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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2022

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: 001-40844

HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

State of Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

86-2858172
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 1314
New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10028
(Zip Code)

(917) 703-2312

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol (s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Units, each consisting of one share of Class A Common Stock and one-half of one Warrant	HPLTU	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	HPLT	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50	HPLTW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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 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 such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging Growth Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The registrant had 20,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, issued and outstanding as of November 10, 2022.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our or our management team’s 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,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intends,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “possible,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “should,” “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.

These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on us. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we have anticipated. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to:

- our being a company with no operating history and no revenues;
- our ability to select an appropriate target business or businesses in our industry or otherwise;
- our ability to complete our initial business combination;
- our pool of prospective target businesses;
- our expectations around the performance of a prospective target business or businesses;
- our success in retaining or recruiting, or changes required in, our officers, key employees or directors following our initial business combination;
- our officers and directors allocating their time to other businesses and potentially having conflicts of interest with our business or in approving our initial business combination;
- our ability to obtain a fairness opinion with respect to a target business, without which you may be relying solely on the judgment of our board of directors in approving a proposed business combination;
- our issuance of additional shares of capital stock or debt securities to complete a business combination, thereby reducing the equity interest of our stockholders and likely causing a change in control of our ownership;
- our ability to assess the management of a prospective target business;
- our ability to amend the terms of the warrants or warrant agreement in a manner that may be adverse to holders of public warrants with the approval by the holders of at least a majority of the then outstanding public warrants;
- our ability to redeem your unexpired warrants prior to their exercise;
- our ability to obtain additional financing to complete our initial business combination;
- the ability of our officers and directors to generate a number of potential business combination opportunities;
- our ability to consummate an initial business combination due to the uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, economic uncertainty in various global markets caused by geopolitical instability, the status of the debt and equity markets, and changes in laws or regulations, including changes imposing additional requirements on business combination transactions involving SPACs and private operating companies and the application of the 1% U.S. federal excise tax under the IR Act (as defined herein);
- the risk of cyber incidents or attacks directed at us resulting in information theft, data corruption, operational disruption and/or financial loss;
- the liquidity and trading market for our public securities;
- the lack of a market for our securities;
- our status as a an emerging growth company and a smaller reporting company within the meaning of the Securities Act;
- the use of proceeds not held in the trust account or available to us from interest income on the trust account balance;
- the trust account not being subject to claims of third parties;

- the potential tax consequences of investing in our securities; or
- our financial performance.

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. You should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other risks and uncertainties discussed in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and under the heading “Risk Factors” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are based upon information available to us as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

You should read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the documents that we reference herein and have filed herewith as exhibits with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of	
	September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2021 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,386,519	\$ 2,132,242
Prepaid expenses	398,590	399,089
Total Current Assets	1,785,109	2,531,331
Prepaid expenses – non-current portion	—	281,346
Investment held in Trust Account	201,196,415	200,018,919
Total Assets	\$202,981,524	\$202,831,596
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,230	\$ —
Accrued expenses	703,231	270,419
Total Current Liabilities	714,461	270,419
Warrant liabilities	704,000	9,656,000
Deferred underwriter fee payable	7,000,000	7,000,000
Total Liabilities	8,418,461	16,926,419
Commitments and Contingencies		
Class A common stock subject to possible redemption, 20,000,000 shares at redemption value	200,820,980	200,000,000
Stockholders' Deficit		
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	—	—
Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding (less 20,000,000 shares subject to possible redemption)	—	—
Class B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized, 5,000,000 issued and outstanding	500	500
Accumulated deficit	(6,258,417)	(14,095,323)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(6,257,917)	(14,094,823)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit	\$202,981,524	\$202,831,596

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed financial statements.

HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	For the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2021
	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Formation, general and administrative expenses	\$ 336,200	\$ 4,134	\$ 1,401,337	\$ 9,304
Loss from Operations	(336,200)	(4,134)	(1,401,337)	(9,304)
Other Income				
Unrealized gain on Investment held in Trust Account	938,956	—	1,320,429	—
Gain on change in fair value of Warrant Liabilities	2,478,000	—	8,952,000	—
Total Other Income	3,416,956	—	10,272,429	—
Income before Income Tax Provision	3,080,756	(4,134)	8,871,092	(9,304)
Income Tax Provision	(186,681)	—	(213,206)	—
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,894,075	\$ (4,134)	\$ 8,657,886	\$ (9,304)
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding, Class A Common Stock	20,000,000	—	20,000,000	—
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share, Class A Common Stock	\$ 0.12	\$ —	\$ 0.35	\$ —
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding, Class B Common Stock	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,880,208
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share, Class B Common Stock	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.00)

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HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
(UNAUDITED)

	Class B Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount			
Balance – December 31, 2021 (audited)	5,000,000	500	—	(14,095,323)	(14,094,823)
Net income	—	—	—	3,508,210	3,508,210
Balance – March 31, 2022 (unaudited)	5,000,000	500	—	(10,587,113)	(10,586,613)
Remeasurement of Class A common stock subject to possible redemption	—	—	—	(118,705)	(118,705)
Net income	—	—	—	2,255,601	2,255,601
Balance – June 30, 2022 (unaudited)	5,000,000	500	—	(8,450,217)	(8,449,717)
Remeasurement of Class A common stock subject to possible redemption	—	—	—	(702,275)	(702,275)
Net income	—	—	—	2,894,075	2,894,075
Balance – September 30, 2022 (unaudited)	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (6,258,417)</u>	<u>\$ (6,257,917)</u>

	Class B Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount			
Balance – March 24, 2021 (inception)	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	—	(1,343)	(1,343)
Balance – March 31, 2021 (unaudited)	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,343)	\$ (1,343)
Issuance of shares of Class B Common Stock to related parties	5,750,000	575	24,425	—	25,000
Net loss	—	—	—	(3,827)	(3,827)
Balance – June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	5,750,000	\$ 575	\$ 24,425	\$ (5,170)	\$ 19,830
Net loss	—	—	—	(4,134)	(4,134)
Balance – September 30, 2021 (unaudited)	<u>5,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 575</u>	<u>\$ 24,425</u>	<u>\$ (9,304)</u>	<u>\$ 15,696</u>

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HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2022	For the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,657,886	\$ (9,304)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities		
Interest earned on Investment held in Trust Account	(1,320,428)	—
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(8,952,000)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses	281,845	—
Accounts payable	(19,469)	—
Accrued expenses	463,512	5,400
Accrued offering expenses	—	544
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(888,655)</u>	<u>(3,360)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Gain withdrawn from Trust Account to pay taxes	142,932	—
Net cash from investing activities	<u>142,932</u>	<u>—</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of Class B Common Stock	—	25,000
Net cash from financing activities	<u>—</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Net change in cash	(745,723)	21,640
Cash at beginning of period	2,132,242	—
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 1,386,519</u>	<u>\$ 21,640</u>
Supplemental Non-cash Disclosures:		
Deferred offering costs included in accrued offering costs	—	303,641
Deferred offering costs included in promissory note – related party	—	266,912
Cash paid for taxes	<u>150,640</u>	<u>—</u>

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HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORP.
NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Home Plate Acquisition Corporation (the “Company”) was incorporated in the State of Delaware on March 24, 2021. The Company was incorporated for the purpose of effecting a merger, stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses (the “Business Combination”). The Company has not yet selected any specific Business Combination target. The Company is an early stage and emerging growth company and, as such, the Company is subject to all of the risks associated with early stage and emerging growth companies.

The Company’s sponsor is Home Plate Sponsor LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Sponsor”). As of September 30, 2022, the Company had not commenced any operations. All activity for the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2022 relates to the Company’s formation and its initial public offering (the “IPO”) described below, and, since the IPO, the search for a target for its initial Business Combination. The Company will not generate any operating revenues until after the completion of a Business Combination, at the earliest. The Company will generate non-operating income in the form of interest income from the proceeds derived from the IPO. The Company has selected December 31 as its fiscal year end.

On October 4, 2021, the Company completed the sale of 20,000,000 units (the “Units” and, with respect to the shares of common stock included in the Units being offered, the “Public Shares”) at \$10.00 per Unit, generating gross proceeds of \$200,000,000, which is described in Note 3. Simultaneous with the closing of the IPO, the Company completed the sale of 7,600,000 private placement warrants (the “Private Placement Warrants”) at a price of \$1.00 per Private Placement Warrant in a private placement to certain funds and accounts managed by the Sponsor as well as to Jefferies LLC (“Jefferies”), who acted as the sole book running manager for the IPO, generating gross proceeds of \$7,600,000 from the sale of the Private Placement Warrants.

In accordance with the rules of Nasdaq, the Company’s initial Business Combination must occur with one or more target businesses that together have an aggregate fair market value of at least 80% of the net assets held in the Trust Account (as defined in the following paragraph) (excluding the amount of deferred underwriting discounts and commissions held in trust and taxes payable on the income earned on the Trust Account) at the time of the signing of a definitive agreement in connection with the initial Business Combination. However, the Company will only complete a Business Combination if the post-Business Combination Company owns or acquires 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the target, or otherwise acquires a controlling interest in the target sufficient for it not to be required to register as an investment Company under the Investment Company Act 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

Following the closing of the IPO on October 4, 2021, \$200,000,000 (\$10.00 per Unit) from the net proceeds of the sale of the Units in the IPO and the sale of the Private Placement Warrants, was placed in a Trust Account (“Trust Account”), located in the United States at a nationally recognized financial institution, with Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company acting as trustee, and invested only in United States “government securities” within the meaning of Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act having a maturity of 185 days or less or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act which invest only in direct U.S. government treasury obligations. Pursuant to the trust agreement, the trustee will not be permitted to invest in other securities or assets. The Trust Account is intended as a holding place for funds pending the earliest to occur of either: (i) the completion of the initial Business Combination; (ii) the redemption of any Public Shares properly tendered in connection with a stockholder vote to amend the Company’s amended and restated memorandum and articles of association (A) to modify the substance or timing of the Company’s obligation to provide holders of the Class A common stock the right to have their shares redeemed in connection with the initial Business Combination or to redeem 100% of the Public Shares if the Company does not complete the initial Business Combination within 18 months from the closing of the IPO or (B) with respect to any other provision relating to the rights of holders of the Class A common stock; or (iii) absent the completion of an initial Business Combination within 18 months from the closing of the IPO, the return of the funds held in the Trust Account to the public stockholders as part of the redemption of the Public Shares. If the Company does not invest the proceeds as discussed above, the Company may be deemed to be subject to the Investment Company Act.

If the Company were deemed to be subject to the Investment Company Act, compliance with these additional regulatory burdens would require additional expenses for which the Company has not allotted funds and may hinder the ability to complete a Business Combination. If the Company has not consummated the initial Business Combination within the required time period, the public stockholders may receive only approximately \$10.00 per Public Share, or less in certain circumstances, on the liquidation of the Trust Account and the warrants will expire worthless.

The Company will provide the holders of the Public Shares (the “Public Stockholders”) with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their Public Shares upon the completion of a Business Combination either (i) in connection with a general meeting called to approve the Business Combination or (ii) without a stockholder vote by means of a tender offer. The decision as to whether the Company will seek stockholder approval of a Business Combination or conduct a tender offer will be made by the Company, solely in its discretion. The Public Stockholders will be entitled to redeem their Public Shares for a pro rata portion of the amount then in the Trust Account (initially anticipated to be \$10.00 per Public Share).

These Public Shares were classified as temporary equity upon the completion of the IPO in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 480 “Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity.” In such case, the Company will proceed with a Business Combination if the Company has net tangible assets of at least \$5,000,001 upon such consummation of a Business Combination and a majority of the shares voted are voted in favor of the Business Combination.

If the Company is unable to complete a Business Combination within 18 months from the closing of the Initial Public Offering (the “Combination Period”), the Company will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter, redeem the Public Shares, at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest earned on the funds held in the Trust Account (less taxes payable and up to \$100,000 of interest to pay dissolution expenses), divided by the number of then outstanding Public Shares, which redemption will completely extinguish Public Stockholders’ rights as stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidation distributions, if any) and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the board of directors, liquidate and dissolve, subject, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), to the Company’s obligations under Delaware state law to provide for claims of creditors and in all cases subject to the other requirements of applicable law. There will be no redemption rights or liquidating distributions with respect to the warrants, which will expire worthless if the Company fails to complete its initial Business Combination within the Combination Period.

The Company’s Sponsor, officers and directors have agreed to (i) waive their redemption rights with respect to their Founder Shares (defined in Note 4) and any Public Shares held by them in connection with the completion of the initial Business Combination, (ii) waive their redemption rights with respect to their Founder Shares and Public Shares in connection with a stockholder vote to approve an amendment to the Company’s amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, (iii) waive their rights to liquidating distributions from the Trust Account with respect to their Founder Shares if the Company fails to complete the initial Business Combination within the Combination Period, and (iv) vote any Founder Shares held by them and any Public Shares purchased during or after the Initial Public Offering (including in open market and privately-negotiated transactions) in favor of the initial Business Combination.

The Sponsor has agreed that it will be liable to the Company if and to the extent any claims by a third-party (other than the Company’s independent auditors) for services rendered or products sold to the Company, or a prospective target business with which the Company have discussed entering into a transaction agreement, reduce the amounts in the Trust Account to below the lesser of (i) \$10.00 per Public Share and (ii) the actual amount per

Public Share held in the Trust Account as of the date of the liquidation of the Trust Account if less than \$10.00 per Public Share due to reductions in the value of the trust assets, in each case net of the interest that may be withdrawn to pay the Company’s tax obligations, provided that such liability will not apply to any claims by a third-party or prospective target business that executed a waiver of any and all rights to seek access to the Trust Account nor will it apply to any claims under the indemnity of the underwriter of the Initial Public Offering against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). Moreover, in the event that an executed waiver is deemed to be unenforceable against a third-party, the Sponsor will not be responsible to the extent of any liability for such third-party claims.

Liquidity and Going Concern

As of September 30, 2022, the Company had \$1,386,519 in its operating bank account, and working capital of \$1,070,648. The Company’s liquidity needs up to and through September 30, 2022 have been satisfied through a payment from the Sponsor for the Founder Shares and the loan under an unsecured promissory note from the Sponsor of up to \$300,000. The Promissory Note was fully repaid as of October 4, 2021 and there were no amounts outstanding under it as of September 30, 2022.

In order to finance transaction costs in connection with the Business Combination, the Company’s Sponsor, an affiliate of the Sponsor or certain of the Company’s officers and directors may, but are not obligated to, provide the Company Working Capital Loans (defined in Note 4). As of September 30, 2022, there were no amounts outstanding under any Working Capital Loans.

In connection with the Company's assessment of going concern considerations in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 205-40, Presentation of Financial Statements—Going Concern, if the Company is not able to consummate a Business Combination before April 4, 2023, the Company will commence an automatic winding up, dissolution and liquidation. Management has determined that the automatic liquidation, should a Business Combination not occur, and potential subsequent dissolution raises substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. While management intends to complete a Business Combination on or before April 4, 2023, it is uncertain whether the Company will be able to do so. No adjustments have been made to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities should the Company be required to liquidate after April 4, 2023.

Risks and Uncertainties

Results of operations and the Company's ability to complete a Business Combination may be adversely affected by various factors that could cause economic uncertainty and volatility in the financial markets, many of which are beyond its control. The business could be impacted by, among other things, downturns in the financial markets or in economic conditions, increases in oil prices, inflation, increases in interest rates, supply chain disruptions, declines in consumer confidence and spending, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including resurgences and the emergence of new variants, and geopolitical instability, such as the military conflict in the Ukraine. Management continues to evaluate the impact of the foregoing events and has concluded that while it is reasonably possible that such events could have a negative effect on the Company's business, financial position, and our ability to complete an initial Business Combination, management cannot at this time fully predict the likelihood of one or more of the above events, their duration or magnitude or their specific impact. The condensed financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

On August 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "IR Act") was signed into law. The IR Act provides for, among other measures, a new 1% U.S. federal excise tax on certain repurchases (including redemptions) of stock by publicly traded domestic (i.e., U.S.) corporations. The excise tax is imposed on the repurchasing corporation itself, not its shareholders from whom the shares are repurchased. The amount of the excise tax is generally 1% of the fair market value of the shares repurchased. For purposes of calculating the excise tax, however, repurchasing corporations are permitted to net the fair market value of certain new stock issuances against the fair market value of stock repurchases during the same taxable year. In addition, certain exceptions apply to the excise tax. The U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury Department") has been given authority to provide regulations and other guidance to carry out, and prevent the abuse or avoidance of, the excise tax. The IR Act applies only to repurchases that occur after December 31, 2022.

Any redemption or other repurchase effected by us that occurs after December 31, 2022, in connection with a Business Combination or otherwise, may be subject to this excise tax. Whether and to what extent we would be subject to the excise tax in connection with a Business Combination will depend on a number of factors, including (i) the fair market value of the redemptions and repurchases in connection with the Business Combination, (ii) the nature and amount of any PIPE financing or other equity issuances in connection with the Business Combination (or any other equity issuances within the same taxable year of the Business Combination) and (iii) the content of any regulations and other guidance issued by the Treasury Department and/or the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, because the excise tax would be payable by us and not by the redeeming holder, it could cause a reduction in the value of our stock. The foregoing could cause a reduction in the cash available on hand to complete a business Combination and in our ability to complete a Business Combination. Further, the application of the excise tax in the event of a liquidation is uncertain, and it is possible that the proceeds held in the Trust Account (in the event we are unable to complete a Business Combination in the required time and redeem 100% of our public shares in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation) could be subject to the excise tax, in which case the amount that would otherwise be received by our stockholders in connection with our liquidation may be reduced.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 8 of Regulation S-X of the SEC. Certain information or footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC for interim financial reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements include all adjustments, consisting of a normal recurring nature, which are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, operating results and cash flows for the periods presented.

Emerging Growth Company

The Company is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act, as modified by the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “JOBS Act”), and it may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the independent registered public accounting firm attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in its 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.

Further, Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts emerging growth companies from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies (that is, those that have not had a Securities Act registration statement declared effective or do not have a class of securities registered under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can elect to opt out of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to non-emerging growth companies but any such election to opt out is irrevocable. The Company has elected not to opt out of such extended transition period which means that when a standard is issued or revised and it has different application dates for public or private companies, the Company, as an emerging growth company, can adopt the new or revised standard at the time private companies adopt the new or revised standard. This may make comparison of the Company’s financial statements with another public company which is neither an emerging growth company nor an emerging growth company which has opted out of using the extended transition period difficult or impossible because of the potential differences in accounting standards used.

Smaller Reporting Company Status

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 the Company’s shares of common stock held by non-affiliates equaled or exceeded \$250 million as of the prior June 30, and (2) the Company’s annual revenues equaled or exceeded \$100 million during such completed fiscal year or the market value of its shares of common stock held by non-affiliates equaled or exceeded \$700 million as of the prior June 30. To the extent the Company takes advantage of such reduced disclosure obligations, it may also make comparison of these financial statements with other public companies difficult or impossible.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Making estimates requires management to exercise significant judgment. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect of a condition, situation or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements, which management considered in formulating its estimate, could change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events. One of the more significant accounting estimates included in these financial statements is the determination of the fair value of the warrant liabilities. Such estimates may be subject to change as more current information becomes available and accordingly the actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company had cash of \$1,386,519 and \$2,132,242 and no cash equivalents as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

Cash Held in Trust Account

As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the assets held in the Trust Account consisted of cash equivalents in the amount of \$201,196,415 and \$200,018,919, respectively. Gains and losses resulting from the change in fair value of the assets held in Trust Account are included in interest earned on investments held in Trust Account in the accompanying statement of operations.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist of a cash account in a financial institution, which, at times, may exceed the Federal Depository Insurance Coverage of \$250,000. As of September 30, 2022, the Company has not experienced losses on this account and management believes the Company is not exposed to significant risks on such account.

Offering Costs Associated with IPO

The Company complies with the requirements of the ASC 340-10-S99-1 and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") Topic 5A—"Expenses of Offering". Offering costs consist principally of professional and registration fees incurred through the balance sheet date that are related to the IPO. Offering costs are charged to stockholders' equity or the statement of operations based on the relative value of the Public Warrants and the Private Placement Warrants to the proceeds received from the Units sold upon the completion of the IPO. Accordingly, on October 4, 2021 the Company incurred offering costs amounting to \$22,252,049, consisting of \$4,000,000 of cash underwriting fees, \$7,000,000 of deferred underwriting fees, \$10,670,740 for the excess fair value of founder shares attributable to the Anchor Investors (as described in Note 4) and \$581,309 of other offering costs. As such, the Company recorded \$20,892,809 of offering costs allocated to the Class A common stock as a reduction of temporary equity and \$1,359,240 of offering costs allocated to the warrants to the statement of operations in 2021 when the IPO was consummated.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities approximates the carrying amounts represented in the accompanying balance sheet, primarily due to their short-term nature.

The Company applies ASC 820, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value and clarifies the definition of fair value within that framework. ASC 820 defines fair value as an exit price, which is the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the Company's principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy established in ASC 820 generally requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions based on market data and the entity's judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are to be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

Level 1—Assets and liabilities with unadjusted, quoted prices listed on active market exchanges. Inputs to the fair value measurement are observable inputs, such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Inputs to the fair value measurement are determined using prices for recently traded assets and liabilities with similar underlying terms, as well as direct or indirect observable inputs, such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3—Inputs to the fair value measurement are unobservable inputs, such as estimates, assumptions, and valuation techniques when little or no market data exists for the assets or liabilities.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company evaluates its financial instruments to determine if such instruments are derivatives or contain features that qualify as embedded derivatives in accordance with ASC Topic 815, “Derivatives and Hedging”. For derivative financial instruments that are accounted for as liabilities, the derivative instrument is initially recorded at its fair value on the grant date and is then re-valued at each reporting date, with changes in the fair value reported in the statements of operations. The classification of derivative instruments, including whether such instruments should be recorded as liabilities or as equity, is evaluated at the end of each reporting period. Derivative liabilities are classified in the balance sheet as current or non-current based on whether or not net-cash settlement or conversion of the instrument could be required within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

Class A Common Stock Subject to Possible Redemption

The Company accounts for its Class A common stock subject to possible redemption in accordance with the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 480 “Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity.” Class A common stock subject to mandatory redemption are classified as a liability instrument and are measured at fair value. Conditionally redeemable common stock (including Class A common stock that feature redemption rights that is either within the control of the holder or subject to redemption upon the occurrence of uncertain events not solely within the Company’s control) is classified as temporary equity. At all other times, common stock is classified as stockholders’ equity. The Company’s Class A common stock feature certain redemption rights that are considered to be outside of the Company’s control and subject to occurrence of uncertain future events. Accordingly, at September 30, 2022, Class A common stock subject to possible redemption is presented at redemption value as temporary equity, outside of the stockholders’ deficit section of the Company’s balance sheet.

The Company recognizes changes in redemption value immediately as they occur and adjusts the carrying value of redeemable common stock to equal the redemption value at the end of each reporting period. Immediately upon the closing of the Initial Public Offering, the Company recognized the re-measurement from initial carrying value to redemption amount value. The change in the carrying value of redeemable Class A common stock resulted in charges against additional paid-in capital (to the extent possible), accumulated deficit and Class A common stock.

As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Class A common stock subject to possible redemption reflected in the balance sheets is reconciled in the following table:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
As of beginning of the period	\$ 200,000,000	\$ —
Gross Proceeds	—	200,000,000
Less:		
Issuance costs related to Class A common stock subject to possible redemption	—	(20,892,809)
Fair value of Public Warrants	—	(9,014,000)
Plus:		
Accretion of carrying value to redemption value	820,980	29,906,809
Class A common stock subject to possible redemption	<u>\$ 200,820,980</u>	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under ASC 740 Income Taxes (“ASC 740”). ASC 740 requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for both the expected impact of differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities and for the expected future tax benefit to be derived from tax loss and tax credit carry forwards. ASC 740 additionally requires a valuation allowance to be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of deferred tax assets will not be realized.

ASC 740 also clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise’s financial statements and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement process for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. ASC 740 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim period, disclosure and transition.

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. There were no unrecognized tax benefits and no amounts accrued for interest and penalties as of September 30, 2022. The Company is currently not aware of any issues under review that could result in significant payments, accruals or material deviation from its position.

The Company has identified the United States as its only “major” tax jurisdiction.

The Company may be subject to potential examination by federal and state taxing authorities in the areas of income taxes. These potential examinations may include questioning the timing and amount of deductions, the nexus of income among various tax jurisdictions and compliance with federal and state tax laws. The Company’s management does not expect that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will materially change over the next twelve months.

The effective tax rate was 6.1% and 2.4% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, and 0.0% for both the three months ended September 30, 2021 and the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2021. The effective tax rates differ from the statutory tax rate of 21.0% due to the change in fair value of warrants and the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

The IR Act was enacted on August 16, 2022. The IR Act includes provisions imposing a 1% excise tax on certain share repurchases (including redemptions) that occur after December 31, 2022 and introduces a 15% corporate alternative minimum tax (“CAMT”) on adjusted financial statement income. The CAMT will be effective for the Company beginning in fiscal 2024.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share of Common **Stock**

The Company complies with accounting and disclosure requirements of FASB ASC Topic 260, “Earnings Per Share”. Net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. The Company applies the two-class method in calculating income per share of common stock. Re-measurement associated with the redeemable shares of Class A common stock is excluded from income per common share as the redemption value approximates fair value.

The calculation of diluted income (loss) per share of common stock does not consider the effect of the warrants issued in connection with the (i) Initial Public Offering, and (ii) the private placement since the exercise of the warrants is contingent upon the occurrence of future events. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 17,600,000 shares of Class A common stock in the aggregate. As of September 30, 2022, the Company did not have any dilutive securities or other contracts that could, potentially, be exercised or converted into common stock and then share in the earnings of the Company. As a result, diluted net income per common share is the same as basic net income per common share for the periods presented.

Class B common stock subject to forfeiture (see Note 5) are not included in weighted average shares outstanding until the forfeiture restrictions lapse.

The following table reflects the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share of common stock (in dollars, except share amounts):

	For the three months ended September 30, 2022		For the three months ended September 30, 2021	
	Redeemable Class A Common Stock	Non-Redeemable Class B Common Stock	Redeemable Class A Common Stock	Non-Redeemable Class B Common Stock
	Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share			
Numerator:				
Allocation of net income (loss)	\$ 2,315,260	\$ 578,815	\$ —	\$ (4,134)
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding	20,000,000	5,000,000	—	5,000,000
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2022		For the period from March 24, 2021 (Inception) through September 30, 2021	
	Redeemable Class A Common Stock	Non-Redeemable Class B Common Stock	Redeemable Class A Common Stock	Non-Redeemable Class B Common Stock
	Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share			
Numerator:				
Allocation of net income (loss)	\$ 6,926,309	\$ 1,731,577	\$ —	\$ (9,304)
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding	20,000,000	5,000,000	—	3,880,208
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	<u>\$ 0.35</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-06, Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity. The update simplifies the accounting for convertible instruments by removing certain separation models in Subtopic 470-20, Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options for convertible instruments and introducing other changes. As a result of ASU No. 2020-06, more convertible debt instruments will be accounted for as a single liability measured at amortized cost and more convertible preferred stock will be accounted for as a single equity instrument measured at historical cost, as long as no features require bifurcation and recognition as derivatives. The amendments are effective for smaller reporting companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently assessing what impact, if any, that ASU 2020-06 would have on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Management does not believe that any other recently issued, but not effective, accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

NOTE 3 – INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

On October 4, 2021 the Company completed its IPO of 20,000,000 Units at a price of \$10.00 per Unit, generating gross proceeds of \$200,000,000. Each Unit consisted of one share of Class A common stock and one-half of one redeemable warrant ("Public Warrant"). Each whole Public Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one share of Class A common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment (see Note 7).

The Company granted the underwriter a 45-day option from the date of the IPO to purchase up to 3,000,000 additional Units to cover over-allotments, if any, at the IPO price less the underwriting discounts and commissions. This option expired unused in November 2021.

An aggregate of \$10.00 per Unit sold in the IPO was held in the Trust Account and invested in U.S. government securities, within the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act, with a maturity of 185 days or less or in any open-ended investment company that holds itself out as a money market fund meeting the conditions of Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act, as determined by the Company.

NOTE 4 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Founder Shares

On May 5, 2021, the Sponsor and certain directors of the Company paid \$25,000 (approximately \$0.004 per share) in consideration for 5,750,000 shares of Class B common stock with par value of \$0.0001 (the “Founder Shares”). Up to 750,000 of these shares of Class B common stock were subject to forfeiture by the Sponsor if the underwriter’s over-allotment option is not exercised. The underwriter’s over-allotment option expired unused in November 2021 which resulted in aggregate outstanding Class B common stock of 5,000,000 shares.

Subject to each Anchor Investor purchasing 100% of the Units allocated to it, in connection with the closing of the Initial Public Offering, the Sponsor sold up to 150,000 Founder Shares to each Anchor Investor (other than those funds managed by UBS O’Connor, LLC) (an aggregate of 1,350,000 Founder Shares to all of the Anchor Investors) at their original purchase price. The Company estimated the aggregate fair value of these shares of Class B common stock attributable to such Anchor Investors to be \$10,676,610 or \$7.9086 per share.

The excess of the fair value over consideration of the Founder Shares was determined to be an offering cost in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 5A and 5T. Accordingly, the offering cost have been allocated to the separable financial instruments issued in the Initial Public Offering based on a relative fair value basis, compared to total proceeds received. Offering costs allocated to derivative warrant liabilities were expensed as incurred in the statement of operations. Offering costs allocated to the Public Shares were charged to stockholders’ deficit upon the completion of the Initial Public Offering.

Private Placement Warrants

Simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO on October 4, 2021, the Sponsor and Jefferies purchased an aggregate of 7,600,000 Private Placement Warrants, at a price of \$1.00 per Private Placement Warrant (\$7,600,000 in the aggregate) in a private placement. Each whole Private Placement Warrant is exercisable for one share of Class A common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Private Placement Warrants to the Sponsor were added to the proceeds from the Offering held in the Trust Account. If the Company does not complete a Business Combination within the Combination Period, the Private Placement Warrants will expire worthless.

The Private Placement Warrants are non-redeemable for cash and exercisable on a cashless basis so long as they are held by the Sponsor or its permitted transferees. Subject to limited exceptions, the Private Placement Warrants will not be transferable, assignable or saleable until 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination (See Note 7).

Related Party Loans

On May 5, 2021, the Sponsor agreed to loan up to \$300,000 to the Company to cover expenses related to the Initial Public Offering pursuant to a promissory note (the “Note”). The Note was non-interest bearing and was due on the earlier of the completion of the Initial Public Offering or December 31, 2021. As of October 4, 2021, the date of the IPO, \$266,912 had been drawn by the Company and was paid off as part of the closing of the transaction. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, no amount is outstanding under the Note.

In order to finance transaction costs in connection with a Business Combination, the Sponsor or an affiliate of the Sponsor, or certain of the Company’s officers and directors may, but are not obligated to, loan the Company funds as may be required (“Working Capital Loans”). If the Company completes a Business Combination, the Company would repay the Working Capital Loans out of the proceeds of the Trust Account released to the Company. Otherwise, the Working Capital Loans would be repaid only out of funds

held outside the Trust Account. In the event that a Business Combination does not close, the Company may use a portion of proceeds held outside the Trust Account to repay the Working Capital Loans but no proceeds held in the Trust Account would be used to repay the Working Capital Loans. Except for the foregoing, the terms of such Working Capital Loans, if any, have not been determined and no written agreements exist with respect to such loans. The Working Capital Loans would either be repaid upon consummation of a Business Combination or, at the lender's discretion, up to \$1,500,000 of such Working Capital Loans may be convertible into warrants of the post Business Combination entity at a price of \$1.00 per warrant. The warrants would be identical to the Private Placement Warrants.

The Sponsor, officers and directors, or any of their respective affiliates will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with activities on the Company's behalf such as identifying potential target businesses and performing due diligence on suitable Business Combinations. The Company's audit committee will review on a quarterly basis all payments that were made to the Sponsor, officers or directors, or their affiliates. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Working Capital Loans.

Administrative Services

The Company has committed to pay up to \$15,000 per month to the Sponsor for administrative, financial and support services provided to members of the Company's sponsor team. This administrative service arrangement will terminate upon completion of the initial Business Combination or liquidation of the Company. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2022, \$0 and \$90,000, respectively, in costs were incurred related to this agreement which are included in formation, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Condensed Statement of Operations. The agreement was not yet in place as of September 30, 2021 and as such there was nothing incurred in either the three months ended September 30, 2021 or from the period from March 24, 2021 (Inception) through September 30, 2021.

NOTE 5 — STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT

Preferred Stock—The Company is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.0001 per share, with such designations, voting and other rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by the Company's board of directors. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there were no shares of preferred stock issued or outstanding.

Class A common stock—The Company is authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of Class A common stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there were no shares of Class A common stock issued or outstanding (excluding 20,000,000 shares subject to possible redemption).

Class B common stock—The Company is authorized to issue 20,000,000 shares of Class B common stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 there were 5,000,000 shares of Class B common stock issued and outstanding.

Common stockholders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. Holders of the Class A common stock and holders of the Class B common stock will vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, except as required by law or the applicable rules of Nasdaq. Holders of the Class A and Class B common stock will have one vote for every share of common stock with the exception that holders of the Class B common stock have the exclusive right to vote for the election of directors and all other matters properly submitted to a vote of stockholders.

The Class B common stock will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock concurrently with or immediately following the consummation of the initial Business Combination on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment for share sub-divisions, share capitalizations, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like, and subject to further adjustment as provided herein. In the case that additional shares of Class A common stock or equity-linked securities are issued or deemed issued in connection with the initial Business Combination, the number of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of all shares of Class B common stock will equal, in the aggregate, 20% of the total number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding after such conversion (after giving effect to any redemptions of shares of Class A common stock by Public Stockholders), including the total number of shares of Class A common stock issued, or deemed issued or issuable upon conversion or exercise of any equity-linked securities or rights issued or deemed issued, by the Company in connection with or in relation to the consummation of the initial Business Combination, excluding any shares of Class A common stock or equity-linked securities exercisable for or convertible into shares of Class A common stock issued, or to be issued, to any seller in the initial Business Combination and any Private Placement Warrants issued to the Sponsor, officers or directors upon conversion of Working Capital Loans; provided that such conversion of shares of Class B common stock will never occur on a less than one-for-one basis.

NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Underwriting Agreement

The Company granted the underwriter a 45-day option from the date of the Offering to purchase up to 3,000,000 additional Units to cover over-allotments, if any, at the Offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions. This option expired unused in November 2021.

The underwriter has earned an underwriting discount of \$0.20 per Unit, or \$4,000,000 in the aggregate which was paid upon the closing of the Offering.

In addition, the underwriter will be entitled to a deferred fee of \$0.35 per Unit, or \$7,000,000 in the aggregate. The deferred fee will become payable to the underwriter from the amounts held in the Trust Account solely in the event that the Company completes a Business Combination, subject to the terms of the underwriting agreement.

Registration Rights

The holders of the Founder Shares, Private Placement Warrants and any warrants that may be issued upon conversion of working capital loans (and any Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the Private Placement Warrants and warrants that may be issued upon conversion of working capital loans) are entitled to registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement. The holders of these securities are entitled to make up to three demands, excluding short form demands, that the Company register such securities. In addition, the holders have certain “piggy-back” registration rights with respect to registration statements filed subsequent to the completion of the initial Business Combination. However, the registration rights agreement provides that the Company will not permit any registration statement filed under the Securities Act to become effective until termination of the applicable lockup period, which occurs (i) in the case of the Founder Shares, the period ending on the earlier of (a) one year after the completion of the Company’s initial Business Combination and (b) subsequent to the completion of the Company’s initial Business Combination, (x) if the last reported sale price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds \$12.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock capitalizations, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within any 30-trading day period commencing at least 150 days after the Company’s initial Business Combination or (y) the date on which the Company completes a liquidation, merger, capital stock exchange or other similar transaction after the Company’s initial Business Combination that results in all of the Company’s stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of Common Stock for cash, securities or other property, and (ii) in the case of the Private Placement Warrants and the respective Class A common stock underlying such warrants, 30 days after the completion of the initial Business Combination. The Company will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such registration statements.

Consulting Agreements

In April 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with a third-party consultant pursuant to which the consultant will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to, and due diligence of, potential Business Combination target entities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company has paid the consultant an initial fee of \$100,000 and has agreed to pay a contingent fee, payable upon the satisfaction of certain transaction milestones, of up to \$3,900,000 if the Company consummates a Business Combination with a target introduced by the consultant and fewer than 25% of the Public Shares are redeemed by stockholders in connection with such Business Combination. Nothing is recorded in relation to this agreement in the financial statements.

In June 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with a third-party consultant pursuant to which the consultant will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to, and negotiation assistance with, potential Business Combination target entities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company and has agreed to pay a contingent fee, payable upon the satisfaction of certain transaction milestones, of up to \$3,900,000 if the Company consummates a Business Combination with a target introduced by the consultant and fewer than 25% of the Public Shares are redeemed by stockholders in connection with such Business Combination. Nothing is recorded in relation to this agreement in the financial statements.

In September 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with a third-party consultant pursuant to which the consultant will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to potential Business Combination target entities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company has agreed to pay a contingent fee, payable upon the satisfaction of certain transaction milestones, of up to \$1,500,000, in addition to the issuance of newly-issued shares, if the Company consummates a Business Combination with a target introduced by the consultant. Nothing is recorded in relation to this agreement in the financial statements.

NOTE 7 – WARRANT LIABILITY

The Company accounted for the 17,600,000 warrants issued in connection with the Initial Public Offering (the 10,000,000 Public Warrants and the 7,600,000 Private Placement Warrants) in accordance with the guidance contained in ASC 815-40. Such guidance provides that, because the warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment thereunder, each warrant must be recorded as a liability. Accordingly, the Company has classified each warrant as a liability at its fair value. This liability is subject to re-measurement at each balance sheet date. With each such remeasurement, the warrant liability will be adjusted to fair value, with the change in fair value recognized in the Company's statement of operations. The warrants are also subject to re-evaluation of the proper classification and accounting treatment at each reporting period. If the classification changes as a result of events during the period, the warrants will be reclassified as of the date of the event that causes the reclassification.

Public Warrants

The Company offered warrants in connection with its sale of Units. Each whole warrant that is part of the Units sold in the Offering is exercisable to purchase one share of the Company's Class A common stock, subject to adjustment as provided in the Company's Offering prospectus, and only whole warrants are exercisable. No fractional warrants will be issued upon separation of the Units and only whole warrants will trade. If, upon separation of the Units, a holder of warrants would be entitled to receive a fractional warrant, the Company will round down to the nearest whole number of warrants to be issued to such holder.

The exercise price of the warrant will be \$11.50 per whole share, subject to adjustments as described in the Company's Offering prospectus. In addition, if (x) the Company issues additional shares of its Class A common stock or equity-linked securities for capital raising purposes in connection with the closing of the Business Combination at an issue price or effective issue price of less than \$9.20 per share of its Class A common stock (with such issue price or effective issue price to be determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors and, in the case of any such issuance to the Sponsor or its affiliates, without taking into account any Founder Shares held by the Company's initial stockholders or such affiliates, as applicable, prior to such issuance) (the "Newly Issued Price"), (y) the aggregate gross proceeds from such issuances represent more than 60% of the total equity proceeds, and interest thereon, available for the funding of the Business Combination on the date of the completion of the Business Combination (net of redemptions), and (z) the volume-weighted average trading price of the Company's Class A common stock during the 20 trading day period starting on the trading day prior to the day on which the Company completes the Business Combination (such price, the "Market Value") is below \$9.20 per share, then the exercise price of the warrants will be adjusted (to the nearest cent) to be equal to 115% of the higher of the Market Value and the Newly Issued Price, and the \$10.00 and \$18.00 per share redemption trigger prices described below will be adjusted (to the nearest cent) to be equal to 100% and 180% of the higher of the Market Value and the Newly Issued Price, respectively.

The warrants will become exercisable on the later of: (a) 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination; and (b) 12 months from the closing of the Offering; provided in each case that the Company has an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the sale of the shares of its Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, and a current Offering prospectus relating thereto is available, 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 (or the Company permits holders to exercise their warrants on a cashless basis under the circumstances specified in the warrant agreement as a result of (i) the Company's failure to have an effective registration statement by the 60th business day after the closing of the Business Combination as described in the immediately following paragraph or (ii) a notice of redemption described below). If and when the warrants become redeemable by the Company, the Company may exercise its redemption right even if it is unable to register or qualify the underlying securities for sale under all applicable state securities laws.

The Company has agreed that as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 20 business days after the closing of the Business Combination, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC and have an effective registration statement covering the sale of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, and to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement, and a current Offering prospectus relating thereto, until the warrants expire or are redeemed, as specified in the warrant agreement. If a registration statement covering the sale of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is not effective by the 60th business day after the closing of the Business Combination, warrant holders may, until such time as there is an effective registration statement and during any period when the Company will have failed to maintain an effective registration statement, exercise warrants on a "cashless basis" in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act or another exemption. Notwithstanding the above, if the Company's shares of Class A common stock are at the time of any exercise of a 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, the Company may, at its option, require holders of public warrants who exercise their warrants to do so on a "cashless basis" in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act and, in the event the Company so elects, it will not be required to file or maintain in effect a registration statement, but the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify the shares under applicable blue sky laws to the extent an exemption is not available.

The warrants will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, five years after the completion of the Business Combination or earlier upon redemption or liquidation. On the exercise of any warrant, the warrant exercise price will be paid directly to the Company and not placed in the Trust Account.

Once the warrants become exercisable, the Company may redeem the outstanding warrants (except as described in the Company's Offering prospectus with respect to the private placement warrants):

- in whole and not in part;
- at a price of \$0.01 per warrant;

- upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption, which the Company refers to as the "30-day redemption period"; and
- if, and only if, the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends the notice of redemption to the warrant holders (the "Reference Value") equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock capitalizations, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like and certain issuances of Class A common stock and equity-linked securities).

The Company will not redeem the warrants as described above unless an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the sale of the shares of its Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is effective, and a current Offering prospectus relating thereto is available, throughout the 30-day redemption period. Any such exercise would not be on a “cashless basis” and would require the exercising warrant holder to pay the exercise price for each warrant being exercised.

Once the warrants become exercisable, the Company may redeem the outstanding warrants (except as described below with respect to the Private Placement Warrants):

- in whole and not in part;
- at \$0.10 per warrant upon a minimum of 30 days’ prior written notice of redemption, provided that holders will be able to exercise their warrants on a cashless basis prior to redemption and receive that number of shares determined by reference to the table set forth the Company’s Offering prospectus based on the redemption date and the “fair market value” of the Company’s Class A common stock (as defined below);
- if, and only if, the Reference Value equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, rights issuances, subdivisions, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like and certain issuances of Class A common stock and equity-linked securities); and
- if the Reference Value is less than \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, rights issuances, subdivisions, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like and certain issuances of Class A common stock and equity-linked securities), the private placement warrants must also concurrently be called for redemption on the same terms as the outstanding public warrants, as described above.

The “fair market value” of the Company’s Class A common stock shall mean the volume-weighted average price of the Class A common stock for the ten trading days immediately following the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of warrants. This redemption feature differs from the typical warrant redemption features used in other blank check offerings. The Company will provide the warrant holders with the final fair market value no later than one business day after the 10-day trading period described above ends. In no event will the warrants be exercisable in connection with this redemption feature for more than 0.361 shares of the Company’s Class A common stock per warrant (subject to adjustment).

No fractional shares of the Company’s Class A common stock will be issued upon exercise of a warrant in connection with a redemption. If, upon such exercise, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, the Company will round down to the nearest whole number of the number of shares of its Class A common stock to be issued to the holder.

Pursuant to the warrant agreement, references above to Class A common stock shall include a security other than Class A common stock into which the Class A common stock has been converted or exchanged for in the event the Company is not the surviving company in the initial Business Combination.

Private Placement Warrants

The holders of the Private Placement Warrants and warrants that may be issued upon conversion of working capital loans (“Working Capital Warrants”), and any shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the Private Placement Warrants or Working Capital Warrants, are subject to a lock-up period of 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination pursuant to a registration rights agreement.

The Private Placement Warrants will be non-redeemable and exercisable on a cashless basis so long as they are held by the Sponsor or its permitted transferees. If the Private Placement Warrants are held by holders other than the Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Private Placement Warrants will be redeemable by the Company and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Public Warrants included in the Units sold in the IPO.

NOTE 8 – RECURRING FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table presents fair value information as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 of the Company’s financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques the Company utilized to determine such fair value.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis:

	As of September 30, 2022		
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Assets			
Investment held in Trust Account	\$201,196,415	\$ —	\$ —
Liabilities			
Public Warrants	\$ 400,000	\$ —	\$ —
Private Placement Warrants	\$ —	\$ —	\$304,000
As of December 31, 2021			
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Assets			
Investment held in Trust Account	\$200,018,919	\$ —	\$ —
Liabilities			
Public Warrants	\$ 5,449,000	\$ —	\$ —
Private Placement Warrants	\$ —	\$ —	\$4,207,000

Investment Held in Trust Account

As of September 30, 2022, the assets held in the Trust Account were held in U.S. Treasury Bills with a maturity of 185 days or less. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company withdrew \$31,014 and \$142,932, respectively, of interest income from the Trust Account to pay its tax obligations. The Trust Account was not yet in place as of September 30, 2021 and as such no withdrawal was made in either the three months ended September 30, 2021 or the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2021.

The composition of the Company's fair value of held to maturity securities is as follows:

	As of September 30, 2022	As of December 31, 2021
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 201,195,920	\$ 200,017,973
Cash held in Trust Account	495	946
	<u>\$201,196,415</u>	<u>\$200,018,919</u>

Warrant Liabilities

Under the guidance in ASC 815-40, the Public Warrants and the Private Placement Warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment. As such, the Public Warrants and the Private Warrants must be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. This valuation is subject to re-measurement at each balance sheet date. With each re-measurement, the valuations will be adjusted to fair value, with the change in fair value recognized in the Company's statement of operations.

The Company's warrant liability is based on a valuation model utilizing management judgment and pricing inputs from observable and unobservable markets with less volume and transaction frequency than active markets. Significant deviations from these estimates and inputs could result in a material change in fair value.

The fair value of the Private Placement Warrant liability is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. On November 22, 2021, the 52nd day following the date of the offering prospectus, the Public Shares and Public Warrants underlying the Units sold in the IPO became separately tradeable. Accordingly, an observable market was available for the Public Warrants and they were reclassified to a Level 1 classification.

Measurement

The Company established the initial fair value for the warrants on October 4, 2021, the date of the consummation of the Company's IPO. The Company used a Black-Scholes-Merton formula model to value the warrants. The Company allocated the proceeds received from (i) the sale of Units (which is inclusive of one share of Class A common stock and one-half of one Public Warrant), (ii) the sale of Private Placement Warrants, and (iii) the issuance of Class B common stock, first to the warrants based on their fair values as determined at initial measurement, with the remaining proceeds allocated to Class A common stock subject to possible redemption (temporary equity), Class A common stock (permanent equity) and Class B common stock (permanent equity) based on their relative fair values at the initial measurement date.

As of September 30, 2022, the Public Warrants were publicly traded and their fair value was based on the market trade price on that date. The fair value for the Private Warrants was estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation model.

Transfers to/from Levels 1, 2, and 3 are recognized at the beginning of the reporting period. During the three months ended September 30, 2022 and for the three months ended September 30, 2021, there were no transfers between levels.

The Company's warrant liabilities are based on a valuation model utilizing management judgement and pricing inputs from observable and unobservable markets with less volume and transaction frequency than active markets. Significant deviations from these estimates and inputs could result in a material change in fair value. The fair value of the Private Warrant liability is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	Private Warrant Liability	Public Warrant Liability
Fair Value as of December 31, 2021	\$ 4,207,000	\$ 5,449,000
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(1,746,000)	(2,250,000)
Fair Value as of March 31, 2022	2,461,000	3,199,000
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(1,075,000)	(1,403,000)
Fair Value as of June 30, 2022	\$ 1,386,000	\$ 1,796,000
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(1,082,000)	(1,396,000)
Fair Value as of September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 304,000</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>

The key inputs into the Private Placement Warrants model were as follows for September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Common stock price	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.55
Exercise price	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.50
Risk-free rate of interest	4.01%	1.11%
Volatility	0.001%	15.66%
Term	5.25	6.00

The following contains additional information regarding the inputs used in the pricing models:

- Term – the expected life of the warrants was assumed to be equivalent to their remaining contractual term.
- Risk-free rate – the risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. treasury yield curve in effect on the date of valuation equal to the remaining expected life of the Warrants.
- Volatility – the Company estimated the volatility of its common stock warrants based on implied volatility and actual historical volatility of a group of comparable publicly traded companies observed over a historical period equal to the expected remaining life of the Warrants.
- Dividend yield – the dividend yield percentage is zero because the Company does not currently pay dividends, nor does it intend to do so during the expected term of the Private Placement Warrants.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company evaluated subsequent events and transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date up to the date that the financial statements were issued. Based on this review, the Company did not identify any subsequent events that would have required adjustment or disclosure in the financial statement.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2022.

This discussion may contain forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates, and beliefs that involve risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and under the "Forward-Looking Statements" section elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements.

Overview

We are a blank check company incorporated on March 24, 2021 as a Delaware corporation and formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses (a "Business Combination"). We have not yet selected any business combination target. Although we may pursue targets in any industry, we intend to focus our efforts on identifying high growth, U.S. and international acquisition targets in the financial technology ("Fintech") or the Embedded Finance sector. Embedded Finance refers to the combination of a non-financial business with a financial technology, enhancing the combined growth potential and value of the entity.

Our sponsor is Home Plate Sponsor LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Sponsor"). We intend to capitalize on the ability of our sponsor team to identify and acquire and advise a business that can benefit from our founders' management expertise and disciplined approach to capital allocation and investment oversight. We intend to effectuate our initial Business Combination using cash from the proceeds of our initial public offering ("IPO") and the private placement of the private placement warrants, our capital stock, debt or a combination of cash, stock and debt.

The issuance of additional shares in a Business Combination:

- may significantly dilute the equity interest of investors in the IPO, which dilution would increase if the anti-dilution provisions in our Class B common stock resulted in the issuance of our Class A common stock on a greater than one-to-one basis upon conversion of our Class B common stock;
- may subordinate the rights of holders of our Class A common stock if shares of preferred stock are issued with rights senior to those afforded our Class A common stock;
- could cause a change in control if a substantial number of shares of our Class A common stock are issued, which may affect, among other things, our ability to use our net operating loss carry forwards, if any, and could result in the resignation or removal of our present officers and directors;
- may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of us by diluting the share ownership or voting rights of a person seeking to obtain control of us; and
- may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our Class A common stock and/or warrants.

Similarly, if we issue debt securities, or otherwise incur significant debt, it could result in:

- default and foreclosure on our assets if our operating revenues after an initial Business Combination are insufficient to repay our debt obligations;
- acceleration of our obligations to repay the indebtedness even if we make all principal and interest payments when due if we breach certain covenants that require the maintenance of certain financial ratios or reserves without a waiver or renegotiation of that covenant;
- our immediate payment of all principal and accrued interest, if any, if the debt is payable on demand;
- our inability to obtain necessary additional financing if the debt contains covenants restricting our ability to obtain such financing while the debt is outstanding;
- our inability to pay dividends on our common or preferred stock;

- using a substantial portion of our cash flow to pay principal and interest on our debt, which will reduce the funds available for dividends on our common stock if declared, our ability to pay expenses, make capital expenditures and acquisitions and fund other general corporate purposes;
- limitations on our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in our business and in the industry in which we operate;
- increased vulnerability to adverse changes in general economic, industry and competitive conditions and adverse changes in government regulation; and
- limitations on our ability to borrow additional amounts for expenses, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements and execution of our strategy and other purposes and other disadvantages compared to our competitors who have less debt.

We expect to incur significant costs in the pursuit of our initial Business Combination. We cannot assure you that our plans to raise capital or to complete our initial Business Combination will be successful.

Results of Operations and Known Trends or Future Events

We have neither engaged in any significant business operations nor generated any revenues to date. All activities to date relate to our formation and IPO. We will not generate any operating revenues until after the completion of a Business Combination, at the earliest. We will generate non-operating income in the form of interest income on cash and cash equivalents from the proceeds derived from the IPO. There has been no significant change in our financial or trading position and no material adverse change has occurred since the date of our audited financial statements. We are incurring increased expenses as a result of being a public company (for legal, financial reporting, accounting and auditing compliance), as well as for due diligence expenses.

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, we had net income of \$2,894,075 which consisted of a \$2,478,000 gain in fair value of our warrant liabilities and a \$938,956 gain on our investments held in the Trust Account (defined below) offset by \$336,200 in general and administrative expenses and a \$186,681 tax provision. For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, we had net income of \$8,657,886 which consisted of a \$8,952,000 gain in fair value of our warrant liabilities and a \$1,320,429 gain on our investments held in the Trust Account offset by \$1,401,337 in general and administrative expenses and a \$213,206 tax provision.

For the three months ended September 30, 2021, we had a net loss of \$4,134 which consisted entirely of formation expenses. For the period from March 24, 2021 (inception) through September 30, 2021, we had a net loss of \$9,304 which consisted entirely of formation expenses.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2022, we had \$1,386,519 in cash in our operating bank account and working capital of \$1,070,648.

Our liquidity needs up to and through our IPO had been met through payment of \$25,000 from the sale of the Founder Shares (as defined in Note 4) to our Sponsor and the loan under an unsecured promissory note (the “Promissory Note”) from the Sponsor of up to \$300,000. The Promissory Note was fully repaid in connection with the IPO and there is no balance outstanding as of September 30, 2022.

On October 4, 2021, we completed the sale of 20,000,000 units (the “Units”) at \$10.00 per Unit generating gross proceeds of \$200,000,000 in our IPO. Simultaneously with the closing of the IPO, we completed the sale of 7,600,000 private placement warrants (the “Private Placement Warrants”) at a price of \$1.00 per Private Placement Warrant in a private placement to certain funds and accounts managed by our Sponsor as well as to Jefferies LLC (“Jefferies”), who acted as the sole book running manager for our IPO, generating gross proceeds of \$7,600,000 from the sale of the Private Placement Warrants.

An aggregate of \$10.00 per Unit sold in the IPO was deposited into the trust account with Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company acting as trustee (the “Trust Account”), and invested in U.S. government securities, within the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act, with a maturity of 180 days or less or in any open-ended investment company that holds itself out as a money market fund meeting the conditions of Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act, as determined by the Company.

As of September 30, 2022, we had \$201,196,415 in Investment Held in Trust Account. We intend to use substantially all of the funds held in the Trust Account, including any amounts representing interest earned on the Trust Account and not previously released to us to pay our taxes (which interest shall be net of taxes payable and excluding deferred underwriting commissions) to complete our Business Combination. We may withdraw interest to pay taxes, if any. Our annual income tax obligations will depend on the amount of interest and other income earned on the amounts held in the Trust Account. We expect the only taxes payable by us out of the funds in the trust account will be income and franchise taxes, if any. To the extent that our common stock or debt is used, in whole or in part, as consideration to complete our initial Business Combination, the remaining proceeds held in the Trust Account will be used as working capital to finance the operations of the target business or businesses, make other acquisitions and pursue our growth strategies.

As of September 30, 2022, we held a cash balance of \$1,386,519 outside of the Trust Account, which is available for working capital purposes. Until the consummation of a Business Combination, will use the funds held outside of the Trust Account primarily to identify and evaluate target businesses, perform business due diligence on prospective target businesses, travel to and from the offices, plants or similar locations of prospective target businesses or their representatives or owners, review corporate documents and material agreements of prospective target businesses, structure, negotiate and complete a business combination, and to pay taxes to the extent the interest earned on the Trust Account is not sufficient to pay our taxes.

In order to fund working capital deficiencies or finance transaction costs in connection with an intended initial business combination, our Sponsor or an affiliate of our Sponsor or certain of our directors and officers may, but are not obligated to, loan us funds as may be required (“Working Capital Loans”). If we complete our initial Business Combination, we may repay such loaned amounts out of the proceeds of the trust account released to us. Otherwise, such loans may be repaid only out of funds held outside the trust account. In the event that our initial Business Combination does not close, we may use a portion of the working capital held outside the trust account to repay such loaned amounts but no proceeds from our trust account would be used to repay such loaned amounts. Up to \$1,500,000 of such Working Capital Loans may be convertible into warrants at a price of \$1.00 per warrant at the option of the lender. Such warrants would be identical to the private placement warrants issued to our Sponsor. The terms of such Working Capital Loans, if any, have not been determined and no written agreements exist with respect to such loans. We do not expect to seek loans from parties other than our sponsor or an affiliate of our sponsor as we do not believe third parties will be willing to loan such funds and provide a waiver against any and all rights to seek access to funds in our Trust Account. Through September 30, 2022, there were no amounts outstanding under any Working Capital Loans.

We expect our primary liquidity requirements during the period between the consummation of our IPO and consummation of our Business Combination to include approximately \$750,000 for D&O insurance; \$850,000 for legal, accounting, and consulting costs in connection with any business combinations; \$400,000 for legal and accounting fees related to regulatory reporting requirements; \$125,000 for Nasdaq continued listing fees; \$270,000 for administrative, financial and support services; \$300,000 for general working capital and support costs; \$100,000 of liquidation reserve; and \$105,000 for any other fees.

These amounts are estimates and may differ materially from our actual expenses. In addition, we could use a portion of the funds not being placed in trust to pay commitment fees for financing, fees to consultants to assist us with our search for a target business or as a down payment or to fund a “no-shop” provision (a provision designed to keep target businesses from “shopping” around for transactions with other companies or investors on terms more favorable to such target businesses) with respect to a particular proposed Business Combination, although we do not have any current intention to do so. If we entered into an agreement where we paid for the right to receive exclusivity from a target business, the amount that would be used as a down payment or to fund a “no-shop” provision would be determined based on the terms of the specific Business Combination and the amount of our available funds at the time. Our forfeiture of such funds (whether as a result of our breach or otherwise) could result in our not having sufficient funds to continue searching for, or conducting due diligence with respect to, prospective target businesses.

Based on the foregoing, management believes that the Company will have sufficient working capital and borrowing capacity to meet its needs through April 4, 2023, 18 months from the closing of the IPO. Over this time period, the Company will be using these funds for paying existing accounts payable, identifying and evaluating prospective initial Business Combination candidates, performing due diligence on prospective target businesses, paying for travel expenditures, selecting the target business to merge with or acquire, and structuring, negotiating and consummating the Business Combination.

We do not believe we will need to raise additional funds following the IPO in order to meet the expenditures required for operating our business. However, if our estimates of the costs of identifying a target business, undertaking in-depth due diligence and negotiating an initial Business Combination are less than the actual amount necessary to do so, we may have insufficient funds available to operate our business prior to our initial Business Combination. Moreover, we may need to obtain additional financing either to complete our initial Business Combination either because the transaction requires more cash than is available from the proceeds held in our Trust Account, or because we become obligated to redeem a significant number of our Public Shares upon

completion of our Business Combination, in which case we may issue additional securities or incur debt in connection with such business combination. Subject to compliance with applicable securities laws, we would only complete such financing simultaneously with the completion of our Business Combination. If we do not complete our initial business Combination because we do not have sufficient funds available to us, we will be forced to cease operations and liquidate the Trust Account. In addition, following our initial Business Combination, if cash on hand is insufficient, we may need to obtain additional financing in order to meet our obligations. We cannot provide any assurance that such new financing will be available to us on commercially acceptable terms, if at all.

In connection with the Company's assessment of going concern considerations in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 205-40, Presentation of Financial Statements—Going Concern, if we are not able to consummate a Business Combination before April 4, 2023, we will commence an automatic winding up, dissolution and liquidation. Management has determined that the automatic liquidation, should a Business Combination not occur, and potential subsequent dissolution raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. While management intends to complete a Business Combination on or before April 4, 2023, it is uncertain whether we will be able to do so. No adjustments have been made to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities should we be required to liquidate after April 4, 2023.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2022, we have no obligations, assets or liabilities which would be considered off-balance sheet arrangements.

Commitments and Contractual Obligations

As of September 30, 2022, we did not have any long-term debt, capital or operating lease obligations.

The holders of our Founder Shares, Private Placement Warrants and any warrants that may be issued upon conversion of Working Capital Loans (and any Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the Private Placement Warrants and warrants that may be issued upon conversion of Working Capital Loans) are entitled to registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement. The holders of these securities are entitled to make up to three demands, excluding short form demands, that we register such securities. In addition, the holders have certain "piggy-back" registration rights with respect to registration statements filed subsequent to the completion of our initial Business Combination. We will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such registration statements.

Pursuant to the underwriting agreement, Jefferies, as IPO underwriter, will be entitled to a deferred underwriting fee of \$0.35 per Unit sold in the IPO, or \$7,000,000 in the aggregate. The deferred fee will become payable from the amounts held in the Trust Account solely in the event that we complete a Business Combination, subject to the terms of the underwriting agreement.

We have committed to pay up to \$15,000 per month to our Sponsor for administrative, financial and support services provided to members of our sponsor team. This administrative service arrangement will terminate upon completion of our initial Business Combination or liquidation of the Company. We have incurred \$0 pursuant to this agreement for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

On April 19, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with a third-party consultant pursuant to which the consultant will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to, and due diligence of, potential Business Combination target entities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company has paid the consultant an initial fee of \$100,000 and has agreed to pay a contingent fee, payable upon the satisfaction of certain transaction milestones, of up to \$3,900,000 if the Company consummates a Business Combination with a target introduced by the consultant and fewer than 25% of the Public Shares are redeemed by stockholders in connection with such Business Combination.

In June 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with a third-party consultant pursuant to which the consultant will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to, and negotiation assistance with, potential Business Combination target entities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company and has agreed to pay a contingent fee, payable upon the satisfaction of certain transaction milestones, of up to \$3,900,000 if the Company consummates a Business Combination with a target introduced by the consultant and fewer than 25% of the Public Shares are redeemed by stockholders in connection with such Business Combination. Nothing is recorded in relation to this agreement in the financial statements.

On September 16, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Capital Markets Advisory Agreement") with a third-party advisor pursuant to which the advisor will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to potential Business Combination target entities and introductions to, and will seek investment commitments from, potential third-party investors in any financing by the Company, in the form of a private investment in the Company's common stock or other structured instrument, in connection with consummating a Business Combination (such financing, as applicable, the "PIPE Financing" and such investors, the "PIPE Investors"). In consideration of the foregoing, the Company has agreed (i) to pay the advisor a cash fee of \$1,500,000 in the event a Business Combination is with a target introduced by the advisor (a "Subject Target") and (ii) to issue to the advisor a number of newly issued Class A common stock of the Company equal to 945,000 multiplied by the percentage of the aggregate PIPE Financing provided by PIPE Investors introduced by the advisor, regardless of whether the Business Combination is with a Subject Target. In the event that there is no PIPE Financing but the Business Combination with a Subject Target, the Company has agreed to issue to the advisor 945,000 shares of Class A common stock. The payment of any case fee and the issuance of any shares are subject to, and will be made upon, the successful closing of a Business Combination. Concurrently with the issuance of common stock to the advisor, the Company will cause the Sponsor to forfeit a corresponding number of Class B common stock.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's discussion and analysis of our results of operations and liquidity and capital resources are based on our unaudited financial information. We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of the Notes to Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Certain of our accounting policies require that management apply significant judgments in defining the appropriate assumptions integral to financial estimates. On an ongoing basis, management reviews the accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Judgments are based on historical experience, terms of existing contracts, industry trends and information available from outside sources, as appropriate. However, by their nature, judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty, and, therefore, actual results could differ from our estimates.

Recent Accounting Standards

In August 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-06, Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity. The update simplifies the accounting for convertible instruments by removing certain separation models in Subtopic 470-20, Debt-Debt with Conversion and Other Options for convertible instruments and introducing other changes. As a result of ASU No. 2020-06, more convertible debt instruments will be accounted for as a single liability measured at amortized cost and more convertible preferred stock will be accounted for as a single equity instrument measured at historical cost, as long as no features require bifurcation and recognition as derivatives. The amendments are effective for smaller reporting companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently assessing what impact, if any, that ASU 2020-06 would have on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

We do not believe that any other recently issued, but not effective, accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on our financial statements.

JOBS Act

The JOBS Act contains provisions that, among other things, relax certain reporting requirements for qualifying public companies. We qualify as an "emerging growth company" under the JOBS Act and are allowed to comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements based on the effective date for private (not publicly traded) companies. We are electing to delay the adoption of new or revised accounting standards, and as a result, we may not comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth companies. As a result, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

Additionally, we are in the process of evaluating the benefits of relying on the other reduced reporting requirements provided by the JOBS Act. Subject to certain conditions set forth in the JOBS Act, if, as an "emerging growth company," we choose to rely on such exemptions we may not be required to, among other things, (i) provide an independent registered public accounting firm's attestation report on our system of internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404, (ii) provide all of the compensation disclosure that may be required of non-emerging growth public companies under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, (iii) comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the PCAOB regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the independent registered public accounting firm's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements (auditor discussion and analysis), and (iv) disclose certain executive compensation related items such as the correlation between executive compensation and performance and comparisons of the CEO's compensation to median employee compensation. These exemptions will apply for a period of five years following the completion of the IPO or until we are no longer an "emerging growth company," whichever is earlier.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information otherwise required under this item.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Limitations on effectiveness of controls and procedures

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and that management is required to apply judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2022, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that during the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at a reasonable assurance level.

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2022 covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include the risk disclosed under Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2022, which information is incorporated herein by reference. Any of these factors could result in a significant or material adverse effect on our business. Additional risk factors not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business, including our ability to negotiate and complete our initial business combination, and our results of operations.

As of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, except as set forth below, there have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2022, and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2022, as filed with the SEC on August 12, 2022. We may disclose additional changes to such risk factors or disclose additional risk factors from time to time in our future filings with the SEC.

We may be subject to a new 1% U.S. federal excise tax in connection with redemptions of our stock.

On August 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "IR Act") was signed into law. The IR Act provides for, among other measures, a new 1% U.S. federal excise tax on certain repurchases (including redemptions) of stock by publicly traded domestic (i.e., U.S.) corporations. The excise tax is imposed on the repurchasing corporation itself, not its shareholders from whom the shares are repurchased. The amount of the excise tax is generally 1% of the fair market value of the shares repurchased. For purposes of calculating the excise tax, however, repurchasing corporations are permitted to net the fair market value of certain new stock issuances against the fair market value of stock repurchases during the same taxable year. In addition, certain exceptions apply to the excise tax. The U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury Department") has been given authority to provide regulations and other guidance to carry out, and prevent the abuse or avoidance of, the excise tax. The IR Act applies only to repurchases that occur after December 31, 2022.

Any redemption or other repurchase effected by us that occurs after December 31, 2022, in connection with a Business Combination or otherwise, may be subject to this excise tax. Whether and to what extent we would be subject to the excise tax in connection with a Business Combination will depend on a number of factors, including (i) the fair market value of the redemptions and repurchases in connection with the Business Combination, (ii) the nature and amount of any PIPE financing or other equity issuances in connection with the Business Combination (or any other equity issuances within the same taxable year of the Business Combination) and (iii) the content of any regulations and other guidance issued by the Treasury Department and/or the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, because the excise tax would be payable by us and not by the redeeming holder, it could cause a reduction in the value of our stock. The foregoing could cause a reduction in the cash available on hand to complete a business Combination and in our ability to complete a Business Combination. Further, the application of the excise tax in the event of a liquidation is uncertain, and it is possible that the proceeds held in the Trust Account (in the event we are unable to complete a Business Combination in the required time and redeem 100% of our public shares in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation) could be subject to the excise tax, in which case the amount that would otherwise be received by our stockholders in connection with our liquidation may be reduced.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On October 4, 2021, we consummated the IPO of 20,000,000 Units. The Units were sold at an offering price of \$10.00 per Unit, generating net proceeds to the Company of \$200,000,000. The securities in the IPO were registered under the Securities Act on a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-259324), declared effective by the SEC on September 29, 2021. Jefferies LLC (“Jefferies”) served as the sole book running manager for the IPO.

Simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO, we consummated the private placement of an aggregate of 7,600,000 private placement warrants, consisting of (i) 6,600,000 to the Sponsor, and (ii) 1,000,000 warrants to Jefferies, at a price of \$1.00 per private placement warrant, generating total gross proceeds of \$7,600,000. No underwriting discounts or commissions were paid with respect to the private placement. The private placement warrants were issued pursuant to the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act.

The sale of the units in the IPO and the concurrent sale of the private placement warrants generated gross proceeds to the Company of \$207,600,000, consisting of \$200,000,000 from the sale of the units and \$7,600,000 from the sale of the private placement warrants. At the closing of the IPO, we paid a total of \$4,000,000 in underwriting discounts and commissions and \$581,309 for other costs and expenses related to the IPO. In addition, the underwriter agreed to defer up to \$7,000,000 in underwriting discounts and commissions. No payments for such expenses were made directly or indirectly to (i) any of our officers or directors or their associates, (ii) any persons owning 10% or more of any class of our equity securities, or (iii) any of our affiliates.

There has been no material change in the expected use of the net proceeds from our IPO, as described in our final IPO prospectus, filed with the SEC on October 1, 2021.

On September 16, 2022, the Company entered into the Capital Markets Advisory Agreement with a third-party advisor pursuant to which the advisor will provide to the Company, among other services, introductions to potential Business Combination target entities and introductions to, and will seek investment commitments from, potential third-party investors in any PIPE Financing. In consideration of the foregoing, the Company has agreed (i) to pay the advisor a cash fee of \$1,500,000 in the event a Business Combination is consummated with Subject Target and (ii) to issue to the advisor a number of newly issued Class A common stock of the Company equal to 945,000 multiplied by the percentage of the aggregate PIPE Financing provided by PIPE Investors introduced by the advisor, regardless of whether the Business Combination is with a Subject Target. In the event that there is no PIPE Financing but the Business Combination is with a Subject Target, the Company has agreed to issue to the advisor 945,000 shares of Class A common stock. The payment of any case fee and the issuance of any shares to the advisor (the "Advisor Shares") will be made simultaneously with the successful closing of a Business Combination. Concurrently with the issuance of the Advisor Shares, the Company will cause the Sponsor to forfeit a corresponding number of Class B common stock. The Advisory Shares will be issued in reliance upon an exemption from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act on the basis that such issuance does not involve a public offering. No underwriting discounts or commissions will be paid with respect to such sale of common stock.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company⁽¹⁾
3.2	Bylaws of the Company⁽²⁾
31.1*	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit Number	Description
31.2*	<u>Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.1**	<u>Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.2**	<u>Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document—the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline SXRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Filed herewith.

** This certification is being furnished solely to accompany this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and are not deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of the Exchange Act.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-40844), filed with the SEC on May 12, 2022.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-259324), filed with the SEC on September 3, 2021.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HOME PLATE ACQUISITION CORPORATION

Date: November 10, 2022

By: _____
/s/ Daniel Ciporin
Daniel Ciporin
Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 10, 2022

By: _____
/s/ Jonathan Rosenzweig
Jonathan Rosenzweig
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and
Principal Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Jonathan Rosenzweig, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Home Plate Acquisition Corporation;
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) [Omitted];
 - (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: November 10, 2022

By: _____
Jonathan Rosenzweig
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal 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 this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Home Plate Acquisition Corporation (the "Company") for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Daniel Ciporin, 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, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (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: November 10, 2022

By: _____
Daniel Ciporin
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive 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 this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Home Plate Acquisition Corporation (the "Company") for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jonathan Rosenzweig, 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, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (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: November 10, 2022

By: _____ /s/ Jonathan Rosenzweig
Jonathan Rosenzweig
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)