

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934  
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM                      TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-34209

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

**Monster Worldwide, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**Monster Worldwide, Inc.**

**622 Third Avenue**

**New York, New York 10017**

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401 (k) Savings Plan

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Trustee of the  
Monster Worldwide, Inc.  
401(k) Savings Plan  
New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Monster Worldwide, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan ) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) for the year ended December 31, 2011 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan s management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP  
New York, NY  
June 25, 2012

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	December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
<i>Mutual Funds:</i>		
American Century Inflation-Adjusted Bond Fund	\$ 4,742,027	\$ 3,617,098
American Century Mid Cap Value Fund Investors Shares	10,769,512*	
American Funds Growth Fund of America Fund R4 Shares		9,635,631*
Baron Small Cap	4,093,273	3,724,389
Columbia Value & Restructuring	11,199,884*	12,324,337*
Goldman Sachs High Yield Institutional Shares	2,973,887	2,660,892
JP Morgan Diversified Mid Cap Growth	4,273,967	4,394,554
Laudus International MarketMasters Fund	13,266,095*	15,724,523*
Laudus Growth Investors US Large Cap Growth	9,823,291*	
Oakmark Equity Income Fund	21,730,115*	18,985,522*
Oppenheimer International Bond Y	843,478	703,482
Oppenheimer Developing Markets A	7,973,719*	9,393,975*
Perkins Mid Cap Value Fund T Shares		11,106,069*
PIMCO Total Return Fund	10,574,014*	9,494,781*
Royce Total Return Investment Fund	3,388,684	3,241,365
Schwab S&P 500 Investor SHS	14,531,557*	13,780,778*
Vanguard REIT Index Investor SHS	1,032,851	743,962
Third Avenue Real Estate Value	1,394,671	1,499,068
<i>Common/collective trusts:</i>		
Schwab Stable Value Fund	13,394,789*	12,250,203*
Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund	4,448,455	10,176,864*
Personal Choice Retirement Accounts	788,947	757,625
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>141,243,216</b>	<b>144,215,118</b>
<b>Noninterest bearing cash</b>	<b>1,878</b>	
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Employer s contributions		331
Participant contributions		661
Dividends	60,254	48,036
Notes receivable and accrued interest from participants	2,296,863	2,106,691
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>2,358,995</b>	<b>2,155,719</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>143,602,211</b>	<b>146,370,837</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses	45,000	44,000
<b>Net assets available for benefits at fair value</b>	<b>143,557,211</b>	<b>146,326,837</b>
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(91,791)	(308,106)
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 143,465,420</b>	<b>\$ 146,018,731</b>

\* Represents 5% or more of the net assets available for benefits.  
*See accompanying notes to the financial statements.*

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	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>Additions:</b>		
Interest, capital gains, dividends, and other income	\$ 3,638,272	\$ 2,561,756
<i>Contributions:</i>		
Participants	16,007,918	13,934,070
Employer	4,650,885	742,364
	20,658,803	14,676,434
Rollovers in participant balances	971,179	1,540,086
ERISA settlement (footnote 11)		3,037,431
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	(14,528,694)	17,078,998
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>10,739,560</b>	<b>38,894,705</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	13,186,254	13,985,646
Assets transferred from Plan		106,028
Administrative expenses	106,617	130,026
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>13,292,871</b>	<b>14,221,700</b>
<b>Net (decrease) increase</b>	<b>(2,553,311)</b>	<b>24,673,005</b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year</b>	<b>146,018,731</b>	<b>121,345,726</b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 143,465,420</b>	<b>\$ 146,018,731</b>

*See accompanying notes to the financial statements.*

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**1. Description of Plan**

The following description of the Monster Worldwide, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan and its related Trust (collectively, the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the current Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan was adopted as of January 1, 1992 for the benefit of its eligible employees and the eligible employees of any other organization designated by the Board of Directors of Monster Worldwide, Inc. ( Monster Worldwide ).

*General*

The Plan is a defined contribution plan and provides for elective contributions on the part of the participating employees and employer matching contributions of up to 6% of employees' eligible compensation within limits established by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( ERISA ). The Plan extends coverage to each employee of the participating employers, except those employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement where the agreement does not specifically provide for the participation in the Plan of the employees subject to that bargaining agreement, leased employees or nonresident aliens with no U.S. source income. The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature and a new eligible employee will be deemed to have agreed to make pre-tax contributions of 6% of annual eligible compensation unless the employee affirmatively elects otherwise. The Plan has designated Monster Worldwide as the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator is responsible for the operations of the Plan in accordance with prevailing government requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA and provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ( IRC ) as it pertains to plans intended to qualify under IRC Section 401(a).

*Plan Amendments*

In the normal course of business, various fund options were changed in the Plan during the 2010, 2011 and 2012 plan years.

Effective April 3, 2009, the Plan was amended to suspend the employer match and to provide the Chief Executive Officer the authority, at his or her discretion, to reinstate the employer match should economic conditions improve. On August 31, 2010, the employer match was reinstated effective October 1, 2010.

On December 21, 2010, the Plan was amended to comply with the Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax ( HEART ) Act of 2008.

On June 13, 2011, the Plan was amended to allow after tax contributions and the Roth In-Plan Conversion feature effective July 1, 2011.

On July 1, 2011, the Perkins Mid Cap Value Fund T Shares was replaced by the American Century Mid Cap Value Fund Investor Shares and the American Funds Growth Fund of America Fund R4 Shares was replaced by the Laudus Growth Investors US Large Cap Growth.

The Schwab Stable Value Fund liquidated on April 30, 2012. The Galliard Retirement Income Fund replaced the Schwab Stable Value Fund on March 1, 2012.

Beginning June 1, 2012, four new funds were added to the Plan: Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Signal, Columbia Mid Cap Index Z, Columbia Small Cap Index A, and the Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Signal.

*Contributions*

The Plan permits an eligible participant to make pre-tax contributions in excess of the IRC 402(g) limit. These contributions are known as catch-up contributions. A participant who attains age 50 during a Plan year is permitted to make catch-up contributions to the Plan, subject to the legal limit on these contributions. The legal limit on catch-up contributions was \$5,500 during 2011 and 2010. Plan participants are permitted to make contributions in specified flat dollar amounts, in addition to the continued ability to make contributions in specified percentages of their annual eligible compensation.





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The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature. Under this feature, unless the employee affirmatively elects otherwise, any new hire will be deemed to have entered into a salary reduction agreement and elected to make elective contributions to the Plan beginning effective as of the first payroll period coinciding with or following the 45-day period following his or her employment commencement date. Automatic elective contributions are initially set at 6% of an employee's annual eligible compensation. Eligible employees may change or stop the amount of their elective contribution at any time subsequent to their automatic enrollment. The automatic enrollment feature only applies to pre-tax contributions. Roth deferrals and the Roth In-Plan Conversion feature are voluntary elections by the employee.

Participating employers may make matching contributions equal to 50% of an eligible participant's pre-tax elective contributions and Roth elective deferrals up to a maximum of 6% of the participant's annual eligible compensation. Matching contributions are made each payroll period. The Plan also permits participating employers to make additional employer matching contributions to the Plan on behalf of non-highly compensated participants if needed, to satisfy applicable non-discrimination requirements. Additional matching contributions may be made to all participants' accounts as long as such matching contributions do not exceed 100% of salary reduction contributions and Roth elective deferrals for a participant for the plan year up to 6% of the participant's annual eligible compensation (less any matching contributions previously made for the year). Catch-up contributions are not matched. The Plan complies with the HEART Act of 2008.

*Participants' Accounts*

Each participant's account is credited with the elective contributions made by that participant and employer matching contributions for which that participant is eligible. The participating employees direct the investment of the contributions credited to their account into one or more of the investment choices which have been made available to them. Each participant's account will be credited with its share of the net investment earnings of the funds in which that account is invested. The employee individually manages the Personal Choice Retirement Accounts and the investment results directly affect the participant's investment balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the amount that can be provided from the participant's vested account. The Plan also accepts rollover contributions (i.e., amounts which can be rolled over into a tax qualified plan from another employer's qualified plan).

*Vesting*

The portion of a participant's account attributed to elective contributions, qualified non-elective contributions and rollover contributions are fully vested at all times. Vesting of other amounts (i.e., fully vested rights to the portion of a participant's account arising from employer matching contributions or profit sharing contributions, if any) is based upon the number of years in a participant's period of service. A period of service is measured from an employee's employment or reemployment commencement date and ends on an employee's termination date. Vesting begins with the completion of a period of service of one year, at the rate of 25% and increases 25% for each subsequent year until full vesting is achieved with a period of service of four or more years, except for merging plans, as provided in the Plan. Notwithstanding the number of years in an employee's period of service, a participant is considered fully vested at the Plan's normal retirement age of sixty-five, in the event of death, or if the participant incurs a disability that is considered to be total and permanent. The Plan provides special vesting rules with regard to any benefits a participant may have from a plan that was merged into the Plan.

*Forfeitures*

Forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts may be used to pay permissible Plan expenses in accordance with the rules under ERISA and any excess may be applied as a reduction to employer matching contributions, discretionary non-elective contributions or profit sharing contributions. Forfeitures occur in any Plan year in which a terminated participant receives the portion of the matching contributions credited to his or her account that has vested in accordance with the Plan's vesting schedule and forfeits the non-vested balance. If a terminated participant resumes employment with the employer within five years subsequent to the termination date, the forfeited amount will be restored to their matching contribution or profit sharing account. Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$58,251 and \$208,379 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Plan expenses in the amount of \$28,055 and \$51,915 were paid with forfeitures during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.



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*Payment of Benefits*

Benefits are generally payable following a participant's termination of employment, death or disability. If a portion of a participant's account is attributable to a merged plan, that portion of the account may have additional distribution or in-service withdrawal rights; these rights are grandfathered in accordance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and ERISA. Benefits are generally payable in a lump sum but may also be paid in installments or through the purchase of an annuity. Upon the showing of substantial hardship, and in accordance with specific rules set forth by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) concerning hardship withdrawals, a participant may withdraw elective deferrals, which have not previously been withdrawn, subject to certain limitations.

*Notes Receivable from Participants*

In general, a participant may borrow an amount not exceeding the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested portion of their account. If the proceeds of the loan are to be applied to the purchase of a principal residence of the participant, the repayment period shall be no more than 10 years (except for loans outstanding under certain merged plans). If the proceeds of the loan are used for any other purpose, the repayment of the loan must be made within five years. Interest will be charged at an annual rate, which is comparable to a commercial rate for a similar type of loan, interest rates range from 3.25% to 8.25%. Principal and interest payments will be due no less frequently than quarterly and, for current employees will be made by payroll deductions. The loans are collateralized by the participants' interest in their accounts.

Participant loans are presented as notes receivable from participants in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

*Administrative Expenses*

The Plan Administrator pays certain administrative expenses of the Plan and costs associated with the Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund.

*Risks and Uncertainties*

The Plan invests in various investment securities including stocks, bonds, fixed income securities and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, equity price and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



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*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, which changes the wording used to describe the requirements in U.S.GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements. ASU 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and should be applied prospectively. Early adoption is not permitted. The Plan is currently evaluating the impact ASU No. 2011-04 will have on the financial statements.

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

All investments are carried at fair value or an approximation of fair value. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest is accrued as earned. The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments securities, it is possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits.

*Fair Value Measurements*

The following provides a description of the three levels of input that may be used to measure fair value under Accounting Standards Codification 820, the types of Plan investments that fall under each category, and the valuation methodologies used to measure these investments at fair value.

- Level 1 Quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are directly or indirectly observable; and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists

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The following table presents the financial assets the Plan measures at fair value on a recurring basis, based upon fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Fair Value Measured and Recorded at December 31, 2011 Using Input Type			Total Fair Value as of December 31,
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	2011
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>				
<i>Mutual funds:</i>				
Growth Fund	\$ 43,548,611	\$	\$	\$ 43,548,611
International Growth Fund	22,634,485			22,634,485
Balanced Fund	21,730,115			21,730,115
Fixed Income Fund	19,133,406			19,133,406
Index Fund	15,564,408			15,564,408
<b>Total mutual funds</b>	<b>122,611,025</b>			<b>122,611,025</b>
<i>Common/collective trusts:</i>				
Schwab Stable Value Fund		13,394,789		13,394,789
Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund		4,448,455		4,448,455
Other	788,947			788,947
<b>Total investments (excluding cash and cash equivalents)</b>	<b>\$ 123,399,972</b>	<b>\$ 17,843,244</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 141,243,216</b>
	Fair Value Measured and Recorded at December 31, 2010 Using Input Type			Total Fair Value as of December 31,
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	2010
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>				
<i>Mutual funds:</i>				
Growth Fund	\$ 44,426,345	\$	\$	\$ 44,426,345
International Growth Fund	26,617,566			26,617,566
Balanced Fund	18,985,522			18,985,522
Fixed Income Fund	16,476,253			16,476,253
Index Fund	14,524,740			14,524,740
<b>Total mutual funds</b>	<b>121,030,426</b>			<b>121,030,426</b>
<i>Common/collective trusts:</i>				
Schwab Stable Value Fund		12,250,203		12,250,203
Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund		10,176,864		10,176,864
Other	757,625			757,625
<b>Total investments (excluding cash and cash equivalents)</b>	<b>\$ 121,788,051</b>	<b>\$ 22,427,067</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 144,215,118</b>

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The Plan determined that there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 investments for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

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The following are descriptions of the composition and valuation of Plan assets measured at fair value:

*Mutual Funds Growth* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The mutual funds invest primarily in marketable equity securities of companies whose earnings are expected to grow at an above-average rate relative to the market. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Mutual Funds International* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The mutual funds invest primarily in international marketable equity securities. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Mutual Funds Balanced* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The mutual funds invest primarily in marketable equity and fixed income securities. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Mutual Funds Fixed Income* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The mutual funds invest primarily in government or corporate debt securities and preferred stock. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Mutual Funds Index* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The mutual funds invest primarily in stocks to replicate the movement of an index of a specific financial market or sector such as S&P 500. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Schwab Stable Value Fund Common/Collective Trust Funds* The Schwab Stable Value Fund is valued based upon net assets values provided by fund managers, which are based on the value of the underlying investments. The net assets are not quoted in an active market and the Schwab Stable Value fund is therefore classified as Level 2 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund* The Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund is an employer stock unitized fund. The fund consists of Monster Worldwide, Inc. common stock and a short-term cash component, which provides liquidity for daily trading. Monster Worldwide, Inc. common stock is valued at the quoted market price from a national securities exchange and the short-term cash investments are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. The fund does not have an active market, but trends with Monster Worldwide, Inc. common stock and therefore is classified as Level 2 within the valuation hierarchy.

*Other* This class primarily consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The investments are self-directed by the participant in mutual funds and other securities not offered through the Plan. The fair value of these investments is determined by reference to the fair value of the underlying securities of the mutual funds. The net asset value of the mutual fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

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The table below reflects ( i ) the average yield earned by the Plan for all fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (which may differ from the interest rate credited to participants in the Plan) and (ii) the average yield earned by the Plan for all fully benefit-responsive investment contracts with an adjustment to reflect the actual interest credited to participants in the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Average Yields	2011	2010
<b>Based on actual earnings</b>	1.53%	2.26%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	4.59%	2.73%

*Benefits*

Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Party-in-Interest Transactions*

The Plan invests in shares of registered investment companies and common/collective trusts managed by affiliates of Charles Schwab Trust Company. Charles Schwab Trust Company acts as trustee for investments of the Plan. The Plan also invests in shares of Monster Worldwide common stock through the Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund and issues loans to participants which are secured by the balances in the participant accounts. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

**3. Plan Mergers**

There were no plan mergers in 2011 or 2010. Monster Worldwide acquired HotJobs from Yahoo! Inc. in an asset sale during 2010 and no plan assets were transferred from the Yahoo! Inc. 401(k) Plan to the Monster Worldwide 401(k) Plan. HotJobs participants were eligible to participate in the Plan effective August 25, 2010.

**4. Investments**

The Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) (depreciated) appreciated in 2011 and 2010, as follows:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Mutual funds	\$ (8,622,972)	\$ 14,319,078
Common/collective trusts	733,136	42,157
Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund	(6,638,858)	2,717,763
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (14,528,694)</b>	<b>\$ 17,078,998</b>

**5. Income Tax Status**

The IRS has determined and informed the Plan Administrator, in a letter dated August 3, 2005, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC.

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Although the Plan has been amended and restated since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan has analyzed the tax positions taken and concluded that, as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. There are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**6. Trustee and Custodian**

The funds of the Plan are maintained under a Trust with the Charles Schwab Trust Company as Trustee. The duties and authority of the Trustee are defined in the related Trust Agreement.

The Custodian of the Plan is Charles Schwab Retirement Plan Services. The duties of the Custodian include administration of the trust fund (including income) at the direction of the Trustee, the payment of benefits and loans to plan participants and the payment of expenses incurred by the Plan in accordance with instructions from the Plan Administrator and Trustee (with the option given to participants to individually direct the investment of their interest in the Plan). The Custodian is also responsible for the maintenance of the individual participant records and required to render statements to the participants as to their interest in the Plan.

**7. Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, Monster Worldwide has the right, in accordance with the Plan document, to terminate its participation in the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA and the IRC. If the Plan is fully or partially terminated, all amounts credited to the affected participants' accounts will become fully vested. Upon termination, the Plan Administrator will take steps necessary to have the assets of the Plan distributed among the affected participants.

**8. Amounts Due to Participants and Amounts Due From Employer**

In order to ensure favorable tax treatment of participant accounts, the Plan may not exceed certain maximums for employee elective contributions and employer matching contributions of highly compensated employees as defined in the IRC. The Plan is required to take appropriate actions and make corrective distribution of excess contributions or make additional contributions to the accounts of non-highly compensated employees if IRC requirements are not met. As of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, no action was required.

**9. Non-Exempt Transactions**

There were no non-exempt transactions during the Plan year ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

**10. Supplemental Information**

During the period from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011, the Plan had no lease commitments, obligations or leases in default, as defined by ERISA.

**11. ERISA Settlement**

In October 2006, a punitive class action litigation was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by a former employee against Monster Worldwide and a number of its current and former officers and directors. The complaint, as amended in February 2007, was purportedly brought on behalf of all participants in the Plan. On December 14, 2007, the Court granted the defendants motions to dismiss. On February 15, 2008, plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint ( SAC ) alleging that the defendants breached their fiduciary obligations to Plan participants under Sections 404, 405, 409 and 502 of ERISA by allowing Plan participants to purchase and to hold

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and maintain Monster Worldwide stock in their Plan accounts without disclosing to those Plan participants the historical stock option practices of Monster Worldwide. The SAC sought, among other relief, equitable restitution, attorney's fees and an order enjoining defendants from violations of ERISA. On July 8, 2008, the Court denied defendants' motions to dismiss the SAC. A settlement was reached between the parties in which the matter would be resolved, subject to Court approval, for \$4.25 million, the vast majority of which was to be paid by the Plan's insurance carrier and an individual defendant. In February 2010, the Court granted final approval to the settlement and dismissed the action with prejudice. The \$4.25 million settlement less legal fees (net settlement of \$3.0 million) was allocated to participants on September 10, 2010 as presented in the Contributions section of the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the common/collective trust at fair value and an adjustment to reflect the common/collective trust at contract value. However, the common /collective trust is recorded at fair value on the Form 5500.

The following is a reconciliation of the Plan's net assets per the financial statements to the Plan's net assets per the Form 5500:

	2011	2010
Net assets available for benefits, per the financial statements	\$ 143,465,420	\$ 146,018,731
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	91,791	308,106
Net assets available for benefits, per Form 5500	\$ 143,557,211	\$ 146,326,837

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	2011	2010
Net (decrease) increase in net assets, per the financial statements	\$ (2,553,311)	\$ 24,673,005
Reversal of prior year adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(308,106)	(81,218)
Current year adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	91,791	308,106
Net (decrease) increase in net assets, per Form 5500	\$ (2,769,626)	\$ 24,899,893

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		December 31, 2011	
Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost **	Current value
<b>Mutual funds:</b>			
American Century Inflation Fund	Adjusted Bond Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	\$	\$ 4,742,027
American Century Mid Cap Value Fund Investors Shares	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		10,769,512
Baron Small Cap	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		4,093,273
Columbia Value & Restructuring	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		11,199,884
Goldman Sachs High Yield Institutional Shares	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		2,973,887
JP Morgan Diversified Mid Cap Growth	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		4,273,967
Laudus International MarketMasters Fund	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		13,266,095
Laudus Growth Investors US Large Cap Growth	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		9,823,291
Oakmark Equity Income Fund	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		21,730,115
Oppenheimer International Bond Y	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		843,478
Oppenheimer Developing Markets A	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		7,973,719
PIMCO Total Return Fund	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		10,574,014
Royce Total Return Investment Fund	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		3,388,684
* Schwab S&P 500 Investor SHS	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		14,531,557
Vanguard REIT Index Investor SHS	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		1,032,851
Third Avenue Real Estate Value	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.		1,394,671

**Common/collective trusts:**

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* Schwab Stable Value Fund	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	<b>13,394,789</b>
* <b>Monster Worldwide, Inc. Equity Unit Fund</b>	Registered investment company. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	<b>4,448,455</b>
<b>Personal Choice Retirement Accounts</b>	Participant directed investment account. There is no maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	<b>788,947</b>
* <b>Participant Loans</b>	Generally 5 years, at the prevailing interest rate as determined by the Plan's Administrator, collateralized by participant's account balance. Interest rate ranges from 3.25% to 8.25%.	<b>2,296,863</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 143,540,079</b>

\* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

\*\* The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Monster Worldwide, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC. 401(k) SAVINGS  
PLAN**

By: /s/ VICTORIA FORTMAN  
Victoria Fortman  
Chair, Monster Worldwide, Inc. 401(k) Savings  
Plan Committee

Date: June 25, 2012

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No.	Description
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm