

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rutledge Maria S.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 325 N. SAINT PAUL STREET, SUITE 4850 (Street) DALLAS TX 75201 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2023	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Beneficient [BENF]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Technology Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	95,600 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 87,500 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Class A common stock"), of Beneficient (the "Issuer") issuable upon the settlement of an award of 70,000 restricted equity units ("REUs") granted pursuant to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan ("2018 Equity Incentive Plan") to Maria Rutledge (the "Reporting Person") on January 1, 2020. Such award of REUs to the Reporting Person vested 40% on the date of grant, and the remaining 60% in three equal annual installments on August 14th of each subsequent calendar year.
- Includes 8,100 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon settlement of an award of 6,480 REUs to the Reporting Person granted pursuant to the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan on April 1, 2022. Such award of REUs to the Reporting Person shall vest 40% on June 8, 2023, and the remaining 60% in three equal annual installments on April 1st of each subsequent calendar year.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney

/s/ David B. Rost,
Attorney-in-fact for Maria 06/07/2023
S. Rutledge

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Power of Attorney Regarding Section 16 Filing Obligations and Form 144
Compliance

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of James Silk and David Rost, or either of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director or both of Beneficient, a Nevada corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder and any Notice of Proposed Sale of Securities on Form 144 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any securities exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the undersigned to file the Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Form 144 electronically with the SEC, including, for the avoidance of doubt, obtaining, managing, renewing and otherwise communicating with the SEC with respect to any SEC EDGAR Filer Access Codes ("EDGAR Codes"), as applicable, and that solely for the purposes of the obtainment and management of any EDGAR Codes, the undersigned hereby also constitutes and appoints Matthew Fry, Logan Weissler and Alexa Cooper as, or either of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact; and
3. take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by or for, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever required, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request and on the behalf of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with, or any liability for the failure to comply with, any provision of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or any provision of Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Limited Power of Attorney as of this 17th day of May 2023.

Signed and acknowledged:

/s/ Maria Rutledge
