan, (B) accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan and (C) all other outstanding Obligations (other than Unasserted Obligations ~~(as defined in the Subordination Agreement)~~). The outstanding unpaid principal balance of the Loan and all accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan shall be due and payable on the ~~Scheduled~~ Final Maturity Date. If all of the outstanding principal balance of the Loan and accrued interest on the Loan are fully repaid on any date, this Agreement shall terminate as of such date. Any repayment or prepayment of the Loan that is allocated to the principal amount of the Loan shall reduce the Commitment of the Lender on a dollar for dollar basis. ~~On each Scheduled Maturity Date prior to the Final Maturity Date, the Borrower shall provide written notice (an "Extension Notice") to the Lender not less than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date of the upcoming Scheduled Maturity Date, and, subject to lender's confirmation of receipt of such notice, such Scheduled Maturity Date shall be extended by one additional calendar year, unless the Lender shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, have delivered written notice declining such Extension Notice not less than ten (10) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date. If the Borrower fails to provide such Extension Notice (or fails to provide it not less than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to such Scheduled Maturity Date), then the Lender shall have the right to deliver a written notice declining any further extension (a "Non-Renewal Notice") at any time prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Scheduled Maturity Date, and effective upon the delivery of such Non-Renewal Notice, (i) if delivered prior to the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date, then no extension shall occur on the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date and such Scheduled Maturity Date shall constitute the Final Maturity Date, or (ii) if delivered after the applicable Scheduled Maturity Date, the date occurring two Business Days following the date of such Non-Renewal Notice shall constitute the Final Maturity Date. If no Extension Notice or Non-Renewal Notice is delivered, the Scheduled Maturity Date shall be extended by one additional calendar year.~~

2.06 Interest.

(a) Accrued Interest. The Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at the interest rate set out in the definition of Accrued Interest.

(b) Interest Payment Dates. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Subordination Agreement, interest accrued on the Loan ~~during each Interest Period~~ shall be due and payable in cash on ~~the following~~ each Interest Payment Date.

2.07 [Reserved].

2.08 Computation of Interest and Fees.

All computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed, ~~except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year).~~ Subject to subject to Section 2.10(a), interest shall accrue on the Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on the Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid; provided that any portion of the Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.10(a), bear interest for one day. Each determination by the Lender of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

2.09 Evidence of Debt.

The Loan shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by the Lender in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Loan advanced by the Lender to the Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. Upon the reasonable request of the Lender, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to the Lender a promissory note in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Lender (a "Note"), which shall evidence the Loan in addition to such accounts or records. The Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, amount and maturity of the Loan and payments with respect thereto.

2.10 Payments Generally.

(a) General. All payments to be made by the Borrower shall be made free and clear of and without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by the Borrower hereunder shall be made to the Lender at such account as the Lender shall specify to the Borrower in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. All payments received by the Lender after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by the Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

(b) Funding Source. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate the Lender to obtain the funds for the Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by the Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for the Loan in any particular place or manner.

ARTICLE III

TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 Taxes.

(a) Payments Free of Taxes.

(i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Law. If any Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Borrower) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Borrower, then the Borrower shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(b) Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower. The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law any Other Taxes.

(c) Tax Indemnifications. The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within ten days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Status of Lender.

(i) If the Lender is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document it shall deliver to the Borrower, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, the Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower as will enable the Borrower to determine whether or not the Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 3.01(d)(ii)(A), 3.01(d)(ii)(B) and 3.01(d)(ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject the Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of the Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the Borrower) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-2 or Exhibit B-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the Borrower) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the

Borrower), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower as may be necessary for the Borrower to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(e) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any Recipient determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Borrower or with respect to which the Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.01, it shall pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrower under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that upon the request of the Recipient, Borrower agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection, in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Borrower pursuant to this subsection the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This subsection shall not be construed to require any Recipient to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person.

(f) Survival. Each party's obligations under this Section 3.01 shall survive any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, the Lender and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

(g) FATCA. For purposes of this Section 3.01, the term "Laws" includes FATCA.

3.02 [Reserved].

3.03 [Reserved].

3.04 Increased Costs.

(a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, the Lender ~~(except any reserve requirement reflected in the One Month Adjusted LIBOR)~~;

(ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or

(iii) impose on the Lender or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or the Loan;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to the Lender of making or maintaining the Loan ~~to the extent the interest thereon is determined by reference to LIBOR~~, or to increase the cost to the Lender, or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by the Lender (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of the Lender, the Borrower will, upon delivery of a certificate as set forth in Section 3.04(c), pay to the Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Lender, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) Capital Requirements. If the Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting the Lender or any Lending Office of the Lender or the Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on the Lender's capital or on the capital of the Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitment or the Loan, to a level below that which the Lender or the Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration the Lender's policies and the policies of the Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time the Borrower will (so long as the Lender makes a similar determination in similar transactions) pay to the Lender upon delivery of a certificate as set forth in Section 3.04(c) below, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Lender or the Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate of the Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate the Lender or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in subsection (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay the Lender, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten days after receipt thereof.

(d) Delay in Requests. Failure or delay on the part of the Lender to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of the Lender's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate the Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that the Lender, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of the Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions

is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

3.05 Mitigation of Obligations.

If the Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to the Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of the Lender pursuant to Section 3.01, ~~or if the Lender gives a notice pursuant to clause (c)(iv) of the definition of Accrued Interest~~, then at the request of the Borrower, the Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking the Loan hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of the Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.01 or 3.04, as the case may be, in the future, ~~or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to clause (c)(iv) of the definition of Accrued Interest, as applicable~~; and (ii) in each case, would not subject the Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to the Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

3.06 Survival.

All of the Borrower's obligations under this Article III shall survive termination of the Commitment and repayment of the Obligations.

ARTICLE IV

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO BORROWINGS

4.01 Conditions to Effectiveness of the Original Credit Agreement.

The Original Credit Agreement shall be effective upon, and the obligation of the Lender to make the Loan on the Closing Date shall be subject to, satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent in each case in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) Loan Documents. Receipt by the Lender of executed counterparts of the Original Credit Agreement, the Subordination Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date) and the other Loan Documents (as in effect on the Closing Date).

(b) Opinions of Counsel. Receipt by the Lender of favorable opinions of legal counsel to BCC, the Borrower and the DSTs, addressed to the Lender, dated as of the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed between the Lender and the Borrower.

(c) Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc. Receipt by the Lender of the following:

(i) copies of the Organization Documents of BCC, the Borrower and each Trust certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, where applicable, and certified to be true and correct as of the Closing Date;

(ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates as the Lender may require; and

(iii) such documents and certifications as the Lender may require to evidence that BCC, the Borrower and each Collective Trust is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation.

(d) [Reserved].

(e) Acquisition Documents. Receipt by the Lender of copies of the Acquisition Documents certified to be true and correct as of the Closing Date.

(f) Fees. Receipt by the Lender of any fees set forth herein that are required to be paid on or before the Closing Date.

4.02 Conditions to Effectiveness of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

This Agreement shall be effective upon satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent in each case in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) Loan Documents. Receipt by the Lender of executed counterparts of this Agreement, the Subordination Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

(b) Opinions of Counsel. Receipt by the Lender of favorable opinions of legal counsel to BCC, the Borrower and the DSTs, addressed to the Lender, dated as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date.

(c) Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc. Receipt by the Lender of the following:

(i) copies of the Organization Documents of BCC, the Borrower and each DST certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, where applicable, and certified to be true and correct as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date;

(ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates as the Lender may require with respect to BCC, the Borrower and each DST; and

(iii) such documents and certifications as the Lender may require to evidence that the Borrower and each DST is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation.

(d) Fees. Receipt by the Lender of any additional fees and expenses set forth herein that are required to be paid on or before the Second Amendment and Restatement Date.

(e) Purchase Option. Receipt by the Lender of an option agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, granting HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. the right to make a capital contribution of up to \$152,000,000 to Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date) in exchange for a capital account designated as NPC-A with respect to such capital contribution and, in connection therewith, be admitted as a limited partner in Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date).

(f) Fifth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of an executed fifth amended and restated limited partnership agreement of Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date).

(g) Unit Purchase Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement among GWG, Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date) and Parent.

(h) Put Right Agreement. Receipt by the Lender of an executed copy of that certain Put Right Agreement, among BHI, Parent and Holdings (as defined in this Agreement as in effect on the Second Amendment and Restatement Date), relating to put rights granted to BHI employees in respect of certain tax liabilities incurred in connection with the receipt of NPC-As from BHI.

4.03 Conditions to Each Advance.

The obligation of the Lender to honor any request for an Advance is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent as of the date of such Advance:

(a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Borrower, the Subsidiary Guarantors, and each DST contained in the Loan Documents, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date.

(b) No Default. No Default shall exist or would result as a consequence of the making of such Advance or the subsequent application by the Borrower of the proceeds thereof.

(c) Loan Notice. The Lender shall have received a Loan Notice and an Underlying Investment Fund Report in accordance with the requirements hereof.

(d) Commitment. The Commitment Period has not expired and such Advance does not exceed the Available Amount.

(e) LTV Percentage. Immediately after giving effect to such Advance, the LTV Percentage shall be less than the Maintenance LTV Percentage.

Each Loan Notice submitted by the Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in Section 4.03 have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Advance.

ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lender that:

5.01 Existence, Qualification and Power.

It (a) is (i) duly organized or formed, validly existing and, (ii) in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clauses (a)(ii), (b)(i) or

(c), to the extent that failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.02 Authorization; No Contravention.

The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Document to which it is party has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and does not (a) contravene the terms of any of its Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien (other than any Lien created pursuant to the Loan Documents) under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any material Contractual Obligation to which it is a party or affecting it or its properties or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which it or its property is subject; or (c) violate any material Law.

5.03 Governmental Authorization; Other Consents.

No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, the Borrower of this Agreement or any other Loan Document to which it is a party other than (i) those that have been obtained and are in full force and effect and (ii) filings to perfect the Liens created by the Collateral Documents.

5.04 Binding Effect.

Each Loan Document to which it is party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower. Each Loan Document to which it is party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency and other Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or law.

5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.

Since September 30, 2017, there has been no event or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.06 Litigation.

There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes before any Governmental Authority pending or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers after due inquiry, threatened in writing, at Law, in equity or in arbitration, by or against the Borrower that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or (b) except as disclosed to the Lender in writing, either individually or in the aggregate, there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.07 No Default.

The Borrower is not in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

5.08 Ownership of Property; Liens.

The Borrower has good and indefeasible title to its respective Collateral and such Collateral is not subject to any Liens other than Permitted Liens.

5.09 Taxes.

The Borrower has filed all federal, material state and other tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all federal, state and other taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed tax assessment against the Borrower that could reasonably be expected to, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower is not a party to any tax sharing agreement.

5.10 ERISA Compliance.

No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than the Threshold Amount the fair market value of the assets of such Plan, and the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations of all underfunded Plans (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than the Threshold Amount the fair market value of the assets of all such underfunded Plans.

5.11 Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act.

(a) The Borrower is not engaged and will not engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the Board), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock.

(b) No part of the proceeds of the Loan will be used by the Borrower directly or indirectly
(i) for the purpose of, whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the Board) or (ii) for any other purpose that would entail a violation of or that would be inconsistent with the provisions of the regulations of the Board (including regulations T, U or X).

(c) The Borrower is not required to register as an “investment company” or as a Person controlled by a “person” required to register as an “investment company”, in each case as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

5.12 Disclosure.

The Borrower has disclosed to the Lender all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it is subject, and all other matters known to it, that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No report, financial statement, certificate or other written information furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements

therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect as of such date furnished or certified; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time it being understood that such projections may vary from actual results and that such variances may be material.

5.13 Compliance with Laws.

The Borrower is in compliance with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.14 Solvency.

The Borrower is Solvent.

5.15 Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.

The Borrower has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and employees and to the knowledge of the Borrower, its directors and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of

(1) the Borrower, any Subsidiary, any Trust or any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or

(2) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent of the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any Trust that will act in any capacity in connection with the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. None of the Loan, the use of proceeds thereof and the transactions directly or indirectly by the Borrower contemplated by this Agreement will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

5.16 Senior Loan Documents.

As of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date, the Borrower has delivered to the Lender true and correct copies of the Senior Loan Documents. The Senior Loan Documents are in full force and effect as of the Second Amendment and Restatement Date and have not been terminated, rescinded or withdrawn as of such date. The execution, delivery and performance of the Senior Loan Documents by the Borrower does not and will not require any registration with, consent, or approval of, or notice to, or other action with or by, any Governmental Authority, other than consents or approvals that have been obtained and that are still in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as the Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, or the Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than Unasserted Obligations), the Borrower shall:

6.01 Financial Statements.

Upon the written request of the Lender, the Borrower will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to the Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) For so long as the Parent is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, beginning with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, the Parent shall provide, unless available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or successor system), upon filing of the same (or if the Parent is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, then within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Parent, ~~its~~, a copy of the annual audit report for the Parent for such fiscal year containing, on a consolidated basis, balance sheets and related statements of operations, shareholders' equity, income, retained earnings, and cash flows as of the end of ~~and for such year, (i) with respect to the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, such financial statements will be reported on by independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and (ii) with respect to each~~ and for the 12-month period then ended, in each case setting forth in comparative form the figures for the preceding fiscal year thereafter, such financial statements will include consolidating financial statements for the most recent period and such financial statements will be reported on by, all in reasonable detail and audited and certified by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., or other independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) acceptable to Lender in its reasonable discretion, to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis report has been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and containing no material qualifications or limitations on scope; and

(b) For so long as the Parent is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, beginning with the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2023, the Parent shall provide, unless available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or successor system), upon filing of the same (or if the Parent is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, then within ~~forty-five (45)~~ 60 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the ~~first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Parent, its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows~~ Parent), a copy of an unaudited financial report of the Parent as of the end of ~~and for~~ such fiscal quarter and for the ~~then elapsed~~ portion of ~~such fiscal year for each of the first three quarters of each~~ the fiscal year, then ended, containing, on a consolidated basis, balance sheets and statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flow, in each case setting forth in ~~each case in~~ comparative form the figures for the corresponding period ~~or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous~~ the preceding fiscal year, all in reasonable detail certified by a Responsible Officer ~~as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries~~ of the Parent to have been prepared in accordance with GAAP and to fairly and

accurately present (subject to year-end audit adjustments) the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent, on a consolidated basis ~~in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; provided, however, that the Parent and the Borrower shall not be required to deliver such balance sheets, as of the dates and reports for the second fiscal quarter of 2019~~periods indicated therein.

Information required to be delivered pursuant to Sections 6.01(a) and 6.01(b) shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Lender on the date on which such information or one or more annual or quarterly reports containing such information have been posted on the Parent's website as identified to the Lender from time to time or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

6.02 Certificates; Other Information.

Upon the written request of the Lender, the Borrower will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver (or cause to be delivered) to the Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to the Lender:

(a) within forty-five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Parent, an Underlying Investment Fund Report as of the end of such fiscal quarter, including a calculation of the Collateral Value as of the date of such report;

(b) each of the following documents with respect to the Underlying Investment Funds, in each case, to the extent provided to any DST: (i) any written amendment, supplement or other modification to the limited liability company or limited partnership agreement of each Underlying Investment Fund delivered as of the Closing Date, (ii) any written amendment, supplement or other modification to the subscription agreements delivered pursuant to Section 4.01(f) as of the Closing Date, if any, (iii) side letters which the relevant Underlying Investment Fund has entered into with the applicable DST and (iv) such other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Lender from time to time (subject, in each case, to any necessary confidentiality undertakings); and

(c) promptly, such additional information regarding the business or corporate affairs or financial condition of the Borrower, BEN Fiduciary, the Subsidiary Guarantors, or the Trusts or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

6.03 Notices.

Promptly notify the Lender of:

(a) the occurrence of any Default;

(b) any claim made or asserted against the Collateral or the property, contract rights, or assets of BEN Fiduciary (whether held by a trust or otherwise) (other than by the Lender under the Loan Documents);

(c) any filing or commencement of or, to its knowledge, any written threat or notice of intention of any Person to file or commence any material action, suit, proceeding whether at law or equity by or before any Governmental Authority against or affecting the Borrower that if adversely determined could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(d) any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(e) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount exceeding the Threshold Amount.

Each notice pursuant to this Section 6.03 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer setting forth reasonable details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 6.03(a) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have or may have been breached.

6.04 Payment of Taxes.

Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable all material tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by the Borrower.

6.05 Preservation of Existence, Etc.

(a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization.

(b) Take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.06 Maintenance of Properties.

Maintain, preserve and protect all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

6.07 Compliance with Laws.

Comply with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

6.08 Books and Records.

(a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all material financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Borrower.

(b) Maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over the Borrower.

6.09 Inspection Rights.

Upon five (5) Business Days prior written notice and only once in any fiscal year, permit representatives and independent contractors of the Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of the Borrower and at reasonable times during normal business hours; provided, however, that when an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing the Lender (or any of its representatives or independent contractors) (i) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice and (ii) without limiting the inspection rights under this Section 6.09 shall be authorized to request and receive the valuations of the Underlying Investment Funds and the Borrower will provide, or cause to be provided, such valuations.

6.10 Use of Proceeds.

Use the proceeds of the Advances to repay existing indebtedness and for other general corporate purposes of the Borrower.

6.11 Security Interests; Further Assurances.

(a) ~~Promptly after (i) the formation of any Funding Trust, (ii) the execution of any Funding Trust Loan Agreement, or (iii) the formation of any DST, in each case, that would otherwise qualify under such definitions but for being listed on Schedule 1.01A, the Borrower shall give written notice thereof (which may be via email) to the Lender~~From time to time, in order to reduce the LTV Percentage to the Maintenance LTV Percentage or otherwise provide additional Collateral hereunder, the Borrower may request that any Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement and/or DST be added to Schedule 1.01A, and if approved in writing by Lender (which for the avoidance of doubt may be via email), from and after the date of such approval, Schedule 1.01A shall be deemed modified to include such Funding Trust, Funding Trust Loan Agreement and/or DST. Within thirty (30) days of such approval, the Borrower shall (and shall cause the Subsidiary Guarantors and/or DSTs) to execute and deliver Collateral Documents as may be reasonably requested by Lender in order to cause (as applicable): (i) such Funding Trust Loan Agreement to constitute Collateral, (ii) such DST to become party to the DST Guaranty, and/or (iii) the applicable investment(s) owned by such DST to become subject to a valid, perfected first priority lien in favor of the Lender pursuant to the DST Security Agreement.

(b) Execute and deliver any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents), that may be required under any applicable Law, or that the Lender may reasonably request, in order to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the security interest of the Lender in the Borrower's right, title and interest in the Collateral granted pursuant to the Security Documents, all at the Borrower's expense.

ARTICLE VII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as the Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, or the Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, ~~(a) the Borrower shall not, (b) with respect to Section 7.02, Parent and (other than Unasserted Obligations), the Borrower shall not, (c) with respect to Section 7.03, Parent and the Borrower shall not, and (d) with respect to Section 7.10, Parent and the Borrower shall not, in each case,~~ directly or indirectly:

7.01 Liens.

Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than the following:

(a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;

(b) Any Lien on any property or asset of the Borrower existing on the Closing Date and set forth in Schedule 7.01; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of such the Borrower unless permitted elsewhere under this Section 7.01, and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Closing Date and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof (without giving effect to accrued interest, fees or transaction costs with respect to such Indebtedness);

(c) Permitted Encumbrances;

(d) Liens on property acquired by Borrower that were in existence at the time of the acquisition of such property and were not created in contemplation of such acquisition;

(e) After the Completion Date, other Liens securing obligations not exceeding \$10,000,000 in the aggregate;

(f) Liens granted to Senior Lender pursuant to the Senior Loan Documents; ~~and~~

(g) Liens arising under the Acquisition Documents;

(h) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, Liens on the Equity Interests of BEN Financing SPV and related rights securing Indebtedness under the TCB Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents referred to therein; and

(i) other Liens securing obligations (other than Indebtedness for borrowed money) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 at any time outstanding, provided that such Liens do not attach to any Collateral.

7.02 Beneficient Transactions.

Make or agree to make, ~~nor shall Parent, make~~ or permit ~~their respective~~^{its} Affiliates to make or agree to make, any distribution or payment relating to, in satisfaction of, or in purported satisfaction of, any demand relating to any Beneficient Transaction (including any demand made prior to a filing of any action, suit, proceeding, claim or dispute).

7.03 Indebtedness.

- (a) Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness ~~by Parent or Borrower~~, except:
- (b) Indebtedness evidenced by the Senior Credit Agreement or the other Senior Loan Documents in aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount permitted under the Subordination Agreement, in each case so long as such Indebtedness is permitted and subject to the Subordination Agreement;
- (c) Indebtedness and guarantees thereof existing on the Closing Date and set forth in Schedule 7.03 and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness with Indebtedness that does not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof (without giving effect to accrued interest, fees or transaction costs with respect to such Indebtedness);
- (d) Indebtedness in respect of overdrawn checks, drafts and similar instruments arising in the ordinary course of maintaining deposit accounts (if repaid within two (2) Business Days);
- (e) Indebtedness arising in connection with endorsement of instruments for deposit in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) Indebtedness owed to any Person providing workers' compensation, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance, pursuant to reimbursement or indemnification obligations to such Person, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) Indebtedness as an account party in respect of performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds and similar obligations, in each case provided in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) The BCC Notes; ~~and~~
- (i) After the Completion Date, other Indebtedness; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of such other Indebtedness does not exceed \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (j) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, Indebtedness of the Borrower pursuant to the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender);
- (k) Indebtedness of the Borrower under the Master Intercompany Note (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement in the form approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice, as such Master Intercompany Note may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender in its reasonable discretion); and
- (l) other Indebtedness not constituting Indebtedness for borrowed money in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding \$2,500,000.

7.04 Fundamental Changes.

(a) (i) Merge into, consolidate with or amalgamate with (by scheme, arrangements or otherwise) any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into, consolidate with or amalgamate with it, in each case, unless the Borrower is the continuing or surviving Person and the Lender consents to such merger, consolidation or amalgamation in writing (for avoidance of doubt, such consent may be provided via email), (ii) sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of (in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or any substantial part of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) or (iii) liquidate, wind-up or dissolve;

(b) engage in any business if, as a result, the general nature of the business in which the Borrower would then be engaged would be substantially and adversely changed from the general nature of the business in which the Borrower is engaged as of the Closing Date;

(c) without the written consent of the Lender, enter into any amendment or modification of any of its Organization Documents that could adversely affect the Lender, as determined in the reasonable good faith discretion of the Lender;

(d) change (i) its fiscal year or (ii) its method of accounting as in effect on the Closing Date, unless prior notice is given to the Lender by the Borrower and the Lender consents to such change (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); or

(e) become an “investment company” or a Person controlled by a “person” required to register as an “investment company”, in each case as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

7.05 Dispositions.

Except (i) as required pursuant to the Acquisition Documents, (ii) as contemplated by the Consent or (iii) with the written consent of the Lender (for avoidance of doubt, such consent may be provided via email), Dispose of any Funding Trust Loan (or any interest under any Funding Trust Loan Agreement) to any Person.

7.06 Restricted Payments.

Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so unless (a)(i) such Restricted Payment is permitted under its Organization Documents, (ii) such Restricted Payment is not in breach of the Subordination Agreement and (iii) no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Restricted Payment ~~or~~; (b) such Restricted Payment constitutes tax distributions that are required or permitted to be made by its Organization Documents; or (c) such Restricted Payment is made to a Parent Company to the extent necessary to permit such Parent Company to pay general administrative costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, corporate overhead, legal, accounting, and other professional fees and directors and officers insurance, including premiums therefore, or similar expenses), franchise fees, franchise taxes and similar expenses required to maintain the organizational existence of such Parent Company, exchange listing and registration fees and other costs and expenses attributable to the Parent Company being a publicly traded company, in each case, which are reasonable and customary and incurred in the ordinary course of business, plus any reasonable and customary indemnification claims made by directors, officers, members of management or consultants of such Parent Company, in each case, to the extent attributable to the ownership or operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

7.07 Transactions with Affiliates.

Enter into any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of the Borrower, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to the Borrower as would be obtainable by the Borrower at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate, other than (i) transactions entered into prior to the Closing Date or contemplated by the Organization Documents thereof as of the Closing Date, (ii) transactions permitted by the other provisions of this Agreement or of any other Loan Document ~~and~~, (iii) transactions described in the Master Term Sheet and any transactions incidental or related thereto, (iv) transactions and agreements described in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration Number 333-268741) filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 9, 2022, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the SEC on January 23, 2023, Amendment No. 2 filed with the SEC on March 6, 2023, Amendment No. 3 filed with the SEC on April 19, 2023, Amendment No. 4 filed with the SEC on May 8, 2023 and Amendment No. 5 filed with the SEC on May 11, 2023, and (v) any transaction or series of related transactions involving aggregate consideration not in excess of \$500,000.

7.08 Burdensome Agreements.

Enter into, or permit to exist, any Contractual Obligation that (a) encumbers or restricts the ability of the Borrower to (i) pledge the Collateral pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof or (ii) act as the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clause (i) above) for (1) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (2) from and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, the TCB Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents referred to therein (in the forms approved by Lender pursuant to the TCB Consent Notice (as the same may thereafter be amended or otherwise modified in a manner acceptable to the Lender)), and ~~(2)~~ any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided, that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien, or (b) requires the grant of any security for any obligation if such property is given as security for the Obligations, other than any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien.

7.09 Sanctions.

Use, or permit its respective directors, officers, employees or agents to use, the proceeds of the Loan (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of directly or indirectly funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country to the extent such activities, businesses or transactions would be prohibited by Sanctions if conducted by a corporation incorporated in the United States or in a European Union member state, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

7.10 Securities.

Issue, ~~nor shall Parent issue~~ or permit any of its Subsidiaries to issue, any securities that are senior to the NPC-A interests (other than Senior NPC-A securities) or Senior NPC-A securities, other than Indebtedness permitted by Section 7.03.

ARTICLE VIII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

8.01 Events of Default.

Upon the occurrence of (i) any of the following events, and (ii) notice (written or oral) from Lender to Borrower that such Default shall constitute an Event of Default, such event shall cause an Event of Default; provided, that this clause (ii) shall not apply to clauses (f) and (g) of this Section 8.01 and that the occurrence of any event described in clause (f) or (g) shall trigger an Event of Default without notice of any kind from Lender:

(a) Non-Payment. The Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid by such Person herein, any amount of the Loan, (ii) within three (3) days after the same becomes due, any interest or fee due hereunder, or (iii) within five (5) days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document;

(b) Specific Covenants. The Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in (i) Section 6.03(a), 6.05 (as to legal existence of the Borrower), Section 6.11 or Article VII; (ii) Section 6.01 and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for fifteen (15) days after notice thereof by the Lender; or (iii) any of Section 6.02(a) and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for five (5) Business Days after notice thereof by the Lender.

(c) Other Defaults. The Borrower, any DST, any Subsidiary Guarantor, or the Parent fails to perform or observe any covenant or agreement (not specified in subsection (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure shall continue unremedied or unwaived for thirty (30) days after the earlier of the date that the Borrower, (i) knows or should have known of such breach or (ii) has received notice thereof by the Lender;

(d) Representations and Warranties. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower, any DST, or any Subsidiary Guarantor herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of fact containing qualifications as to materiality or incorrect or misleading in any material respect with respect to representations, warranties, certifications and statements of facts without qualifications as to materiality when so made or deemed to be made;

(e) Cross-Default.

(i) Beginning on June 30, 2019, the Borrower (or any Affiliate thereof) or any LiquidTrust fails to ~~(ix)~~ make any payment of principal when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Senior Obligations or ~~(ix)~~ observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any Material Indebtedness (other than the Senior Obligations) ~~or the GWG Note~~ or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness ~~or the GWG Note~~ (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Material Indebtedness ~~or the GWG Note~~ to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Material Indebtedness, ~~the GWG Note~~ or any Senior Obligation to be made, prior to its stated maturity; provided, that this clause shall not apply to (1) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets

securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder, or (2) Indebtedness described in clause (ii) below; or

(ii) From and after the TCB Consent Notice Date, BEN Financing SPV fails to (x) make any payment of principal when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect any Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) under the TCB Credit Agreement or (y) observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) under the TCB Credit Agreement or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Obligations (as defined in the TCB Credit Agreement) to be made, prior to its stated maturity unless, in the case of this clause (y) only, such failure is cured or waived in accordance with the TCB Credit Agreement or other agreements securing or relating thereto; provided that this clause shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder;

(f) Insolvency Proceedings, Etc. The Borrower institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for sixty calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for sixty calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding;

(g) Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment. (i) The Borrower becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due and payable, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within thirty days after its issue or levy;

(h) Judgments. ~~The Borrower cannot make the representations with respect to Section 5.06(ii); or there~~ There is entered against the Borrower (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments or orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (after giving effect to any insurance proceeds covering such judgments or orders), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of thirty (30) consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect;

(i) Invalidity of Loan Documents. Any provision of any Loan Document to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor or DST is a party, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect or ceases to give the Lender any material part of the Liens purported to be created thereby; or the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor or DST or any other affiliated Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any such Loan

Document; or the Borrower or any DST or Subsidiary Guarantor denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any such Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any such Loan Document;

(j) Lien Defects. Any Lien created or purported to be created by any of the Loan Documents on any asset of the Borrower shall at any time fail to constitute a valid and perfected Lien (or the equivalent thereof under applicable Laws) on any of the property purported to be subject thereto, securing the obligations purported to be secured thereby, with the priority required by the Loan Documents, or the Borrower shall so assert in writing except to the extent that any such failure or loss of benefit, perfection or priority results from the failure of the Lender to file UCC financing or continuation statements;

(k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control;

(l) ERISA. An ERISA Event shall have occurred that, in the opinion of the Lender, when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower in an aggregate amount exceeding the Threshold Amount;

(m) Governmental Investigation. The occurrence of (i) any investigation or seizure made by any Governmental Authority for an actual or alleged violation or breach of Law by the Borrower, or by any director or executive officer thereof that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a revocation, suspension or termination of any license, permit or approval held by the Borrower or any director or executive officer thereof that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(n) Acquisition Documents. The Borrower, any Trust or any Affiliate thereof shall (i) enter into, or consent to, any amendment to any Acquisition Document in any manner adverse to the Lender (other than any amendments to Funding Trust Loan Agreements specified on Schedule 1.01A hereto, as such schedule may be modified from time to time in accordance with the definition of Funding Trust Loan Agreement) or (ii) fail to comply in all material respects with its obligations under the Acquisition Documents;

(o) Proceeds of Underlying Investment Funds. (i) Any Trust shall fail to apply any proceeds of any Distribution from, or Disposition of, any Equity Interests of any Underlying Investment Fund in accordance with the Organization Documents of such Trust or (ii) any Funding Trust shall fail to apply any proceeds of any Distribution from, or Disposition of, any Equity Interests of any Underlying Investment Fund received by such Funding Trust (indirectly through distributions from the applicable Trusts) to payment of amounts owing pursuant to its respective Funding Trust Loan Agreement;

(p) Cross-Acceleration to Senior Loan Documents. If there is a default in any Senior Loan Document, and such default results in the Senior Lender accelerating the maturity of the Senior Obligations or otherwise causing the Senior Obligations to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Material Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity; or

(q) Any revenues, monies, distributions or proceeds received by or on behalf of the LiquidTrusts on account of or attributable to any Senior Beneficial Interests from time to time purchased or acquired by the LiquidTrusts are not used to acquire as an investment Senior Beneficial Interests in Collective Trusts.

8.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default.

If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Lender may take any or all of the following actions:

(a) terminate the Commitment and any obligation to make Advances;

(b) declare the amount of the outstanding principal amount of the Loan and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower; and

(c) exercise all rights and remedies available to it under the Loan Documents or applicable Law or at equity (provided, that the Lender shall not take any action pursuant to the Limited Power of Attorney as the Borrower's agent and attorney-in-fact unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing);

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, the obligation of the Lender to make Loan shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loan and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable without further act of the Lender;

provided, further, however, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein and regardless of whether an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Lender will continue to permit the Borrower, BEN Fiduciary, the Subsidiary Guarantors, their Subsidiaries and Affiliates, and the Funding Trusts to make any and all distributions required to be made by any of such Persons pursuant to the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions Act as in effect from time to time in the State of Kansas.

8.03 Application of Funds.

After the exercise of remedies provided for in Section 8.02 (or after the Loan have automatically become immediately due and payable as set forth in the proviso to Section 8.02), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by the Lender in the following order:

First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts due and payable under the Loan Documents (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Lender and amounts payable under Article III) payable to the Lender;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting the Loan and other Obligations arising under the Loan Documents;

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Law.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 Amendments, Etc.

No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by the Borrower therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by ~~(a) the Lender, (b) and the Borrower and (c) with respect to Sections 7.02 and 7.10, to the extent adverse to the interests of the Parent, the Parent.~~

9.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications.

(a) Notices Generally. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in subsection (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by facsimile as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on Schedule 9.02; and

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such subsection (b).

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Lender hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Lender. The Lender or the Borrower may each, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that, approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Lender otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement) and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; provided that, for both clauses (i) and (ii), if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice, email or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient.

(c) Change of Address, Etc. The Borrower and the Lender may change its address, facsimile or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

(d) Reliance by the Lender. The Lender shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including electronic Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Borrower shall indemnify the Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with the Lender may be recorded by the Lender, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

9.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement.

No failure by the Lender to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the imposition of any per annum increase in the interest rate consistent with ~~clause (b) of~~ the definition of Accrued Interest) preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided and provided under each other Loan Document are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by Law.

9.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lender and its Affiliates in connection the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), and (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lender, and shall pay all reasonable fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of the Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights during the continuation of an Event of Default (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, or (B) in connection with the Loan made hereunder, including all such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of the Loan.

(b) Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower shall indemnify the Lender and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), and shall indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee from all fees and time charges and disbursements for attorneys who may be employees of any Indemnitee, incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any Person (including the Borrower) other than such Indemnitee and its Related Parties arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) the Loan or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom, or (iii) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the bad faith, fraud, gross negligence or willful

misconduct of such Indemnitee or its Related Party or (y) result from a claim brought by the Borrower against an Indemnitee for breach of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if such Borrower has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Without limiting the provisions of Section 3.01(c), this Section 9.04(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, the Borrower and the Lender shall not assert, and the Borrower and the Lender each hereby waives, and acknowledges that no other Person shall have, any claim against the Borrower or any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, the Loan or the use of the proceeds thereof, provided that nothing in this Section 9.04(c) shall relieve the Borrower of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnitee against special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party. No Indemnitee shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable not later than ten (10) Business Days after demand therefor.

(e) Survival. The agreements in this Section and the indemnity provisions of Section 9.02(d) shall survive the replacement of the Lender, the termination of the Commitment and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of the Obligations.

9.05 Payments Set Aside.

To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Borrower is made to the Lender, or the Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then, to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred.

9.06 Successors and Assigns.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and thereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except (i) that the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder without the prior written consent of the Lender and (ii) the Lender may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder except (A) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.06(b), (B) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.06(c) or (C) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of Section 9.06(e) (and

any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in Section 9.06(b)) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of the Lender) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) Assignments by Lender. The Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all or a portion of the Commitment and the Loan outstanding); provided that the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any such assignment unless (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (ii) such assignment is to an existing Lender or an Affiliate of an existing Lender or an Approved Assignee; provided that, the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Lender within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof. From and after the effective date of any such assignment, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned, have the rights and obligations of the Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an assignment and covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, and 9.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment). Upon request, the Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by the Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by the Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 9.06(d).

(c) Register. The Lender, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower (and such agency being solely for tax purposes), shall maintain at the Lending Office a copy of each assignment agreement (or the equivalent thereof in electronic form) and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lender, the Commitment and the amount of the Loan pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. The Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower, sell participations to one or more participants (other than the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of the Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loan owing to it); provided that (i) the Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) the Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower shall continue to deal solely and directly with the Lender in connection with the Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement.

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which the Lender sells such a participation shall provide that the Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, and 3.04 to the same extent as if it were the Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 3.01(d) shall be delivered to the Lender who

sells the participation); provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 3.05 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 3.01 or 3.04, with respect to any participation, than the Lender from whom it acquired the applicable participation would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. The Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 3.05 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by Law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.08 as though it were the Lender. The Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loan or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary.

(e) Certain Pledges. The Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of the Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided that no such pledge or assignment shall release the Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for the Lender as a party hereto.

9.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality.

The Lender agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent required or requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over such Person or its Related Parties (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners),

(c) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process,

(d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (g) on a confidential basis to (i) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or the credit facilities provided hereunder or (ii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers or other market identifiers with respect to the credit facilities provided hereunder, (h) any Third Party Appraiser, (i) with the consent of the Borrower or (j) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to the Lender or any of its Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or BCC. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower or BCC, other than any such

information that is available to the Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower or BCC. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

The Lender acknowledges that (a) the Information may include material non-public information concerning the Parent, Borrower and BCC, (b) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and (c) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including United States federal and state securities Laws. With respect to any Information provided hereunder, the Lender's obligations under this Section 9.07 shall terminate on the two (2) year anniversary of the ~~Scheduled~~Final Maturity Date.

9.08 Right of Setoff.

If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by the Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the Lender or its Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not the Lender or such Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of the Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The Lender agrees to notify the Borrower promptly after any such setoff and application; provided that, the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

9.09 Interest Rate Limitation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If the Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loan or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

9.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Lender, constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Lender and when the Lender shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties

hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic imaging means (e.g., "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

9.11 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Lender or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of the funding of the Loan, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than Unasserted Obligations).

9.12 Severability.

If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

9.13 [Reserved].

9.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

(a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (EXCEPT, AS TO ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN) AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW).

(b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. THE BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT COMMENCE ANY ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION, WHETHER IN LAW OR EQUITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST THE LENDER OR ANY RELATED PARTY OF THE FOREGOING IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATING HERETO OR THERETO, IN ANY FORUM OTHER THAN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES

THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT THE LENDER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST THE BORROWER OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) WAIVER OF VENUE. THE BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) SERVICE OF PROCESS. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN SECTION 9.02. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

9.15 Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

9.16 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document), the Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) (A) the arranging and other services regarding this Agreement provided by the Lender are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Borrower and its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Lender, on the other hand, (B) the Borrower has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and (C) the Borrower is capable of evaluating, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents; (ii) (A) the Lender is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Borrower or any of its Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) the Lender has no obligation to the

Borrower or any of its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; and (iii) the Lender and its Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Borrower and its Affiliates, and the Lender has no obligation to disclose any of such interests to the Borrower and its Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Borrower hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against the Lender with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

9.17 Electronic Execution of Assignments and Certain Other Documents.

The words “execute” “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in any assignment or in any amendment or other modification hereof (including waivers and consents) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Lender or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable Law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state Laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

9.18 USA PATRIOT Act.

The Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the “Act”), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow the Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act. The Borrower shall, promptly following a request by the Lender, provide all documentation and other information that the Lender requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Act.

9.19 Subordination.

The Lender (by its acceptance and execution of this Agreement) acknowledges and agrees that notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Obligations hereunder are subordinated to the Senior Obligations in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Subordination Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

APPENDIX 1

Eligibility Criteria of Each Eligible Underlying Investment

An investment in any Underlying Investment Fund shall be an Eligible Underlying Investment if the following criteria are satisfied (or otherwise waived by the Lender):

(a) from the Closing Date until the ~~Assignment (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement)~~ transfer or assignment of legal title of such investment (an "Assignment") to the Related DST (as defined below) in accordance with the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable:

(i) a DST (the "Related DST") holds an economic interest in such investment in such Underlying Investment Fund pursuant to the ~~Economic Direction~~ Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable (and such investment is not subject to a Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement)); and

~~(ii) [reserved]~~

(ii) ~~(iii)~~ such Seller has complied in all material respects with its obligations under the ~~Economic Direction Agreement~~ Acquisition Documents in respect of such investment; and

(iii) ~~(iv) (A) the applicable seller of~~ such Underlying Investment Fund (a "Seller") shall have caused all distributions and other amounts received in respect of such investment to be paid to the applicable Seller Account in accordance with the ~~Economic Direction~~ Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement ~~and (B)~~ , as applicable;

(b) from and after the ~~Completion Date~~, Assignment of such investment to the Related DST in accordance with the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable:

(i) the Related DST shall have caused all amounts received in any Seller Account in respect of such investment to be promptly transferred to a deposit account of the Related DST;

~~(b) from and after, if such deposit account is not~~ the ~~Assignment (same as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement) of such investment to the Related DST in accordance with the Acquisition Documents~~; applicable Seller Account;

~~(ii) (i)~~ such investment is owned by, and registered in the name of, the Related DST;
and

(iii) ~~(ii)~~ the Related DST shall have provided irrevocable instructions to such Underlying Investment Fund to pay all distributions in respect of such investment to a deposit account of the Related DST; if such deposit account is not the same as the applicable Seller Account.

~~(c) such Underlying Investment Fund has furnished its Equity Interests holders with (x) its quarterly net asset value within seventy-five (75) Business Days following the end of the preceding quarter and (y) an unqualified audit of its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity or partners' equity, as the case may be, and cash flows as of the end of each fiscal year within 180 days following the end of such fiscal year, in each case, evidenced by supporting detail acceptable to the Lender in its sole discretion reasonably exercised;~~

~~(d) if such Underlying Investment Fund is no longer in its investment period, such Underlying Investment Fund has made material cash distributions to its limited partners within the previous twelve (12) months;~~

~~(e)~~ ~~(e)~~ to the knowledge of the Borrower, such Underlying Investment Fund is not subject to any investigation, action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator, regulator, or Governmental Authority that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

~~(d)~~ ~~(f)~~ such Underlying Investment Fund is Solvent;

~~(e)~~ ~~(g)~~ the Related DST funds or procures the funding of each capital call obligation made on the Related DST in respect of such investment no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date the Related DST receives notice that such obligation has not been met, unless the Related DST is contesting the validity of such capital call in good faith; provided, that in the event the Related DST contests the validity of a capital call obligation in good faith, the Borrower must provide the Lender evidence of such good faith claim;

~~(f)~~ ~~(h)~~ (A) if the interests in the Related DST have been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, 100% of the Equity Interests of the Related DST are owned by an Exchange Trust or (B) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, (i) 100% of the Equity Interests of the Related DST are owned by a LiquidTrust (the “Related LiquidTrust”), (ii) 100% of the Equity Interests in the Related LiquidTrust (other than the residual beneficial interest therein owned by certain charitable endowments as of the Closing Date (or applicable acquisition date of the assets of such the Related DST) or Equity Interests in the Related LiquidTrust held by such Related LiquidTrust itself) are owned by a Collective Trust (the “Related Collective Trust”) and (iii) 100% of the Equity Interests in the Related Collective Trust (other than the residual beneficial interest therein owned by certain charitable endowments as of the Closing Date) are owned by one or more Funding Trusts (each, a “Related Funding Trust”), in each case, with respect to clauses (A) and (B), free and clear of any Liens other than Permitted Trust Liens;

~~(g)~~ ~~(i)~~ ~~(i) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, each trustee of each of the Related LiquidTrust, Related Collective Trust and Related Funding Trusts shall be an individual acting as a trustee thereof on the Closing Date (or, if later, the date of formation of such Trust) (or another individual reasonably acceptable to the Lender) and (ii)~~ the trustee of the Related DST shall be Delaware Trust Company (or another trustee reasonably acceptable to the Lender);

~~(h)~~ ~~(j)~~ such investment is subject to a valid, perfected second priority lien in favor of the Lender pursuant to the DST Security Agreement; and

~~(i)~~ ~~(k)~~ (A) with respect to any Related DST the interests in which have not been transferred pursuant to the Exchange Transactions, none of the Related Funding Trust, Related Collective Trust or Related LiquidTrust is subject to a Trust Adverse Event and (B) the Related DST is not subject to a Trust Adverse Event;

~~(j)~~ ~~(l)~~ the Related DST is not subject to a DST Default; and

~~(k)~~ ~~(m)~~ no Event of Default has occurred under the Funding Trust Loan Agreement to which any Related Funding Trust is a party;

provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, (x) if an investment fails to satisfy any of the criteria set forth above at any time, such investment will not be precluded from becoming an Eligible Underlying Investment by virtue of such prior failure to the extent such investment satisfies the criteria set forth above at a later time (including, with respect to clause ~~(c)~~, ~~upon delivery of the reporting required thereunder at a subsequent required reporting date under such clause, and with respect to clause (g)~~, upon payment of any capital call obligation that has not been paid) and (y) nothing in this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict (A) any partition of any LiquidTrust required pursuant to the Organization Documents thereof or the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable, (B) the severing of the Economic Direction Agreement pursuant to any Severed EDA (as defined in the Economic Direction Agreement) or (C) any distribution or transfer of any such Severed EDA (and related interests in Underlying Investment Funds) required pursuant to the Organization Documents of the Trusts or the Acquisition Documents, Binding Term Sheet, or ExAlt Plan Program Agreement, as applicable.

Appendix 1-3

SCHEDULE 1.01A

Trusts

Funding Trusts

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43. [THE EP-00118 FUNDING TRUST](#)
44. [THE EP-00119 FUNDING TRUST](#)
45. [THE EP-00120 FUNDING TRUST](#)

Funding Trust Loan Agreements

1. LT-1B Loan and Security Agreement dated September 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
2. LT-2B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
3. LT-3B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
4. LT-4B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
5. LT-5B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
6. LT-6B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
7. LT-7B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
8. LT-8B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
9. LT-9B Loan and Security Agreement dated Sept 1, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019, amended October 13, 2020, amended December 31, 2020 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
10. LT-12B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2017 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
11. LT-14B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
12. LT-15B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
13. LT-16B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
14. LT-17B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
15. LT-18B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)

16. LT-19B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
17. LT-20B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
18. LT-21B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
19. LT-22B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
20. LT-23B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
21. LT-24B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
22. LT-25B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
23. LT-26B Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 1, 2018 (as amended and restated December 31, 2019 and amended and restated January 1, 2021)
24. LT-27B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 13, 2019 (as amended and restated January 1, 2021)
25. LT-28B Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 13, 2019 (as amended and restated January 1, 2021)
26. EP-00100 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020 (as amended March 31, 2021)
27. EP-00101 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
28. EP-00102 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
29. EP-00103 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
30. EP-00104 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
31. EP-00105 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
32. EP-00106 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
33. EP-00107 Loan and Security Agreement dated Dec 31, 2020
34. EP-00108 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 15, 2021
35. EP-00109 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 8, 2021
36. EP-00110 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 8, 2021

37. EP-00111 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 27, 2021
38. EP-00112 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 27, 2021
39. EP-00113 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
40. EP-00114 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
41. EP-00115 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
42. EP-00116 Loan and Security Agreement dated Jan 29, 2021
43. First Amended and Restated EP-00117 Loan and Security Agreement dated March 24, 2022
44. EP-00118 Loan and Security Agreement dated April 15, 2022
45. EP-00119 Loan and Security Agreement dated May 2, 2022
46. [EP-00120 Loan and Security Agreement dated June 7, 2023](#)

Collective Trusts

1. THE COLLECTIVE COLLATERAL TRUST

Liquid Trusts

1. THE LT-1 LIQUIDTRUST
2. THE LT-2 LIQUIDTRUST
3. THE LT-3 LIQUIDTRUST
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DSTs

1. LT-1 CUSTODY TRUST
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Exchange Trusts

1. LT-21 EXCHANGE TRUST
2. LT-22 EXCHANGE TRUST
3. LT-23 EXCHANGE TRUST
4. LT-24 EXCHANGE TRUST
5. LT-25 EXCHANGE TRUST
6. LT-26 EXCHANGE TRUST

EXHIBIT B-1

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the “Borrower”), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the “Lender”) (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(3) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (iv) it is not a “controlled foreign corporation” related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Borrower with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: ____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-2

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the "Borrower"), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the "Lender") (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-3

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the "Borrower"), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the "Lender") (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such participation, (iii) with respect such participation, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: ____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT B-4

**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the "Borrower"), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the "Lender") (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e)(ii)(4) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing the Loan(s)), (iii) with respect to the extension of credit pursuant to this Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Borrower with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: ____ Name:
Title:

Date: __, __

EXHIBIT C

Form of Loan Notice

Date: __, 20__

To: HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. 325 N. Saint Paul Street Suite
4850
Dallas, TX 75201

Re: Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of August 13, 2020, by and between Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as the borrower (the "Borrower"), and HCLP Nominees, L.L.C., as the Lender (the "Lender") (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The Borrower hereby requests an Advance:

1. On __, __, which shall be a Business Day
2. In the amount of \$__.

[Wire Instructions for receipt of Advance:

Bank Name:

[_____]

Bank ABA:

[_____]

Swift/BIC Code:

[_____]

Attn:

[_____]

Account Name:

[_____]

Account Number: [____]

[_____]

The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the date of such Advance:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Borrower and each DST contained in the Loan Documents, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection therewith, are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date;

(b) No Default exists or will result as a consequence of the making of such Advance or the subsequent application by the Borrower of the proceeds thereof;

(c) Such Advance does not exceed the Available Amount; and

(d) Immediately after giving effect to such Advance, the LTV Percentage will not exceed the Maintenance LTV Percentage.

With respect to the Advance requested herein, the undersigned Borrower hereby represents and warrants that (i) such request complies with the requirements of Section 2.02 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) each of the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 of the Credit Agreement (and, if such Advance is the Initial Advance, Section 4.01), have been satisfied on and as of the date of such Advance.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is an Underlying Investment Fund Report.

BENEFICIENT CAPITAL COMPANY, L.L.C.

By:___ Name:
Title:

Exhibit C-2

Exhibit 1 to Loan Notice

Underlying Investment Fund Report

See attached.

Exhibit C-3

FORM OF PREPAID FORWARD PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into as of June 5, 2023, by and between The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“BCG” or the “Company”) and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P. (the “Purchaser”), as amended through June 25, 2023.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Avalon Acquisition Inc., a Delaware corporation (“SPAC”) was incorporated for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with a business;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, the Company entered into that certain Business Combination Agreement (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms, the “Business Combination Agreement”), by and among SPAC, the Company, Beneficient Merger Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Merger Sub I”), and Beneficient Merger Sub II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Business Combination Agreement, subject to the terms and following the satisfaction of certain conditions set forth therein, the following transactions are expected to occur (among others detailed in the Business Combination Agreement): (i) BCG will effect the Initial Recapitalization in accordance with the terms set forth in the Business Combination Agreement; (ii) BCG will convert from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation (the “Conversion” and BCG as so converted, “Beneficient”); (iii) immediately following confirmation of the Conversion, Merger Sub I will merge with and into SPAC (the “Business Combination”), with SPAC surviving the Business Combination as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination, each share of SPAC Class A Common Stock (“SPAC Class A Common”) shall convert into one share of Beneficient Class A Common Stock (“Beneficient Class A Common”) and one share of Beneficient Series A Preferred Stock (“Beneficient Series A Preferred”), and thereafter each share of Beneficient Series A Preferred Stock shall convert into one-fourth (1/4) of a share of Beneficient Class A Common Stock;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into this Agreement, pursuant to which concurrently with the closing of the Business Combination (the “Business Combination Closing”), the Purchaser shall purchase 2,365,184 shares of SPAC Class A Common (the “Forward Purchase Shares”) for \$10.588 per Forward Purchase Share (an amount per share no higher than the redemption price), or an aggregate purchase price of \$25,020,383;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, representations, warranties and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Agreement

1. Sale and Purchase of Shares.

(a) Forward Purchase Shares.

(i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Purchaser shall purchase 2,365,184.48 Forward Purchase Shares from redeeming shareholders for a purchase price of \$10.588 per share (the “Forward Purchase Price”) (an amount per share no higher than the redemption price), or \$25,020,383 in the aggregate. As a result of the Business Combination, each Forward Purchase Share shall convert into one share of Beneficient Class A Common and one Beneficient Series A Preferred share, with such shares of Beneficient Class A Common being segregated into 1,892,147 shares (“Prepaid Forward Shares”) and 473,037 purchased shares (“Purchased Shares”).

(ii) The Purchaser will also receive in the Business Combination Closing 2,365,184 Beneficient Series A Preferred shares which will convert into 591,296 Beneficient Class A Common shares (“Non-Redemption Shares”).

(iii) No later than the earlier of (a) one (1) local business day after the Closing and (b) the date any assets from SPAC’s trust account are disbursed in connection with the Business Combination, the Company shall cause Purchaser to be paid directly, out of the funds held in SPAC’s trust account, a cash amount (the “Prepayment Amount”) equal to the number of Prepaid Forward Shares multiplied by \$10.588.

(iv) Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company (“Designated Price”) by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price (“Designated Price Notice”) delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 (“Maturity Date”), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date.

(v) Until December 8, 2023, the Purchaser agrees to the following sales conditions for the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption shares – (a) On a daily basis, all sales must either (i) exceed \$8.00 per share or (ii) represent less than 10% of daily volume of the Beneficient Class A Common Stock and (b) No sales below \$5.00 per share; provided, however that, other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares for less than \$10.588 per share except in accordance

with this paragraph (v) and further provided that other than with respect to sales of Prepaid Forward Shares at a price not lower than the Designated Price in a Designated Price Notice, Purchaser shall not sell any shares below \$10.588 once Purchaser has received \$4,982,762 from the sale of such shares referenced in this Agreement..

(vi) If on the 10-year anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement or such earlier date as Purchaser has sold all of the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemptions Shares, if Purchaser has used good faith to sell the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption Shares and Purchaser's total proceeds from the sale of the Purchased Shares and the Non-Redemption Shares is less than \$4,982,762, the Company will issue to the Purchaser A-0 Preferred Securities of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (the "A-0 Units"), or the most senior preferred security at the time of issuance, in an amount equal to \$4,982,762 less the total gross proceeds from the sale of the Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption Shares.

2. Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser. The Purchaser represents and warrants to the Company as follows, as of the date hereof:

(a) Organization and Power. The Purchaser is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted.

(b) Authorization. The Purchaser has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the Purchaser, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchaser, enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms, except (i) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance and any other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, or (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies.

(c) Governmental Consents and Filings. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any federal, state or local governmental authority is required on the part of the Purchaser in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(d) Compliance with Other Instruments. The execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement and the consummation by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any violation or default (i) of any provisions of its organizational documents, (ii) of any instrument, judgment, order, writ or decree to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iii) under any note, indenture or mortgage to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iv) under any lease, agreement, contract or purchase order to which it is a party or by which it is bound or (v) of any provision of federal or state statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Purchaser, in each case (other than clause (i)), which would have a material adverse effect on the Purchaser or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(e) Sophistication. Purchaser and each of the funds managed by or affiliated with Purchaser for which Purchaser is acting as nominee, as applicable, (x) is an “accredited investor” (within the meaning of Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”)), (y) is acquiring the securities hereunder only for his, her or its own account and not for the account of others, or if Purchaser is subscribing for the securities as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, Purchaser has full investment discretion with respect to each such account, and the full power and authority to make the acknowledgements, representations and agreements herein on behalf of each owner of each such account, and (z) is not acquiring the securities with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act. Purchaser is a sophisticated investor, experienced in investing and other relevant business matters, including with respect to private investments of a similar nature, as to be capable of independently evaluating the merits and risks with regard to all transactions and investment strategies involving a security or securities investment in general and specifically with regard to an investment in the securities offered hereby, and exercised independent judgment in evaluating Purchaser’s participation in the purchase of the securities. Purchaser is not an entity formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities.

(f) Disclosure of Information. The Purchaser has had an opportunity to discuss the Company’s business, management, financial affairs and the terms and conditions of the offering of the Forward Purchase Shares with the Company’s management.

(g) No Other Representations and Warranties; Non-Reliance. Except for the specific representations and warranties contained in this Section 2 and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, none of the Purchaser nor any person acting on behalf of the Purchaser nor any of the Purchaser’s affiliates (the “Purchaser Parties”) has made, makes or shall be deemed to make any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Purchaser and this offering, and the Purchaser Parties disclaim any such representation or warranty. Except for the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Company and Beneficient, as applicable, in Section 3 of this Agreement and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, the Purchaser Parties specifically disclaim that they are relying upon any other representations or warranties that may have been made by the Company or Beneficient, any person on behalf of the Company or Beneficient or any of their affiliates (collectively, the “Company Parties”).

3. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to the Purchaser as follows:

(a) Incorporation and Corporate Power. The Company is duly formed and validly existing as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted. If the Conversion occurs, the Company will be duly incorporated and validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Nevada and will have all requisite corporate power to carry on its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted and

(b) Authorization. All action required to be taken by the Company’s general partner in order to authorize the Company to enter into this Agreement and all corporate action

required to be taken by Beneficient to issue the A-0 Units at the Maturity Date has been taken. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the Company, shall constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except (i) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, or other laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief, or other equitable remedies.

(c) Governmental Consents and Filings. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties made by the Purchaser in this Agreement, no consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any federal, state or local governmental authority is required on the part of the Company, of, if the Conversion occurs, Beneficient, in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for applicable requirements of the Securities Act, and applicable state securities laws, if any.

(d) Compliance with Other Instruments. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any violation or default (i) of any provisions of the Company's or Beneficient's, as applicable, organizational documents, as they may be amended from time to time, or other governing documents of the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, (ii) of any instrument, judgment, order, writ or decree to which the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, is a party or by which it is bound, (iii) under any note, indenture or mortgage to which the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, is a party or by which it is bound, (iv) under any lease, agreement, contract or purchase order to which the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, is a party or by which it is bound or (v) of any provision of federal or state statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, in each case (other than clause (i)) which would have a material adverse effect on the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; provided that to the extent that a waiver or consent is required in order to issue the A-0 Units, such consent will be obtained prior to issuing the A-0 Units.

(e) SEC Filings. None of the Company's reports and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as of their respective dates, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(f) No Other Representations and Warranties; Non-Reliance. Except for the specific representations and warranties contained in this Section 3 and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, none of the Company Parties has made, makes or shall be deemed to make any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Company or Beneficient, as applicable, this offering or the Business Combination, and the Company Parties disclaim any such representation or warranty. Except for the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Purchaser in Section 2 of this Agreement and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, the Company Parties specifically disclaim that they are relying upon any other representations or warranties that may have been made by the Purchaser Parties.

4. Additional Agreements, Acknowledgements and Waivers of the Purchaser.

(a) Lock-up; Transfer Restrictions. The Purchaser agrees that until the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date all Prepaid Forward Shares and \$4,982,762 in gross proceeds of Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption Shares have been sold in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, it shall not Transfer any Prepaid Forward Shares, Purchased Shares or Non-Redemption Shares except as in compliance with this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after gross proceeds of \$4,982,762 from the sale of Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption Shares are received by Purchaser, transfers of any remaining Purchased Shares and Non-Redemption Shares are permitted (any such transferees, the “Permitted Transferees”) (i) to the Company’s officers or directors, any affiliates or family members of any of the Company’s officers or directors, any members, managers or affiliates of the Purchaser, or any employees or advisors of the Company, the Purchaser or such affiliates; (ii) in the case of an individual, by gift to a member of the individual’s immediate family, to a trust, the beneficiary of which is a member of individual’s immediate family or an affiliate of such person, or to a charitable organization; (iii) in the case of an individual, by virtue of laws of descent and distribution upon death of the individual; (iv) in the case of an individual, pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order; provided, however, that in each case, these Permitted Transferees must enter into a written agreement agreeing to be bound by these transfer restrictions. “Transfer” shall mean the (x) sale or assignment of, offer to sell, contract or agreement to sell, hypothecation, pledge, grant of any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agreement to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establishment or increase of a put equivalent position or liquidation with respect to or decrease of a call equivalent position (within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder) with respect to, any of the Forward Purchase Shares (excluding any pledges in the ordinary course of business for bona fide financing purposes or as part of prime brokerage arrangements), (y) entry into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any of the Forward Purchase Shares, whether any such transaction is to be settled by delivery of such Forward Purchase Shares, in cash or otherwise, or (z) public announcement of any intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (x) or (y).

(b) Trust Account.

(i) The Purchaser hereby acknowledges that it is aware that the SPAC has established a trust account for the benefit of its public stockholders (the “Trust Account”). The Purchaser, for itself and its affiliates, hereby agrees that it has no right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account, or any other asset of the SPAC as a result of any liquidation of the SPAC, except for redemption and liquidation rights, if any, the Purchaser may have in respect of any public shares held by it.

(ii) The Purchaser hereby agrees that it shall have no right of set-off or any right, title, interest or claim of any kind (“Claim”) to, or to any monies in, the Trust Account, and hereby irrevocably waives any Claim to, or to any monies in, the Trust Account that it may have now or in the future, except for redemption and liquidation rights, if any, the Purchaser may have in respect of any public shares held by it. In the event the Purchaser has any Claim against the SPAC under this Agreement, the

Purchaser shall pursue such Claim solely against the SPAC and its assets outside the Trust Account and not against the property or any monies in the Trust Account, except for redemption and liquidation rights, if any, the Purchaser may have in respect of any Public Shares held by it.

5. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Forward Closing:

- (a) by mutual written consent of the Company and the Purchaser;
- (b) automatically:
 - (i) if the Business Combination is not consummated by July 8, 2023, or such later date as may be approved by the Company's stockholders.

In the event of any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5, the Forward Purchase Price (and interest thereon, if any), if previously paid, and all Purchaser's funds paid in connection herewith shall be promptly returned to the Purchaser, and thereafter this Agreement shall forthwith become null and void and have no effect, without any liability on the part of the Purchaser or the Company and their respective directors, officers, employees, partners, managers, members, or stockholders and all rights and obligations of each party shall cease; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section 5 shall relieve either party from liabilities or damages arising out of any fraud or willful breach by such party of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement.

6. General Provisions.

(a) Notices. All notices and other communications given or made pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon the earlier of actual receipt, or (i) personal delivery to the party to be notified, (ii) when sent, if sent by electronic mail or facsimile (if any) during normal business hours of the recipient, and if not sent during normal business hours, then on the recipient's next Business Day, (iii) five (5) Business Days after having been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (iv) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier, freight prepaid, specifying next Business Day delivery, with written verification of receipt. All communications to either party shall be sent to such party's address as set forth on the signature page hereof, or to such e-mail address, facsimile number (if any) or address as subsequently modified by written notice given in accordance with this Section 6(a).

(b) No Finder's Fees. Each party represents that it neither is nor will be obligated for any finder's fee or commission in connection with this transaction. The Purchaser agrees to indemnify and to hold harmless the Company from any liability for any commission or compensation in the nature of a finder's or broker's fee arising out of this transaction (and the costs and expenses of defending against such liability or asserted liability) for which the Purchaser or any of its officers, employees or representatives is responsible. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser from any liability for any commission or compensation in the nature of a finder's or broker's fee arising out of this transaction (and the costs and expenses of defending against such liability or

asserted liability) for which the Company or any of its officers, employees or representatives is responsible.

(c) Survival of Representations and Warranties. All of the representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the Purchase by Purchaser of the Prepaid Forward Shares and the Purchased Shares.

(d) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with any documents, instruments and writings that are delivered pursuant hereto or referenced herein, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of its subject matter and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or among the parties hereto, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter hereof or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(e) Successors. All of the terms, agreements, covenants, representations, warranties, and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon, and inure to the benefit of and are enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

(f) Assignments. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, no party hereto may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

(g) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

(h) Headings. The section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(i) Governing Law. This Agreement, the entire relationship of the parties hereto, and any dispute between the parties (whether grounded in contract, tort, statute, law or equity) shall be governed by, construed in accordance with, and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its choice of laws principles.

(j) Jurisdiction. The parties (i) hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction of the state courts of New York and to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the purpose of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement, (ii) agree not to commence any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement except in state courts of New York or the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and (iii) hereby waive, and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that its property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is

improper or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court.

(k) WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH ANY LITIGATION PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

(l) Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or waived as to any particular provision except with the prior written consent of the Company and the Purchaser.

(m) Severability. The provisions of this Agreement will be deemed severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision will not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof; provided, that if any provision of this Agreement, as applied to any party hereto or to any circumstance, is adjudged by a governmental authority, arbitrator, or mediator not to be enforceable in accordance with its terms, the parties hereto agree that the governmental authority, arbitrator, or mediator making such determination will have the power to modify the provision in a manner consistent with its objectives such that it is enforceable, and/or to delete specific words or phrases, and in its reduced form, such provision will then be enforceable and will be enforced.

(n) Expenses. Each of the Company and the Purchaser will bear its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, execution and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including all fees and expenses of agents, representatives, financial advisors, legal counsel and accountants provided, however, the Company shall reimburse the Purchaser for up to \$15,000 for legal fees. The Company shall be responsible for the fees of its transfer agent; stamp taxes and all of The Depository Trust Company's fees associated with the issuance of the Forward Purchase Shares.

(o) Construction. The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. If an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement will be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring any party hereto because of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement. Any reference to any federal, state, local, or foreign law will be deemed also to refer to law as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless the context requires otherwise. The words "*include*," "*includes*," and "*including*" will be deemed to be followed by "*without limitation*." Pronouns in masculine, feminine, and neuter genders will be construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular form will be construed to include the plural and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires. The words "*this Agreement*," "*herein*," "*hereof*," "*hereby*," "*hereunder*," and words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular subdivision unless expressly so limited. The parties hereto intend that each representation, warranty, and covenant contained herein will have independent significance. If any party hereto has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained herein in any respect, the fact that there exists another representation, warranty or covenant relating to the same subject matter (regardless of the relative levels of specificity) which such party hereto

has not breached will not detract from or mitigate the fact that such party hereto is in breach of the first representation, warranty, or covenant.

(p) Waiver. No waiver by any party hereto of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, may be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising because of any prior or subsequent occurrence.

(q) Specific Performance. The Purchaser agrees that irreparable damage may occur in the event any provision of this Agreement was not performed by the Purchaser in accordance with the terms hereof and that the Company shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or equity.

(r) Counterparts; Electronic Execution. This Agreement may be signed in multiple counterparts and each counterpart shall represent a fully executed original as if signed by both Parties. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by facsimile or in electronic format shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date first set forth above.

PURCHASER:

RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P.

By: RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC, its Managing Member

By: /s/

Name:

Title:

Address for Notices:

COMPANY

The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.

By: Beneficient Management, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/

Name:

Title:

Address for Notices:

With a copy to:

SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This **SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT** (this “Agreement”) is dated as of June 7, 2023, by and between Avalon Acquisition Inc. (together with its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, “Avalon”), Beneficient (together with its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, “Beneficient”),¹ and Maxim Group LLC (together with its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, “Maxim”). Avalon, Beneficient and Maxim are each sometimes referred to herein individually as a “Party” and together as the “Parties.”

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, on or around October 5, 2021, Maxim and Avalon executed an underwriting agreement related to the initial public offering of Avalon (the “Underwriting Agreement”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.5 of the Underwriting Agreement, Avalon issued to Maxim 155,250 shares of Avalon common stock (the “IPO Shares”) in connection with the Avalon initial public offering;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Underwriting Agreement, Maxim and Avalon agreed that 3.5% of the gross proceeds from the sale of the Firm Units and the gross proceeds from the sale of the Option Units, for a total of \$7,245,000 (the “Deferred Underwriting Commission”), was deposited in and held in the Trust Account and would be payable directly from the Trust Account, without accrued interest, to Maxim for its own account upon consummation of the Business Combination.² Thereafter, Maxim and Avalon agreed that \$500,000 of the Deferred Underwriting Commission could be applied to pay another broker-dealer engaged to advise Avalon in connection with the Business Combination, such that the total Deferred Underwriting Commission owed to Maxim is \$6,745,000;

WHEREAS, Avalon is in the process of consummating a Business Combination with Beneficient and other parties;

WHEREAS, Avalon has informed Maxim that upon consummation of the Business Combination, it will not be able to comply with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement with respect to the Deferred Underwriting Commission;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to resolve certain disputes that have arisen or may arise between the Parties regarding their rights and obligations relating to the Deferred Underwriting Commission; and

¹ Beneficient means The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the context requires, prior to its conversion to Beneficient, a Nevada Corporation, or to Beneficient, a Nevada corporation, following such conversion, as context requires.

² Capitalized terms in this recital that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Underwriting Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Cash Consideration. As partial consideration for the Deferred Underwriting Commission that is owed to Maxim by Avalon:

- a. Avalon shall, at the closing of the Business Combination, make cash payment of \$2,150,000 to Maxim; and
- b. Beneficient shall, on or before September 15, 2023, make a cash payment of \$1,850,000 to Maxim.

2. Equity Consideration. As partial consideration for the Deferred Underwriting Commission that is owed to Maxim by Avalon:

- a. Subject to the approval of its board of directors, Beneficient shall, promptly following the closing of the Business Combination, issue to Maxim Partners LLC 274,500 shares of Beneficient common stock (the "Maxim Shares"). In the event the Maxim Shares are not issued, Beneficient shall make a cash payment in lieu of such Maxim Shares in the amount of \$2,745,000. ;
- b. Beneficient shall, on or before the date that is 20 business days following the closing of the Business Combination, file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-1 that provides for registration of the 274,500 Maxim Shares and the 155,250 IPO Shares, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to achieve effectiveness of such Registration Statement without undue delay.
- c. The Maxim Shares shall be held at the transfer agent of Beneficient in book entry in the name of Maxim Partners LLC as of the closing of the Business Combination.

3. Partial Release of Avalon and Beneficient. As of the date of payment and/or delivery of the consideration items set forth in Sections 1 and 2, Maxim, for itself and any of its direct and indirect affiliates, parent corporations, subsidiaries, subdivisions, successors, predecessors, members, shareholders and assigns (collectively a "Maxim Releasors"), hereby (a) releases, acquits and forever discharges Avalon and Beneficient and each of their direct and indirect affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, subdivisions, successors, predecessors, members, shareholders, and assigns, and their present and former officers, directors, legal representatives, employees, agents and attorneys, and their heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns (the parties so released, herein each an "Avalon/Beneficient Releasee" and collectively, the "Avalon/Beneficient Releasees") of and from any and all causes of actions, claims, suits, liens, losses, damages, judgments, demands, liabilities, rights, obligations, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees of every nature, kind and description whatsoever, at law or in equity, whether individual, class or derivative in nature, whether based on federal, state or foreign law or right of action, mature or unmatured, accrued or not accrued, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, which the Maxim Releasors ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or

may have against any of the Avalon/Beneficient Releasees by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever arising out of Section 1.3 of the Underwriting Agreement (collectively, the “Avalon/Beneficient Released Claims”) and (b) covenants not to institute, maintain or prosecute any action, claim, suit, complaint, proceeding or cause of action or any kind to enforce any of the Avalon/Beneficient Released Claims, unless such claim relates to or arises from the Avalon/Beneficient Releasee’s failure to perform under this Agreement. In any litigation arising from or related to an alleged breach of this Section, this Agreement may be pleaded as a defense, counterclaim or crossclaim, and shall be admissible into evidence. Each Maxim Releasor expressly covenants and agrees that the release granted by it in this Section shall be binding in all respects upon the Maxim Releasors and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Avalon/Beneficient Releasees, and agrees that the Avalon/Beneficient Releasees shall have no further liabilities or obligations to Maxim Releasors under Section 1.3 of the Underwriting Agreement, except as provided in this Agreement. Excluded from the foregoing releases are any claims relating to or arising from the enforcement of this Agreement.

4. Partial Release of Maxim. As of the date of payment and/or delivery of the consideration items set forth in Sections 1 and 2, each of Avalon and Beneficient, for themselves and each of their direct and indirect affiliates, parent corporations, subsidiaries, subdivisions, successors, predecessors, members, shareholders and assigns (collectively the “Avalon/Beneficient Releasors”), hereby (a) releases, acquits and forever discharges Maxim and each of its direct and indirect affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, subdivisions, successors, predecessors, members, shareholders, and assigns, and their present and former officers, directors, legal representatives, employees, agents and attorneys, and their heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns (the parties so released, herein each a “Maxim Releasee” and collectively, the “Maxim Releasees”) of and from any and all causes of actions, claims, suits, liens, losses, damages, judgments, demands, liabilities, rights, obligations, costs, expenses, and attorneys’ fees of every nature, kind and description whatsoever, at law or in equity, whether individual, class or derivative in nature, whether based on federal, state or foreign law or right of action, mature or unmatured, accrued or not accrued, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, which the Avalon/Beneficient Releasors ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have against any Maxim Releasees by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever arising under, related to Section 1.3 of the Underwriting Agreement (collectively, the “Maxim Released Claims”) and (b) covenants not to institute, maintain or prosecute any action, claim, suit, complaint, proceeding or cause of action or any kind to enforce any of the Maxim Released Claims, unless such claim relates to or arises from Maxim’s failure to perform under this Agreement. In any litigation arising from or related to an alleged breach of this Section, this Agreement may be pleaded as a defense, counterclaim or crossclaim, and shall be admissible into evidence. Each Avalon/Beneficient Releasor expressly covenants and agrees that the release granted by it in this Section shall be binding in all respects upon the Avalon/Beneficient Releasors and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Maxim Releasees, and agrees that the Maxim Releasees shall have no further liabilities or obligations to the Avalon/Beneficient Releasors under Section 1.3 of the Underwriting Agreement, except as provided in this Agreement. Excluded from the foregoing releases are any claims relating to or arising from the enforcement of this Agreement.

5. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different Parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts, taken

together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement. A facsimile or PDF signature shall be deemed to be an original signature for all purposes.

6. Further Assurances. Each Party hereto agrees that, from time to time, such Party will promptly execute and deliver all such further notices, instruments, consents and documents, and take all such further action, as may be reasonably necessary to effect the agreements of the Parties hereto set forth herein.

7. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each Party hereto and its successors and assigns. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Maxim Releasees and Avalon/Beneficient Releasees are intended third party beneficiaries of this Agreement and that each of them may independently enforce the terms of this Agreement just as if they were parties.

8. Interpretation; Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations and settlements, oral or written, relating to the subject matter, are merged herein. This Agreement is not intended to, nor shall be deemed to, obviate, supersede or otherwise affect any terms of the Underwriting Agreement or other agreements that may exist between the Parties, except as specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may not be altered or amended except by a written instrument signed by all of the Parties. Any provision of this Agreement is found to be contrary to law or otherwise invalid, void or unenforceable, it shall be deemed omitted but shall not affect the remaining terms of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to any law or principles that would make this choice of law provision invalid. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York located in New York County and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the purpose of any suit, action, proceeding or judgment relating to or arising out of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such suit, action or proceeding and to the laying of venue in such court. Each party hereto irrevocably waives any objection to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such courts and irrevocably waives any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

10. Authority. Each person whose signature is affixed hereto in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is authorized and empowered to execute this Agreement on behalf of, and to bind, the person or entity on whose behalf his or her signature is affixed, and the Parties hereto represent and warrant that they have all requisite authority to enter into this agreement and effect the terms thereof.

[Signature Page Follows]

Intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties executed the foregoing Settlement and Release Agreement this 7 day of June, 2023.

AVALON ACQUISITION INC.

By: /s/ S. Craig Cagnetti
Name: S. Craig Cagnetti
Title: Chief Executive Officer

BENEFICIENT

By: /s/ James G. Silk
Name: James G. Silk
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

MAXIM GROUP LLC

By: /s/ Clifford Teller
Name: Clifford Teller
Title: Co-President

BENEFICIENT
List of Subsidiaries

Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation of Formation
Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C	Delaware
Ben Liquidity, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C.	Kansas
Beneficient Capital Lending, L.L.C.	Delaware
Ben Custody, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Administration and Clearing Company, L.L.C.	Delaware
Ben Insurance, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Insurance Company, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Merger Sub II, LLC	Delaware
PEN Insurance Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
PEN Indemnity Insurance Company, Ltd.	Bermuda
Ben Markets, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Capital Markets, L.L.C.	Delaware
Beneficient Securities Company, L.P.	Texas
Beneficient Transfer and Clearing Company, L.L.C.	Delaware
The Beneficient Company Group (USA) II, L.L.C	Delaware

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-272475) of Beneficient of our report dated July 13, 2023, relating to the financial statements, which appears in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Beneficient for the year ended March 31, 2023.

/s/ Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.
San Antonio, Texas
July 13, 2023

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Brad K. Heppner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Beneficient;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: July 13, 2023

/s/ Brad K. Heppner

Brad K. Heppner

Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Gregory W. Ezell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Beneficient;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: July 13, 2023

/s/ Gregory W. Ezell

Gregory W. Ezell

Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the accompanying Annual Report of Beneficient (the “Company”) on Form 10-K for the period ended March 31, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Brad K. Heppner, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: July 13, 2023

/s/ Brad K. Heppner

Brad K. Heppner

Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished as an exhibit to the Form 10-K pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) and, accordingly, is not being filed as part of the Form 10-K for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the accompanying Annual Report of Beneficient (the “Company”) on Form 10-K for the period ended March 31, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Gregory W. Ezell, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: July 13, 2023

/s/ Gregory W. Ezell

Gregory W. Ezell

Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished as an exhibit to the Form 10-K pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) and, accordingly, is not being filed as part of the Form 10-K for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.