

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:

GWG Holdings, Inc., *et al.*¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-90032 (MI)

(Jointly Administered)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT OF THE WIND DOWN TRUST AND
THE LITIGATION TRUST FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

On April 20, 2022, GWG Holdings, Inc. and several affiliates filed voluntary bankruptcy petitions under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On October 31, 2022, the DLP Debtors filed their own chapter 11 cases. On June 20, 2023 (the “Confirmation Date”), the Court confirmed the Debtors’ joint Plan (the “Plan”)^{2,3} by entering its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Confirming Debtors’ Further Modified Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (ECF. No 1952) (the “Confirmation Order”). The Plan went effective on August 1, 2023 (the “Plan Effective Date”). The Wind Down Trust and the Litigation Trust were created pursuant to the Plan. Michael I. Goldberg was appointed as the trustee of the Litigation Trust (the “Litigation Trustee”). Elizabeth C. Freeman was appointed as the trustee of the Wind Down Trust (the “WDT Trustee”). The Trusts are governed by the Plan, Confirmation Order, the GWG Wind Down Trust Agreement (the “WDT Agreement”), and the Litigation Trust Agreement.

The Litigation Trust received all of the Debtors’ interest in the D&O Liability Insurance Policies (as defined in the Plan) and all of the Debtors’ litigation claims. The net amount recovered from the pursuit or settlement of the litigation claims will be distributed by the Litigation Trust to the

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² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.

Wind Down Trust. The Wind Down Trust was vested with the reversionary and beneficial interest in the Litigation Trust plus all of the Debtors' non-litigation assets.

The Trustees previously filed a Joint Status Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, on November 14, 2023 [ECF No. 2301], on February 15, 2024, for the year ending December 31, 2023 [ECF No. 2381], on May 15, 2024, for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 [ECF No. 2454], on August 15, 2024, for the quarter ending June 30, 2024 [ECF No. 2475], on November 14, 2024, for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 [ECF No. 2507], for the year ending December 31, 2024, on April 1, 2025 [ECF No. 2557], and for the quarter ending March 31, 2025 [ECF No. 2618], on May 15, 2025. The Litigation Trustee filed an additional status report on March 1, 2024 [ECF No. 2391].

The WDT Trustee is charged with liquidating the Wind Down Trust assets. As of the Plan Effective Date, the Debtors' approximately 26,000 L bondholders, as well as other stakeholders (including all other general unsecured creditors, preferred equity holders, and common equity holders), hold interests in the Wind Down Trust (collectively, the "WDT Interest holders"). To the extent available, WDT Interest holders will receive distributions from the Wind Down Trust in accordance with the Plan and WDT Agreement. The Wind Down Trust maintains a website to provide information to the WDT Interest holders at www.gwgholdingstrust.com.

The WDT Trustee provides the following summary of major events to date regarding her efforts to liquidate the Wind Down Trust assets:

The Policy Portfolio Sale

Following the Plan Effective Date, the WDT Trustee commenced a marketing process for the sale of the Policy Portfolio Equity Interests. After a thorough evaluation of available alternatives as well as an analysis of the ongoing costs to maintain the Policy Portfolio, the WDT Trustee elected to sell the Wind Down Trust's interests in the Policy Portfolio to Apex Longevity Fund LLC ("Apex"). The Bankruptcy Court approved the sale on October 3, 2023. The sale closed on October 13, 2023. In addition to assuming the secured debt obligation of approximately \$605 million, Apex paid the Wind Down Trust \$10 million in cash.

Sale of FOXO Technologies, Inc. Stock

On October 13, 2023, the Wind Down Trust sold its 4,646,698 shares of FOXO Stock. The Wind Down Trust realized net proceeds of \$586,942.

Fifth Season Litigation

Prior to the confirmation of the Plan, the Debtors commenced litigation with Fifth Season Investments, LLC ("Fifth Season"). The dispute centered around Fifth Season's demand for \$18.3 million dollars plus fees and costs (totaling over \$24 million) based on an asserted break-up fee. A trial was conducted on the matter on October 3rd and 4th, 2023. After the close of evidence, but before closing arguments, the Trust and Fifth Season reached a settlement. The agreement provided for Fifth Season to have a claim of \$8 million. On November 16, 2023, the Court entered an Order approving the compromise with Fifth Season [ECF No. 2305]. Payment to Fifth Season has been made.

Beneficient Stock

On September 29, 2023, Beneficient's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-273322) (the "Registration Statement") was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Registration Statement registers the offer and sale of shares of Ben Stock, from time to time, by the Wind Down Trust. Following the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Wind Down Trust began selling a limited amount of shares of Ben Stock on the open market.

The Beneficient share price has dropped significantly since the Confirmation Date. On June 20, 2023, the share price closed at \$4.57. By the Effective Date, August 1, 2023, the share price closed at \$2.00. The shares began trading at less than \$0.10 a share in mid-March 2024. Beneficient's stockholders approved a reverse share split on March 21, 2024. The shares began trading on a split adjusted basis on April 18, 2024. On June 26, 2025, the share price closed at \$.29 per share, or \$.004 per share on a pre-split basis. On June 26, 2025, the Trust completed the sale of all Beneficient shares.

The WDT Trustee received a number of inquiries from WDT Interest holders regarding the possibility of distributing Ben Stock directly to interest holders in lieu of monetizing the shares. The WDT Trustee engaged securities counsel and evaluated whether such a distribution of shares is feasible and in compliance with applicable law. The WDT Trustee and the Trust advisors were not able to find a feasible, compliant, cost-effective path to the distribution of the shares themselves.

Professional Fee Accommodations

After the Effective Date of the Plan, professionals retained during the bankruptcy case that were to be paid by the Debtors filed their applications for final approval of their pre-confirmation fees. The Trustee successfully negotiated accommodations with many professionals. After comments from the Court during a hearing regarding approval of those fees, several additional professionals agreed to accommodations akin to those reached with other professionals – a 5% reduction from the professional fees requested.

The amounts necessary to pay professional fees were reserved in escrow held by the Wind Down Trust. The savings from accommodations reached over \$4.5 million thus far. One additional fee application is pending and an additional accommodation is expected. The WDT benefits from the accommodations as any unused professional fee escrow funds belong to the Wind Down Trust.

Valuation as of the Effective Date

Pursuant to the Wind Down Trust Agreement, Section 5.4, the Trust was required to provide to the WDT Interest holders, a report of the valuation of the Wind Down Trust Assets as of the Effective Date, August 1, 2023. On January 31, 2024, the Wind Down Trust filed the GWG Wind Down Trust Good Faith Valuation of Trust Assets (the "Valuation Report"). (ECF No. 2339). The Valuation Report and information to assist WDT Interest Holders in determining their respective effective date interest values can be found at www.gwgholdingstrust.com/asset-

[values](#). It is not anticipated that any further estimates as to value of the Trust will be made and none are required.

Taxes

Grantor Trust Letters for the year ended December 31, 2023, were made available to WDT Interest holders holding direct interests. Information for the tax year 2023 regarding obtaining the Grantor Trust Letters was posted on the Trust website under the Taxes/Financials tab. The Wind Down Trust published information for interest holders with indirect interests on the FIS Tax Information Reporting Suite (formerly Wall Street Concepts) and the LENS Grantor Trust Letters for the 2024 tax year for Interest holders holding direct interests will be made available to those direct Interest holders. Information for Indirect interest holders will again be published to the FIS Tax Information Reporting Suite as well as on the Lens Portal. The Trust intends to publish the Grantor Trust Letter for Indirect interest holders to the Trust website on a tab labeled 2024 Tax Information.

Reconciliation of Claims

The Wind Down Trustee and Litigation Trustee were charged with reviewing the approximately 5,454 proofs of claims filed in these cases. Pursuant to Article VII.B, the Plan provides the Litigation Trustee had sole authority with regards to the Litigation Trust Reconciliation Claims. The Wind Down Trustee had the responsibility to reconcile all other Claims. April 30, 2025 was the deadline to file any objections to Claims. On or prior to April 30, 2025, the Wind Down Trustee and the Litigation Trustee filed objections or entered into agreements with parties to extend the time to object by the Litigation Trustee. The Wind Down Trustee reconciled the majority of claims out of court and the result was the filing of 25 objections to claims. Two claims remain to be resolved by the Wind Down Trustee.

The Litigation Trust

The Litigation Trustee has filed multiple adversary and arbitration proceedings to date. The first adversary proceeding is styled *Goldberg v. Heppner, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 24-3090, and alleges claims and causes of action arising out of, among other things, the relationship between the Debtors and Beneficient. The defendants include Mr. Bradley K. Heppner, Beneficient, parties related to Mr. Heppner and/or Beneficient, and various former directors and officers of the Debtors. The complaint is available on the Trust's website: https://gwgholdingstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-04-19_Unsealed-Complaint.pdf. The defendants in that case filed motions to dismiss the Litigation Trustee's claims, and the Litigation Trustee filed an omnibus opposition brief on November 25, 2024. The parties subsequently reached an agreement to settle the Litigation Trust's claims against a subset of defendants who are insured under the Debtors' D&O insurance policies (the "D&O Settlement"),⁴ which the Bankruptcy Court approved on

⁴ The settling Defendants are Bradley K. Heppner; Beneficient f/k/a The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.; Beneficient Management, L.L.C.; Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P.; Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.; Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C.; The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C.; CT Risk Management, L.L.C.; Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C.; The LT-1 Liquid Trust; The LT-2 Liquid Trust; The LT-5 Liquid Trust; The LT-7 Liquid Trust; The LT-8 Liquid Trust; The LT-9 Liquid Trust; The Collective Collateral Trust I; The Collective Collateral Trust II; The Collective Collateral Trust III; The Collective Collateral Trust IV; The Collective

June 13, 2025 [ECF No. 2700]. Because the D&O Settlement also resolves claims asserted in the class action styled *In re GWG Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 3:22-cv-00410-B (the “Class Action”) pending in the District Court in the Northern District of Texas (“District Court”), the D&O Settlement must also be approved by the District Court. The District Court will conduct a preliminary approval hearing on September 24, 2025. If the District Court preliminarily approves the D&O Settlement, the District Court will hold a second, final approval hearing, which the Litigation Trustee understands would take place in January 2026, at the earliest.

The second adversary proceeding is styled *Goldberg v. Sabes, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 24-03089, and asserts avoidance claims arising out of the Debtors’ payment of a dividend to shareholders in September 2018. The defendants in that adversary proceeding include Jon R. Sabes, Steven F. Sabes, and various related parties (the “Sabes Defendants”). That complaint is available on the Trust’s website: <https://gwgholdingstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-04-19-1-Complaint-re-Avoidance.pdf>. The Litigation Trustee reached a settlement in principle with the Sabes Defendants on February 12, 2025, which the Bankruptcy Court approved on June 13, 2025 [ECF No. 2699].

The third adversary proceeding is styled *Goldberg v. Foley & Lardner LLP*, Adv. Pro. No. 24-03199, and asserts claims for aiding and abetting/knowing participation in breach of fiduciary duty claims, professional negligence/legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, and avoidance claims arising out of Foley & Lardner LLP’s actions as counsel to a special committee of GWG’s board of directors. That complaint is available on the Trust’s website: <https://gwgholdingstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/GWG-Litigation-Trust-v-Foley-Complaint.pdf>. Foley & Lardner LLP filed a motion to compel arbitration and stay the adversary proceeding on November 6, 2024. On February 26, 2025, the Court entered an order compelling arbitration of the claims asserted in the Litigation Trustee’s complaint. The Litigation Trustee subsequently initiated an arbitration proceeding against *Foley & Lardner LLP*, as ordered by the Court. That arbitration proceeding is ongoing.

The fourth adversary proceeding is styled *Goldberg v. Holland & Knight LLP, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 25-03064, and asserts claims under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and for aiding and abetting/knowing participation in breach of fiduciary duty, civil conspiracy, fraud, and negligent misrepresentation. That complaint is available on the Trust’s

Collateral Trust V; The Collective Collateral Trust VI; The Collective Collateral Trust VII; The Collective Collateral Trust VIII; LiquidTrust Management, L.L.C.; Funding Trust Management, L.L.C.; Peter T. Cangany, Jr.; Thomas O. Hicks; Bruce W. Schnitzer; Murray T. Holland; Timothy L. Evans; David F. Chavenson; John Stahl; The LT-1 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-1 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-2 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-3 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-4 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-5 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-6 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-7 Collective Collateral Trust; The LT-8 Collective Collateral Trust; and The LT-9 Collective Collateral Trust.

The D&O Settlement specifically preserves all claims and causes of action against the “Reserved Trust Action Defendants,” which are defined to include “The Bradley K. Heppner Family Trust; The Heppner Family Home Trust; The Highland Business Holdings Trust; The Highland Investment Holdings Trust; Beneficient Holdings, Inc.; Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.; Elmwood Bradley Oaks, L.P.; The Highland Investment Holdings Trust; Timothy B. Harmon, solely in his capacity as trustee of The Highland Investment Holdings Trust; HCLP Credit Company, L.L.C.; HCLP Nominees, L.L.C.; Highland Consolidated, L.P.; and Research Ranch Operating Company, L.L.C.”

website: <https://gwgholdingstrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/HollandKnight-Complaint.pdf>. The defendants' filed a motion to dismiss the Litigation Trustee's complaint on June 2, 2025, and the Litigation Trustee filed an opposition brief on August 1, 2025. The defendants' reply briefs are due September 12, 2025.

Finally, the Litigation Trustee has initiated arbitration against one of GWG's former professionals, which is ongoing. The Litigation Trust also has entered into tolling agreements with other third parties and continues to investigate whether any additional claims may exist against those parties. The Litigation Trust has and may continue to engage in pre-suit negotiations or mediations with those parties or pursue those claims in an appropriate forum.

As noted above, the Bankruptcy Court approved the D&O Settlement and the Sabes settlement on June 13, 2025. In addition to those two settlements, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Litigation Trustee's settlements with Whitley Penn LLP (GWG's former auditor) [ECF No. 2701] and Mayer Brown LLP (GWG's former counsel) [ECF No. 2703]. Information about these settlements is available at <https://gwgholdingstrust.com/settlements/>. The Litigation Trustee has also reached a proposed settlement with Jackson Walker LLP, which served as GWG's counsel during its bankruptcy case. The proposed settlement with Jackson Walker LLP is subject to approval by the District Court for the Southern District of Texas in the consolidated proceedings styled *In re Professional Fee Matters Concerning the Jackson Walker Law Firm*, Civ. No. 4:23-cv-04787 (S.D. Tex.). The Litigation Trustee anticipates filing its motion seeking approval of the Jackson Walker LLP settlement in the near future.

The Trustees encourage holders to review the information found on the Trust website www.gwgholdingstrust.com. All communications to Mr. Goldberg should be related strictly to the litigation filed by the Litigation Trustee (see <https://gwgholdingstrust.com/litigation-trust/>). Mr. Goldberg cannot respond to questions pertaining to claims, Computershare, distributions, or other administrative matters.

Please call or email Liz Freeman, Trustee of the GWG Wind Down Trust at 713-654-5150 or inquiry@gwgholdingstrust.com.