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March 11, 2019

Dear Fellow Stockholders,

We cordially invite you to attend our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held on April 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement that follow describe the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. Your vote is important. We encourage you to vote by proxy in advance of the Annual Meeting, whether or not you plan to attend.

Thank you for your continuing support of PJT Partners.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Taubman

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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**PJT PARTNERS INC.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**APRIL 24, 2019**

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of PJT Partners Inc. will be held on April 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (the Annual Meeting ), for the following purposes:

- (1) to elect the two Class I director nominees identified in the accompanying Proxy Statement;
- (2) to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the accompanying Proxy Statement;
- (3) to approve the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan;
- (4) to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019; and
- (5) to transact such other business as may properly come before our Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on February 25, 2019 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at our Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are sending to most of our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice of Availability ) rather than a paper set of the Proxy Materials. By doing so, we save costs and reduce our impact on the environment. The Notice of Availability includes instructions on how to access our Proxy Materials over the Internet, as well as how to request the materials in paper form.

Your vote is important. We encourage you to vote by proxy in advance of the Annual Meeting, whether or not you plan to attend. The Notice of Availability includes instructions on how to vote, including by Internet. If you hold your shares through a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other similar organization, please follow their instructions.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Salvatore Rappa

Managing Director, Corporate Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

March 11, 2019

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

**2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2019**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

PJT Partners Inc. is making this Proxy Statement available to its stockholders in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and any adjournment or postponement thereof (the Annual Meeting ). You may obtain directions to our Annual Meeting by contacting our Corporate Secretary.

PJT Partners Inc. is a holding company and its only material asset is its controlling equity interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP ( PJT Partners Holdings ), a partnership that holds the company s operating subsidiaries, and certain cash and cash equivalents it may hold from time to time. As the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings, PJT Partners Inc. operates and controls all of the business and affairs of PJT Partners Holdings and its operating subsidiaries. In this Proxy Statement, unless the context requires otherwise, the words PJT Partners refers to PJT Partners Inc. and the company, we, us and our refer to PJT Partners, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including PJT Partners Holdings and its operating subsidiaries.

We are a global advisory-focused investment bank. Our team of senior professionals delivers a wide array of strategic advisory, shareholder engagement, restructuring and special situations and private fund advisory and placement services to corporations, financial sponsors, institutional investors and governments around the world. We offer a unique portfolio of advisory services designed to help our clients achieve their strategic objectives. We also provide, through Park Hill, private fund advisory and placement services for alternative investment managers, including private equity funds, real estate funds and hedge funds. Our Class A common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) under the symbol PJT.

The Proxy Materials will be mailed or made available to our stockholders on or about March 12, 2019. On or about March 12, 2019, we will mail to most of our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice of Availability ) containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement. Below are answers to common questions stockholders may have about the Proxy Materials and the Annual Meeting.

**Who can participate in our Annual Meeting?**

You are entitled to participate in our Annual Meeting only if you were a stockholder of record of Class A common stock or Class B common stock as of the close of business on February 25, 2019, which we refer to in this Proxy Statement as the Record Date, or if you hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. In order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting, you must present valid government-issued photo identification (such as a driver s license or passport) and proof of ownership of shares of our Class A common stock or Class B common stock on the Record Date. Proof of ownership can be accomplished through the following:



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a brokerage statement or letter from your broker or custodian with respect to your ownership of shares of our common stock on the Record Date;

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the Notice of Availability;

a printout of the proxy distribution email (if you receive your materials electronically);

a Proxy Card (if you received printed materials by mail);

a voting instruction form (if you received printed materials by mail); or

a legal proxy provided by your broker or custodian.

We reserve the right to determine the validity of any purported proof of beneficial ownership. For the safety and security of our stockholders, we will be unable to admit you to the Annual Meeting if you do not present photo identification and proof of ownership of shares of our common stock or if you otherwise refuse to comply with our security procedures. The taking of photographs and use of mobile phones, audio or video recording equipment is prohibited during the Annual Meeting. Cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted, and attendees may be subject to security inspections and other security precautions.

A number of stockholders may wish to speak at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to hear the views of stockholders. In fairness to all stockholders and participants at the Annual Meeting, and in the interest of an orderly and constructive meeting, rules of conduct will be enforced. Copies of these rules will be available at the meeting. Only stockholders or their valid proxy holders may address the meeting. Depending on the number of stockholders who wish to speak, we cannot ensure that every such stockholder will be able to do so or will be able to do so for as long as they might want to hold the floor.

**What are the Proxy Materials?**

Our Proxy Materials include:

this Proxy Statement;

a Notice of our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (which is attached to this Proxy Statement);  
and

our 2018 Annual Report to Stockholders.

If you received printed versions of these materials by mail (rather than through electronic delivery), these materials also include a Proxy Card or voting instruction form. If you received or accessed these materials through the Internet, your Proxy Card or voting instruction form are available to be filled out and executed electronically.

**Why did I receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials instead of a full set of materials?**

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Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we are furnishing Proxy Materials to most of our stockholders on the Internet, rather than mailing printed copies. By doing so, we save costs and reduce our impact on the environment. If you received a Notice of Availability by mail, you will not receive printed copies of the Proxy Materials unless you request them. Instead, the Notice of Availability will instruct you how to access and review the Proxy Materials on the Internet. If you would like printed copies of the Proxy Materials, please follow the instructions on the Notice of Availability.

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### **What items will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?**

You will be voting on the following proposals:

- Proposal 1:* to elect the two Class I director nominees identified in this Proxy Statement;
- Proposal 2:* to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the accompanying Proxy Statement;
- Proposal 3:* to approve the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the Omnibus Incentive Plan ); and
- Proposal 4:* to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP ( Deloitte ) as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019.

Only proposals that meet the requirements of our amended and restated bylaws will be eligible for consideration at the Annual Meeting. This year, there are no stockholder proposals that meet the criteria. Therefore, stockholder proposals raised at the Annual Meeting will not be considered during the Annual Meeting. Stockholders may submit proposals and other matters for consideration at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders as described in Stockholder Proposals and Nominations for 2020 Annual Meeting.

### **How many shares may be voted at the Annual Meeting?**

Holders of Class A common stock will have one vote for every share of Class A common stock that such holder owned at the close of business on the Record Date.

Shares of Class B common stock have no economic rights but entitle the holder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held, to a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested PJT Partners Holdings Class A partnership units (the Partnership Units ) and LTIP Units (which is a class of partnership interests in PJT Partners Holdings) held by such holder on all matters presented to our stockholders other than director elections. With respect to the election of our directors, shares of Class B common stock initially entitle holders to only one vote per share, though the voting power of Class B common stock with respect to the election of our directors may be increased to up to the number of votes to which a holder is then entitled on all other matters presented to stockholders.

Holders of shares of our Class B common stock will vote together with holders of our Class A common stock as a single class on all matters on which such stockholders are entitled to vote generally, except as otherwise required by law. Our employees and certain current and former employees of The Blackstone Group L.P. ( Blackstone ) hold all issued and outstanding shares of our Class B common stock. In connection with merger and spin-off transactions, Blackstone's senior management provided an irrevocable proxy to Mr. Taubman to vote their shares of Class B common stock for so long as Mr. Taubman is our Chief Executive Officer.

If you hold restricted stock units, you will not be entitled to vote the shares underlying such restricted stock units unless and until you actually receive delivery of the shares of Class A common stock underlying such units and are the holder of record of such shares.



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As of February 25, 2019, the Record Date for our Annual Meeting, our share count for voting purposes set forth above was as follows:

	<b>Proposal 1: elect the two Class I director nominees identified in this Proxy Statement</b>	<b>Proposal 2: advisory vote on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers</b>	<b>Proposal 3: approval of the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan</b>	<b>Proposal 4: advisory vote to ratify the selection of Deloitte as our independent registered accounting firm for 2019</b>
Shares of Class A common stock	22,769,626	22,769,626	22,769,626	22,769,626
Shares of Class B common stock	200	19,513,794	19,513,794	19,513,794
<b>Total voting power</b>	<b>22,769,826</b>	<b>42,283,420</b>	<b>42,283,420</b>	<b>42,283,420</b>

**What constitutes a quorum?**

The holders of a majority in voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock (which is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested Partnership Units and LTIP Units held by such Class B common stockholders) collectively as a single class entitled to vote, must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. Shares represented by broker non-votes (as defined below) also are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. However, if you hold your shares in street name and do not provide voting instructions to your bank, broker or other holder of record, under current NYSE rules, Proposals 1, 2 and 3 are considered non-discretionary matters and a bank, broker or other holder of record will lack the authority to vote shares at his/her discretion on these proposals, and your shares will not be voted on these proposals (a broker non-vote ).

**Table of Contents****How many votes are required to approve each proposal and how are votes counted?**

	<b>Proposal 1: elect the two Class I director nominees identified in this Proxy Statement</b>	<b>Proposal 2: advisory vote on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers</b>	<b>Proposal 3: approval of the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan</b>	<b>Proposal 4: advisory vote to ratify the selection of Deloitte as our independent registered accounting firm for 2019</b>
<b>How many votes are required for approval?</b>	A plurality of affirmative votes cast, even if less than a majority	A majority of affirmative votes cast	A majority of affirmative votes cast	A majority of affirmative votes cast
<b>How are director withhold votes treated?</b>	Withhold votes will be excluded entirely from the vote with respect to the nominee from which they are withheld and will have no effect on this proposal	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>How are abstentions treated?</b>	N/A	Abstentions are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum, but will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on this proposal	Abstentions are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum and are treated as votes cast under current NYSE rules and will therefore have the same effect as a vote against this proposal	Abstentions are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum, but will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on this proposal
<b>How are broker non-votes treated?</b>	Broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum, but are not counted as votes cast and will have no effect on this proposal	Broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum, but are not counted as votes cast and will have no	Broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum, but are not counted as votes cast and will have no effect on	No broker non-votes since banks, brokers and other holders of record may exercise discretion and vote on this matter and these

		effect on this proposal	this proposal	will be counted as votes cast
<b>How will signed proxies that do not specify voting preferences be treated?</b>	Votes will be cast for the two director nominees identified in this Proxy Statement	Votes will be cast for the approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers	Votes will be cast for the approval of the Amended and Restated 2015 PJT Partners Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan	Votes will be cast for the selection of Deloitte as our independent public accounting firm for 2019



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It is important to note that the proposals to (1) approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers and (2) ratify the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm, are non-binding and advisory. However, the Board of Directors intends to carefully consider the results of Proposal 2 in making future compensation decisions and, if our stockholders fail to ratify the selection of Deloitte, the selection of another independent registered public accounting firm may be considered by the Audit Committee. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of our company and our stockholders.

### **How do I vote?**

The manner in which you cast your vote depends on whether you are a stockholder of record or you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name.

*Stockholder of Record.* If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, you are a stockholder of record.

*Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name.* If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other similar organization, then you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct the organization holding your account on how to vote the shares you hold in your account.

*Voting by Proxy for Shares Registered Directly in the Name of the Stockholder.* If you hold your shares of common stock in your own name as a stockholder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders named in the Proxy Card how to vote your shares of common stock in one of the following ways:

*Vote by Internet.* You may vote via the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Availability or, if you received printed materials, on your Proxy Card. The website for Internet voting is printed on the Notice of Availability and also on your Proxy Card. Please have your Notice of Availability or Proxy Card in hand when voting. Internet voting is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 23, 2019. You will receive a series of instructions that will allow you to vote your shares of common stock. You will also be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you vote via the Internet, you do not need to return your Proxy Card.

*Vote by Telephone.* You also have the option to vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number (800) 690-6903. Telephone voting is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 23, 2019. When you call, please have your Proxy Card in hand. You will receive a series of voice instructions that will allow you to vote your shares of common stock. You will also be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you vote by telephone, you do not need to return your Proxy Card.

*Vote by Mail.* If you received printed materials, and would like to vote by mail, please mark, sign and date your Proxy Card and return it promptly in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you did not receive printed materials and would like to vote by mail, you must request printed copies of the

Proxy Materials by following the instructions on your Notice of Availability.

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*Voting by Proxy for Shares Registered in Street Name.* If your shares of common stock are held in street name, you will receive instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee that you must follow in order to have your shares of common stock voted.

*Voting in Person at the Annual Meeting.* If you are a Class A or Class B common stockholder of record and attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote in person at the meeting. If your shares of common stock are held in street name and you wish to vote in person at the meeting, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from the broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares of common stock of record.

### **Can I revoke or change my vote after submitting a proxy?**

Street name stockholders who wish to revoke or change their votes should contact the organization that holds their shares. Stockholders of record may revoke or change their proxy by voting a new proxy pursuant to the voting methods set forth above, by providing a written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary or by attending and voting at the Annual Meeting.

### **Is my vote confidential?**

We keep all the proxies, ballots and voting tabulations confidential as a matter of practice. We only let our Inspector of Election, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ( Broadridge ), examine these documents. Occasionally, stockholders provide written comments on their Proxy Card, which are then forwarded to us by Broadridge.

### **Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?**

The company is paying the costs of the solicitation of proxies. Members of our Board of Directors and officers and employees may solicit proxies by mail, telephone, fax, email or in person. We will not pay directors, officers or employees any extra amounts for soliciting proxies. We may, upon request, reimburse brokerage firms, banks or similar entities representing street name holders for their expenses in forwarding Proxy Materials to their customers who are street name holders and obtaining their voting instructions.

No arrangements or contracts have been made or entered into with any solicitors as of the date of this Proxy Statement, although we reserve the right to engage solicitors if we deem them necessary. If done, such solicitations may be made by mail, telephone, facsimile, email or personal interviews.

### **Will the Annual Meeting be webcast?**

Our Annual Meeting will not be webcast.

### **Where can I find voting results?**

We will file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC including the final voting results from the Annual Meeting within four business days of the Annual Meeting.

### **How do I inspect the list of stockholders of record?**

A list of our stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at our Annual Meeting and for the ten days prior to our Annual Meeting, between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, by written request to the Corporate Secretary.

**What other information should I review before voting?**

For your review, we make available free of charge on or through our website at [www.pjtpartners.com](http://www.pjtpartners.com) under the Investor Relations/Financial Reports section, our annual reports

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on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. **Hard copies may be obtained free of charge by contacting Investor Relations at PJT Partners Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017 or by calling (212) 364-7800.** Copies may also be accessed electronically by means of the SEC's website on the Internet at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Neither our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 nor the 2018 Annual Report shall constitute a part of the proxy solicitation materials.

**How can I contact our Corporate Secretary?**

In several sections of this Proxy Statement, we suggest that you should contact our Corporate Secretary to follow up on various items. You can reach our Corporate Secretary by writing to the Corporate Secretary at PJT Partners Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017 or by calling (212) 364-7800.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2019**

**The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement, Form of Proxy and 2018 Annual Report to Stockholders are also available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

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Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the Board of Directors will consist of that number of directors determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is classified into three classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III. The term of office of the members of one class of directors expires each year in rotation so that the members of one class generally are elected at each annual meeting to serve for full three-year terms or until their successors are elected and qualified, or until such director's death, resignation or retirement. Each class consists of one-third of the total number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has selected Paul J. Taubman and Emily K. Rafferty for election as Class I directors. If elected, each Class I director will serve until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2022, or until succeeded by another qualified director who has been elected.

Our Board consists of six directors, all of whom are independent with the exception of our Chairman and CEO. Each director contributes valuable experience and expertise that make them uniquely qualified to oversee management and represent stockholder interests in the boardroom. Skills represented in the boardroom by our directors include, among others, knowledge of financial services, marketing, operations, technology, corporate governance and strategic planning, as well as executive leadership and public company board experience.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position(s)</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Paul J. Taubman	58	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	October 2015
James Costos	56	Director	February 2017
Dennis S. Hersch	71	Director, Lead Independent Director	September 2015
Emily K. Rafferty	69	Director	October 2015
Thomas M. Ryan	66	Director	October 2015
Kenneth C. Whitney	60	Director	October 2015

**Nominees for Class I Directors Whose Terms Will Expire in 2022**

*Paul J. Taubman* is our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to founding PJT Partners, Mr. Taubman spent nearly 30 years at Morgan Stanley where he served in a series of increasingly senior positions including executive vice president and Co-President of Institutional Securities, with responsibility for all of the firm's investment banking, capital markets, and sales and trading businesses. Prior to becoming Co-President, Mr. Taubman was Morgan Stanley's Global Head of Investment Banking and Global Head of Mergers and Acquisitions. After retiring from Morgan Stanley in 2012, he served in an independent capacity to advise companies on a number of significant transactions before starting PJT Partners. Mr. Taubman serves in a leadership role on numerous philanthropic efforts including Board President of New York Cares, New York City's largest volunteer organization; Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Board Member of the Partnership for New York City; Advisory Council member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; National Advisory Board member of Youth, Inc.; and Trustee of the Foundation for Empowering Citizens with Autism. Mr. Taubman received a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Mr. Taubman's knowledge of and extensive experience in various senior leadership roles in investment banking and the financial services industry provide our Board of Directors valuable industry-specific knowledge and expertise. In

addition, Mr. Taubman's role as our Chief Executive

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Officer brings management perspective to board deliberations and provides valuable information about the status of our day-to-day operations.

*Emily K. Rafferty* is President Emerita of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was elected President of the Museum in 2005 and served in that role until her retirement in March 2015. She had been a member of the Museum's staff since 1976 serving in various roles in development, membership and external affairs until becoming President and Chief Administrative Officer in 2005, overseeing some 2,300 full- and part-time employees. Ms. Rafferty's global experience in some 50 countries on behalf of the Museum included interactions and negotiations with many senior world leaders. Ms. Rafferty served as a Board member of the New York Federal Reserve Bank from 2011 to 2017 (Chair, 2012 to 2016), and Senior Adviser for Heritage Protection and Conservation for UNESCO from 2015 to 2017. She continues to serve as Chair of NYC & Company (the city's tourism, marketing and partnering organization) and Board member of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. She consults for many organizations, including Russell Reynolds Associates in the firm's nonprofit practice and The Shed, a performing arts center under construction in Hudson Yards. She is a Board member of Carnegie Hall, a Board member of Koç Holding, Istanbul, a member of the Advisory Council of the American University of Beirut, a member of the Economic Club and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ms. Rafferty's operations and management experience, in addition to her understanding of monetary policy and regulation of financial institutions, provide valuable knowledge and insight to our Board of Directors.

## **Continuing Class II Directors Whose Terms Will Expire in 2020**

*Dennis S. Hersch* is President of N.A. Property, Inc., through which he has acted as a business advisor to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Wexner since February 2008. He was a Managing Director of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., an investment bank, from December 2005 through January 2008, where he served as the Global Chairman of its Mergers & Acquisitions Department. Mr. Hersch was a partner of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, a New York law firm, from 1978 until December 2005. Mr. Hersch has served as a director of L Brands, Inc. and a member of the Finance Committee since 2006, and was a director and Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee of Clearwire Corporation from November 2008 until June 2013.

Mr. Hersch's knowledge of and experience in investment banking and the financial services industry gives the Board of Directors valuable industry-specific knowledge and expertise on these and other matters. In addition, Mr. Hersch brings to our Board of Directors legal and financial expertise, as well as considerable experience with corporate governance matters, strategic issues and corporate transactions.

*Thomas M. Ryan* is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CVS Health Corporation, formerly known as CVS Caremark Corporation, a pharmacy healthcare provider. He served as Chairman from April 1999 to May 2011. He was Chief Executive Officer of CVS from May 1998 to February 2011 and also served as President from May 1998 to May 2010. Mr. Ryan serves on the board of Five Below, Inc., and is an Operating Partner of Advent International. Mr. Ryan was a director of Yum! Brands, Inc. from 2002 to 2017, Reebok International Ltd. from 1998 to 2005, Bank of America Corporation from 2004 to 2010 and Vantiv, Inc. from 2012 to 2015.

Mr. Ryan's extensive operations and management experience, including as chief executive officer of a global pharmacy healthcare business, as well as his expertise in finance, strategic planning and his public company directorship and committee experience positions him well to serve on our Board of Directors.





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**Continuing Class III Directors Whose Terms Will Expire in 2021**

*James Costos* served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain and Principality of Andorra from August 2013 to January 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Costos was Vice President of Global Licensing and Retail for Home Box Office ( HBO ) from 2007 to 2013. In this role, he was responsible for leading HBO s newly created global licensing, retail and marketing division, which he established to further expand HBO s domestic and international interest. He has also served as President and CEO of Eight Cylinders, Head of Promotions and Consumer Products at Revolution Studios and held senior roles for more than a decade at Hermès of Paris and Tod s S.p.A. Mr. Costos previously served on the board of directors of the Humane Society of the United States, the country s largest animal protection organization. He is also a passionate supporter of several cultural and humanitarian organizations, including the Santa Monica Museum of Art and the Human Rights Campaign. Mr. Costos earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts.

Mr. Costos s international marketing, operations, technology and executive leadership experience positions him well to serve on our Board of Directors, and his strong international experience brings a geographically diverse perspective to oversight of our multi-national business operations.

*Kenneth C. Whitney* has managed a private family investment office since April 2013, focused on start-up businesses and entertainment projects. Since his retirement from The Blackstone Group L.P. in April 2013 until September 2015, he was also a Senior Advisor to Blackstone. Mr. Whitney was previously a Senior Managing Director and Head of Blackstone s Investor Relations & Business Development Group from 1998 to April 2013. After joining Blackstone in 1988, Mr. Whitney focused his efforts in raising capital for Blackstone s private investment funds and the establishment of Blackstone affiliates in the alternative investment area. Mr. Whitney began his career at Coopers & Lybrand in 1980, where he spent time in the firm s accounting and audit areas as well as in the tax and mergers and acquisitions areas. Mr. Whitney is a Tony Award-winning producer, and currently sits on the Board of Trustees for The First Tee and the University of Delaware, where he received a B.S. in Accounting.

Mr. Whitney s knowledge of and experience in the private equity and financial services industry, as well as his extensive financial, accounting, operations and management experience, provide unique insights on our business and add industry-specific expertise and knowledge to our Board of Directors.

**Qualifications of the Nominees and Directors**

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing the qualifications of potential director candidates and recommending to the Board of Directors those candidates to be nominated for election to the board. When considering director candidates, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will seek individuals with backgrounds and qualities that, when combined with those of the company s incumbent directors, provide a blend of skills and experience to further enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors. More specifically, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee considers (a) individual qualifications, including relevant career experience, strength of character, mature judgment, familiarity with the company s business and industry, independence of thought and an ability to work collegially and (b) all other factors it considers appropriate, which may include age, diversity of background, existing commitments to other businesses, potential conflicts of interest with other pursuits, legal considerations, corporate governance background, financial and accounting background, executive compensation background and the size, composition and combined expertise of the existing Board of

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Directors. The Board of Directors monitors the mix of specific experience, qualifications and skills of its directors in order to assure that the Board of Directors, as a whole, has the necessary tools to perform its oversight function effectively in light of the company's business and structure. Although we have no formal policy regarding board diversity, the Board of Directors believes that diversity is an important component of a board, which includes such factors as background, skills, experience, expertise, gender, race and culture. Further, the Board of Directors does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability or sexual preference in selecting director candidates.

When vacancies on the Board of Directors exist or are expected, or a need for a particular expertise has been identified, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee may seek recommendations for director candidates from current directors and management and may also engage a search firm to assist in identifying director candidates. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will also consider properly submitted stockholder recommendations for director candidates under the same procedure used for considering director candidates recommended by current directors and management. Stockholder recommendations for director candidates should include the candidate's name and specific qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors, and the recommending stockholder should also submit evidence of such stockholder's ownership of shares of our common stock, including the number of shares owned and the length of time of such ownership. Recommendations should be addressed to the Corporate Secretary. In addition, any stockholder who wishes to submit director nominations must satisfy the notification, timeliness, consent and information requirements set forth in our Amended and Restated Bylaws. See "Stockholder Proposals and Nominations for 2020 Annual Meeting."

## **Board Evaluation**

The Board of Directors conducts a self-evaluation at least annually to determine whether it and its committees are functioning effectively. Each committee of the Board of Directors also conducts a self-evaluation at least annually and reports the results to the Board of Directors, acting through the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

Under the guidance of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, the Board reviews the structure of our Board of Directors and its committees and, as part of that process, considers, among other things, issues of structure, leadership and oversight needs and skills to guide the company in executing its long-term strategic objectives. Further, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee periodically considers the mix of skills and experience that directors bring to the Board of Directors to assess whether the Board has the necessary tools to perform its oversight function effectively.

## **Board of Directors Recommendation**

The proxies solicited hereby, unless directed to the contrary therein, will be voted **FOR** the two Class I nominees named in this Proxy Statement. Such nominees are currently directors of our company. The nominees have consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or unable to serve as a director, but if for any reason any nominee should not be available or able to serve, the shares represented by all valid proxies will be voted by the person or persons acting under said proxy in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Set forth below are biographical summaries of our executive officers as of February 25, 2019, other than Mr. Taubman, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, whose biographical summary is set forth above in Proposal 1 Election of Directors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Ji-Yeun Lee	52	Managing Partner
Helen T. Meates	57	Chief Financial Officer
James W. Cuminale	65	General Counsel

*Ji-Yeun Lee* is our Managing Partner. Prior to joining PJT Partners in early 2014 as one of the founding partners, Ms. Lee was Managing Director and Deputy Head of Global Investment Banking at Morgan Stanley. She joined Morgan Stanley in 1988 and spent most of her career in Mergers & Acquisitions, including six years in the firm's London office, advising clients on a broad range of transactions across industries and geographies. Ms. Lee was appointed the Deputy Head of Global Investment Banking in 2007 and joined Morgan Stanley's Management Committee in 2011. Ms. Lee also serves on the Board of Directors of Good Shepherd Services. She received a B.A. from Amherst College.

*Helen T. Meates* is our Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining PJT Partners in January 2015, Ms. Meates worked at Morgan Stanley for twenty-two years, most recently serving as a Managing Director. Ms. Meates spent the majority of her career at Morgan Stanley in Global Capital Markets, including nine years in Leveraged Finance. In 2011 she was appointed as Deputy Head of Global Capital Markets and Co-Chair of the firm's Capital Commitment Committee. In November 2013 she assumed the role of Global Chief Operating Officer for the Research Division and was appointed to the Institutional Securities Operating Committee. Ms. Meates also served on the firm's Institutional Securities Risk Committee, Microfinance Advisory Board and Diversity Committee. Ms. Meates serves on the boards of the SMA Foundation and the Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival. She received a law degree (LL.B.) from Canterbury University in New Zealand and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School.

*James W. Cuminale* is our General Counsel. Prior to joining PJT Partners in July 2015, Mr. Cuminale was Chief Legal Officer at Nielsen Holdings N.V. from November 2006 to June 2015. Previously, Mr. Cuminale served for over ten years as the Executive Vice President - Corporate Development, General Counsel and Secretary of PanAmSat Corporation and PanAmSat Holding Corporation. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Trinity College and the Board of Advisors at Vanderbilt University Law School. Mr. Cuminale received a B.A. from Trinity College and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Each of our executive officers serves at the discretion of our Board of Directors without specified terms of office.

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

This section of our Proxy Statement contains information about a variety of our corporate governance policies and practices. We have structured our corporate governance in a manner we believe closely aligns our interests with those of our stockholders. You are encouraged to visit our website at [www.pjtpartners.com](http://www.pjtpartners.com) to view or to obtain copies of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, committee charters and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. You may also obtain, free of charge, a copy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, committee charters and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by directing your request in writing to our Corporate Secretary. Additional information relating to the corporate governance of our company is also set forth below and included in other sections of this Proxy Statement.

**Corporate Governance Guidelines**

Our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that address the following key corporate governance subjects, among others: director qualification standards; director responsibilities; director access to management and, as necessary and appropriate, independent advisors; director compensation; director orientation and continuing education; management succession; and an annual performance evaluation of the Board of Directors.

**Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers and employees that addresses these important topics, among others: conflicts of interest; corporate opportunities; confidentiality of information; fair dealing; protection and proper use of our assets; compliance with laws, rules and regulations (including insider trading laws); and encouraging the reporting of any illegal or unethical behavior.

Any waiver of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors or officers may be made only by our Board of Directors or one of its committees. We intend to disclose on our website any amendment to, or waiver of, any provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to our directors and executive officers that would otherwise be required to be disclosed under the rules of the SEC or the NYSE.

**Stockholder Engagement**

As part of our 2018-2019 stockholder engagement program, we contacted a number of our largest stockholders to offer meetings focused on a range of governance-related topics, including our Board of Directors, governance and executive compensation practices. These meetings included participation by our Lead Independent Director, Chairman and CEO, and other members of our management team. This enhanced engagement program complements our normal course engagement that we have conducted with stockholders since our debut on the public markets and demonstrates our commitment to ensuring we maintain an open dialogue between our stockholders and our Board of Directors. In these conversations with stockholders we discussed topics including:

Our corporate history since our spin-off, our strategic priorities as we progress on our growth trajectory, and our continued focus on retaining and attracting talent;

The formation of our Board of Directors and the ongoing evaluation of its composition, with diversity and skills that align with our evolving business strategy;

How our corporate governance practices support our current business objectives and protect stockholders' interests, as well as our Board of Director's continued evaluation of our practices as we evolve;

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Our executive compensation program and the Compensation Committee's process for ensuring that executives are incentivized to create value for stockholders, and that performance and compensation are closely aligned; and

The role of the Board of Directors and management team in overseeing and managing our corporate culture and human capital management initiatives.

## **Director Independence**

*Background.* A majority of the directors serving on our Board of Directors must be independent as required by the listing standards of the NYSE and the rules promulgated by the SEC. The company defines an independent director in accordance with the corporate governance rules of the NYSE. Under the NYSE's corporate governance rules, no director qualifies as independent unless our Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with us, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. Further, directors who have relationships covered by one of five bright-line independence tests established by the NYSE may not be found to be independent.

Audit Committee members are subject to heightened independence requirements under NYSE rules and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. NYSE rules require that in affirmatively determining the independence of any director who will serve on the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors must consider all factors specifically relevant to determining whether a director has a relationship to the company that is material to that director's ability to be independent from management in connection with the duties of a member of the Compensation Committee.

*Independence determinations made by our Board of Directors.* Our Board of Directors has determined, based upon its review of all relevant facts and circumstances and after considering all applicable relationships of which our Board of Directors had knowledge between or among the directors and the company or our management, that each of our directors, other than Paul J. Taubman, has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards, the applicable SEC rules and our director independence standards. Further, our Board of Directors has determined that the members of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee are also independent under the applicable NYSE and SEC rules mentioned above. No director participated in the final determination of his or her own independence.

## **Board of Directors Leadership Structure and Lead Director**

Our Board of Directors understands there is no single, generally accepted approach to providing board leadership and that given the dynamic and competitive environment in which we operate, the appropriate leadership may vary as circumstances warrant. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that Mr. Taubman, to the extent that he serves as our Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors, will serve as Chairman of our Board of Directors. Further, our Board of Directors currently believes it is in our company's best interests to have Mr. Taubman serve as Chairman of our Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. Our Board of Directors believes combining these roles promotes effective leadership and provides the clear focus needed to execute our business strategies and objectives.

Our Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Hersch as its lead independent director. Mr. Hersch helps coordinate the efforts of the independent and non-management directors in the interest of ensuring that objective judgment is brought to bear on sensitive issues involving the





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management of the company and, in particular, the performance of senior management. As lead independent director, Mr. Hersch has the following authority:

Preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman is not present, including any executive sessions of the independent directors or the non-management directors;

Provide leadership and serve as temporary Chairman in the event of the inability of the Chairman to fulfill his role due to crisis or other event or circumstance which would make leadership by existing management inappropriate or ineffective, in which case Mr. Hersch shall have the authority to convene meetings of the full Board of Directors or management;

Assist in scheduling Board of Director meetings and approve meeting schedules to ensure that there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items;

Collaborate with the Chief Executive Officer in determining the need for special meetings of the Board of Directors;

Collaborate with the Chief Executive Officer on Board of Director meeting agendas and approve such agendas; assist in preparation and request the inclusion of certain materials for Board of Director meetings;

Approve of all information sent to the Board of Directors;

Communicate to the Chief Executive Officer, together with the Chairman of the Compensation Committee, the results of the Board of Directors' evaluation of Chief Executive Officer performance;

Be available for consultation and direct communication if requested by major stockholders;

Act as the liaison between the independent or non-management directors and the Chairman, as appropriate;

Call meetings of the independent or non-management directors when necessary and appropriate; and

Provide leadership, in conjunction with the Chairman, in the Board of Director evaluation process.

Our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee discusses the appropriate leadership structure of our Board of Directors to ensure that the current leadership structure effectively supports the business needs and circumstances of

the company as they continue to evolve. At this time, we believe that a combined CEO and Chairman role is optimal for the company.

### **Management Succession Planning**

Our Board of Directors periodically reviews a management succession plan that includes, among other things, an assessment of the experience, performance and skills for possible successors to our Chairman and CEO.

### **Executive Sessions**

Executive sessions of non-management directors are held after each regularly scheduled board meeting. During 2018, the non-management directors held four executive sessions. Non-management directors include all directors who are not our officers, and all non-management

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directors have been determined by the Board of Directors to be independent. Currently, Mr. Taubman is the only officer serving on our Board of Directors.

### **Board of Directors Role in Risk Oversight**

While risk management is primarily the responsibility of our senior management team, our Board of Directors plays an active role in overseeing management of the company's risks. The committees of our Board of Directors assist the full board in risk oversight by addressing specific matters within the purview of each committee. The Audit Committee focuses on oversight of financial risks relating to the company, the Compensation Committee focuses primarily on risks relating to executive compensation plans and arrangements and the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee focuses on corporate governance risks relating to the company. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the full Board of Directors keeps itself regularly informed regarding such risks through management and committee reports and otherwise. Further, the Board of Directors routinely meets with our Chief Technology Officer to assess cybersecurity risks and to evaluate the status of our cybersecurity efforts, which include a broad range of tools and training initiatives that work together to protect the data and systems used in our business.

The company's management team reports to our Board of Directors the significant risks we face, highlighting any new risks that may have arisen since they last met. In addition, members of our Board of Directors have the opportunity to routinely meet with members of senior management, as appropriate, in connection with their consideration of matters submitted for the approval of our Board of Directors and the risks associated with such matters.

Further, we maintain a Disclosure Committee that meets at least quarterly. The purpose of our Disclosure Committee is to bring together representatives from our core business lines and employees involved in the preparation of our financial statements so that the group can discuss any issues or matters of which the members are aware that should be considered for disclosure in our public SEC filings. Results of the Disclosure Committee's meetings and determinations are communicated quarterly to the Audit Committee.

### **Board Committees**

Our Board of Directors has three standing committees: an Audit Committee; a Compensation Committee; and a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. The current charters for each of these committees are available on our corporate website at [www.pjtpartners.com](http://www.pjtpartners.com) under the Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Governance Documents section. Further, we will provide a copy of these charters without charge to any stockholder upon written request. Requests for copies should be addressed to our Corporate Secretary. From time to time, our Board of Directors also may create additional committees for such purposes as our Board of Directors may determine. We believe that the functioning of each of the committees of our Board of Directors complies with the applicable requirements of the NYSE and SEC rules and regulations.

*Audit Committee.* We have a standing Audit Committee, consisting of Kenneth C. Whitney (Chair), Dennis S. Hersch and Emily K. Rafferty, each of whom is independent and financially literate as such terms are defined by the applicable rules of the SEC and/or NYSE. Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hersch and Ms. Rafferty possess accounting or related financial management expertise within the meaning of the NYSE listing standards and that each of Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hersch and Ms. Rafferty qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined under the applicable SEC rules.



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The Audit Committee assists our Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility relating to the oversight of: (1) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, (2) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, and (4) the performance of our internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm. Additional information regarding the functions performed by our Audit Committee is set forth in the Report of the Audit Committee included in this Proxy Statement.

*Compensation Committee.* We have a standing Compensation Committee, consisting of Thomas M. Ryan (Chair) and Dennis S. Hersch, each of whom is independent as defined by the applicable rules of the NYSE and is a non-employee director as defined by the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. The Compensation Committee discharges the responsibilities of our Board of Directors relating to the oversight of our compensation programs and compensation of our executives. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee can delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee has the authority under its charter to retain outside consultants or advisors, as it deems necessary or advisable. In accordance with this authority, the Compensation Committee has retained Willis Towers Watson & Co. as its independent outside compensation consultant primarily to assist in analyzing the competitiveness of its executive compensation as well as to provide expertise and advice on various matters brought before the Compensation Committee. On February 26, 2019, the Compensation Committee considered the independence of Willis Towers Watson and determined that its work did not raise any conflict of interest.

*Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.* We have a standing Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, consisting of Emily K. Rafferty (Chair), James Costos and Thomas M. Ryan. Each of Ms. Rafferty and Messrs. Costos and Ryan is independent as such term is defined by the applicable rules of the NYSE. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee assists our Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility relating to corporate governance by: (1) identifying individuals qualified to become directors and recommending that our Board of Directors select the candidates for all directorships to be filled by our Board of Directors or by our stockholders; (2) overseeing the evaluation of the Board of Directors; (3) developing and recommending the content of our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to our Board of Directors; and (4) otherwise taking a leadership role in shaping our corporate governance.

## **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

No member of our Compensation Committee is a current or former officer or employee of the company or any of its subsidiaries. None of our executive officers serves as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any company that has one or more of its executive officers serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

## **Board and Committee Meetings; Annual Meeting Attendance**

During 2018, our Board of Directors held six meetings, our Audit Committee held five meetings, our Compensation Committee held six meetings and our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee held two meetings. During such time, each director attended at least 75% of each of the meetings of the Board of Directors and committees on which he or she served during the period for which he or she was a director or committee member, respectively. The independent directors of the company regularly meet in executive session without management. Under the



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Corporate Governance Guidelines adopted by our Board of Directors, Dennis S. Hersch, our lead independent director, presides at such executive sessions.

Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors are expected to attend our annual meetings of stockholders. All of our directors attended our 2018 annual meeting, either in person or by telephone.

**Communications with the Board of Directors**

Anyone who would like to communicate with, or otherwise make his or her concerns known directly to any then-serving lead independent director, to the chairperson of any of the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees, or to the non-management or independent directors as a group, may do so by addressing such communications or concerns to our General Counsel at PJT Partners Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, who will forward such communications to the appropriate party. Such communications may be done confidentially or anonymously.

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**COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS**

Members of our Board of Directors who are members of management receive no additional compensation for their services as directors. For the annual service period from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018, each non-management director received an annual base retainer in the amount of \$125,000 in the form of cash, restricted stock units or a combination thereof as determined by such director.

On February 22, 2018, the Compensation Committee modified the compensation for our non-management directors such that, from the annual service period from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019, each non-management director received an annual base retainer in the amount of \$175,000, with a minimum of 50% (and, if selected by the non-management director, up to 100%) of such annual retainer delivered in the form of restricted stock units.

Subject to continued service, restricted stock units granted pursuant to a director's election vest quarterly in substantially equal installments over the subject year of service, with vesting accelerated upon death, disability or a change in control of the company. Vested restricted stock units will be settled on the earliest of the termination of service of such director, the fifth anniversary of the grant date and a change in control of the company, and will be settled in either shares of the company's Class A common stock or cash (or a combination thereof) at the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

Each new non-management director also receives a one-time grant of restricted stock units in an amount having a value of \$100,000. Subject to continued service, the one-time restricted stock unit grant vests in substantially equal installments annually over four years, with vesting accelerated upon death, disability or a change in control of the company. Upon vesting, the one-time restricted stock unit grant will be settled on the earliest of the termination of service of the director, the fourth anniversary of the grant date and a change in control of the company, and will be settled in either shares of the company's Class A common stock or cash (or a combination thereof) at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. We also reimburse each of our non-management directors for his or her travel expenses incurred in connection with his or her attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees.

The Omnibus Incentive Plan limits the amount of compensation that may be awarded to the non-management members of our Board of Directors (including both equity awards and any cash fees paid to the non-management members of our Board of Directors, but excluding expense reimbursement) in any fiscal year to \$750,000 in total value. Further, our Compensation Committee has engaged Willis Towers Watson & Co., an outside independent compensation consultant, to provide guidance with respect to compensation paid to our non-management members of our Board of Directors.

**Minimum Equity Ownership Guidelines**

Our Compensation Committee in February 2018 adopted minimum equity ownership guidelines that require our independent directors to maintain equity ownership in the company (including Partnership Units, LTIP Units or restricted stock units) having a market value equal to or greater than three times the \$175,000 annual base retainer. Each independent director must achieve the minimum equity investment within five years from the later of the adoption of the guidelines (for directors in place at that time of the adoption of the guidelines) and the date of such director's election to our Board of Directors (for subsequently appointed directors) to attain compliance with the stock ownership requirements.



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The 2018 compensation of the non-management directors is set forth in the table below:

	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash</b>	<b>Stock Awards<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
James Costos	77,604	131,272	208,876
Dennis S. Hersch	51,042	87,515	138,557
Emily K. Rafferty	103,125	87,515	190,640
Thomas M. Ryan		175,029	175,029
Kenneth C. Whitney	103,125	87,515	190,640

(1) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted in fiscal year 2018 in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation (ASC Topic 718). A discussion of the assumptions used in calculating these values can be found in Note 11 to our 2018 audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Mr. Ryan elected to receive his annual retainer for the service period from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 entirely in restricted stock units, Mr. Costos elected to receive 75% of his annual retainer for the service period from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 in restricted stock units, and each of Mr. Hersch, Ms. Rafferty and Mr. Whitney elected to receive 50% of their annual retainer for the service period from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 in restricted stock units. On June 1, 2018, Mr. Ryan was awarded 3,176 restricted stock units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718 of \$175,029, or \$55.11 per share underlying each restricted stock unit, Mr. Costos was awarded 2,382 restricted stock units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718 of \$131,272, or \$55.11 per share underlying each restricted stock unit, and each of Mr. Hersch, Ms. Rafferty and Mr. Whitney were awarded 1,588 restricted stock units with a grant date fair value computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718 of \$87,515, or \$55.11 per share underlying each restricted stock unit. Subject to continued service as a director, 25% of each of these restricted stock unit grants generally will vest on each of on each of August 31, 2018, November 30, 2018, February 28, 2019 and May 31, 2019. The shares of Class A common stock underlying such vested restricted stock units will be delivered on the earliest of (i) the termination of the director's services, (ii) June 1, 2023, and (iii) a change in control of the company.

As of December 31, 2018, each of Mr. Costos, Mr. Hersch, Ms. Rafferty, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Whitney owned 3,554, 2,082, 2,048, 2,836 and 2,048 unvested restricted stock units, respectively. These amounts include restricted stock units credited as dividend equivalents on the underlying restricted stock units held by Mr. Costos, Mr. Hersch, Ms. Rafferty, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Hersch in connection with dividends paid by the company to holders of its Class A common stock. Credited dividend equivalents are subject to the same terms and conditions as the underlying restricted stock units.

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**COMPENSATION OF OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This section of our Proxy Statement discusses the principles underlying our executive compensation policies and decisions. In addition, this section provides qualitative information about the manner and context in which compensation is awarded to, and earned by, our Named Executive Officers, and places in context the data presented in the tables and narrative that follow.

Throughout this Proxy Statement, our Named Executive Officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 are as follows: Paul J. Taubman, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Ji-Yeun Lee, our Managing Partner; Helen T. Meates, our Chief Financial Officer; and James W. Cuminale, our General Counsel (our Named Executive Officers).

**2018 Compensation Highlights**

PJT Partners Holdings entered into a partner agreement with Mr. Taubman effective October 1, 2015 that provided for an annual base salary of \$1,000,000 through October 1, 2018, the third anniversary of the closing of the merger and spin-off transactions. During this time period, Mr. Taubman received no additional incentive compensation.

In 2018, at Mr. Taubman's request, the Compensation Committee agreed to extend this compensation framework once more such that Mr. Taubman will receive an annual base salary of \$1,000,000 through October 1, 2021, with no expectation of additional incentive compensation during this time period. The Compensation Committee additionally granted Mr. Taubman 60,000 LTIP Units with a three year vesting term (subject to continuous employment), which reflects the time period covering the extension of the compensation arrangement. While the totality of this annual compensation framework is not reflective of Mr. Taubman's contribution to, and leadership of, the firm, we believe that the additional grant represents a partial offset and further promotes alignment with stockholders.

Total awarded compensation for Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale was flat for 2018 performance year compared to 2017 performance year.

A significant portion of the total compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers was delivered as long-term incentive equity awards that vest over three years.

Our compensation structures are designed to encourage a focus on sustainable franchise growth and collaboration, and do not include individual revenue pay-outs.

Long-term incentive compensation is subject to clawback provisions that can be applied in appropriate circumstances.

The Compensation Committee, which is comprised solely of independent directors, engages an independent compensation consultant.

The independent compensation consultant performs a compensation benchmarking analysis using available data to ensure that our compensation programs are competitive with those of other independent investment banks.

On our 2018 non-binding, advisory stockholder vote on executive compensation, or say on pay, our stockholders overwhelmingly approved our executive compensation program with approximately 97% of voted shares cast in favor of the say on pay proposal. We believe these results

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inherently reflect strong stockholder support for our pay-for-performance linkage and our compensation structure that facilitates it, and therefore underscore the endorsement by our stockholders of the alignment between our executive compensation and performance.

### **Compensation Philosophy**

Our executive compensation program considers firm-wide financial measures to ensure alignment with stockholders and a cohesive working environment among senior executives, in addition to goals targeted to each of the Named Executive Officers.

To ensure that we are able to attract and retain executives and other professionals that will contribute to the long-term success of PJT Partners, our compensation program for the firm aims to be market-competitive versus our peers (in both quantum and structure).

In order to meet these objectives, our compensation program includes:

annual incentive compensation that places a strong emphasis on financial performance, with the flexibility to assess company and individual performance;

an appropriate link between compensation and the creation of stockholder value through equity awards;

a focus on sustainable franchise growth and collaboration, and therefore does not include individual revenue pay-outs;

long-term incentives that do not promote excessive risk-taking; and

a benchmarking analysis to help us understand compensation practices of our competitors.

### **Roles of our Compensation Committee, Compensation Consultant and Management**

#### *Compensation Committee*

Our Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of independent directors. Our Compensation Committee has overall responsibility for monitoring the performance of our Named Executive Officers and evaluating and approving our executive compensation plans, policies and programs. In addition, our Compensation Committee oversees the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

With respect to the compensation paid to Mr. Taubman, our Compensation Committee reviews and approves all components of Mr. Taubman's compensation and ensures that compensation aligns with the company's strategic plan. Through October 1, 2018, Mr. Taubman was paid in accordance with his Partner Agreement (see Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table Partner Agreements Partner

Agreements with Paul J. Taubman ). On September 24, 2018, at Mr. Taubman s request, the Compensation Committee agreed to extend Mr. Taubman s annual base salary of \$1,000,000 through October 1, 2021, with no expectation of additional incentive compensation during this time period. The Compensation Committee further awarded Mr. Taubman a grant of 60,000 LTIP Units. These LTIP Units vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment. Mr. Taubman has not received any compensation in excess of his base salary and the aforementioned LTIP Units since our spin-off in 2015, and we do not currently anticipate paying Mr. Taubman any incentive compensation through October 1, 2021.

With respect to the other Named Executive Officers, our Compensation Committee seeks input from our Chief Executive Officer, reviews and approves all components of our other Named

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Executive Officers' compensation and ensures that compensation aligns with the company's strategic plan.

### *Compensation Consultant*

Our Compensation Committee has engaged Willis Towers Watson & Co., an outside compensation consultant, to provide guidance with respect to the development and implementation of our compensation programs. Willis Towers Watson provides our Compensation Committee with advice concerning the types and levels of compensation to be paid to our Named Executive Officers. Willis Towers Watson provides the committee with peer executive and non-employee director compensation data, as well as expertise and advice on various matters brought before the committee. The Compensation Committee utilizes Willis Towers Watson's advice and insights to inform the eventual decision making process.

The Compensation Committee has sole authority to retain and terminate the independent compensation consultant and approve fees and other engagement terms. Our Compensation Committee requires that its consultant be independent of company management. Our Compensation Committee performs an annual assessment of the consultant's independence to determine whether the consultant is independent and free of any conflicts of interest. Our Compensation Committee most recently assessed Willis Towers Watson's independence on February 26, 2019 and confirmed that Willis Towers Watson is independent.

### *Management*

Our Chief Executive Officer attends Compensation Committee meetings, provides information as to the individual performance of the other Named Executive Officers and makes annual recommendations to our Compensation Committee of appropriate compensation levels. He also develops annual performance goals focused on the company's tactical and strategic objectives against which our Named Executive Officers will generally be measured. Our Chief Executive Officer and our Head of Human Resources present an evaluation against those objectives to the Compensation Committee as part of the annual compensation process. The broader population compensation pool funding and structure is assessed considering the company's tactical and strategic objectives as well as the performance of each business and is presented by our Chief Executive Officer and our Head of Human Resources to the Compensation Committee for approval. All components of our Named Executive Officers' compensation must be approved by our Compensation Committee in its sole discretion.

### **Benchmarking Process**

In developing our compensation programs, our Compensation Committee commissions a compensation benchmarking analysis to ensure that our programs are competitive with those of other independent investment banks, including consideration of the cost of equivalent talent in the markets in which we operate. Our Compensation Committee reviews our Named Executive Officer compensation in relation to other financial institutions, working with Willis Towers Watson, who provides market data and practices for consideration, as well as executive compensation trends and developments. The available data reviewed included that of independent investment banks as well as relevant roles at bulge bracket firms occupied by similarly experienced talent. The public competitors considered within the independent investment bank benchmarking data included Cowen Inc., Evercore Inc., Greenhill & Co., Inc., Houlihan Lokey, Inc., Lazard Ltd, and Moelis & Company. The members of our peer group are reviewed each year to determine relevance of the peer set while taking into consideration data availability. Given the scarcity of directly comparable peers, the Compensation Committee, with the assistance of Willis Towers Watson, selected the foregoing peers



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based on their being publicly traded companies in the financial services and investment banking industries, with similarity in size and scope of their operations.

For purposes of determining our overall level of executive compensation (*i.e.*, base salary and annual incentive compensation), our Compensation Committee generally reviews compensation in light of peer group anticipated median compensation levels, but does not limit target setting to a particular peer group percentile mechanically.

Our Compensation Committee also takes into account other factors, including the executive's role and experience, as compared to our peers' executives. Ultimately, our Compensation Committee believes that appropriate compensation for a particular executive should be made based on the full review of company and individual performance, while also considering market data.

Overall, as set forth below in *Elements of Our Compensation Program*, Willis Towers Watson determined that our executive compensation programs, as structured, are appropriately competitive relative to our peers.

### **Elements of Our Compensation Program**

Compensation provided to our Named Executive Officers consists of base salary, annual incentive compensation, which includes cash bonus and long-term incentive awards granted in the form of restricted stock units, and other perquisites and benefits, each of which is described in more detail below.

#### *Base Salary*

The base salary payable to each Named Executive Officer provides a fixed component of compensation that reflects the executive's position and responsibilities. Base salaries are reviewed annually by our Compensation Committee and may be adjusted to better match competitive market levels or to recognize an executive's professional growth, development, and increased responsibility.

*2018 Base Salaries.* We provided an annual base salary of \$1,000,000, \$1,000,000, \$500,000 and \$500,000 to each of Mr. Taubman, Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale, respectively. The amount of the base salary for the Named Executive Officers is set in accordance with the terms of their respective partner agreements with us, and may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with those agreements. These base salaries have not been adjusted since October 1, 2015 for Mr. Taubman, January 1, 2016 for Ms. Lee, October 1, 2015 for Ms. Meates and January 1, 2017 for Mr. Cuminale.

#### *Annual Incentive Compensation*

Named Executive Officers are eligible to receive discretionary compensation on an annual basis to incentivize the achievement of key short- and long-term corporate strategic goals and to motivate certain desired individual behaviors. We do not set specific quantitative performance targets upon which the annual incentive compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers would become payable. Instead, the annual incentive compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers is determined based on a performance evaluation conducted by our Compensation Committee with the assistance of Mr. Taubman (other than with respect to compensation to be paid to Mr. Taubman) and our Head of Human Resources. A portion of the annual incentive compensation is paid in cash and a portion is paid in the form of long-term incentive awards granted in the form of restricted stock units.

The evaluation with respect to the annual incentive compensation paid to Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale for the 2018 performance year involved an analysis of both (i) our overall company performance and (ii) the performance



of the individual officer and his or her

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contributions to the company, including consideration of role-specific goals previously agreed to by the Compensation Committee.

*Overall company performance:* The Compensation Committee's executive compensation decisions consider firm-wide financial performance as a collective measure to ensure alignment with stockholders and to foster a cohesive working environment among senior executives. With respect to overall company performance, the factors considered for our Named Executive Officers were: operating revenue growth; adjusted pre-tax income; adjusted net income per share; and share price performance, in each case taking into consideration performance versus the independent investment bank peers discussed above.

*Performance of the individual Named Executive Officer:* Individual, role-specific performance goals have been identified as goals where the Named Executive Officer is most able to influence the relevant outcome, acknowledging they may not be solely responsible for such outcomes and that success against these goals is also the collective responsibility of the executive team and broader firm management.

*Ji-Yeun Lee:* With respect to individual performance, the factors considered for Ms. Lee were her leadership and executive management role with our company, including: strong leadership of the corporate functions; identifying opportunities for efficiency and collaboration that drive cross-firm revenue generating opportunities; attraction and retention of top talent; taking a lead role in business selection; effectively managing conflict resolution and fee discipline, with a particular emphasis on developing the quality of business in our Strategic Advisory business; overseeing senior management focus and accountability on enterprise risk; and playing a lead role in the CamberView Partners acquisition.

*Helen T. Meates:* With respect to Ms. Meates, factors considered included: Ms. Meates's leadership and oversight of our global finance function, including building and maintaining relationships with our investors, clients, equity research community, auditors and regulators; further developing the appropriate Financial Planning & Analysis models to enhance forecasting across the company; and providing the necessary tools and analytics to facilitate effective guardianship of our non-compensation costs.

*James W. Cuminale:* With respect to Mr. Cuminale, factors considered included: Mr. Cuminale's leadership and oversight of our global legal and compliance functions; effectively managing the firm's risk exposure to any potential litigation and regulatory matters; effectively developing the firm's compliance culture; and advising our bankers with appropriate legal and regulatory advice from a deal perspective.

*Cash Bonus.* The portion of each Named Executive Officer's 2018 annual incentive compensation paid in cash was as follows: Ms. Lee \$2,037,500; Ms. Meates \$1,312,500; and Mr. Cuminale \$1,175,000. This cash bonus is subject to pro rata repayment in the event the Named Executive Officer's services are terminated by the company for Cause (as defined below) or the Named Executive Officer resigns his or her services to the company for any reason other than Good Reason (as defined below) within the next two to three years. Mr. Taubman has not received any cash compensation in excess of base salary with respect to performance years 2015 through 2018.

*Long-Term Incentive Awards.* The Compensation Committee believes that a substantial portion of each Named Executive Officer's annual incentive compensation should be in the form of long-term incentive awards in the form of either LTIP Units or restricted stock units. For performance

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year 2018, the percentage of the Named Executive Officer's total annual incentive compensation that was delivered as a long-term incentive in the form of either LTIP Units or restricted stock units was 42% for Ms. Lee, 34% for Ms. Meates and 33% for Mr. Cuminale. Further, 100% of Mr. Taubman's compensation other than base salary was delivered as a long-term incentive.

Long-term incentive awards encourage management to create stockholder value over the long term, because the value of the equity awards is directly attributable to the price of our Class A common stock over time. In addition, equity awards are an effective tool for management retention because full vesting of the awards generally requires continued employment for multiple years.

Long-term incentive awards for performance year 2018 were granted to Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale in the form of restricted stock units that will be satisfied by delivery of shares of our Class A common stock in equal annual installments over a three year vesting period. The portion of each of Ms. Lee's, Ms. Meates's and Mr. Cuminale's 2018 annual incentive compensation paid in the form of restricted stock units was as follows: Ms. Lee \$1,462,500; Ms. Meates \$687,500; and Mr. Cuminale \$575,000. As these restricted stock units are granted in 2019, pursuant to the rules of the SEC, the grant date fair value of these restricted stock unit awards will be reflected in the Stock Awards column in the Summary Compensation Table for 2019.

*LTIP Unit Grant to Mr. Taubman.* On September 24, 2018, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Taubman a long-term incentive award of 60,000 LTIP Units. These LTIP Units vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment.

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The following table is presented to show how our Compensation Committee viewed 2016 to 2018 annual compensation for our Named Executive Officers, and includes base salary as well as cash bonus and long-term incentive awards as part of annual incentive compensation. This table differs substantially from the Summary Compensation Table below and is not a substitute for that table. Unlike the Summary Compensation Table, which reflects the grant date fair value of long-term incentive awards granted during the applicable calendar year (whether or not such awards were granted with respect to the performance for such year), the following table reflects, with respect to Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale, the dollar amounts of the annual incentive compensation paid in the form of restricted stock units with respect to each applicable performance year (e.g., for 2018, the dollar amount of the restricted stock units that will actually be granted in 2019 with respect to 2018 performance). In addition, this table includes the grant value of that portion of the one-time grant of 60,000 LTIP Units awarded to Mr. Taubman in September 2018 for the period from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, as this award was intended by the Compensation Committee to serve as additional compensation for the three-year period from October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2021.

<b>Name and Principal Position</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Salary \$</b>	<b>Cash Bonus \$</b>	<b>Stock Awards<sup>(1)</sup> \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Paul J. Taubman <i>Chairman and CEO</i>	2018	1,000,000		266,500	1,266,500
	2017	1,000,000			1,000,000
	2016	1,000,000			1,000,000
Ji-Yeun Lee <i>Managing Partner</i>	2018	1,000,000	2,037,500	1,462,500	4,500,000
	2017	1,000,000	1,562,500	1,937,500	4,500,000
	2016	1,000,000	2,850,200	649,800	4,500,000
Helen T. Meates <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2018	500,000	1,312,500	687,500	2,500,000
	2017	500,000	1,037,500	962,500	2,500,000
	2016	500,000	1,694,538	305,462	2,500,000
James W. Cuminale <i>General Counsel</i>	2018	500,000	1,175,000	575,000	2,250,000
	2017	500,000	900,000	850,000	2,250,000
	2016	350,000	1,614,532	285,468	2,250,000

(1) The dollar amounts of the restricted stock units included in this column may differ from the grant date fair values of such awards as computed in accordance with GAAP and reported in the Summary Compensation Table.

***Retirement Arrangements***

We have a 401(k) savings plan for eligible employees, including our Named Executive Officers, and may, in our sole discretion, provide annual matching contributions to certain 401(k) plan participants. We currently do not offer matching contributions to our Named Executive Officers.

*Employee Benefits*

Eligible employees, including our Named Executive Officers, participate in broad-based and comprehensive employee benefit programs, including medical, dental, vision, life and disability

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insurance coverage. Our Named Executive Officers participate in these programs on the same basis as eligible employees generally, but the company does not pay for any portion of such employee benefits for partners, including our Named Executive Officers.

We make available to our partners, including our Named Executive Officers, financial planning services at a cost of \$15,000 annually per partner paid by the company. In 2018, Mr. Taubman, Ms. Lee and Ms. Meates took advantage of this service. On occasion, certain of our Named Executive Officers and their families may make use of aircraft procured by the company, and any such personal use is charged to the Named Executive Officer based on market rates and usage.

**Compensation Program Governance Features**

*Clawback Policy*

Pursuant to the terms of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, all awards are subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment to the extent necessary to comply with (i) any clawback, forfeiture or other similar policy adopted by our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee and as in effect from time to time, and (ii) applicable law. To the extent that a participant receives any amount in excess of the amount that the participant should otherwise have received under the terms of the award for any reason (including, without limitation, by reason of a financial restatement, mistake in calculations or other administrative error), the participant will be required to repay any such excess amount to the company.

Further, pursuant to the terms of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, to the extent a participant engages in (i) unauthorized disclosure of any confidential or proprietary information of the company; (ii) any activity that would be grounds to terminate the participant's employment for Cause (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan); or (iii) the breach of any noncompetition, nonsolicitation or other agreement containing restrictive covenants, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for one or both of the following: cancellation of any or all of such participant's outstanding awards, or forfeiture by the participant of any gain realized on the vesting or exercise of awards, and to repay any such gain promptly to the company.

We have also incorporated rigorous clawback provisions in the PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Bonus Deferral Plan (the Bonus Deferral Plan). Pursuant to the terms of the Bonus Deferral Plan, if at any time before an applicable restricted stock unit vesting date, the Compensation Committee determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that any of the following events has occurred, the company is authorized to cancel (and the employee would forfeit) an appropriate portion of the then unvested portion of the employee's award granted pursuant to the Bonus Deferral Plan and any rights to dividend equivalents thereon:

misconduct by the employee in taking actions, or failing to take actions, that result in, or reasonably could be expected to result in, material detriment to the company or its business activities, including without limitation financial or reputational harm to the company or its business activities;

fraud, material misrepresentation or other dishonest acts by the employee which resulted in a determination by the Compensation Committee of an amount of such employee's annual bonus that was greater than the amount the employee would have otherwise been entitled to but for such fraud, material misrepresentation or other dishonest act;

the employee's gross negligence in, or other impropriety related to (including any failure to monitor or discharge supervisory or managerial responsibilities), failing to timely and

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reasonably identify, raise or assess issues and/or concerns with respect to risks material to the company or its business activities; or

following the termination of the employee's employment, the company determines that such employee's employment could have been terminated by the company for cause.

Nothing contained in the Bonus Deferral Plan limits or restricts the company from seeking repayment of any vested portions of an award made pursuant to the Bonus Deferral Plan already distributed to an employee, pursuant to any applicable clawback requirements imposed under applicable laws, rules and regulations. Accordingly, the clawback provisions contained in the Bonus Deferral Plan shall (i) be in addition to the requirements of Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are applicable to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and (ii) otherwise be deemed automatically amended to include the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, as it may be amended from time to time, and any related rules or regulations promulgated by the SEC or the NYSE.

Our Compensation Committee intends to periodically review this clawback policy and, as appropriate, conform it to any applicable final rules adopted pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

*Hedging and Pledging of our Securities*

Our employees, including our Named Executive Officers, are prohibited from engaging in a transaction meant to hedge or minimize losses in our securities, including engaging in transactions in puts, calls or other derivatives on our securities, or short-selling our securities.

Our employees, including our Named Executive Officers, are prohibited from pledging our securities as collateral for a loan unless such pledging is approved by our General Counsel.

*Minimum Equity Ownership Guidelines for Executive Officers*

Our Compensation Committee in February 2018 adopted minimum equity ownership guidelines that require each Named Executive Officer to maintain equity ownership in the company (including Partnership Units, LTIP Units or restricted stock units) having a market value equal to or greater than a multiple of such Named Executive Officer's base salary (ten times base salary for the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and five times for the other Executive Officers). Each executive officer must achieve the minimum equity investment within five years from the later of the adoption of the guidelines (for Named Executive Officers in place at that time of the adoption of the guidelines) and the date of such Named Executive Officer's appointment (for subsequently appointed Named Executive Officers).

	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
<b>Named Executive Officer/Director</b>	<b>Requirement Multiple</b>	<b>Requirement Value</b>
Paul J. Taubman	10X Base Salary	\$10,000,000
Ji-Yeun Lee	5X Base Salary	\$5,000,000
Helen T. Meates	5X Base Salary	\$2,500,000
James W. Cuminale	5X Base Salary	\$2,500,000

Our Compensation Committee also adopted minimum equity ownership guidelines for our non-management directors. See Compensation of Directors Minimum Equity Ownership Guidelines above.





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*Vesting of Equity Awards*

Our practice is to grant equity awards to our Named Executive Officers that generally vest over a period of several years, with the vesting of the first tranche of any such equity award at least one year from the grant date.

*No Individual Revenue Pay-Outs*

We have a no individual revenue pay-outs philosophy as it relates to annual incentive compensation, and no contractual entitlement to severance. To provide further flexibility with respect to employment and compensation matters, we maintain a flexible termination practice with no contractual rights to continued employment (other than for a notice and garden leave period) and no contractual right to severance upon termination.

*Risk Considerations in our Compensation Programs*

Our Compensation Committee has discussed the concept of risk as it relates to our compensation programs with management and Willis Towers Watson, and our Compensation Committee does not believe the goals or the underlying philosophy of our compensation programs encourage excessive or inappropriate risk taking.

Our discretionary compensation program is designed to reflect the performance of our firm and the performance of the individual employee, and we believe its design discourages excessive risk taking. For example, paying a significant portion of discretionary compensation in the form of equity awards, all with multi-year vesting periods, encourages each of our senior professionals to be sensitive to long-term risk outcomes, as the value of their awards increase or decrease with the price of our Class A common stock. Our Named Executive Officers are prohibited from hedging their shares of our Class A common stock and from pledging such shares without pre-approval of our General Counsel. We believe these criteria will provide our employees additional incentives to prudently manage the range of risks inherent in our business. Based on this, we do not believe that our compensation policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

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The following Compensation Committee report to stockholders shall not, in accordance with the rules of the SEC, be incorporated by reference into any of our future filings made under the Exchange Act or under the Securities Act, and shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act.

Our Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on such review and discussions, our Compensation Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that our Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Submitted by our Compensation Committee:

Thomas M. Ryan, Chair

Dennis S. Hersch

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table summarizes the total compensation paid to or earned by each of our Named Executive Officers in respect of fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018 under the rules of the SEC.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup> \$	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup> \$	Other <sup>(3)</sup> \$	Total \$
Paul J. Taubman <i>Chairman and CEO</i>	2018	1,000,000		3,198,000	15,000	4,213,000
	2017	1,000,000				1,000,000
	2016	1,000,000				1,000,000
Ji-Yeun Lee <i>Managing Partner</i>	2018	1,000,000	2,037,500	1,977,836	15,000	5,030,336
	2017	1,000,000	1,562,500	649,800		3,212,300
	2016	1,000,000	2,850,200			3,850,200
Helen T. Meates <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2018	500,000	1,312,500	982,559	15,000	2,810,059
	2017	500,000	1,037,500	305,462		1,842,962
	2016	500,000	1,694,538			2,194,538
James W. Cuminale <i>General Counsel</i>	2018	500,000	1,175,000	867,723		2,542,723
	2017	500,000	900,000	285,468		1,685,468
	2016	350,000	1,614,532			1,964,532

- (1) 2018 amounts represent the cash component of the annual incentive compensation earned for 2018 performance and paid in the following year. This cash component is subject to pro rata repayment in the event the Named Executive Officer's services are terminated by the company for Cause (as defined below) or the Named Executive Officer resigns his or her services to the

company for any reason other than Good Reason (as defined below) within the next two to three years. The remainder of the 2018 performance year annual incentive compensation was paid in the form of restricted stock units, as discussed above in Elements of our Compensation Program Annual Incentive Compensation Long-Term Incentive Awards. As these restricted stock units are granted in 2019, pursuant to the rules of the SEC the bonus amounts reported for 2018 for Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale do not include their respective portion of the annual incentive compensation that was paid in restricted stock units. The amounts in the form of restricted stock units for performance year 2018 were as follows: Ms. Lee \$1,462,500, Ms. Meates \$687,500, and Mr. Cuminale \$575,000.

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- (2) The amounts included in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the equity awards computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. A discussion of the assumptions used in calculating these values can be found in Note 11 to our 2018 audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. For 2018, the value represents the grant of LTIP units on September 24, 2018 to Mr. Taubman that generally vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment, and the grant of restricted stock units on February 13, 2018 for the 2017 performance year for Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale that generally vest one-third ratably on each of March 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment.
- (3) We make available to our partners, including our Named Executive Officers, financial planning services at a cost of \$15,000 annually per partner paid by the company. In 2018, Mr. Taubman, Ms. Lee and Ms. Meates took advantage of this service.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2018**

The following table discloses the number of plan-based awards granted in 2018 to our Named Executive Officers and the grant date fair value of these awards.

Name	Grant Date	Action Date	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup> (#)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
Paul J. Taubman	9/24/18	9/24/18	60,000	3,198,000
Ji-Yeun Lee	2/13/18	1/8/18 <sup>(1)</sup>	41,525	1,977,836 <sup>(3)</sup>
Helen T. Meates	2/13/18	1/8/18 <sup>(1)</sup>	20,629	982,559 <sup>(3)</sup>
James W. Cuminale	2/13/18	1/8/18 <sup>(1)</sup>	18,218	867,723 <sup>(3)</sup>

- (1) Restricted stock unit awards awarded as long-term incentives are granted in the year following the fiscal year performance period. For instance, the restricted stock units granted to each of the Named Executive Officers for performance year 2018 are actually granted in 2019 and therefore, are not included in this table since they were not granted in 2018.

The Compensation Committee acted to award year-end equity based awards for the 2017 performance period at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 8, 2018, with the grants becoming effective on February 13, 2018.

- (2) Represents restricted stock units granted to each Named Executive Officer, other than Mr. Taubman, for 2017 performance. Any dividends paid by us on our Class A common stock will be accrued in additional restricted stock units on such restricted stock unit amounts and such additional dividend restricted stock units so credited shall be or become vested to the same extent as the restricted stock units that resulted in the crediting of such additional restricted stock units with respect to each vesting tranche of restricted stock units.

With respect to Mr. Taubman, on September 24, 2018, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Taubman a long-term incentive award of 60,000 LTIP Units. These LTIP Units vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment.

- (3) We used the average closing price of a share of our Class A common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to and the five trading days immediately following the date that we first publicly issued our earnings release for 2018 in order to determine the number of restricted stock units to be granted, with grants made effective on February 13, 2018, the final day of this window period. Since the grant date fair value of these restricted stock unit awards is computed in accordance with GAAP, the amounts reported generally differ from

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the dollar amount of the portion of the 2017 performance year long-term incentive award grant.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End**

The following table sets forth the outstanding equity awards held by our Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2018.

Name	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Stock Awards Equity Incentive Plan Awards:	
			Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(6)</sup> (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)
Paul J. Taubman	1,435,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	55,620,600	2,440,000	94,574,400
Ji-Yeun Lee	282,085 <sup>(2)</sup>	10,933,618	380,000	14,728,800
Helen T. Meates	76,774 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,975,758	40,000	1,550,400
James W. Cuminale	73,958 <sup>(4)</sup>	2,866,623	60,000	2,325,600

(1) This amount consists of (i) 1,375,000 Founder Units (as defined below) representing the final unvested tranche of the 2,750,000 units acquired by Mr. Taubman upon closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015, which vest on October 9, 2019 and (ii) 60,000 LTIP Units awarded to Mr. Taubman on September 24, 2018, which vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

(2) This amount consists of (i) 227,500 Founder Units representing the final unvested tranche of the 455,000 units acquired by Ms. Lee upon closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015, which vest on October 9, 2019, (ii) 12,768 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019 and 2020, (iii) 41,525 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and (iv) 292 unvested dividend equivalent restricted stock units.

(3) This amount consists of (i) 50,000 Founder Units representing the final unvested tranche of the 100,000 units acquired by Ms. Meates upon closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015, which vest on October 9, 2019, (ii) 6,002 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019 and 2020, (iii) 20,629 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and (iv) 143 unvested dividend equivalent restricted stock units.

(4) This amount consists of (i) 50,000 Founder Units representing the final unvested tranche of the 100,000 units acquired by Mr. Cuminale upon closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015, which

vest on October 9, 2019, (ii) 5,610 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019 and 2020, (iii) 18,218 restricted stock units that vest ratably on March 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and (iv) 130 unvested dividend equivalent restricted stock units.

- (5) Based on the closing price of our Class A common stock of \$38.76 on December 31, 2018.
- (6) Earn-Out Units (as defined below) acquired upon closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015 that are subject to both time and performance vesting. Earn-Out Units satisfy the time-vesting requirement over a five year period, with 20% vested on October 9, 2017, 30% vested on October 9, 2018, and 50% vesting on October 9, 2019. The performance vesting requirement will be satisfied upon the shares of Class A common stock achieving the applicable share price targets described below under Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option



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Exercises and Stock Vested Table Merger and Spin-off Transaction Equity Grants Founder Earn-Out Units. The number of Earn-Out Units reported reflects the total number of unvested units outstanding even though the performance period will not end until October 1, 2021. As vesting is contingent on meeting certain volume-weighted average share price targets, there is no assurance that the unvested portion of these units will be earned. See Partner Agreements Merger and Spin-Off Transaction Equity Grants for a description of the Earn-Out Units.

**2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding equity awards that vested in 2018 for our Named Executive Officers.

Name	Stock or Unit Awards	
	Number of Shares or Units Acquired on Vesting <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Value Realized on Vesting <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)
Paul J. Taubman	1,435,000	71,212,790
Ji-Yeun Lee	237,916	11,789,925
Helen T. Meates	43,015	2,115,112
James W. Cuminale	47,816	2,359,899

(1) Represents the aggregate number of Founder Units, Earn-Out Units, and solely with respect to Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale, restricted stock units that vested in 2018.

(2) The value realized on vesting of the equity awards is the product of (a) the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of a share of our Class A common stock on the vesting date (or, if the vesting date was not a trading day, the immediately preceding trading day), multiplied by (b) the number of equity awards vested.

**Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table***Partner Agreements**Partner Agreement with Paul J. Taubman*

PJT Partners Holdings entered into a partner agreement with Mr. Taubman (the CEO Agreement) effective October 1, 2015. The CEO Agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$1,000,000 through October 1, 2018, the third anniversary of the closing of the merger and spin-off transactions. Thereafter, Mr. Taubman's compensation will be determined by our Compensation Committee, subject to a minimum annual base salary of \$350,000. On September 24, 2018, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Taubman a long-term incentive award of 60,000 LTIP Units. These LTIP Units vest one-third ratably on each of October 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to continuous employment. Mr. Taubman has not received any cash compensation in excess of his base salary since our spin-off in 2015, and we do not currently anticipate paying Mr. Taubman any incentive compensation through October 1, 2021.

Mr. Taubman is generally subject to covenants of non-competition and non-solicitation of employees, consultants, clients and investors during his service to PJT Partners Holdings and for a period (the Restriction Period ) ending on the later of (x) March 31, 2017 and (y) one year following the termination of his service to PJT Partners Holdings in the case of the non-competition restrictions, and two years following the termination of his service to PJT Partners Holdings in the case of the non-solicitation restrictions. If Mr. Taubman is terminated by PJT Partners Holdings without cause or

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he resigns for good reason, the foregoing periods of time during which he will be subject to the non-competition restrictions will be reduced to 120 days and 90 days, respectively. If Mr. Taubman's service with PJT Partners Holdings is terminated for any reason other than his resignation without Board Change Good Reason or a termination of service by PJT Partners Holdings for cause, in each case within 24 months following a Board Change of Control, then (1) the covenants of non-competition and non-solicitation of client and investors will expire upon termination, and (2) the covenants of non-solicitation of employees and consultants will expire six months after termination. Mr. Taubman is also subject to perpetual covenants of confidentiality and non-disparagement.

For purposes of the CEO Agreement:

cause means the occurrence or existence of any of the following: (i) Mr. Taubman's willful act of fraud, misappropriation, or embezzlement against PJT Partners Holdings that has a material adverse effect on the business of PJT Partners Holdings; (ii) Mr. Taubman's conviction of a felony; or (iii) an un-appealable final determination by a court or regulatory body having authority with respect to securities laws that Mr. Taubman violated any applicable securities laws or any rules or regulations thereunder if such final determination (A) bars Mr. Taubman from employment in the securities industry or (B) renders Mr. Taubman unable to substantially perform his duties to PJT Partners Holdings; provided that, PJT Partners Holdings must provide a notice of termination to Mr. Taubman within 60 days of the occurrence of the event constituting cause, and, other than with respect to clause (ii) above, Mr. Taubman will have the opportunity to cure within 30 days of receiving such notice.

good reason means the occurrence of any of the following events without Mr. Taubman's written consent: (i) a material adverse change in Mr. Taubman's titles, positions, authority, duties or responsibilities; (ii) the assignment of any duties materially inconsistent with Mr. Taubman's positions; (iii) a reduction of Mr. Taubman's salary; (iv) the relocation of Mr. Taubman's principal place of service to anywhere other than PJT Partners Holdings' principal office; (v) a material breach by PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates of the CEO Agreement or any other material agreement with PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates; (vi) the failure of PJT Partners Holdings to nominate Mr. Taubman or Mr. Taubman's failure to be elected to our Board of Directors (other than as a result of Mr. Taubman's voluntary resignation) or Mr. Taubman's removal as a member of the board by PJT Partners Holdings (other than for cause); (vii) the hiring or firing of any executive officer; or (viii) the failure by PJT Partners Holdings to obtain written assumption of the Partner Agreement by a purchaser or successor of PJT Partners Holdings; provided that, Mr. Taubman must provide a notice of termination to PJT Partners Holdings within 60 days of the occurrence of the event constituting good reason, and PJT Partners Holdings will have the opportunity to cure within 30 days of receiving such notice.

Board Change Good Reason means the occurrence of any of the following events without Mr. Taubman's written consent: (i) a material adverse change in Mr. Taubman's titles, positions, authority, duties or responsibilities; (ii) the assignment of any duties materially inconsistent with Mr. Taubman's positions; (iii) a reduction of Mr. Taubman's salary; (iv) the relocation of Mr. Taubman's principal place of service to anywhere other than PJT Partners Holdings' principal office; (v) a breach by PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates of the CEO Agreement or any other material agreement with PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates, (vi) the failure of PJT Partners Holdings to nominate Mr. Taubman or Mr. Taubman's failure to be elected to our Board of Directors (other than as a result of Mr. Taubman's voluntary resignation) or

Mr. Taubman's removal as a member of the board by PJT Partners Holdings

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(other than for cause); (vii) the failure by PJT Partners Holdings to obtain written assumption of the CEO Agreement by a purchaser or successor of PJT Partners Holdings, (viii) PJT Partners Holdings or any of its affiliates effecting a material disposition, acquisition or other business combination; (ix) PJT Partners Holdings or any of its affiliates entering into a new significant business line or discontinuing a significant existing business line, (x) the hiring or firing of any executive officer; or (xi) PJT Partners Holdings or any of its affiliates making any material compensation decisions with respect to partners or employees other than Mr. Taubman or PJT Partners Holdings or any of its affiliates failing to implement any material compensation decision made by Mr. Taubman with respect to partners or employees; provided that, Mr. Taubman must provide a notice of termination to PJT Partners Holdings within 120 days of the occurrence of the event constituting Board Change Good Reason, and PJT Partners Holdings will have the opportunity to cure within 10 days of receiving such notice.

Board Change of Control means a majority of the members of our Board of Directors ceasing to be continuing directors which means any member of our Board of Directors who: (i) was a member of such board immediately following the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015; or (ii) was nominated for election or elected or appointed to the board with the approval of a majority of the continuing directors who were members of such board at the time of such nomination, election or appointment.

*Partner Agreements with Ji-Yeun Lee, Helen T. Meates and James W. Cuminale*

PJT Partners Holdings entered into partner agreements with each of Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale effective October 1, 2015. The agreements generally set forth the terms of service of each officer, including their respective compensation and benefits, as described in Elements of our Compensation Program.

These officers are generally subject to covenants of non-competition and non-solicitation of employees, consultants, clients and investors during their service to PJT Partners Holdings and for a period (the Restriction Period) ending on the later of (x) March 31, 2017 and (y) one year following the termination of service to PJT Partners Holdings in the case of the non-competition restrictions, and two years following the termination of service to PJT Partners Holdings in the case of the non-solicitation restrictions. If the executive officer is terminated by PJT Partners Holdings without cause or the executive officer resigns for good reason, the foregoing periods of time during which they will be subject to the non-competition restrictions will be reduced to 120 days and 90 days, respectively. The officers are also subject to perpetual covenants of confidentiality and non-disparagement.

For purposes of the partner agreements with Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale:

cause means the occurrence or existence of any of the following: (i) (x) any material breach of the partner agreement (y) material breach of any material rules or regulations of PJT Partners Holdings applicable that have been provided that has a material adverse effect on the business of PJT Partners Holdings, or (z) deliberate and repeated failure to perform substantially the executive officer's material duties to PJT Partners Holdings; provided that, in the case of any of the foregoing clauses (x), (y) or (z), PJT Partners Holdings has given the executive officer written notice within fifteen days after PJT Partners Holdings becomes aware of such action and, to the extent such action is curable, the executive officer fails to cure such breach, failure to perform or conduct or behavior within fifteen days after receipt by the executive officer of such notice (or such longer period, not to exceed an additional fifteen days, as shall be reasonably required for such cure, provided that the executive officer is diligently

pursuing such cure); (ii) any act of

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fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or similar conduct by the executive officer against PJT Partners Holdings; or (iii) conviction (on the basis of a trial or by an accepted plea of guilty or nolo contendere) of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, or a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, by a regulatory body or by a self-regulatory body having authority with respect to securities laws, rules or regulations, that the executive officer individually has violated any securities laws or any rules or regulations thereunder, or any rules of any such self-regulatory body (including, without limitation, any licensing requirement), if such conviction or determination has a material adverse effect on (A) the executive officer's ability to function as a partner, taking into account the services required of the executive officer and the nature of PJT Partners Holdings' business, or (B) the business of PJT Partners Holdings.

good reason means the occurrence of any of the following events without the executive officer's written consent: (i) a material adverse change in the executive officer's title, authority, duties or responsibilities; (ii) the relocation of the executive officer's principal place of service by more than 50 miles; (iii) a material breach by PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates of the partner agreement or any other material agreement with PJT Partners Holdings or its affiliates; or (iv) the failure by PJT Partners Holdings to obtain written assumption of the partner agreement by a purchaser or successor of PJT Partners Holdings; provided that, the executive officer must provide a notice of termination to PJT Partners Holdings within 60 days of the occurrence of the event constituting Good Reason, and in the event the executive officer provides notice of good reason, PJT Partners Holdings will have the opportunity to cure such event constituting good reason within 30 days of receiving such notice.

*Merger and Spin-off Transaction Equity Grants*

*Founder Units.* Pursuant to the partner agreements and the agreement governing the merger and spin-off transactions (the Transaction Agreement), certain of our partners, including our Named Executive Officers, acquired Partnership Units in PJT Partners Holdings at the time of the merger and spin-off transactions in 2015 (Founder Units). Founder Units vest over a five year period, with 20% vested on October 9, 2017 (the third anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement), 30% vested on October 9, 2018 (the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement), and 50% vesting on October 9, 2019 (the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement).

*Founder Earn-Out Units.* Certain of our partners, including our Named Executive Officers, acquired LTIP Units in PJT Partners Holdings at the time of the merger and spin-off transactions in 2015 (referred to as Earn-Out Units), which are subject to both time and performance vesting. Earn-Out Units satisfy the time-vesting requirement over a five year period, with 20% vested on October 9, 2017 (the third anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement), 30% vested on October 9, 2018 (the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement), and 50% vesting on October 9, 2019 (the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Transaction Agreement). The performance vesting requirement will be satisfied upon the shares of the company's Class A common stock achieving certain volume-weighted average share price targets over any consecutive 30-day trading period, as follows:

20% of the Earn-Out Units were earned on March 20, 2018 upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price of Class A common stock of \$48 per share;

20% of the Earn-Out Units were earned on June 18, 2018 upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price of Class A common stock of \$55 per share;





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20% of the Earn-Out Units will be earned upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price of Class A common stock of \$63 per share;

20% of the Earn-Out Units will be earned upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price of Class A common stock of \$71 per share; and

20% of the Earn-Out Units will be earned upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price of Class A common stock of \$79 per share.

The performance vesting requirements must be met prior to October 1, 2021, the sixth anniversary of the closing of the merger and spin-off transactions, and any Earn-Out Units not meeting the designated requirements prior to such date will be forfeited. No portion of the Earn-Out Units will become vested until both the time-vesting and performance-vesting conditions have been satisfied.

The Founder Units and Earn-Out Units are subject to the terms of the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings, the Omnibus Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreements. The units are also subject to certain treatment in connection with a termination of service or a change in control. See **Potential Payments upon Termination of Employment or Change in Control** Merger and Spin-off Transaction Grants of Founder Units and Earn-Out Units below.

### **Potential Payments upon Termination of Employment or Change in Control**

Other than with respect to the potential continued or accelerated vesting of outstanding equity awards that each of our Named Executive Officers may be entitled to in connection with certain terminations of employment or a change in control, our Named Executive Officers are not entitled to any additional payments or benefits following a change in control or upon termination of employment, and are only entitled to payments and benefits that are available generally on a non-discriminatory basis to all salaried employees, such as continuation of health care benefits through the end of the month of the termination of employment.

#### *Merger and Spin-off Transaction Grants of Founder Units and Earn-Out Units*

##### *Paul J. Taubman*

If Mr. Taubman's service to PJT Partners Holdings terminates for any reason other than Mr. Taubman's resignation without good reason or by PJT Partners Holdings for cause, then: (i) all unvested Founder Units will remain outstanding and continue to be eligible to vest during the Restriction Period (as defined above) and will vest in full upon the expiration of the Restriction Period (or, if earlier, the date of Mr. Taubman's death); and (ii) the unvested Earn-Out Units will remain outstanding and become vested upon the satisfaction of the applicable stock price performance conditions and continue to be eligible to time vest on their regularly scheduled vesting dates during the Restriction Period, with full time-vesting at the end of the Restriction Period (or, if earlier, the date of Mr. Taubman's death). If Mr. Taubman's service is terminated because of death (other than within 24 months following a Board Change of Control), the time-vesting conditions for the Earn-Out Units will be deemed satisfied and all unvested Earn-Out Units will remain outstanding and become fully vested upon the satisfaction of the applicable stock price performance conditions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Mr. Taubman's service to PJT Partners Holdings is terminated for any reason other than his resignation without Board Change Good Reason (as defined above), or termination by PJT Partners Holdings

for cause, in each case within 24 months following a Board Change of Control (as defined above), then all of Mr. Taubman's unvested Founder Units and Earn-Out Units will fully vest upon such termination, without regard to any applicable service or

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performance vesting conditions. In the event of any other termination of Mr. Taubman's service or his uncured breach of the non-competition or non-solicitation covenants contained in his partner agreement, his unvested Founder Units and Earn-Out Units will be forfeited automatically.

Upon a change in control of PJT Partners, then (i) all unvested Founder Units will vest in full immediately, and (ii) the time-vesting conditions for the Earn-Out Units will be deemed satisfied, but the performance-vesting conditions will be satisfied only if the applicable share price targets are achieved in connection with such change in control.

For these purposes, "cause" and "good reason" have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in Mr. Taubman's partner agreement. See "Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table" Partner Agreements "Partner Agreement with Paul J. Taubman" above.

### *Ji-Yeun Lee, Helen T. Meates and James W. Cuminale*

If Ms. Lee's, Ms. Meates's or Mr. Cuminale's service terminates for any reason other than such officer's resignation without good reason or by PJT Partners Holdings for cause, then (i) all of such officer's unvested Founder Units will remain outstanding and continue to be eligible to vest on their regularly scheduled vesting dates during the Restriction Period (as defined above) and will vest in full upon the expiration of the Restriction Period (or, if earlier, the date of such officer's death), and (ii) the unvested Earn-Out Units will become vested to the extent the applicable stock price performance conditions are met on or prior to the date of termination of service and, unless otherwise determined by Mr. Taubman, all remaining unvested Earn-Out Units will be forfeited. In the event of any other termination of the officer's service or uncured breach of the non-competition or non-solicitation covenants (described below), such officer's unvested Founder Units and Earn-Out Units will be forfeited automatically.

Upon a change in control of PJT Partners, then (i) all unvested Founder Units vest in full immediately, and (ii) the time-vesting conditions for the Earn-Out Units will be deemed satisfied, but the performance-vesting conditions will be satisfied only if the applicable share price targets are achieved in connection with such change in control.

For these purposes, "cause" and "good reason" have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the partner agreements with each of Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale. See "Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table" Partner Agreements "Partner Agreements with Ji-Yeun Lee, Helen T. Meates and James W. Cuminale" above.

### *Restricted Stock Unit Awards*

If the participant's employment is terminated for cause, the participant's undelivered restricted stock units (vested and unvested) will be immediately forfeited, and if the participant resigns, the participant's unvested restricted stock units will be immediately forfeited. Upon a change in control or termination of the participant's services because of death, disability or without cause by the company, the shares underlying any outstanding restricted stock units (vested and unvested) will become immediately deliverable. In connection with a qualifying retirement, restricted stock units will continue to vest and be delivered over the applicable vesting period, subject to forfeiture if the participant violates any applicable provision of his/her employment or partner agreement or engages in any competitive activity.

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**LTIP Unit Awards**

If the participant's employment is terminated for cause, the participant's undelivered LTIP Units (vested and unvested) will be immediately forfeited, and if the participant resigns, the participant's unvested LTIP Units will be immediately forfeited. Upon a change in control or termination of the participant's services because of death, disability or without cause by the company, the shares underlying any outstanding LTIP Units (vested and unvested) will become immediately deliverable. In connection with a qualifying retirement, LTIP Units will continue to vest and be delivered over the applicable vesting period, subject to forfeiture if the participant violates any applicable provision of his/her employment or partner agreement or engages in any competitive activity.

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The following table quantifies the value of our Named Executive Officers' outstanding equity awards that would accelerate and vest upon certain terminations of employment or a change in control. All calculations in this table are based on an assumed termination or change in control date of December 31, 2018.

Name	Accelerated Vesting of Equity Awards: Founder Units <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Accelerated Vesting of Equity Awards: Founder Earn-Out Units <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Accelerated Vesting of Equity Awards: LTIP Units and Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)
<b>Paul J. Taubman</b>			
Termination by us with cause or resignation by employee without good reason			N/A
Termination by us without cause or resignation by employee for good reason <i>not</i> within 24 months following a Board Change of Control	(2)	(3)	N/A
Termination by us without cause or resignation by employee for Board Change Good Reason within 24 months following a Board Change of Control	53,295,000	94,574,400	N/A
Termination by us with cause	N/A	N/A	2,325,600
Disability	N/A	N/A	2,325,600
Death <i>not</i> within 24 months following Board Change of Control	53,295,000	(4)	N/A
Death within 24 months following Board Change of Control	53,295,000	94,574,400	N/A
Death	N/A	N/A	2,325,600
Change in control	53,295,000	(5)	2,325,600
<b>Ji-Yeun Lee</b>			
Termination by us with cause or resignation by employee without good reason			
Termination by us without cause	(2)	(6)	2,115,718
Resignation by employee for good reason	(2)	(6)	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A	2,115,718
Death	8,817,900	(6)	2,115,718
Change in control	8,817,900	(5)	2,115,718
<b>Helen T. Meates</b>			
Termination by us with cause or resignation by employee without good reason			
Termination by us without cause	(2)	(6)	1,037,758
Resignation by employee for good reason	(2)	(6)	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A	1,037,758
Death	1,938,000	(6)	1,037,758
Change in control	1,938,000	(5)	1,037,758

**James W. Cuminale**

Termination by us with cause or resignation by employee without good reason

Termination by us without cause	(2)	(6)	928,623
Resignation by employee for good reason	(2)	(6)	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A	928,623
Death	1,938,000	(6)	928,623
Change in control	1,938,000	(5)	928,623

- (1) The value of accelerated equity awards, for purposes of this table, was determined by multiplying the applicable number of equity awards (including associated restricted stock unit dividend equivalents) that would vest upon termination or change in control by \$38.76, the closing price of our Class A common stock on December 31, 2018.

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- (2) All unvested Founder Units will remain outstanding and continue to be eligible to vest on their regularly scheduled vesting dates during the Restriction Period (as defined above) and will vest in full upon the expiration of the Restriction Period (or, if earlier, the date of the executive's death).
- (3) All unvested Earn-Out Units will remain outstanding and become vested upon the satisfaction of the applicable stock price performance conditions and continue to be eligible to time vest on their regularly scheduled vesting dates during the Restriction Period, with full time-vesting at the end of the Restriction Period (or, if earlier, the date of the executive's death).
- (4) The time-vesting conditions for the Earn-Out Units will be deemed satisfied and all unvested Earn-Out Units will remain outstanding and become vested upon the satisfaction of the applicable stock price performance conditions.
- (5) Upon a change in control the time-vesting conditions for the Earn-Out Units will be deemed satisfied, but the performance-vesting conditions will be satisfied only if the applicable share price targets are achieved in connection with such change in control. Amount reported assumes that the price paid in connection with a change in control would have been \$38.76, the closing price of our Class A Common stock on December 31, 2018, and therefore none of the remaining performance vesting price targets would have been achieved and all of the executive's unvested Earn-Out Units would have been forfeited.
- (6) All unvested Earn-Out Units will become vested to the extent the applicable stock price performance conditions are met on or prior to the date of termination of service and, unless otherwise determined by Mr. Taubman, all remaining unvested Earn-Out Units will be forfeited. As of December 31, 2018, two of the applicable stock price performance conditions had been met and the amounts reported assume that Mr. Taubman would not have exercised his discretion to vest all the unvested Earn-Out Units. As a result, all of the executive's unvested Earn-Out Units would have been forfeited.

**CEO Pay Ratio**

Presented below is the ratio of annual total compensation of Mr. Taubman, our CEO, to the median annual total compensation for all our employees (other than our CEO) as of December 31, 2018 (the "CEO Pay Ratio"). We believe the pay ratio included below is a reasonable estimate determined under relevant SEC rules. However, due to the flexibility afforded by Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K in calculating the CEO Pay Ratio, our CEO Pay Ratio may not be comparable to the CEO pay ratios presented by other companies.

The 2018 total compensation for Mr. Taubman, as reported in the Summary Compensation Table, was \$4,213,000 and the 2018 total compensation of our median employee, established in accordance with the requirements for determining total compensation in the Summary Compensation Table, was \$256,701. Accordingly, for 2018, the ratio of the annual total compensation of Mr. Taubman to the annual total compensation of our median employee was approximately 16 to 1.

The 2018 total compensation included in the Summary Compensation Table for Mr. Taubman included a grant of 60,000 LTIP Units with a grant date fair value of \$3,198,000. If the 2018 annual compensation for Mr. Taubman was calculated based on the methodology applied in the table under our "Compensation of Our Executive Officers" Alternative Presentation of Annual Compensation, which is reflective of compensation related to the 2018

performance year, the total annual compensation for Mr. Taubman for 2018 would be \$1,266,500, resulting in a ratio of the annual total compensation of Mr. Taubman to the annual total compensation of our median employee of approximately 5 to 1.



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We identified our median employee using our employee population, excluding Mr. Taubman as well as independent contractors and consultants, as of December 31, 2018. To identify our median employee, we used (i) 2018 base salary, (ii) cash bonus awarded in respect of 2018 performance and (iii) long-term incentives awarded in respect of 2018 performance. We believe this consistently applied compensation measure reasonably reflects annual compensation across our employee base. This methodology was also applied to compensation reflected for our Named Executive Officers in the table under Compensation of Our Executive Officers Alternative Presentation of Annual Compensation and represents compensation in the manner considered by our Compensation Committee for determining 2018 compensation.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth, as of February 25, 2019, information regarding the beneficial ownership of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock and PJT Partners Holdings Partnership Units and Founder Units held by: (1) each person, or group of affiliated persons, known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of any class of our outstanding voting securities; (2) each of our directors; (3) each of our Named Executive Officers; and (4) all of our current directors and Named Executive Officers as a group. Percentage of beneficial ownership is based upon: (1) 22,769,626 shares of our Class A common stock issued and outstanding; (2) 38,665,398 Partnership Units outstanding, including 22,769,626 Partnership Units held by PJT Partners Inc.; and (3) 22,769,826 votes associated with Class A common stock and Class B common stock on director elections and 42,283,420 votes associated with Class A common stock and Class B common stock on all other matters, in each case, as of February 25, 2019. To our knowledge, except as set forth in the footnotes to this table, and subject to applicable community property laws, each person named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such person's name. The number of shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Partnership Units shown as beneficially owned by each director and Named Executive Officer was determined in accordance with SEC rules, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Beneficial ownership includes any shares of Class A common stock as to which a person has the right to acquire within 60 days of February 25, 2019 through the delivery of shares of Class A common stock underlying restricted stock units. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the persons in this table is as follows: c/o PJT Partners Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>		Shares of Class B Common Stock Beneficially Owned <sup>(2)</sup>		Partnership Units Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	% of Class	Combined Voting Power in Director Elections and Removals <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup>	Combined Voting Power in All Other Matters <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup>
	Number	% of Class	Number	% of Class				
<b>5% Stockholders:</b>								
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(6)</sup>	1,418,328	6.2					6.2	3.4
Corsair Capital LLC <sup>(7)</sup>	1,311,725	5.8					5.8	3.1
Eagle Asset Management, Inc. <sup>(8)</sup>	1,390,651	6.1					6.1	3.3
FMR LLC <sup>(9)</sup>	2,328,455	10.2					10.2	5.5
Stephen A. Schwarzman <sup>(10)</sup>	1,175,663	5.2	7		4,600,074	11.9	5.2	2.8
<b>Directors and Executive Officers:</b>								
Paul J. Taubman	451,000	2.0	1		4,030,000	10.4	2.0	28.8
James Costos <sup>(11)</sup>	2,600	*					*	*
Dennis S. Hersch <sup>(11)</sup>	18,000	*					*	*
Emily K. Rafferty <sup>(11)</sup>								
Thomas M. Ryan <sup>(11)</sup>	10,000	*					*	*
Kenneth C. Whitney <sup>(11)(12)</sup>	38,885	*	2		152,149	*	*	*

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James W. Cuminale	55,925	*	1	130,000 <sup>(14)</sup>	*	*	*
Ji-Yeun Lee	74,252	*	1	645,000	1.7	*	*
Helen T. Meates <sup>(13)</sup>	30,442	*	1	120,000	*	*	*
Directors and executive officers as a group (9 persons)	681,104	3.0	6	5,077,149	13.1	3.0	32.6

\* Represents less than one percent.

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- (1) Subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement, the Partnership Units may be exchanged for cash equal to the then-current market value of an equal number of shares of our Class A common stock (determined in accordance with and subject to adjustment under the Exchange Agreement) or, at our election, for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. See Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions Exchange Agreement. Beneficial ownership of Partnership Units reflected in this table has not been reflected as beneficial ownership of shares of our Class A common stock for which such units may be exchanged. Percentage of Partnership Units treats Partnership Units held by PJT Partners as outstanding.
- (2) The shares of Class B common stock have no economic rights but entitle the stockholder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held, to a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested Partnership Units and LTIP Units in PJT Partners Holdings held by such stockholder on all matters presented to stockholders of PJT Partners other than director elections and removals. With respect to the election and removal of directors of PJT Partners, shares of Class B common stock will initially entitle stockholders to only one vote per share, representing significantly less than one percent of the voting power entitled to vote thereon. However, the voting power of Class B common stock with respect to the election and removal of directors of PJT Partners may be increased to up to the number of votes to which a stockholder is then entitled on all other matters presented to stockholders. The voting power on applicable matters afforded to holders of partnership interests by their shares of Class B common stock is automatically and correspondingly reduced as they exchange Partnership Units for cash or for shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. If at any time the ratio at which Partnership Units are exchangeable for shares of Class A common stock changes from one-for-one as described under Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions Exchange Agreement, the number of votes to which Class B common stockholders are entitled on applicable matters will be adjusted accordingly. Holders of shares of our Class B common stock will vote together with holders of our Class A common stock as a single class on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote generally, except as otherwise required by law.
- (3) Does not reflect 1,830,000, 285,000, 30,000 and 45,000 Earn-Out Units received by Mr. Taubman, Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale, respectively, on October 1, 2015 in connection with the merger and spin-off transactions that have yet to satisfy performance vesting requirements.
- (4) Represents percentage of voting power of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock voting together as a single class.
- (5) In connection with the merger and spin-off transactions, Blackstone's senior management, including Mr. Schwarzman and all of Blackstone's other executive officers, provided an irrevocable proxy to Mr. Taubman to vote their shares of Class B common stock for so long as Mr. Taubman is the CEO of PJT Partners. The combined voting power information in this table gives effect to such proxy.
- (6) Based solely on information provided on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 6, 2019. The business address of BlackRock, Inc. is 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10055.
- (7) Based solely on information provided on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2019. The business address of Corsair Capital LLC is 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022.
- (8) Based solely on information provided on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 11, 2019. The business address of Eagle Asset Management, Inc. is 880 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, Florida 33716.
- (9) Based solely on information provided on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2019. The business address of FMR LLC is 245 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.
- (10) Based solely on representations made by agents of Mr. Schwarzman with respect to his direct and indirect beneficial ownership. The business address of Mr. Schwarzman is c/o The Blackstone Group L.P., 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154. Includes the following shares and units held for the benefit of family members with respect to which Mr. Schwarzman disclaims beneficial ownership: 14,550 shares of Class A common stock, 3 shares of Class B common stock and 60,106 Partnership Units held in various trusts for which Mr. Schwarzman is the investment trustee; includes 3,181 shares of Class A common stock, 1 share of Class B

common stock and 9,279 Partnership Units held in grantor retained annuity trusts for which Mr. Schwarzman is the investment trustee; and includes 7,320 shares of Class A common stock, 1 share of

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Class B common stock and 28,643 Partnership Units held by a corporation for which Mr. Schwarzman is the controlling stockholder. Mr. Schwarzman also directly, or through a corporation for which he is the controlling stockholder, beneficially owns an additional 2,218 shares of Class A common stock, 1 share of Class B common stock and 8,680 Partnership Units. In addition, the above table excludes Class A shares, Class B shares and Partnership Units held by Mr. Schwarzman's children or in trusts for the benefit of his family as to which he has no voting or investment control.

- (11) Does not reflect 5,526, 18,775, 6,435, 19,876 and 6,435 restricted stock units received by Mr. Costos, Mr. Hersch, Ms. Rafferty, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Whitney, respectively.
- (12) Includes 1,725 shares of Class A common stock, 1 share of Class B common stock and 6,750 Partnership Units held in a trust for which Mr. Whitney is the investment trustee.
- (13) Includes 286 shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned by Ms. Meates's children, for which Ms. Meates disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (14) Founder Units held in a family limited liability company which, is controlled by Mr. Cuminale.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports of holdings of, and transactions in, our shares with the SEC. Reports filed with the SEC detailing purchases and sales of our equity securities by such persons may be found on our corporate website at [www.pjtpartners.com](http://www.pjtpartners.com) under Investor Relations/Financial Reports/SEC Filings. To the best of our knowledge, based solely on copies of such reports and representations from these reporting persons, we believe that in 2018, our directors, executive officers and ten percent stockholders met all applicable SEC filing requirements.

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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a written statement of policy regarding transactions with related persons, which we refer to as our related person policy. Our related person policy requires that a related person (as defined as in paragraph (a) of Item 404 of Regulation S-K) must promptly disclose to our general counsel, or such other person designated by our board of directors, any related person transaction (defined as any transaction that is anticipated would be reportable by us under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in which we were or are to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest) and all material facts with respect thereto. The general counsel, or such other person, will then promptly communicate that information to our Board of Directors. No related person transaction will be executed without the approval or ratification of our Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee of our Board of Directors. It is our policy that directors interested in a related person transaction will recuse themselves from any vote on a related person transaction in which they have an interest.

**Exchange Agreement**

We have entered into an exchange agreement with the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings pursuant to which they (or certain permitted transferees) have the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings, on a quarterly basis, to exchange all or part of their Partnership Units for cash or, at our election, for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. Pursuant to the terms of the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings, the company may also require holders of Partnership Units who are not Service Providers (as defined in the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings) to the company to exchange their Partnership Units. The price per Partnership Unit to be received in a cash-settled exchange will be equal to the fair value of a share of our Class A common stock (determined in accordance with and subject to adjustment under the exchange agreement). In the event cash-settled exchanges of Partnership Units are funded with new issuances of Class A common stock, the fair value of a share of our Class A common stock will be deemed to be equal to the net proceeds per share of Class A common stock received by PJT Partners in the related issuance. Accordingly, in this event, the price per Partnership Unit to which an exchanging Partnership Unitholder will be entitled may be greater than or less than the then-current market value of our Class A common stock. The exchange agreement also provides that a holder of Partnership Units will not have the right to exchange Partnership Units in the event that PJT Partners determines that such exchange would be prohibited by law, would result in any breach of any debt agreement or other material contract of PJT Partners or PJT Partners Holdings, or, subject to certain limitations, would cause unreasonable financial burden on PJT Partners Holdings.

**Registration Rights Agreement**

We have entered into a registration rights agreement with the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings pursuant to which we granted them, their affiliates and certain of their transferees the right, under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, to require us to register under the Securities Act shares of Class A common stock delivered in exchange for Partnership Units.

In addition, in the event that any holder or group of holders that elect to exchange Partnership Units with a cash value of at least \$75 million (determined in accordance with the registration rights agreement) in respect of any quarterly exchange date, a demand committee comprised of certain Partnership Unitholders will have the right to request that we facilitate a





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registered underwritten offering with respect to (1) the sale by such holder(s) of Class A common stock delivered to such holder(s) in exchange for such Partnership Units (in the event that we elect to settle such exchange in shares of Class A common stock); or (2) the sale by us of Class A common stock to fund the cash-settled exchanges of such Partnership Units (in the event that we elect to settle such exchange in cash); provided, however, that we will not be obligated to effect any such requested registration within 180 days after the effective date of a previous registration pursuant to the registration rights agreement. In addition, we have the right to defer effecting a demand for a maximum of 60 days in certain circumstances, not to exceed 90 days in any 365-day period, including if such demand could materially interfere with a bona fide business or financing transaction.

Holders of Partnership Units also have the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in respect of registered offerings requested by other registration rights holders or initiated by us, subject to customary cut-back provisions.

**Tax Receivable Agreement**

Holders of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners) may, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings, on a quarterly basis (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement) exchange their Partnership Units for cash or, at our election, for shares of Class A common stock of PJT Partners on a one-for-one basis. PJT Partners Holdings has made an election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code ) effective for each taxable year in which an exchange of Partnership Units for cash or for shares of Class A common stock occurs, which is expected to result in increases to the tax basis of the assets of PJT Partners Holdings at the time of an exchange of Partnership Units. Stock-settled exchanges and certain of these cash-settled exchanges are expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of PJT Partners Holdings. These increases in tax basis may reduce the amount of tax that PJT Partners would otherwise be required to pay in the future. These increases in tax basis may also decrease gains (or increase losses) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets. The Internal Revenue Service (the IRS ) may challenge all or part of the tax basis increase and increased deductions, and a court could sustain such a challenge.

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with the holders of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners) that provides for the payment by PJT Partners to exchanging holders of Partnership Units of 85% of the benefits, if any, that PJT Partners is deemed to realize as a result of these increases in tax basis related to such exchanges of Partnership Units and of certain other tax benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation is an obligation of PJT Partners and not of PJT Partners Holdings. PJT Partners expects to benefit from the remaining 15% of cash tax savings, if any, in income tax it realizes. For purposes of the tax receivable agreement, the cash tax savings in income tax is computed by comparing the actual income tax liability of PJT Partners (calculated with certain assumptions) to the amount of such taxes that PJT Partners would have been required to pay had there been no increase to the tax basis of the assets of PJT Partners Holdings as a result of the exchanges and had PJT Partners not entered into the tax receivable agreement. The term of the tax receivable agreement continues until all such tax benefits have been utilized or expired, unless PJT Partners exercises its right to terminate the tax receivable agreement for an amount based on the agreed payments remaining to be made under the agreement (as described in more detail below) or PJT Partners breaches any of its material obligations under the tax receivable agreement in which case all obligations generally will be accelerated and due as if PJT Partners had exercised its right to terminate the tax receivable agreement. Estimating the amount of



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payments that may be made under the tax receivable agreement is by its nature imprecise, insofar as the calculation of amounts payable depends on a variety of factors. The actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under the tax receivable agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, including:

*the timing of exchanges* for instance, the increase in any tax deductions will vary depending on the fair market value, which may fluctuate over time, of the depreciable or amortizable assets of PJT Partners Holdings at the time of each exchange;

*the price of shares of our Class A common stock at the time of the exchange* the increase in any tax deductions, as well as the tax basis increase in other assets, of PJT Partners Holdings, is directly proportional to the cash price for the applicable Partnership Units (in the case of a cash-settled exchange) or the price of shares of our Class A common stock at the time of the exchange (in the case of a stock-settled exchange);

*the extent to which such exchanges are taxable* if an exchange is not taxable for any reason, increased deductions will not be available; and

*the amount and timing of our income* PJT Partners is required to pay 85% of the cash tax savings as and when realized, if any. If PJT Partners does not have taxable income, PJT Partners is not generally required (absent a change of control or circumstances requiring an early termination payment) to make payments under the tax receivable agreement for that taxable year because no cash tax savings will have been realized. However, any cash tax savings that do not result in realized benefits in a given tax year will likely generate tax attributes that may be utilized to generate benefits in previous or future tax years. The utilization of such tax attributes will result in payments under the tax receivables agreement.

We will account for the effects of these increases in tax basis and associated payments under the tax receivable agreement arising from exchanges as follows:

we record an increase in deferred tax assets for the estimated income tax effects of the increases in tax basis based on enacted federal, state and local tax rates at the date of the exchange;

to the extent we estimate that we will not realize the full benefit represented by the deferred tax asset, based on an analysis that will consider, among other things, our expectation of future earnings, we reduce the deferred tax asset with a valuation allowance; and

we record 85% of the estimated realizable tax benefit (which is the recorded deferred tax asset less any recorded valuation allowance) as an increase to the amount due pursuant to the tax receivable agreement and the remaining 15% of the estimated realizable tax benefit as an increase to additional paid-in capital.

The effects of changes in estimates after the date of the redemption or exchange as well as subsequent changes in the enacted tax rates are included in net income.

We expect that as a result of the size of the transfers and increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of PJT Partners Holdings, the payments that we may make under the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. There may be a material negative effect on our liquidity

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if, as a result of timing discrepancies or otherwise, the payments under the tax receivable agreement exceed the actual cash tax savings that PJT Partners realizes in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and/or distributions to PJT Partners by PJT Partners Holdings are not sufficient to permit PJT Partners to make payments under the tax receivable agreement after it has paid taxes. Late payments under the tax receivable agreement generally will accrue interest at an uncapped rate equal to LIBOR plus 500 basis points. The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon continued ownership of us by holders of Partnership Units.

In addition, the tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain changes of control, PJT Partners (or its successor s) obligations with respect to acquired or exchanged Partnership Units (whether acquired or exchanged before or after such transaction) would be based on certain assumptions, including that PJT Partners would have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the deductions arising from the increased tax deductions and tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement.

Furthermore, PJT Partners may elect to terminate the tax receivable agreement early by making an immediate payment equal to the present value of the anticipated future cash tax savings. In determining such anticipated future cash tax savings, the tax receivable agreement includes several assumptions, including: (1) that any Partnership Units that have not been exchanged are deemed exchanged for the market value of the shares of Class A common stock at the time of termination; (2) PJT Partners will have sufficient taxable income in each future taxable year to fully realize all potential tax savings; (3) the tax rates for future years will be those specified in the law as in effect at the time of termination; and (4) certain non-amortizable assets are deemed disposed of within specified time periods. In addition, the present value of such anticipated future cash tax savings are discounted at a rate equal to LIBOR plus 100 basis points.

As a result of the change in control provisions and the early termination right, PJT Partners could be required to make payments under the tax receivable agreement that are greater than the specified percentage of the actual cash tax savings that PJT Partners realizes in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity.

Decisions made by our officers and directors in the course of running our business may influence the timing and amount of payments that are received by an exchanging or selling existing owner under the tax receivable agreement. For example, the earlier disposition of assets following an acquisition or exchange transaction generally will accelerate payments under the tax receivable agreement and increase the present value of such payments, and the disposition of assets before an acquisition or exchange transaction will increase an existing owner s tax liability without giving rise to any rights of an existing owner to receive payments under the tax receivable agreement.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement are based on the tax reporting positions that we determine. PJT Partners will not be reimbursed for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if a tax basis increase is successfully challenged by the IRS. As a result, in certain circumstances, payments could be made under the tax receivable agreement in excess of PJT Partners cash tax savings.

## **PJT Partners Holdings LP Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement**

PJT Partners holds Partnership Units in PJT Partners Holdings and is the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings. Accordingly, PJT Partners operates and controls all of the business and affairs of PJT Partners Holdings and, through PJT Partners Holdings and its operating subsidiaries, conducts our business.



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The limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings provides that substantially all expenses incurred by or attributable to PJT Partners, but not including obligations incurred under the tax receivable agreement by PJT Partners, income tax expenses of PJT Partners and payments on indebtedness incurred by PJT Partners, are borne by PJT Partners Holdings.

Pursuant to the limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings, PJT Partners has the right to determine when distributions will be made to holders of Partnership Units and the amount of any such distributions (other than tax distributions described below). If a distribution is authorized, such distribution will be made to the holders of Partnership Units pro rata in accordance with the percentages of their respective partnership interests that are entitled to participate in distributions.

The holders of Partnership Units, including PJT Partners, will incur U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on their proportionate share of any taxable income of PJT Partners Holdings. Except for the priority allocations of income in respect of LTIP Units described below, net profits and net losses of PJT Partners Holdings will generally be allocated to its holders (including PJT Partners) pro rata in accordance with the percentages of their respective partnership interests, except as otherwise required by law. In accordance with the partnership agreement, we intend to cause PJT Partners Holdings to make pro rata cash distributions, to the extent of available cash, to the holders of the partnership interests in PJT Partners Holdings in amounts equal to 50% of the taxable income allocated to such holders for purposes of funding their tax obligations in respect of the income of PJT Partners Holdings that is allocated to them.

For 2018, Mr. Taubman, Ms. Lee, Ms. Meates and Mr. Cuminale received no regular distributions on their Partnership Units.

The limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings provides that PJT Partners may not engage in, or cause or permit, a Termination Transaction (as defined below), other than with the consent of limited partners holding a majority of all the outstanding Partnership Units (other than Partnership Units held by PJT Partners and entities controlled by PJT Partners), including each limited partner that held, immediately following the closing of the merger and spin-off transactions in 2015, and, as of any subsequent date of determination, holds, not less than five percent (5%) of the total number of Partnership Units then outstanding (a Significant Limited Partner), or if the requirements discussed below are satisfied. A Termination Transaction means any direct or indirect transfer of all or any portion of PJT Partners' interest in PJT Partners Holdings in connection with, or any other occurrence of:

a merger, consolidation or other combination transaction involving PJT Partners;

a sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of PJT Partners not in the ordinary course of business, whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions;

a reclassification, recapitalization or change of the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar subdivision, including in connection with the distribution, exchange, redemption or exercise of rights under our stockholder rights agreement or securities issuable in respect of such rights);

the adoption of any plan of liquidation or dissolution of PJT Partners; or

any other direct or indirect transfer of all or any portion of PJT Partners' interest in PJT Partners Holdings, other than certain permitted transfers to affiliated entities.



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Such consent of limited partners to a Termination Transaction is not required if either:

(1) in connection with the Termination Transaction:

(i) each holder of Partnership Units is entitled to receive the transaction consideration, defined as the fair market value, at the time of the Termination Transaction, of an amount of cash, securities or other property equal to the product of:

the number of shares of our Class A common stock into which a Partnership Unit is then exchangeable; and

the greatest amount of cash, securities or other property paid per share to the holder of any shares of our Class A common stock in consideration of such shares in connection with the Termination Transaction;

provided that, if, in connection with the Termination Transaction, a purchase, tender or exchange offer is made to and accepted by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock, the transaction consideration will refer to the fair market value of the greatest amount of cash, securities or other property which such holder would have received had it exercised its exchange right and received shares of our Class A common stock in exchange for its Partnership Units immediately prior to the expiration of such purchase, tender or exchange offer and had accepted such purchase, tender or exchange offer; and

(ii) PJT Partners Holdings receives an opinion from nationally recognized tax counsel to the effect that such Termination Transaction will be tax-free to each holder of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners and entities controlled by PJT Partners) for U.S. federal income tax purposes (except to the extent of cash received);

or

(2) all of the following conditions are met:

substantially all of the assets directly or indirectly owned by PJT Partners Holdings prior to the announcement of the Termination Transaction are, immediately after the Termination Transaction, owned directly or indirectly by (x) PJT Partners Holdings or (y) another limited partnership or limited liability company organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia, or any territory thereof, which is the survivor of a merger, consolidation or combination of assets with PJT Partners Holdings, which we refer to as the surviving partnership,

the surviving partnership is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

each holder of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners and entities controlled by PJT Partners) that held Partnership Units immediately prior to the closing of such Termination Transaction owns a percentage interest of the surviving partnership based on the relative fair market value of the net

assets of PJT Partners Holdings and the other net assets of the surviving partnership immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction; and

the rights of such limited partners with respect to the surviving partnership are at least as favorable as those of limited partners prior to the consummation of such transaction and as those applicable to any other limited partners or non-managing members of the surviving partnership, and such rights include:

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(a) if PJT Partners or its successor has a single class of publicly traded common equity securities, the right, to the same extent provided to holders of Partnership Units pursuant to the exchange agreement, to exchange their interests in the surviving partnership for either: (1) a number of such publicly traded common equity securities with a fair market value, as of the date of consummation of such Termination Transaction, equal to the transaction consideration referred to above, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications, which we refer to as the successor shares amount; or (2) cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of the successor shares amount at the time of such exchange; or

(b) if PJT Partners or its successor does not have a single class of publicly traded common equity securities, the right to exchange their interests in the surviving partnership on a quarterly basis for cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of such interest at the time of exchange, as determined at least once every calendar quarter by an independent appraisal firm of recognized national standing retained by the surviving partnership.

For the purpose of determining compliance with the condition set forth in the third bullet above, the relative fair market values shall be reasonably determined by PJT Partners as of the time of such transaction and, to the extent applicable, shall be no less favorable to the holders of Partnership Units than the relative values reflected in the terms of such transaction.

The limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings also provides the limited partners with certain consent rights in the event a majority of our board of directors ceases to be Continuing Directors (as defined below) (such event, a Board Change of Control ). Continuing Directors means as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who: (1) was a member immediately following the consummation of the merger and spin-off transactions in 2015; or (2) was nominated for election or elected or appointed with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members at the time of such nomination, election or appointment, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the board of directors. From and after the occurrence of a Board Change of Control, the following actions will require the approval of limited partners representing a majority in interest of all limited partners (excluding any limited partners controlled by PJT Partners), including each Significant Limited Partner:

any removal or appointment of any officer, as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act, including the Chief Executive Officer, of PJT Partners;

the creation, authorization or issuance of any new class or series of equity interest in PJT Partners Holdings;

the incurrence of any indebtedness (other than intercompany indebtedness) by PJT Partners Holdings or any of its subsidiaries or controlled affiliates that would, or is intended to, result in a material increase in the amount of consolidated indebtedness of PJT Partners Holdings as compared to immediately prior to such Board Change of Control;

any extraordinary distribution of PJT Partners Holdings;

any change in PJT Partners Holdings' distribution policy that would, or that is intended to, result in a material increase in the amount or frequency of distributions as compared to levels prior to the Board Change of Control;

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any change in PJT Partners Holdings' policy regarding Partnership Unit repurchases including without limitation from PJT Partners, that would, or that is intended to, result in a material increase in the amount or frequency of Partnership Unit repurchases as compared to levels prior to the Board Change of Control;

any merger, consolidation or sale of all or any significant portion of the assets of PJT Partners Holdings;

any voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of PJT Partners Holdings or the commencement of a proceeding for bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar action with respect to the PJT Partners Holdings or any of its subsidiaries or controlled affiliates;

calling any meeting of the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings or submitting any matter for the vote or consent of the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings;

any settlement or compromise of any litigation directly against or otherwise relating to indemnification of the PJT Partners or its directors or officers or their affiliates or representatives or any litigation regarding tax matters; or

any amendment to the limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings.

In addition, the limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings enables PJT Partners Holdings to issue LTIP Units pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan. LTIP Units are a class of partnership interest that are intended to qualify as profits interests in PJT Partners Holdings for U.S. federal income tax purposes that, subject to certain conditions, shall automatically be converted into Partnership Units. LTIP Units initially do not have full parity, on a per unit basis, with Partnership Units with respect to liquidating distributions. Upon the occurrence of specified events, LTIP Units can over time achieve full parity with Partnership Units, at which time LTIP Units shall automatically be converted into Partnership Units on a one-for-one basis. The limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings provides that upon a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of PJT Partners Holdings, holders of LTIP Units will receive a priority allocation of income. The priority allocation will generally be made to the holders of LTIP Units until the capital account of each LTIP Unit equals the capital account of a Partnership Unit. In addition, the capital accounts of the LTIP Units will be increased in priority to the Partnership Units when PJT Partners Holdings revalues its assets. After the capital account balances of the LTIP Units have been increased such that each LTIP Unit has a capital account balance equal to that of a Partnership Unit, allocations of net income and net loss are made on a per-unit basis. The effect of these allocation provisions is to enable LTIP Units, which are issued with lower capital account balances than the Partnership Units, to participate in liquidating distributions of PJT Partners Holdings on the same basis as Partnership Units, assuming there is sufficient profit to allocate to the LTIP Units.

LTIP Units may be issued to PJT Partners personnel and third parties from time to time in one or more series having the rights, powers, privileges, restrictions, qualifications and limitations set forth in the relevant award agreement or other documentation pursuant to which the LTIP Units of such series are granted or issued, including with respect to participation in distributions.

PJT Partners Holdings has two series of LTIP Units outstanding, which were issued to certain individuals engaged in our business:

a series of LTIP Units issued to certain partners and employees that are subject to time-based vesting as described in Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at

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2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table Merger and Spin-off Transaction Equity Grants Founder Units, and participate, from issuance, in all distributions of PJT Partners Holdings, other than liquidating distributions, ratably, on a per unit basis, with Partnership Units; and

a series of LTIP Units ( Earn-Out Units ) issued to certain partners and employees of PJT Capital LP and other individuals engaged in our business that are subject to both time-based and performance-based vesting as described in Narrative Disclosure Relating to the Summary Compensation Table, Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal Year-End Table, and 2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table Merger and Spin-off Transaction Equity Grants Founder Earn-Out Units, and do not participate in any distributions of PJT Partners Holdings other than tax distributions unless and until the applicable performance vesting requirement for the relevant tranche is satisfied.

Subject to the terms of any award or other applicable agreement, unvested partnership interests will be forfeited if the holder ceases to provide services to PJT Partners Holdings. Certain forfeited partnership interests will be subject to reallocation by our Compensation Committee in consultation with Mr. Taubman (or subject to other reallocations in accordance with the limited partnership agreement).

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**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set forth in our Audit Committee Charter, which can be found on our website, [www.pjtpartners.com](http://www.pjtpartners.com), under the Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Governance Documents section.

The Audit Committee has:

selected the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our books and records;

reviewed and discussed our audited financial statements for 2018 with management and with Deloitte, our independent registered public accounting firm, and has held, as appropriate, executive sessions with Deloitte without the presence of management;

discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm the matters required by the applicable standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ( PCAOB ) Auditing Standard No. 1301 Communications with Audit Committees; and

received from Deloitte the written disclosures and the letter required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with Deloitte its independence.

In performing all of these functions, the Audit Committee acts in an oversight capacity. The Audit Committee reviews our quarterly and annual reports on Form 10-Q and Form 10-K, respectively, prior to filing with the SEC. In its oversight role, the Audit Committee relies on the work and assurances of:

our management, which has the primary responsibility for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for preparing the financial statements, and other reports; and

the independent registered public accounting firm, which is responsible for auditing our financial statements and expressing an opinion as to whether those audited financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

Based on these reviews and discussions and the reports of the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC.

Submitted by our Audit Committee:

Kenneth C. Whitney, Chair



Dennis S. Hersch

Emily K. Rafferty

*The information in this report is not soliciting material, is not deemed filed with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference in any of our filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filings.*

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**PROPOSAL 2 NON-BINDING ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 14A of the Exchange Act and the related rules of the SEC, we are including in these proxy materials a separate resolution subject to stockholder vote to approve, in a non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed above. The text of the resolution in respect of Proposal 2 is as follows:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the company's Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the rules of the SEC, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and any related narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.

In considering their vote, stockholders may wish to review with care the information on our compensation policies and decisions regarding the Named Executive Officers presented in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth above.

In particular, stockholders should note that the Compensation Committee bases its executive compensation decisions on the following:

annual incentive compensation that places a strong emphasis on financial performance, with the flexibility to assess operational and individual performance;

an appropriate link between compensation and the creation of stockholder value through equity awards; and

long-term incentive awards that do not promote excessive risk taking.

While the results of the vote are non-binding and advisory in nature, the Board of Directors intends to carefully consider the results of the vote.

**Board of Directors Recommendation**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

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**PROPOSAL 3 APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PJT PARTNERS INC.**

**2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

The Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, has unanimously adopted the amended and restated Omnibus Incentive Plan, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to the approval of the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. The amendments to the Omnibus Incentive Plan include: (i) an increase in the number of shares available under the plan by 10 million shares; (ii) a clarification, which was already the practice by the company, that dividends or dividend equivalents on unvested awards may accrue, but cannot be paid out, prior to satisfaction of the vesting conditions (whether performance or time-based vesting) associated with the underlying award; (iii) a minimum vesting requirement of one (1) year for all awards made under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, other than upon death, disability or change in control (with a permitted exception to such minimum vesting requirements in the case of awards covering up to 5% of the aggregate share reserve under the Omnibus Incentive Plan) and (iv) a clarification that any substitution of awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan (other than in the case of certain substitute awards granted in connection with a corporate transaction involving the company) remain subject to the general restrictions on repricing actions set forth under the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

**Board of Directors Recommendation**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the approval of the Omnibus Incentive Plan. If the Omnibus Incentive Plan is not approved by our stockholders, we will lose a critical tool for recruiting, retaining and incentivizing our employees, increase our reported costs and introduce significant unpredictability into our earnings as explained further below.

**Summary**

Since our spin-off in 2015, we have been committed and consistent in building out our platform. We have added 25 partners across our business, bringing our total partner count to 71 from 46 at the spin-off, up more than 50%. This includes the CamberView Partners transaction, which closed on October 1, 2018, adding 3 new partners and over 40 professionals. We have managed this investment activity, which has contributed to additional grants to these partners and employees, with minimal dilution impact to stockholders. Equity compensation has been, and will continue to be, a critical component of our ability to attract and retain talent and continue on our growth trajectory.

This year we expect to have exhausted our equity plan reserve and are seeking stockholder approval for increasing the number of shares under our plan by an additional 10 million shares.

Stockholder approval of the Omnibus Incentive Plan is necessary in order for us to continue to attract talent and our practice of aligning rewards of both existing and newly hired talent with the long-term performance strategy of the company. Our use of equity compensation supports our compensation philosophy, our strategic growth goals and aligns our partners and employees with our stockholders.

*Equity compensation establishes strong stockholder alignment:* Our compensation philosophy includes the belief that a meaningful portion of compensation should be paid in the form of long-term incentive awards, typically in the form of equity that vests over time. Such long-term incentive awards encourage alignment with the interests of our stockholders.

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*Broad use of equity across all levels of our employee population:* Awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan are made throughout the ranks of our company for partners and employees with annual incentive compensation greater than \$100,000. This ensures that employees at multiple levels and roles within the organization have a long-term, stockholder aligned focus. Since our spin-off in 2015, approximately 97% of equity awards granted as part of annual incentive compensation were granted to partners and employees other than our Named Executive Officers.

*Attraction of talent:* As we continue to invest in the growth of our business, our ability to align the interests of new hires with those of our stockholders is critical. Long-term incentive awards granted in the form of equity serve to attract talent who are focused on longer term, sustainable success.

*Retention of talent:* Equity awards, because they are typically granted with multi-year vesting provisions, are also an effective tool for retention of talent, as full vesting of the awards generally requires continued employment throughout the vesting period.

We are prudent in our use of equity. Generally, equity grants are delivered as a component of annual incentive compensation and vest over three years. Furthermore, the amount of equity granted in any given year takes into consideration the overall capital priorities of the company, including careful consideration of any dilutive impact on the company's share capital.

Equity compensation is a part of our strong pay for performance culture.

*Performance and equity allocation:* Annual incentive compensation decisions are an outcome of careful reviews of individual performance, with such incentive compensation decisions being the key determinant of any equity grants made. Thus, equity is granted to those partners and employees who have the greatest impact on the performance of the firm.

*Executive compensation and stockholder alignment:* On our 2018 non-binding, advisory stockholder vote on executive compensation, or say on pay, our stockholders overwhelmingly approved our executive compensation program with approximately 97% of voted shares cast in favor of the say on pay proposal. We believe these results inherently reflect strong stockholder support for our pay-for-performance linkage and our compensation structure that facilitates it, and therefore underscore the endorsement by our stockholders of the alignment between our executive compensation and performance.

We have diligently worked to offset the potential dilutive effect of equity compensation issuances through our ongoing repurchase of shares of Class A common stock, the payment of cash for Partnership Units tendered to us in connection with the Exchange Agreement (see [Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions](#) Exchange Agreement), and net share settlements in

connection with employee taxes upon the vesting of equity awards ( employee net share settlements ).

Traditional burn rate and dilution calculations do not take into account our people-based cost structure, especially the cost structure of a new company

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building up its Strategic Advisory platform, or our compensation practices, repurchases of our Class A common stock, use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges and employee net share settlements. In the past, proxy advisory firms have not taken into account in their calculations our practice of offsetting dilution through repurchases of our Class A common stock, use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges and employee net share settlements, therefore overstating our burn rate and dilution.

Our practice of repurchasing shares of our Class A common stock, use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges and employee net share settlements to offset the year-end equity incentive compensation and new hire awards has protected our stockholders by diminishing the potential dilutive effect of such awards.

In order to maintain a market competitive compensation program, any reduction in our use of equity-based compensation would require a corresponding increase in our use of alternative deferred compensation programs and cash compensation, which reduces the alignment of interests between our partners and employees and our stockholders.

## **Plan Detail Introduction**

The amendments to the Omnibus Incentive Plan include: (i) an increase in the number of shares available under the plan by 10 million shares; (ii) a clarification, which was already the practice by the company, that dividends or dividend equivalents on unvested awards may accrue, but cannot be paid out, prior to satisfaction of the vesting conditions (whether performance or time-based vesting) associated with the underlying award; (iii) a minimum vesting requirement of one (1) year for all awards made under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, other than upon death, disability or change in control (with a permitted exception to such minimum vesting requirements in the case of awards covering up to 5% of the aggregate share reserve under the Omnibus Incentive Plan) and (iv) a clarification that any substitution of awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan (other than in the case of certain substitute awards granted in connection with a corporate transaction involving the company) remain subject to the general restrictions on repricing actions set forth under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. If the Omnibus Incentive Plan is not approved by our stockholders, we will lose a critical tool for recruiting, retaining and incentivizing our employees, increase our reported costs and introduce significant unpredictability into our earnings as explained further below. Our stockholders last approved the Omnibus Incentive Plan prior to our merger and spin-off transactions in 2015, with 7 million shares available for issuance of new awards under the plan, which amount was in addition to the 17,621,894 shares that were issuable under the plan in connection with the merger and spin-off transactions. Since 2015, we have prudently and efficiently managed the 7 million share pool under the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

Without your approval of this proposal, we will not be able to grant the full number of intended equity awards for the 2018 compensation year, and will not be able to grant the equity awards necessary to reward, recruit and retain talent necessary to achieve our objectives.

*Equity compensation aligns employee and stockholder interests.*

Equity compensation as an element of our annual incentive compensation is critical to aligning the interests of our partners and employees with those of our stockholders. By making equity a significant portion of the compensation of our partners and employees, we link our partners and employees' compensation to the performance of the company and their individual performance. Our





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employees are therefore motivated to conduct business in a manner that produces a sustainable return.

*Recruitment and retention of senior talent has driven our strong growth.*

*We are a human-capital business and our revenue is directly tied to the number and quality of our people.* While capital intensive companies may invest in plants, technology and research and development to grow their business, we invest in people, our main source of revenue generation. By using equity-based long-term incentive awards, we have been able to invest in talented partners and employees and also have cash available for ongoing repurchases of shares of Class A common stock and the payment in cash for Partnership Units tendered to us in connection with the Exchange Agreement (see *Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions Exchange Agreement* ), offsetting the dilution of these equity awards.

*We have demonstrated an ability to consistently attract and retain top advisory talent.* We continue to broaden our Strategic Advisory practice with talented and effective partners, who are drawn to the opportunities offered by our independent platform. Recruited partners and employees have primarily been sourced from bulge bracket firms where they have established records of success. In addition to external hires, we have found success cultivating talent internally through promotions.

*Since our spin-off in 2015, we have been committed and consistent in building out our platform.* We have added 25 partners across our business, bringing our total partner count to 71 from 46 at the time of the spin-off, up more than 50%. This includes the CamberView Partners transaction, which closed on October 1, 2018, adding 3 new partners and over 40 professionals.

*Equity-based long-term incentive awards are crucial to our recruitment and retention strategy.*

*Equity-based long-term incentive awards help us recruit top talent.* Recruitment, retention and motivation of partners and employees have been crucial to our success and depend on our ability to pay appropriate levels of compensation, including in the form of equity incentive awards. We believe that grants of equity allow us to remain competitive in the marketplace, enabling us to recruit, retain and motivate high-caliber talent dedicated to the company's long-term growth and success.

*High performers receive more equity.* The size of our annual incentive equity awards is highly correlated to performance of award recipients and such awards are generally subject to ratable vesting over three years. For many of our partners and employees, annual incentive equity awards constitute a significant portion of their compensation. Since the merger and spin-off transactions in 2015, approximately 97% of equity awards were granted to partners and employees other than our named executive officers and approximately 95% were granted to partners and employees with direct revenue-generating and client-facing responsibilities. This further underscores that our compensation is tied directly to the contribution to the business, not seniority or role.

*We must be able to compete for top talent.* The equity awards that we grant to new hires include replacement awards. Replacement awards, as the name suggests, are designed to replace awards forfeited by the employee upon departure from his or her prior employer. These awards are generally sized to approximate the value of, and generally vest on the same schedule as, the forfeited awards.

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*Traditional burn rate and dilution analyses do not take into account our people-based cost structure or our compensation and share repurchase practices.*

Traditional burn rate analyses typically fail to consider the practice of offsetting the dilutive effect of equity compensation grants through equity repurchases. Without taking repurchases of our Class A common stock (including employee net share settlements) and the use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges a corporate action we believe our stockholders strongly support into account in determining the dilutive effect of our equity grants, we believe the calculations overstate our burn rate. The calculations set forth below are based on PJT Shares Outstanding, which, as of year-end, is inclusive of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock and PJT Partners Holdings vested and unvested Partnership Units, each on a fully diluted basis, excluding unvested restricted stock units.

*Burn Rate Calculation*

As shown in the table below, the number of awards we have granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan as a percentage of PJT Shares Outstanding, which is commonly referred to as the burn rate, averaged 4.7% over the last three years if calculated without taking into consideration repurchases of shares of our Class A common stock, cash payments for Partnership Units tendered to us in connection with the Exchange Agreement (see Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions Exchange Agreement), and employee net share settlements. However, our Net Burn Rate, calculated to reflect the offsetting effect of repurchases, use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges, and employee net share settlements, averaged -0.2% over the past three years, demonstrating the consistent commitment to repurchasing shares both in the open market, through settling Partnership Unit exchanges with cash and employee net share settlements. We focus on Net Burn Rate as a more meaningful metric for our company.

The following table provides an overview of our grant history, burn rate and Net Burn Rate calculations during the past three years.

(Shares in millions)	2016	2017	2018	Three-Year Average
<b>Grants:</b>				
Restricted Stock Units	0.7	1.5	2.3	1.5
Partnership Units	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Awards Subject to Both Service and Market Conditions	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
Forfeitures	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.2)
<b>Net Grants</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Equity Repurchased <sup>1</sup>	0.6	1.4	3.2	1.7
<b>Net Issuance Net Grants Less Equity Repurchased</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>
<b>Percentage of Grants Repurchased</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>113%</b>	<b>105%</b>
<b>PJT Shares Outstanding<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>35.3</b>
<b>Burn Rate (Taking into Account Forfeitures)</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Net Burn Rate (Also Taking into Account Equity Repurchases)</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>

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Includes repurchases of shares of our Class A common stock, use of cash in Partnership Unit exchanges and employee net share settlements.

2. PJT Shares Outstanding is calculated as the fully-diluted shares outstanding as described in our quarterly earnings releases (39,509,337 in 2016, 39,705,207 in 2017 and 43,028,153 in 2018), less unvested restricted stock units (5,776,114 in 2016, 6,455,734 in 2017 and 4,254,205 in 2018).

**Table of Contents***Dilution Calculation*

While we believe that the Net Burn Rate, adjusted to take into account share repurchases, is the best measure of the dilutive effect of annual equity-based compensation, certain proxy advisors and stockholders may focus on total potential equity awards that may be made under a plan, together with outstanding unvested awards, as a measure of dilution.

Although we do not believe this methodology reflects the dilutive effect of our annual equity-based compensation program as accurately as our Net Burn Rate, below is a summary of the potential dilution associated with the Omnibus Incentive Plan for completeness. The shares listed in the table are as of December 31, 2018.

(Shares in millions)	Share Allocation and Potential Dilution
Shares Requested	10.0
Shares Remaining Available Under the Omnibus Incentive Plan	1.9
Issued But Unvested Restricted Stock Units Under the Omnibus Incentive Plan	4.4
Awards Subject to Both Service and Market Conditions	4.0
<b>Total Potential Unvested Equity Awards</b>	<b>20.2</b>
PJT Shares Outstanding <sup>1</sup>	38.8
<b>Total Shares and Share Equivalents</b>	<b>59.0</b>
<b>Potential Dilution from Omnibus Incentive Plan</b>	<b>34.3%</b>

1. PJT Shares Outstanding is calculated as the fully-diluted shares outstanding as described in our quarterly earnings releases (39,509,337 in 2016, 39,705,207 in 2017 and 43,028,153 in 2018), less unvested restricted stock units (5,776,114 in 2016, 6,455,734 in 2017 and 4,254,205 in 2018).

*Anticipated Compensation Share Needs*

If the Omnibus Incentive Plan is approved by our stockholders, it will become immediately effective as of April 24, 2019, with 10 million shares available for future awards. These shares may become available again under the Omnibus Incentive Plan in connection with forfeited, lapsed or terminated awards during such period. We expect, based on historical and projected usage, that if the Omnibus Incentive Plan is approved by our stockholders, the additional shares will be sufficient to allow us to make equity awards in the amounts we believe are necessary for at least the next three to five years based on our historical equity granting practices and our anticipated headcount growth.

In considering the appropriate number of shares to request under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, we reviewed our historical information and the awards that we have granted over the past three fiscal years, including the information in the two tables above with respect to burn rate and dilution. We further considered the potential impact of a variety of factors beyond our control that may impact the number of equity awards that we could issue in future years, including the price of our Class A common stock at the time of equity award grants.

We do not as a matter of course make forecasts, public or otherwise, as to our grants of equity awards due to the unpredictability of the underlying assumptions and estimates, including our actual share price at the time of the applicable grant, but have included this information to give our stockholders context for purposes of evaluating the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

The information above is not, and should not be regarded as, an indication of actual future outcomes, and should not be relied upon as such. Neither we nor any other person makes any representation regarding potential or actual outcomes compared to the information set forth above.

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*A reduction in our use of equity-based compensation would require a corresponding increase in our use of alternative deferred compensation programs and cash compensation.*

Reducing the number of shares that we seek to use for compensatory awards would require either reducing the absolute level of compensation paid to our employees or substituting cash compensation for equity awards. We seek to deliver compensation at market competitive levels and at levels correlated with employee contribution. A material reduction in compensation would impair our ability to recruit, retain and motivate key employees, and would therefore threaten our future business prospects. If the Omnibus Incentive Plan is not approved, we would likely be compelled to alter our compensation program to increase alternative deferred compensation programs or cash compensation in order to remain competitive, which we do not believe is as effective.

**Summary Description of the Omnibus Incentive Plan**

The following description of the Omnibus Incentive Plan is not complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

*Purpose.* The purpose of the Omnibus Incentive Plan is to provide a means through which to attract and retain key personnel and to provide a means whereby our directors, officers, employees, partners, consultants and advisors can acquire and maintain an equity interest in us, or be paid incentive compensation, including incentive compensation measured by reference to the value of our Class A common stock, thereby strengthening their commitment to our welfare and aligning their interests with those of our stockholders. As of February 25, 2019, approximately 590 employees and five directors of the company were eligible to participate in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, based on established criteria currently utilized by the Compensation Committee in determining awards as well as the terms of the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. Bonus Deferral Plan.

*Administration.* The Omnibus Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee is authorized to interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any defect in and/or supply any omission in the Omnibus Incentive Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or any award granted under, the Omnibus Incentive Plan; establish, amend, suspend, or waive any rules and regulations and appoint such agents as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate for the proper administration of the Omnibus Incentive Plan; adopt sub-plans; and to make any other determination and take any other action that the Compensation Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or the applicable rules and regulations of any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which our securities are listed or traded, the Compensation Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any person or persons selected by it in accordance with the terms of the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Omnibus Incentive Plan or any award or any documents evidencing awards granted pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan are within the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, may be made at any time and are final, conclusive and binding upon all persons or entities, including, without limitation, us, any participant, any holder or beneficiary of any award, and any of our stockholders.

*Interests Subject to the Omnibus Incentive Plan.* As amended and restated, the Omnibus Incentive Plan provides that the total number of shares of Class A common stock, Partnership Units or LTIP Units (collectively, *Interests* ) that may be issued for new awards granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan is 17 million (counting the number of shares of Class A common stock into which any



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Partnership Units or LTIP Units are, or may become, exchangeable and subject to the reallocation provisions of the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings (the Partnership Agreement ); provided, however, that such share reserve amount is in addition to the 17,621,894 shares and units that were issuable under the 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan in connection with the vesting or exchange of replacement awards, retention awards, certain restricted stock awards granted to non-U.S. personnel, Partnership Units or LTIP Units issued or granted to our personnel at the time of the merger and spin-off transactions.

Of this amount, the maximum number of Interests for which incentive stock options may be granted is 7,000,000; the maximum number of Interests for which options or stock appreciation rights may be granted to any individual participant during any single fiscal year is 700,000; the maximum number of Interests for which performance compensation awards denominated in shares may be granted to any individual participant in respect of a single fiscal year is 700,000 (or if any such awards are settled in cash, the maximum amount may not exceed the fair market value of such shares on the last day of the performance period to which such award relates); the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock granted during a single fiscal year to any non-employee director, taken together with any cash fees paid to such non-employee director during the fiscal year, shall not exceed \$750,000 in total value; and the maximum amount that may be paid to any individual participant for a single fiscal year under a performance compensation award denominated in cash is \$10,000,000. Except for substitute awards (as described below), in the event any award terminates, lapses, or is settled without the payment of the full number of shares or interests subject to such award, including as a result of net settlement of the award or as a result of the award being settled in cash, the undelivered Interests may be granted again under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, unless the Interests are surrendered after the termination of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, and only if stockholder approval is not required under the then-applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange, the exchange on which the shares of Class A common stock are listed. Awards may, in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, be granted in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity directly or indirectly acquired by us or with which we combine (referred to as substitute awards ), and such substitute awards shall not be counted against the total number of Interests that may be issued under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, except that substitute awards intended to qualify as incentive stock options shall count against the limit on incentive stock options described above. No award may be granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan after September 16, 2025, the tenth anniversary of the effective date (as defined therein), but awards granted before then may extend beyond that date.

*Options.* The Compensation Committee may grant non-qualified stock options and incentive stock options, under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, with terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee that are not inconsistent with the Omnibus Incentive Plan; provided, that all stock options granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan are required to have a per share exercise price that is not less than 100% of the fair market value of our Class A common stock underlying such stock options on the date such stock options are granted (other than in the case of options that are substitute awards), and all stock options that are intended to qualify as incentive stock options must be granted pursuant to an award agreement expressly stating that the options are intended to qualify as incentive stock options, and will be subject to the terms and conditions that comply with the rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code. The maximum term for stock options granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan will be ten years from the initial date of grant, or with respect to any stock options intended to qualify as incentive stock options, such shorter period as prescribed by Section 422 of the Code. However, if a non-qualified stock option would expire at a time when trading of shares of our Class A common stock is prohibited by our insider trading policy (or blackout



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period imposed by us), the term will automatically be extended to the 30th day following the end of such period. The purchase price for the Class A common stock as to which a stock option is exercised may be paid to us, to the extent permitted by law (i) in cash or its equivalent at the time the stock option is exercised; (ii) in Class A common stock having a fair market value equal to the aggregate exercise price for the Class A common stock being purchased and satisfying any requirements that may be imposed by the Compensation Committee; or (iii) by such other method as the Compensation Committee may permit in its sole discretion, including, without limitation, (A) in other property having a fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the purchase price, (B) if there is a public market for the Class A common stock at such time, through the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell the Class A common stock being acquired upon the exercise of the stock option and to deliver to us the amount of the proceeds of such sale equal to the aggregate exercise price for the Class A common stock being purchased or (C) through a net exercise procedure effected by withholding the minimum number of shares needed to pay the exercise price and all applicable required withholding taxes. Any fractional shares of common stock will be settled in cash.

*Stock Appreciation Rights.* The Compensation Committee may grant stock appreciation rights, with terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee that are not inconsistent with the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Generally, each stock appreciation right will entitle the participant upon exercise to an amount (in cash, Class A common stock or a combination of cash and Class A common stock, as determined by the Compensation Committee) equal to the product of (i) the excess of (A) the fair market value on the exercise date of one share of Class A common stock, over (B) the strike price per share, times (ii) the number of shares of Class A common stock covered by the stock appreciation right. The strike price per share of a stock appreciation right will be determined by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant but in no event may such amount be less than the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date the stock appreciation right is granted (other than in the case of stock appreciation rights granted in substitution of previously granted awards).

*Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units.* The Compensation Committee may grant restricted Interests, restricted interest units, representing the right to receive, upon the expiration of the applicable restricted period, one share of Class A common stock or one Partnership Unit for each restricted interest unit, or, in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, the cash value thereof (or any combination thereof). As to restricted shares of our Class A common stock, subject to the other provisions of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, the holder will generally have the rights and privileges of a stockholder as to such restricted shares of Class A common stock, including, without limitation, the right to vote such restricted shares of common stock (except, that if the lapsing of restrictions with respect to such restricted shares of Class A common stock is contingent on satisfaction of performance conditions other than or in addition to the passage of time, any dividends payable on such restricted shares of Class A common stock will be retained, and delivered without interest to the holder of such shares when the restrictions on such shares lapse, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee). As to restricted Partnership Units, subject to the other provisions of the Omnibus Incentive Plan, the holder will generally have the rights and privileges of a partner as to such restricted Partnership Unit, including, without limitation, the right to vote such Partnership Unit to the extent a unit has voting rights (except, that if the lapsing of restrictions with respect to such restricted Partnership Unit is contingent on satisfaction of performance conditions other than or in addition to the passage of time, any dividends payable on such Partnership Unit will be retained, and delivered without interest to the holder of such unit when the restrictions on such unit lapse, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee). As to restricted interest units, a holder will not have the rights and privileges of a stockholder.

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*Other Interest-Based Awards.* The Compensation Committee may issue unrestricted Interests, rights to receive grants of awards at a future date, or other awards denominated in Interests (including, without limitation, performance shares or performance units), under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, including performance-based awards, with terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee that are not inconsistent with the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

*Performance Compensation Awards.* The Compensation Committee may also designate any award as a performance compensation award. The Compensation Committee also has the authority to make an award of a cash bonus to any participant and designate such award as a performance compensation award under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee has sole discretion to select the length of any applicable performance periods, the types of performance compensation awards to be issued, the applicable performance criteria and performance goals, and the kinds and/or levels of performance goals that are to apply. The performance criteria that will be used to establish the performance goals may be based on the attainment of specific levels of our performance (and/or one or more affiliates, divisions or operational and/or business units, product lines, brands, business segments, administrative departments, or any combination of the foregoing) and are limited to specific criteria enumerated in the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

*Effect of Certain Events on the Omnibus Incentive Plan and Awards.* In the event of (a) any dividend (other than regular cash dividends) or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, shares of Class A common stock, other securities or other property), recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination, repurchase or exchange of our shares of common stock or other securities, issuance of warrants or other rights to acquire our shares of common stock or other securities, or other similar corporate transaction or event (including, without limitation, a change in control, as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) that affects the shares of common stock, or (b) unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, a change in control) affecting us, any affiliate, or the financial statements of us or any affiliate, or changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system, accounting principles or law, such that in either case an adjustment is determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion to be necessary or appropriate, then the Compensation Committee must make any such adjustments in such manner as it may deem equitable, including, without limitation, any or all of: (i) adjusting any or all of (A) the Interest limits applicable under the Omnibus Incentive Plan with respect to the number of awards which may be granted thereunder; (B) the number of our Interests or other securities which may be issued in respect of awards or with respect to which awards may be granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan or any sub-plan and (C) the terms of any outstanding award, including, without limitation, (1) the number of Interests or other securities subject to outstanding awards or to which outstanding awards relate, (2) the exercise price or strike price with respect to any award or (3) any applicable performance measures; (ii) providing for a substitution or assumption of awards, accelerating the exercisability of, lapse of restrictions on, or termination of, awards or providing for a period of time for participants to exercise outstanding awards prior to the occurrence of such event; and (iii) cancelling any one or more outstanding awards and causing to be paid to the holders holding vested awards (including any awards that would vest as a result of the occurrence of such event but for such cancellation) the value of such awards, if any, as determined by the Compensation Committee (which if applicable may be based upon the price per share of Class A common stock received or to be received by other holders of our Class A common stock in such event), including, without limitation, in the case of options and stock appreciation rights, a cash payment equal to the

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excess, if any, of the fair market value of the shares of Class A common stock subject to the option or stock appreciation right over the aggregate exercise price or strike price thereof.

*Nontransferability of Awards.* An award will not be transferable or assignable by a participant (unless such transfer is specifically required by applicable law) other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance will be void and unenforceable against us or any affiliate. However, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit awards (other than incentive stock options) to be transferred, including transfer to a participant's family members, any trust established solely for the benefit of a participant or such participant's family members, any partnership or limited liability company of which a participant, or such participant and such participant's family members, are the sole member(s), and a beneficiary to whom donations are eligible to be treated as charitable contributions for tax purposes.

*Amendment and Termination.* Our Board of Directors may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Omnibus Incentive Plan or any portion thereof at any time; provided, that no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination may be made without stockholder approval if (i) such approval is necessary to comply with any regulatory requirement applicable to the Omnibus Incentive Plan or for changes in GAAP to new accounting standards; (ii) it would materially increase the number of securities which may be issued under the Omnibus Incentive Plan (except for adjustments in connection with certain corporate events) or (iii) it would materially modify the requirements for participation in the Omnibus Incentive Plan; provided, further, that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any participant or any holder or beneficiary of any award shall not to that extent be effective without such individual's consent.

The Compensation Committee may, to the extent consistent with the terms of any applicable award agreement, waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, any award granted or the associated award agreement, prospectively or retroactively (including after a participant's termination); provided, that, except as otherwise permitted in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination would materially and adversely affect the rights of any participant with respect to such award will not to that extent be effective without such individual's consent; provided that without stockholder approval, except as otherwise permitted in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, (i) no amendment or modification may reduce the exercise price of any option or the strike price of any stock appreciation right; (ii) the Compensation Committee may not cancel any outstanding option or stock appreciation right and replace it with a new option or stock appreciation right (with a lower exercise price or strike price, as the case may be) or other award or cash payment that is greater than the value of the cancelled option or stock appreciation right and (iii) the Compensation Committee may not take any other action which is considered a repricing for purposes of the stockholder approval rules of any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which our securities are listed or quoted.

*Partnership Interests.* With respect to an award of Partnership Units or LTIP Units, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency as between the Omnibus Incentive Plan and the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings LP or as between the Omnibus Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, the Partnership Agreement and the award agreement shall govern and control, respectively.

*Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.* The Compensation Committee in its sole discretion may provide part of an award with dividends or dividend equivalents, on such terms and conditions as

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may be determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion; provided, that no dividends or dividend equivalents shall be payable in respect of outstanding (i) options or stock appreciation rights or (ii) unearned performance compensation awards or other unearned awards subject to performance or time-vesting conditions (although dividends or dividend equivalents may be accumulated in respect of unearned awards and paid after such awards are earned and become payable or distributable).

*Clawback/Repayment.* All awards are subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment to the extent necessary to comply with (i) any clawback, forfeiture or other similar policy adopted by our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee and as in effect from time to time, and (ii) applicable law. To the extent that a participant receives any amount in excess of the amount that the participant should otherwise have received under the terms of the award for any reason (including, without limitation, by reason of a financial restatement, mistake in calculations or other administrative error), the participant will be required to repay any such excess amount to the company.

*Detrimental Activity.* If a participant has engaged in any detrimental activity, as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, as determined by the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for one or both of the following: (i) cancellation of any or all of such participant's outstanding awards, or (ii) forfeiture by the participant of any gain realized on the vesting or exercise of awards and prompt repayment to the company of any such gain.

### **Certain U.S. Federal Tax Aspects of the Omnibus Incentive Plan**

The following is a brief summary of the principal U.S. income tax consequences under current law of awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and, among other things, does not describe non-U.S., state or local tax consequences or withholding and other payroll tax matters.

*Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights.* The grant of an option or a stock appreciation right will create no federal income tax consequences for the participant or the company. A participant will not have taxable income upon exercising an option which is an incentive stock option, except that alternative minimum tax may apply. Upon exercising an option which is not an incentive stock option, the participant generally must recognize ordinary income equal to the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of the freely transferable and non-forfeitable shares acquired on the date of exercise. Upon exercising a stock appreciation right, the participant must generally recognize ordinary income equal to the cash or the fair market value of the shares received.

Upon a disposition of shares acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option before the end of the applicable incentive stock option holding periods (two years from the date the option was granted and one year from the date the shares were transferred upon the exercise of the option), the participant must generally recognize ordinary income equal to the lesser of (i) the fair market value of the incentive stock option shares at the date of exercise minus the exercise price or (ii) the amount realized upon the disposition of the incentive stock option shares minus the exercise price. Any gain realized in excess of the fair market value at the time of exercise will be short or long-term capital gain, as applicable. Upon disposition of shares acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option after the end of the applicable holding periods, no ordinary income is recognized and any gain or loss relative to the option exercise price will be long-term capital gain or loss.

A participant's sale of shares acquired by exercise of an option that was not an incentive stock option or a stock appreciation right generally will result in short-term or long-term capital gain



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or loss measured by the difference between the sale price and the tax basis in the shares, which generally is the amount he or she recognized as ordinary income in connection with the option's or stock appreciation right's exercise.

*Restricted Stock.* A participant will generally not recognize federal taxable income when he or she receives a grant of restricted stock, and the company will not be entitled to a deduction, until the stock is transferable by the participant or is not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. When the stock is either transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, a participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares at that time (less any amounts paid for the shares). Any gain or loss recognized by the participant upon a later disposition of the shares will be capital gain or loss. A participant's holding period for purposes of determining whether that capital gain or loss is long-term or short-term will be counted from the date the stock became transferable or ceased to be subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture.

A participant may elect to recognize ordinary income in the year when the share award is granted in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares subject to the award (less any amounts paid for such shares) at the time of grant, determined without regard to any restrictions. This election is referred to as a Section 83(b) election. In that event, the company will be entitled to a corresponding deduction in the same year. Any gain or loss recognized by the participant upon a later disposition of the shares will be capital gain or loss. A participant's holding period for purposes of determining whether that capital gain or loss is long-term or short-term will be counted from the date of the original transfer to the participant. The participant may not claim a credit for any tax previously paid on stock that is later forfeited.

*Restricted Stock Units.* If a participant is granted a restricted stock unit, he or she will not be required to recognize any taxable income at the time of grant. Upon distribution of shares in respect of restricted stock units, the fair market value of those shares will be taxable to the participant as ordinary income. The subsequent disposition of shares acquired pursuant to a restricted stock unit will result in capital gain or loss based on the difference between the price received on disposition and the participant's basis in those shares (generally, the market value of the shares at the time of their issuance). A participant's holding period for purposes of determining whether that capital gain or loss is long-term or short-term will be counted from the date the stock is issued to the participant.

*Tax Consequences to PJT Partners.* Subject to Section 162(m) of the Code, PJT Partners normally can claim a tax deduction equal to the amount recognized as ordinary income by a participant in connection with an award granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, but no tax deduction relating to a participant's capital gains. Accordingly, we will not be entitled to any tax deduction with respect to an incentive stock option if the participant holds the shares for the applicable incentive stock option holding period before selling the shares.

In general, Section 162(m) of the Code denies a publicly held corporation a federal income tax deduction for compensation in excess of \$1 million per year per person paid to its covered employees, subject to certain exceptions in the case of certain grandfathered awards made prior to November 2, 2017.

The foregoing provides only a general description of the application of federal income tax laws to certain awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. This discussion is intended for the information of stockholders considering how to vote at the Annual Meeting and not as tax guidance to participants in the Omnibus Incentive Plan, as the consequences may vary with the types of awards made, the identity of the recipients and the method of payment or settlement. Different tax rules may apply to variations on transactions that are permitted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan (such as



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payment of the exercise price of an option by surrender of previously acquired shares). In addition, we reserve the authority to award compensation that may not be fully deductible or deductible at all.

**Awards under the Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan**

The following table sets forth the equity awards issued under the Omnibus Incentive Plan that have been received as of February 25, 2019 to the following persons or groups: (i) our chief executive officer; (ii) each of our other Named Executive Officers; (iii) our current executive officers as a group; (iv) our current non-executive officer directors as a group; (v) each nominee for election as a director; and (vi) all employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers, as a group. There have been no equity awards granted to (i) any associate of any current director who is not a Named Executive Officer or nominee or (ii) any associate of any Named Executive Officer. In addition, except as may be set forth below, no person was granted equity awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan which in the aggregate accounted for five percent or more of the total number of shares available for issuance under the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

On February 25, 2019, the closing price of our common stock, as reported on the NYSE, was \$45.34.

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Pre Spin-Off Equity Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Post Spin-Off Equity Awards <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Total of all Columns in Table <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Paul J. Taubman, Chairman and CEO	5,800,000	60,000	5,860,000
Ji-Yeun Lee, Managing Partner	930,000	61,001	991,001
Helen T. Meates, Chief Financial Officer	150,000	29,789	179,789
James W. Cuminale, General Counsel	175,000	26,774	201,774
James Costos, Director		5,526	5,526
Dennis S. Hersch, Director		18,775	18,775
Emily K. Rafferty, Director		6,435	6,435
Thomas M. Ryan, Director		19,876	19,876
Kenneth C. Whitney, Director		6,435	6,435
All current executive officers as a group	7,055,000	177,564	7,232,564
All current non-executive officer directors as a group		57,047	57,047
All employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers, as a group	10,125,070	6,923,071	17,048,141

(1) Amounts shown include Founders Units, Earn-Out Units, LTIP Units and restricted stock units. In connection with the closing of the merger and spin-off transactions on October 1, 2015, 5,315,000 Founders Units, 6,530,048 Earn-Out Units, and 5,776,846 restricted stock units were issued under the Omnibus Incentive Plan to then-current partners and employees, and were excluded from the 7 million shares reserved for issuance under the Omnibus Incentive Plan at the time of the merger and spin-off transactions. The number of shares to be issued in respect of performance-vesting Earn-Out Units has been calculated based on the assumption that the maximum level of performance will be achieved.



- (2) Does not include an aggregate of 76,381 equity awards we additionally intend to grant in 2019 with respect to performance year 2018 annual incentive compensation.

**Table of Contents****Registration with the SEC**

If the Omnibus Incentive Plan is approved by stockholders, we expect to file as soon as reasonably practicable after the Annual Meeting a Registration Statement on Form S-8 with the SEC to register the additional shares of Class A common stock that will be issuable under the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table presents certain information about our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2018:

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column)</b>
Approved Omnibus Incentive Plan	5,133,078 <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,866,922 <sup>(2)</sup>
Not Approved None			

(1) Consists of 1,866,922 restricted stock units and LTIP Units granted under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, which do not have an exercise price.

(2) Consists of shares of Class A common stock issuable under the Omnibus Incentive Plan pursuant to various awards that the Compensation Committee may make, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares, restricted stock units and other equity-based awards, including Partnership Units and LTIP Units.

**Table of Contents****PROPOSAL 4 RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Our Audit Committee has selected Deloitte as our independent registered public accounting firm to perform the audit of our consolidated financial statements for 2019. Representatives of Deloitte are expected to be present at our Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**Board of Directors Recommendation**

The appointment of Deloitte as our independent registered public accounting firm is being submitted to our stockholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting. Our Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** the ratification of the selection of Deloitte as our independent registered public accounting firm. The submission of the appointment of Deloitte is required neither by law nor by our Amended and Restated Bylaws. Our Board of Directors is nevertheless submitting it to our stockholders to ascertain their views. If our stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the selection of another independent registered public accounting firm may be considered by the Audit Committee. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the company and our stockholders.

**Audit Fees**

The following table sets forth aggregate fees billed to us by Deloitte for 2017 and 2018:

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Audit Fees<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$1,735,750	\$1,747,600
<b>Audit-Related Fees</b>		
<b>Tax Fees <sup>(2)</sup></b>	1,097,100	1,004,658
<b>All Other Fees</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,832,850</b>	<b>\$2,752,258</b>

(1) Audit Fees include fees for services rendered for the audit and quarterly reviews of our consolidated financial statements filed with the SEC on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, respectively, as well as statutory and financial audits for our United States and foreign consolidated subsidiaries.

(2) Tax fees represent fees for services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm's tax personnel, except those services specifically related to the audit and review of the financial statements, and consisted of tax consulting and compliance professional services, including to our United States and foreign consolidated subsidiaries.

**Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

Our Audit Committee does not permit the engagement of our auditors without pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The engagement of Deloitte for permitted non-audit accounting and tax services is limited to circumstances where these services are considered integral to the audit services that Deloitte provides or where there is another compelling rationale for using Deloitte. All audit, audit-related and permitted non-audit services for which Deloitte was engaged during 2018 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee in compliance with applicable SEC requirements.

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**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

In order for a stockholder proposal to be included in our Proxy Statement to be issued in connection with our 2020 Annual Meeting, that proposal must be received by our Corporate Secretary no later than November 13, 2019 (which is 120 calendar days before the anniversary of the date this Proxy Statement was first mailed or made available to stockholders).

In addition, eligible stockholders who wish to submit director nominations or bring any business at the 2020 Annual Meeting, including stockholder proposals to be included in our Proxy Statement, must comply with the advance notice procedures set forth in our Amended and Restated Bylaws. In order for such director nominations and other business to be deemed timely, notice of such director nominations and other business must be received by our Corporate Secretary (A) no earlier than December 26, 2019 and no later than January 26, 2020 or (B) in the event that our 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held prior to March 25, 2020 or after July 3, 2020, notice by the stockholder must be so received no earlier than the 120th day prior to such Annual Meeting and no later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such Annual Meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the Annual Meeting is first made, and, in each case, must satisfy the notification, timeliness, consent and information requirements set forth in our Amended and Restated Bylaws.

**HOUSEHOLDING OF ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS**

Some banks, brokers and other holders of record may be participating in the practice of householding proxy statements, annual reports or notices. This means that only one copy of our Proxy Materials or Notice of Availability, as applicable, may have been sent to multiple stockholders in your household. If you want to receive separate copies of our Proxy Materials or Notice of Availability, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy per household, you should contact your bank, broker or other holder of record, or you may contact the Corporate Secretary as set forth above.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Our Board of Directors does not know of any other matters that are to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. Should any other matter arise at the Annual Meeting; however, the persons named in the enclosed proxy will have discretionary authority to vote all proxies with respect to such matters in accordance with their judgment.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Salvatore Rappa

Managing Director, Corporate Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

March 11, 2019



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**Annex A**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**PJT PARTNERS INC.**

**2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan is to provide a means through which the Company and other members of the Company Group may attract and retain key personnel and to provide a means whereby directors, officers, employees, partners, consultants and advisors of the Company and other members of the Company Group can acquire and maintain an equity interest in the Company, or be paid incentive compensation, including incentive compensation measured by reference to the value of Common Stock or Partnership Interests, thereby strengthening their commitment to the welfare of the Company Group and aligning their interests with those of the Company's stockholders.

**2. Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable throughout the Plan.

(a) Absolute Share Limit has the meaning given such term in Section 5(b) of the Plan.

(b) Affiliate means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company. The term control (including, with correlative meaning, the terms controlled by and under common control with ), as applied to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting or other securities, by contract or otherwise.

(c) Award means, individually or collectively, any Incentive Stock Option, Nonqualified Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Other Stock-Based Award, Other Cash-Based Award, Performance Compensation Award or Partnership Interest granted under the Plan.

(d) Award Agreement means the document or documents by which each Award is evidenced.

(e) Board means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) Cause means, as to any Participant, unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise, (i) Cause, as defined in any employment agreement, Partner Agreement or consulting agreement between the Participant and the Service Recipient in effect at the time of such Termination (or with respect to an Award of Partnership Interests, as defined in the Partnership Agreement); or (ii) in the absence of such definition in any employment agreement, Partner Agreement or consulting agreement, the Participant's (A) deliberate and repeated failure to perform substantially the Participant's duties to the Service Recipient; (B) material breach of any partnership, employment, or consulting agreement between the Participant and the Service Recipient, or material breach of any restrictive covenants agreement between the Participant and any member of the Company Group; (C) conviction of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, or a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, by a regulatory body or by a self-regulatory body having authority with respect to securities laws, rules or regulations, that the Participant individually has violated any securities laws or any rules or regulations thereunder, or any rules of any such self-regulatory body, if such conviction has a material adverse effect on the business of the Company Group; (D) material breach of any material rules or regulations of the Service Recipient applicable to the Participant that have been provided to the Participant in writing and has a material adverse effect on the business of

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the Company Group; (E) act of fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or similar conduct by the Participant against the Company or any Affiliate.

(g) Change in Control means:

(i) the acquisition (whether by purchase, merger, consolidation, combination or other similar transaction) by any Person of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% (on a fully diluted basis) of either (A) the then outstanding shares of Common Stock, taking into account as outstanding for this purpose such Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options or warrants, the conversion of convertible stock or debt, and the exercise of any similar right to acquire such Common Stock, treating as shares of Common Stock, for the avoidance of doubt, the number of shares of Common Stock into which any Partnership Interests are (or may become) exchangeable or (B) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors; *provided, however*, that for purposes of this Plan, the following acquisitions shall be excluded in the determination of a Change in Control: (I) any acquisition by the Company or any Affiliate; (II) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliate; or (III) in respect of an Award held by a particular Participant, any acquisition by the Participant or any group of Persons including the Participant (or any entity controlled by the Participant or any group of Persons including the Participant);

(ii) during any period of twelve (12) months, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board (the Incumbent Directors ) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any person becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof, whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Incumbent Directors then on the Board (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of the Company in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without written objection to such nomination) shall be an Incumbent Director; *provided, however*, that no individual initially elected or nominated as a director of the Company as a result of an actual or threatened election contest, as such terms are used in Rule 14a-12 of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Exchange Act, with respect to directors or as a result of any other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of any person other than the Board shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director; and

(iii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company Group (taken as a whole) to any Person that is not an Affiliate of the Company.

(h) Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in the Plan to any section of the Code shall be deemed to include any regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, regulations or guidance.

(i) Committee means the Compensation Committee of the Board or any subcommittee thereof properly delegated in accordance with Section 4(a), or if no such Compensation Committee or subcommittee thereof exists, the Board.

(j) Common Stock means the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (and any stock or other securities into which such Common Stock may be converted or into which it may be exchanged).

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- (k) Company means PJT Partners Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.
- (l) Company Group means, collectively, the Company and its Subsidiaries.
- (m) Date of Grant means the date on which the granting of an Award is authorized, or such other date as may be specified in such authorization.
- (n) Designated Foreign Subsidiaries means all members of the Company Group that are organized under the laws of any jurisdiction or country other than the United States of America that may be designated by the Board or the Committee from time to time.
- (o) Detrimental Activity means any of the following: (i) unauthorized disclosure of any confidential or proprietary information of any member of the Company Group; (ii) any activity that would be grounds to terminate the Participant's employment or service with the Service Recipient for Cause; and (iii) the breach of any noncompetition, nonsolicitation or other agreement containing restrictive covenants, with any member of the Company Group.
- (p) Disability means, as to any Participant, unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise, (i) Disability, as defined in any employment agreement, Partner Agreement or consulting agreement between the Participant and the Service Recipient in effect at the time of such Termination; or (ii) in the absence of any such employment agreement, Partner Agreement or consulting agreement (or the absence of any definition of Disability contained therein), a condition entitling the Participant to receive benefits under a long-term disability plan of the Company Group in which such Participant is eligible to participate, or, in the absence of such a plan, the inability by reason of physical or mental illness or accident to perform the duties of the occupation at which a Participant was employed or served when such disability commenced, which inability is reasonably expected to be permanent and has continued for a period of six consecutive months. Any determination of whether Disability exists shall be made by the Company (or designee) in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (q) Effective Date means September 16, 2015.
- (r) Eligible Director means a person who is (i) with respect to actions intended to obtain an exemption from Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, a non-employee director within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act; (ii) with respect to actions intended to obtain the exception for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, an outside director within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code; and (iii) with respect to actions undertaken to comply with the rules of the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted, an independent director under the rules of the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted, or a person meeting any similar requirement under any successor rule or regulation.
- (s) Eligible Person means any (i) individual employed by, or providing services as a partner to, any member of the Company Group; *provided, however*, that no employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be an Eligible Person unless and to the extent that such eligibility is set forth in such collective bargaining agreement or in an agreement or instrument relating thereto; (ii) director or officer of any member of the Company Group; or (iii) consultant or advisor to any member of the Company Group who may be offered securities registrable pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act, who, in the case of each of clauses (i) through (iii) above has entered into an Award Agreement or who has received written notification from the Committee or its designee that they have been selected to participate in the Plan.

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(t) Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in the Plan to any section of (or rule promulgated under) the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section or rule, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations or guidance.

(u) Exercise Price has the meaning given such term in Section 7(b) of the Plan.

(v) Fair Market Value means, on a given date, if (i) the Common Stock is listed on a national securities exchange, the closing sales price of the Common Stock reported on the primary exchange on which the Common Stock is listed and traded on such date, or, if there are no such sales on that date, then on the last preceding date on which such sales were reported; (ii) the Common Stock is not listed on any national securities exchange but is quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system on a last sale basis, the average between the closing bid price and ask price reported on such date, or, if there is no such sale on that date, then on the last preceding date on which a sale was reported; or (iii) the Common Stock is not listed on a national securities exchange or quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system on a last sale basis, the amount determined by the Committee in good faith to be the fair market value of the Common Stock.

(w) GAAP has the meaning given to such term in Section 11(c) of the Plan.

(x) Immediate Family Members has the meaning given such term in Section 13(d) of the Plan.

(y) Incentive Stock Option means an Option which is designated by the Committee as an incentive stock option as described in Section 422 of the Code and otherwise meets the requirements set forth in the Plan.

(z) Indemnifiable Person has the meaning given such term in Section 4(e) of the Plan.

(aa) Minimum Vesting Condition means, with respect to any Award settled in shares of Common Stock, that vesting of (or lapsing of restrictions on) such Award does not occur earlier than the first anniversary of the Date of Grant, other than acceleration (i) in connection with a Change in Control or (ii) as a result of a Participant's death or Disability; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, Awards that result in the issuance of an aggregate of up to five percent (5%) of the Absolute Share Limit may be granted to any one or more Eligible Persons without respect to such Minimum Vesting Condition. The Minimum Vesting Condition will not prevent the Committee from accelerating the vesting of any Award in accordance with any of the provisions set forth in this Plan.

(bb) Negative Discretion means the discretion authorized by the Plan to be applied by the Committee to eliminate or reduce the size of a Performance Compensation Award consistent with Section 162(m) of the Code.

(cc) Nonqualified Stock Option means an Option which is not designated by the Committee as an Incentive Stock Option.

(dd) Non-Employee Director means a member of the Board who is not an employee of any member of the Company Group.

(ee) NYSE means the New York Stock Exchange.

(ff) Option means an Award granted under Section 7 of the Plan.

(gg) Option Period has the meaning given such term in Section 7(c) of the Plan.

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(hh) Other Cash-Based Award means an Award granted under Section 10 of the Plan that is payable without reference to the value of Common Stock.

(ii) Other Stock-Based Award means an Award granted under Section 10 of the Plan that is payable by reference to the value of Common Stock.

(jj) Participant means an Eligible Person who has been selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan and to receive an Award pursuant to the Plan.

(kk) Partnership means PJT Partners Holdings LP.

(ll) Partner Agreement means an agreement between a partner and a Service Recipient with respect to the provision of services of such partner to the Service Recipient.

(mm) Partnership Agreement means the Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of PJT Partners Holdings LP, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(nn) Partnership Interest means any interest in the Partnership that is designated by the Committee that is available to be issued or granted under the Plan as an interest in the Partnership, including, without limitation, the LTIP Units as defined in the Partnership Agreement.

(oo) Performance Compensation Award means any Award designated by the Committee as a Performance Compensation Award pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan.

(pp) Performance Criteria means the criterion or criteria that the Committee shall select for purposes of establishing the Performance Goals for a Performance Period with respect to any Performance Compensation Award under the Plan.

(qq) Performance Formula means, for a Performance Period, the one or more objective formulae applied against the relevant Performance Goal to determine, with regard to the Performance Compensation Award of a particular Participant, whether all, some portion but less than all, or none of the Performance Compensation Award has been earned for the Performance Period.

(rr) Performance Goals means, for a Performance Period, the one or more goals established by the Committee for the Performance Period based upon the Performance Criteria.

(ss) Performance Period means the one or more periods of time, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to, and the payment of, a Performance Compensation Award.

(tt) Permitted Transferee has the meaning given such term in Section 13(d) of the Plan.

(uu) Person means any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act).

(vv) Plan means this Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as it may be amended from time to time.

(ww) Restricted Period means the period of time determined by the Committee during which an Award is subject to restrictions or, as applicable, the period of time within which performance is measured for purposes of determining whether an Award has been earned.

(xx) Restricted Stock means Common Stock, subject to certain specified restrictions (which may include, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous services for a specified period of time), granted under Section 9 of the Plan.

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(yy) Restricted Stock Unit means an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver shares of Common Stock, cash, other securities or other property, subject to certain restrictions (which may include, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous services for a specified period of time), granted under Section 9 of the Plan.

(zz) SAR Period has the meaning given such term in Section 8(c) of the Plan.

(aaa) Securities Act means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in the Plan to any section of (or rule promulgated under) the Securities Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section or rule, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations or guidance.

(bbb) Service Recipient means, with respect to a Participant holding a given Award, the member of the Company Group by which the original recipient of such Award is a partner thereof, principally employed or to which such original recipient provides services, as applicable (or following a Termination, the member of the Company Group to which any of the foregoing most recently applied).

(ccc) Stock Appreciation Right or SAR means an Award granted under Section 8 of the Plan.

(ddd) Strike Price has the meaning given such term in Section 8(b) of the Plan.

(eee) Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

(i) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of such entity's voting securities (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders' agreement that effectively transfers voting power) is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

(ii) any partnership (or any comparable foreign entity) (A) the sole general partner (or functional equivalent thereof) or the managing general partner of which is such Person or Subsidiary of such Person or (B) the only general partners (or functional equivalents thereof) of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

(fff) Substitute Award has the meaning given such term in Section 5(e) of the Plan.

(ggg) Sub-Plans means, any sub-plan to this Plan that has been adopted by the Board or the Committee for the purpose of permitting the offering of Awards to employees of certain Designated Foreign Subsidiaries or otherwise outside the United States of America, with each such sub-plan designed to comply with local laws applicable to offerings in such foreign jurisdictions. Although any Sub-Plan may be designated a separate and independent plan from the Plan in order to comply with applicable local laws, the Absolute Share Limit and the other limits specified in Section 5(b) shall apply in the aggregate to the Plan and any Sub-Plan adopted hereunder.

(hhh) Termination means the termination of a Participant's employment or service, as applicable, with the Service Recipient.

**3. Effective Date; Duration.** The Plan shall be effective as of the Effective Date. The expiration date of the Plan, on and after which date no Awards may be granted hereunder, shall be the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date;



*provided, however,* that such expiration shall not affect

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Awards then outstanding, and the terms and conditions of the Plan shall continue to apply to such Awards.

**4. Administration.**

(a) The Committee shall administer the Plan; *provided, however*, that the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant Awards and administer the Plan with respect to such awards, in which case, the Board shall have all the authority granted to the Committee under the Plan. To the extent required to comply with the provisions of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act (if the Board is not acting as the Committee under the Plan) or desired to obtain the exception for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, as applicable, it is intended that the Committee or subcommittee thereof shall consist of two or more Eligible Directors. However, the fact that a Committee member shall fail to qualify as an Eligible Director shall not invalidate any Award granted by the Committee that is otherwise validly granted under the Plan.

(b) Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Stock of the Company is listed or traded, the Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any person or persons selected by it. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company or any Subsidiary the authority to act on behalf of the Committee with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Committee herein, and which may be so delegated as a matter of law, subject to Section 4(a) above.

(c) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and applicable law, the Committee shall have the sole and plenary authority, in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of shares of Common Stock or Partnership Interests, as applicable, to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled in or exercised for cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited, or suspended and the method or methods by which Awards may be so settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances the delivery of cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities, other Awards or other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the Participant or of the Committee; (vii) interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any defect in and/or supply any omission in the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or Award granted under, the Plan; (viii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive any rules and regulations and appoint such agents as the Committee shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; (ix) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan; and (x) adopt Sub-Plans.

(d) Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Partnership Agreement or an Award Agreement, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award or any documents evidencing Awards granted pursuant to the Plan shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all persons or entities, including, without limitation, the Company, any

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other member of the Company Group, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award, and any stockholder of the Company.

(e) No member of the Board, the Committee or any employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary (each such person, an Indemnifiable Person ) shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken or any determination made with respect to the Plan or any Award hereunder (unless constituting fraud or a willful criminal act or omission). Each Indemnifiable Person shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability, or expense (including attorneys' fees) that may be imposed upon or incurred by such Indemnifiable Person in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which such Indemnifiable Person may be a party or in which such Indemnifiable Person may be involved by reason of any action taken or omitted to be taken or determination made under the Plan or any Award Agreement and against and from any and all amounts paid by such Indemnifiable Person with the Company's approval, in settlement thereof, or paid by such Indemnifiable Person in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding against such Indemnifiable Person, and the Company shall advance to such Indemnifiable Person any such expenses promptly upon written request (which request shall include an undertaking by the Indemnifiable Person to repay the amount of such advance if it shall ultimately be determined as provided below that the Indemnifiable Person is not entitled to be indemnified); *provided* that the Company shall have the right, at its own expense, to assume and defend any such action, suit or proceeding and once the Company gives notice of its intent to assume the defense, the Company shall have sole control over such defense with counsel of the Company's choice. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available to an Indemnifiable Person to the extent that a final judgment or other final adjudication (in either case not subject to further appeal) binding upon such Indemnifiable Person determines that the acts, omissions or determinations of such Indemnifiable Person giving rise to the indemnification claim resulted from such Indemnifiable Person's fraud or willful criminal act or omission or that such right of indemnification is otherwise prohibited by law or by the organizational documents of any member of the Company Group. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of or otherwise supersede any other rights of indemnification to which such Indemnifiable Persons may be entitled under the organizational documents of any member of the Company Group, as a matter of law, under an individual indemnification agreement or contract or otherwise, or any other power that the Company may have to indemnify such Indemnifiable Persons or hold such Indemnifiable Persons harmless.

**5. Grant of Awards; Shares and Partnership Interests Subject to the Plan; Limitations.**

(a) The Committee may, from time to time, grant Awards to one or more Eligible Persons, subject to the Minimum Vesting Condition.

(b) Awards granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following limitations: (i) subject to Section 12 of the Plan, the total number of Awards available under the Plan shall be no more than ~~7,000,000~~17,000,000 (the Absolute Share Limit ), of which all or any portion may be issued as shares of Common Stock or Partnership Interests (counting the number of shares of Common Stock into which any Partnership Interests are (or may become) exchangeable and subject to the reallocation provisions as set forth in Section 8.02(c) of the Partnership Agreement, but excluding the number of shares issuable under this Plan in connection with the vesting or exchange of replacement awards, retention awards, certain restricted stock awards to non-U.S. personnel or Partnership Interests issued or granted to Participants in connection with the completion of the Company's spin-off transaction on October 1, 2015); (ii) subject to Section 12 of the Plan, grants of Options or SARs under the Plan in respect of no more than 700,000 shares of Common Stock may be made to any individual Participant during any single fiscal year of the Company (for this purpose, if a SAR is granted in



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tandem with an Option (such that the SAR expires with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock for which the Option is exercised), only the shares underlying the Option shall count against this limitation); (iii) subject to Section 12 of the Plan, no more than the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Absolute Share Limit may be issued in the aggregate pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan; (iv) subject to Section 12 of the Plan, no more than 700,000 shares of Common Stock may be issued in respect of Performance Compensation Awards denominated in shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan to any individual Participant for a single fiscal year during a Performance Period (or with respect to each single fiscal year in the event a Performance Period extends beyond a single fiscal year), or in the event such share denominated Performance Compensation Award is paid in cash, other securities, other Awards or other property, no more than the Fair Market Value of such shares of Common Stock on the last day of the Performance Period to which such Award relates; and (v) the maximum amount that can be paid to any individual Participant for a single fiscal year during a Performance Period (or with respect to each single fiscal year in the event a Performance Period extends beyond a single fiscal year) pursuant to a Performance Compensation Award denominated in cash (described in Section 11(a) of the Plan) shall be \$10,000,000.

(c) Other than with respect to Substitute Awards, to the extent that an Award expires or is canceled, forfeited, terminated, settled in cash, or otherwise is settled without delivery to the Participant of the full number of shares of Common Stock to which the Award related, the undelivered shares or Partnership Interests will again be available for grant and/or reallocation, as applicable. Shares of Common Stock withheld in payment of the Exercise Price or taxes relating to an Award and shares equal to the number of shares surrendered in payment of any Exercise Price or Strike Price, or taxes relating to an Award, shall be deemed to constitute shares not issued to the Participant and shall be deemed to again be available for Awards under the Plan; *provided, however*, that such shares shall not become available for issuance hereunder if either: (i) the applicable shares are withheld or surrendered following the termination of the Plan; or (ii) at the time the applicable shares are withheld or surrendered, it would constitute a material revision of the Plan subject to stockholder approval under any then-applicable rules of the national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed.

(d) Shares of Common Stock issued by the Company in settlement of Awards may be authorized and unissued shares, shares held in the treasury of the Company, shares purchased on the open market or by private purchase or a combination of the foregoing.

(e) Awards may, in the sole discretion of the Committee, be granted under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity directly or indirectly acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines ( Substitute Awards ). Unless the Committee shall otherwise determine, the Common Stock delivered by the Company or its Affiliates upon exchange of the Partnership Interests that have been issued under the Plan shall be issued under the Plan and shall be considered to be a Substitute Award. Substitute Awards shall not be counted against the Absolute Share Limit; *provided*, that Substitute Awards issued in connection with the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding options intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code shall be counted against the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock available for Awards of Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Subject to applicable stock exchange requirements, available shares under a stockholder-approved plan of an entity directly or indirectly acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines (as appropriately adjusted to reflect the acquisition or combination transaction) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan. Any Awards granted under the Plan in substitution of other Awards which do

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not constitute Substitute Awards (as defined herein) shall be subject to the limitations and requirements set forth under Section 13(a) of the Plan.

(f) During each fiscal year, the Board may award annual compensation to any Non-Employee Director (including both shares of Common Stock subject to Awards and any cash fees paid to such Non-Employee Director during the fiscal year (but excluding expense reimbursements)) in an amount not exceeding \$750,000 in total value (calculating the value of any such Awards based on the grant date fair value of such Awards for financial reporting purposes).

**6. Eligibility.** Participation in the Plan shall be limited to Eligible Persons.

**7. Options.**

(a) **General.** Each Option granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, in written or electronic form, which agreement need not be the same for each Participant. Each Option so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 7, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement. All Options granted under the Plan shall be Nonqualified Stock Options unless the applicable Award Agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option. Incentive Stock Options shall be granted only to Eligible Persons who are employees of a member of the Company Group, and no Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any Eligible Person who is ineligible to receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Code. No Option shall be treated as an Incentive Stock Option unless the Plan has been approved by the stockholders of the Company in a manner intended to comply with the stockholder approval requirements of Section 422(b)(1) of the Code, *provided* that any Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option shall not fail to be effective solely on account of a failure to obtain such approval, but rather such Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option unless and until such approval is obtained. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the terms and conditions of such grant shall be subject to, and comply with, such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code. If for any reason an Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option (or any portion thereof) shall not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, then, to the extent of such nonqualification, such Option or portion thereof shall be regarded as a Nonqualified Stock Option appropriately granted under the Plan.

(b) **Exercise Price.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in the case of Substitute Awards, the exercise price ( Exercise Price ) per share of Common Stock for each Option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such share (determined as of the Date of Grant); *provided, however*, that in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant of such Option, owns stock representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of stock of any member of the Company Group, the Exercise Price per share shall be no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per share on the Date of Grant.

(c) **Vesting and Expiration; Termination.** Options shall vest and become exercisable in such manner and on such date or dates or upon such event or events as determined by the Committee; *provided, however*, that notwithstanding any such vesting dates or events, the Committee may in its sole discretion accelerate the vesting of any Options at any time and for any reason. Options shall expire upon a date determined by the Committee, not to exceed ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the Option Period ); *provided*, that if the Option Period (other than in the case of an Incentive Stock Option) would expire at a time when trading in the shares of Common Stock is prohibited by the Company's insider trading policy (or Company-imposed blackout period ), then the Option Period shall be automatically extended until the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the expiration of such prohibition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Option Period exceed five (5) years from the



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Date of Grant in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who on the Date of Grant owns stock representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of stock of any member of the Company Group.

(d) Method of Exercise and Form of Payment. No shares of Common Stock shall be issued pursuant to any exercise of an Option until payment in full of the Exercise Price therefor is received by the Company and the Participant has paid to the Company an amount equal to any Federal, state, local and non-U.S. income, employment and any other applicable taxes required to be withheld. Options which have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company (or telephonic instructions to the extent provided by the Committee) in accordance with the terms of the Option accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price shall be payable: (i) in cash, check, cash equivalent and/or shares of Common Stock valued at the Fair Market Value at the time the Option is exercised (including, pursuant to procedures approved by the Committee, by means of attestation of ownership of a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock in lieu of actual issuance of such shares to the Company); *provided*, that such shares of Common Stock are not subject to any pledge or other security interest and have been held by the Participant for at least six months (unless otherwise determined by the Committee); or (ii) by such other method as the Committee may permit in its sole discretion, including, without limitation (A) in other property having a fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the Exercise Price; (B) if there is a public market for the shares of Common Stock at such time, by means of a broker-assisted cashless exercise pursuant to which the Company is delivered (including telephonically to the extent permitted by the Committee) a copy of irrevocable instructions to a stockbroker to sell the shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the Exercise Price; or (C) a net exercise procedure effected by withholding the minimum number of shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable in respect of an Option that are needed to pay the Exercise Price and all applicable required withholding and any other applicable taxes. Any fractional shares of Common Stock shall be settled in cash.

(e) Notification upon Disqualifying Disposition of an Incentive Stock Option. Each Participant awarded an Incentive Stock Option under the Plan shall notify the Company in writing immediately after the date the Participant makes a disqualifying disposition of any Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Incentive Stock Option. A disqualifying disposition is any disposition (including, without limitation, any sale) of such Common Stock before the later of (i) two years after the Date of Grant of the Incentive Stock Option or (ii) one year after the date of exercise of the Incentive Stock Option. The Company may, if determined by the Committee and in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, retain possession, as agent for the applicable Participant, of any Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option until the end of the period described in the preceding sentence, subject to complying with any instructions from such Participant as to the sale of such Common Stock.

(f) Compliance With Laws, etc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a Participant be permitted to exercise an Option in a manner which the Committee determines would violate the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as it may be amended from time to time, or any other applicable law or the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or the applicable rules and regulations of any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities of the Company are listed or traded.



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**8. Stock Appreciation Rights.**

(a) **General.** Each SAR granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each SAR so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 8, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement. Any Option granted under the Plan may include tandem SARs. The Committee also may award SARs to Eligible Persons independent of any Option.

(b) **Strike Price.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in the case of Substitute Awards, the strike price (Strike Price) per share of Common Stock for each SAR shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such share (determined as of the Date of Grant). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a SAR granted in tandem with (or in substitution for) an Option previously granted shall have a Strike Price equal to the Exercise Price of the corresponding Option.

(c) **Vesting and Expiration; Termination.** A SAR granted in connection with an Option shall become exercisable and shall expire according to the same vesting schedule and expiration provisions as the corresponding Option. A SAR granted independent of an Option shall vest and become exercisable in such manner and on such date or dates or upon such event or events as determined by the Committee; *provided, however*, that notwithstanding any such vesting dates or events, the Committee may in its sole discretion accelerate the vesting of any SAR at any time and for any reason. SARs shall expire upon a date determined by the Committee, not to exceed ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the SAR Period); *provided*, that if the SAR Period would expire at a time when trading in the shares of Common Stock is prohibited by the Company's insider trading policy (or Company-imposed blackout period), then the SAR Period shall be automatically extended until the 30th day following the expiration of such prohibition.

(d) **Method of Exercise.** SARs which have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Award, specifying the number of SARs to be exercised and the date on which such SARs were awarded.

(e) **Payment.** Upon the exercise of a SAR, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the number of shares subject to the SAR that is being exercised multiplied by the excess of the Fair Market Value of one (1) share of Common Stock on the exercise date over the Strike Price, less an amount equal to any Federal, state, local and non-U.S. income, employment and any other applicable taxes required to be withheld. The Company shall pay such amount in cash, in shares of Common Stock valued at Fair Market Value, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Committee. Any fractional shares of Common Stock shall be settled in cash.

(f) **Substitution of SARs for Nonqualified Stock Options.** The Committee shall have the authority in its sole discretion to substitute, without the consent of the affected Participant or any holder or beneficiary of SARs, SARs settled in shares of Common Stock (or settled in shares or cash in the sole discretion of the Committee) for outstanding Nonqualified Stock Options; *provided* that (i) the substitution shall not otherwise result in a modification of the terms of any such Nonqualified Stock Option; (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock underlying the substituted SARs shall be the same as the number of shares of Common Stock underlying such Nonqualified Stock Options; and (iii) the Strike Price of the substituted SARs shall be equal to the Exercise Price of such Nonqualified Stock Options.

**9. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.**

(a) **General.** Each grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit so granted shall be subject



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to the conditions set forth in this Section 9, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement.

(b) Stock Certificates and Book-Entry; Escrow or Similar Arrangement. Upon the grant of Restricted Stock, the Committee shall cause a stock certificate registered in the name of the Participant to be issued or shall cause share(s) of Common Stock to be registered in the name of the Participant and held in book-entry form subject to the Company's directions and, if the Committee determines that the Restricted Stock shall be held by the Company or in escrow rather than issued to the Participant pending the release of the applicable restrictions, the Committee may require the Participant to additionally execute and deliver to the Company (i) an escrow agreement satisfactory to the Committee, if applicable and (ii) the appropriate stock power (endorsed in blank) with respect to the Restricted Stock covered by such agreement. If a Participant shall fail to execute and deliver (in a manner permitted under Section 13(c) of the Plan or as otherwise determined by the Committee) an agreement evidencing an Award of Restricted Stock and, if applicable, an escrow agreement and blank stock power within the amount of time specified by the Committee, the Award shall be null and void. Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 9 and unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant generally shall have the rights and privileges of a stockholder as to such Restricted Stock, including, without limitation, the right to vote such Restricted Stock; *provided* that if the lapsing of restrictions with respect to any grant of Restricted Stock is contingent on satisfaction of performance or time-vesting conditions (~~other than or in addition to the passage of time~~), any dividends payable on such shares of Restricted Stock shall be held by the Company and delivered (without interest) to the Participant within fifteen (15) days following the date on which the restrictions on such Restricted Stock lapse (and the right to any such accumulated dividends shall be forfeited upon the forfeiture of the Restricted Stock to which such dividends relate). To the extent shares of Restricted Stock are forfeited, any stock certificates issued to the Participant evidencing such shares shall be returned to the Company, and all rights of the Participant to such shares and as a stockholder with respect thereto shall terminate without further obligation on the part of the Company. A Participant shall have no rights or privileges as a stockholder as a holder of Restricted Stock Units.

(c) Vesting; Termination. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall vest, and any applicable Restricted Period shall lapse, in such manner and on such date or dates or upon such event or events as determined by the Committee; *provided, however*, that notwithstanding any such dates or events, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the vesting of any Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit or the lapsing of any applicable Restricted Period at any time and for any reason.

(d) Issuance of Restricted Stock and Settlement of Restricted Stock Units.

(i) Upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to any shares of Restricted Stock, the restrictions set forth in the applicable Award Agreement shall be of no further force or effect with respect to such shares, except as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. If an escrow arrangement is used, upon such expiration, the Company shall issue to the Participant, or his or her beneficiary, without charge, the stock certificate (or, if applicable, a notice evidencing a book-entry notation) evidencing the shares of Restricted Stock which have not then been forfeited and with respect to which the Restricted Period has expired (rounded down to the nearest full share). Dividends, if any, that may have been withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular share of Restricted Stock shall be distributed to the Participant in cash or, at the sole discretion of the Committee, in shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value (on the date of distribution) equal to the amount of such dividends, upon the release of restrictions on

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such share and, if such share is forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such dividends.

(ii) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement or otherwise, upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to any outstanding Restricted Stock Units, the Company shall issue to the Participant, or his or her beneficiary, without charge, one (1) share of Common Stock (or other securities or other property, as applicable) for each such outstanding Restricted Stock Unit; *provided, however*, that the Committee may, in its sole discretion, elect to (A) pay cash or part cash and part shares of Common Stock in lieu of issuing only shares of Common Stock in respect of such Restricted Stock Units; or (B) defer the issuance of shares of Common Stock (or cash or part cash and part shares of Common Stock, as the case may be) beyond the expiration of the Restricted Period if such extension would not cause adverse tax consequences under Section 409A of the Code. If a cash payment is made in lieu of issuing shares of Common Stock in respect of such Restricted Stock Units, the amount of such payment shall be equal to the Fair Market Value per share of the Common Stock as of the date on which the Restricted Period lapsed with respect to such Restricted Stock Units. To the extent provided in an Award Agreement, the holder of outstanding Restricted Stock Units shall be entitled to be credited with dividend equivalent payments (upon the payment by the Company of dividends on shares of Common Stock) either in cash or, at the sole discretion of the Committee, in shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends (and interest may, at the sole discretion of the Committee, be credited on the amount of cash dividend equivalents at a rate and subject to such terms as determined by the Committee), which accumulated dividend equivalents (and interest thereon, if applicable) shall be payable at the same time as the underlying Restricted Stock Units are settled following the date on which the Restricted Period lapses with respect to such Restricted Stock Units, and, if such Restricted Stock Units are forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such dividend equivalent payments (or interest thereon, if applicable).

(e) Legends on Restricted Stock. Each certificate, if any, or book entry representing Restricted Stock awarded under the Plan, if any, shall bear a legend or book entry notation substantially in the form of the following, in addition to any other information the Company deems appropriate, until the lapse of all restrictions with respect to such shares of Common Stock:

TRANSFER OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND THE SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY IS RESTRICTED PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PJT PARTNERS INC. 2015 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN AND A RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN PJT PARTNERS INC. AND PARTICIPANT. A COPY OF SUCH PLAN AND AWARD AGREEMENT IS ON FILE AT THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF PJT PARTNERS INC.

**10. Other Stock-Based Awards, Other Cash-Based Awards and Partnership Interest-Based Awards.** The Committee may issue unrestricted Common Stock, rights to receive grants of Awards at a future date, other Awards denominated in Common Stock (including, without limitation, performance shares or performance units) ( Other Stock-Based Awards ) and other Awards denominated in cash (including, without limitation, cash bonuses, or Partnership Interests) ( Other Cash-Based Awards ) under the Plan to Eligible Persons, alone or in tandem with other Awards, in such amounts as the Committee shall from time to time in its sole discretion determine. Each Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and each Other Cash-Based Awards shall be evidenced by such form as the Committee may determine from time to time. Each Other Stock-Based Award or Other Cash-Based Award, as applicable, so granted

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shall be subject to such conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement or other form evidencing such Award, including, without limitation, those set forth in Section 13(c) of the Plan.

**11. Performance Compensation Awards.**

(a) **General.** The Committee shall have the authority, at or before the time of grant of any Award, to designate such Award as a Performance Compensation Award intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, if the Company determines that a Participant who has been granted an Award designated as a Performance Compensation Award is not (or is no longer) a covered employee (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code), the terms and conditions of such Award may be modified without regard to any restrictions or limitations set forth in this Section 11 (but subject otherwise to the provisions of Section 13 of the Plan).

(b) **Discretion of Committee with Respect to Performance Compensation Awards.** With regard to a particular Performance Period, the Committee shall have sole discretion to select the length of such Performance Period, the type(s) of Performance Compensation Awards to be issued, the Performance Criteria that will be used to establish the Performance Goal(s), the kind(s) and/or level(s) of the Performance Goal(s) that is (are) to apply and the Performance Formula(e). Within the first ninety (90) days of a Performance Period (or, within any other maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), the Committee shall, with regard to the Performance Compensation Awards to be issued for such Performance Period, exercise its discretion with respect to each of the matters enumerated in the immediately preceding sentence and record the same in writing.

(c) **Performance Criteria.** The Performance Criteria that will be used to establish the Performance Goal(s) may be based on the attainment of specific levels of performance of the Company (and/or one or more members of the Company Group, divisions or operational and/or business units, product lines, brands, business segments, administrative departments, or any combination of the foregoing) and shall be limited to the following, which may be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) or on a non-GAAP basis: (i) net earnings, net income (before or after taxes) or consolidated net income; (ii) basic or diluted earnings per share (before or after taxes); (iii) net revenue or net revenue growth; (iv) gross revenue or gross revenue growth, gross profit or gross profit growth; (v) net operating profit (before or after taxes); (vi) return measures (including, but not limited to, return on investment, assets, capital, employed capital, invested capital, equity, or sales); (vii) cash flow measures (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, or cash flow return on capital), which may but are not required to be measured on a per share basis; (viii) actual or adjusted earnings before or after interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization (including EBIT and EBITDA); (ix) gross or net operating margins; (x) productivity ratios; (xi) share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return); (xii) expense targets or cost reduction goals, general and administrative expense savings; (xiii) operating efficiency; (xiv) objective measures of customer/client satisfaction; (xv) working capital targets; (xvi) measures of economic value added or other value creation metrics; (xvii) enterprise value; (xviii) sales; (xix) stockholder return; (xx) customer/client retention; (xxi) competitive market metrics; (xxii) employee retention; (xxiii) objective measures of personal targets, goals or completion of projects (including but not limited to succession and hiring projects, completion of specific acquisitions, dispositions, reorganizations or other corporate transactions or capital-raising transactions, expansions of specific business operations and meeting divisional or project budgets); (xxiv) comparisons of continuing operations to other operations; (xxv) market share; (xxvi) cost of capital, debt leverage year-end cash position or book value; (xxvii) strategic



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objectives; or (xxviii) any combination of the foregoing. Any one or more of the Performance Criteria may be stated as a percentage of another Performance Criteria, or used on an absolute or relative basis to measure the performance of one or more members of the Company Group as a whole or any divisions or operational and/or business units, product lines, brands, business segments or administrative departments of the Company and/or one or more members of the Company Group or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Criteria may be compared to the performance of a selected group of comparison companies, or a published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, or as compared to various stock market indices. The Committee also has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of any Award based on the achievement of Performance Goals pursuant to the Performance Criteria specified in this paragraph. To the extent required under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall, within the first ninety (90) days of a Performance Period (or, within any other maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), define in an objective fashion the manner of calculating the Performance Criteria it selects to use for such Performance Period.

(d) Modification of Performance Goal(s). In the event that applicable tax and/or securities laws change to permit Committee discretion to alter the governing Performance Criteria without obtaining stockholder approval of such alterations, the Committee shall have sole discretion to make such alterations without obtaining stockholder approval. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time a Performance Compensation Award is granted, the Committee shall, during the first ninety (90) days of a Performance Period (or, within any other maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), or at any time thereafter to the extent the exercise of such authority at such time would not cause the Performance Compensation Awards granted to any Participant for such Performance Period to fail to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, specify adjustments or modifications to be made to the calculation of a Performance Goal for such Performance Period, based on and in order to appropriately reflect the following events: (i) asset write-downs; (ii) litigation or claim judgments or settlements; (iii) the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or regulatory rules affecting reported results; (iv) any reorganization and restructuring programs; (v) acquisitions or divestitures; (vi) any other specific, unusual or nonrecurring events, or objectively determinable category thereof; (vii) foreign exchange gains and losses; (viii) discontinued operations and nonrecurring charges; and (ix) a change in the Company's fiscal year.

(e) Payment of Performance Compensation Awards.

(i) Condition to Receipt of Payment. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant must be employed by the Company on the last day of a Performance Period to be eligible for payment in respect of a Performance Compensation Award for such Performance Period.

(ii) Limitation. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall be eligible to receive payment in respect of a Performance Compensation Award only to the extent that: (A) the Performance Goals for such period are achieved; and (B) all or some portion of such Participant's Performance Compensation Award has been earned for the Performance Period based on the application of the Performance Formula to such achieved Performance Goals.

(iii) Certification. Following the completion of a Performance Period, the Committee shall review and certify in writing whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Period have been achieved and, if so, calculate and certify in writing that amount of the Performance Compensation Awards earned for the period based upon the

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Performance Formula. The Committee shall then determine the amount of each Participant's Performance Compensation Award actually payable for the Performance Period and, in so doing, may apply Negative Discretion.

(iv) Use of Negative Discretion. In determining the actual amount of an individual Participant's Performance Compensation Award for a Performance Period, the Committee may reduce or eliminate the amount of the Performance Compensation Award earned under the Performance Formula in the Performance Period through the use of Negative Discretion. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award agreement, the Committee shall not have the discretion to: (A) grant or provide payment in respect of Performance Compensation Awards for a Performance Period if the Performance Goals for such Performance Period have not been attained; or (B) increase a Performance Compensation Award above the applicable limitations set forth in Section 5 of the Plan.

(f) Timing of Award Payments. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award agreement, Performance Compensation Awards granted for a Performance Period shall be paid to Participants as soon as administratively practicable following completion of the certifications required by this Section 11. Any Performance Compensation Award that has been deferred shall not (between the date as of which the Award is deferred and the payment date) increase (i) with respect to a Performance Compensation Award that is payable in cash, by a measuring factor for each fiscal year greater than a reasonable rate of interest set by the Committee or (ii) with respect to a Performance Compensation Award that is payable in shares of Common Stock, by an amount greater than the appreciation of a share of Common Stock from the date such Award is deferred to the payment date. Any Performance Compensation Award that is deferred and is otherwise payable in shares of Common Stock shall be credited (during the period between the date as of which the Award is deferred and the payment date) with dividend equivalents (in a manner consistent with the methodology set forth in the last sentence of Section 9(d)(ii) of the Plan).

**12. Changes in Capital Structure and Similar Events.**

(a) In the event of (i) any dividend (other than regular cash dividends) or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities or other property, including Partnership Interests), reclassification, recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination, repurchase or exchange of shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Company or Partnership Interests, issuance of warrants or other rights to acquire shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Company or Partnership Interests, or other similar corporate or Partnership transaction or event that affects the shares of Common Stock or Partnership Interests, as applicable (including a Change in Control) or (ii) unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company or the Partnership, including changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements, that the Committee determines, in its sole discretion, could result in substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights intended to be granted to, or available for, Participants (any event in (i) or (ii), an Adjustment Event), the Committee shall, in respect of any such Adjustment Event, make such substitution or adjustment, if any, as it deems equitable to any or all of (A) the Absolute Share Limit, or any other limit applicable under the Plan with respect to the number of Awards which may be granted hereunder, (B) the number of shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or other property, including Partnership Interests) which may be issued in respect of Awards or with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan or any Sub-Plan, and (C) the terms of any outstanding Award, including, without limitation, (1) the number of shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or other property, including



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Partnership Interests) subject to outstanding Awards or to which outstanding Awards relate, (2) the Exercise Price or Strike Price with respect to any Award, or (3) any applicable performance measures (including, without limitation, the Performance Conditions applicable to LTIP Units (as such terms are defined under the Partnership Agreement and related Award Agreements), Performance Criteria and Performance Goals) *provided, however*, that in the case of any equity restructuring (within the meaning of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (or any successor pronouncement thereto)), the Committee shall make an equitable adjustment to outstanding Awards to reflect such equity restructuring. Any adjustment under this Section 12 shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes.

(b) Adjustment Events. Without limiting the foregoing, except as may otherwise be provided in an Award Agreement, in connection with any Adjustment Event, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for any one or more of the following:

(i) a substitution or assumption of Awards (or awards of an acquiring company), acceleration of the exercisability of, lapse of restrictions on, or termination of, Awards, or a period of time (which shall not be required to be more than ten (10) days) for Participants to exercise outstanding Awards prior to the occurrence of such event (and that any such Award not so exercised shall terminate upon the occurrence of such event); and

(ii) subject to any limitations or reductions as may be necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code, cancellation of any one or more outstanding Awards and payment to the holders of such Awards that are vested as of such cancellation (including, without limitation, any Awards that would vest as a result of the occurrence of such event but for such cancellation or for which vesting is accelerated by the Committee in connection with such event), the value of such Awards, if any, as determined by the Committee (which value, if applicable, may be based upon the price per share of Common Stock received or to be received by other stockholders of the Company or holders of Partnership Interests, as applicable, in such event), including, without limitation, in the case of an outstanding Option or SAR, a cash payment in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value (as of a date specified by the Committee) of the shares of Common Stock subject to such Option or SAR over the aggregate Exercise Price or Strike Price of such Option or SAR, respectively (it being understood that, in such event, any Option or SAR having a per share Exercise Price or Strike Price equal to, or in excess of, the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock subject thereto shall be canceled and terminated without any payment or consideration therefor), or, in the case of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards that are not vested as of such cancellation, a cash payment or equity subject to deferred vesting and delivery consistent with the vesting restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards prior to cancellation, or the underlying shares in respect thereof.

Payments to holders pursuant to clause (iii) above shall be made in cash or, in the sole discretion of the Committee, in the form of such other consideration necessary for a Participant to receive property, cash, or securities (or combination thereof) as such Participant would have been entitled to receive upon the occurrence of the transaction if the Participant had been, immediately prior to such transaction, the holder of the number of shares of Common Stock or Partnership Interests, as applicable, covered by the Award at such time (less any applicable Exercise Price or Strike Price).

(c) Other Requirements. Prior to any payment or adjustment contemplated under this Section 12, the Committee may require a Participant to (i) represent and warrant as to the unencumbered title to his or her Awards, (ii) bear such Participant's pro rata share of any post-closing



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indemnity obligations, and be subject to the same post-closing purchase price adjustments, escrow terms, offset rights, holdback terms, and similar conditions as the other holders of Common Stock or Partnership Interests, as applicable, subject to any limitations or reductions as may be necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code; and (iii) deliver customary transfer documentation as reasonably determined by the Committee.

**13. Amendments and Termination.**

(a) **Amendment and Termination of the Plan.** The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time; *provided*, that no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination shall be made without stockholder approval if: (i) such approval is necessary to comply with any regulatory requirement applicable to the Plan (including, without limitation, as necessary to comply with any rules or regulations of the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities of the Company may be listed or quoted) or for changes in GAAP to new accounting standards; (ii) it would materially increase the number of securities which may be issued under the Plan (except for increases pursuant to Section 5 or 12 of the Plan); (iii) it would materially modify the requirements for participation in the Plan; (iv) it would reduce the Exercise Price of any Option or the Strike Price of any SAR; (v) it would result in the Committee canceling an outstanding Option or SAR and replacing it with a new Option or SAR (with a lower Exercise Price or Strike Price, as the case may be) or other Award or cash payment that is greater than the intrinsic value (if any) of the cancelled Option or SAR or (vi) it would result in the Committee taking any other action which is considered a repricing for purposes of the stockholder approval rules of the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities of the Company are listed or quoted; *provided further*, that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant under an outstanding Award shall not be effective without the consent of the affected Participant.

(b) **Amendment of Award Agreements.** The Committee may, to the extent consistent with the terms of any applicable Award Agreement, waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, any Award theretofore granted or the associated Award Agreement, prospectively or retroactively (including after a Participant's Termination); *provided*, that, other than pursuant to Section 12, any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant under an outstanding Award shall not be effective without the consent of the affected Participant.

(c) **Award Agreements.** Each Award under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which shall be delivered to the Participant and shall specify the terms and conditions of the Award and any rules applicable thereto, including, without limitation, the effect on such Award of the Termination of a Participant, or of such other events as may be determined by the Committee. For purposes of the Plan, an Award Agreement may be in any such form (written or electronic) as determined by the Committee (including, without limitation, a Board or Committee resolution, an employment agreement, a notice, a certificate or a letter) evidencing the Award. The Committee need not require an Award Agreement to be signed by the Participant or a duly authorized representative of the Company.

(d) **Nontransferability.**

(i) Each Award shall be exercisable only by such Participant to whom such Award was granted during the Participant's lifetime, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the

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Participant's legal guardian or representative. No Award may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant (unless such transfer is specifically required pursuant to a domestic relations order or other applicable law) other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against any member of the Company Group; *provided*, that the designation of a beneficiary shall not constitute an assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit Awards (other than Incentive Stock Options) to be transferred by a Participant, without consideration, subject to such rules as the Committee may adopt consistent with any applicable Award Agreement to preserve the purposes of the Plan, to: (A) any person who is a family member of the Participant, as such term is used in the instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act or any successor form of registration statement promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (collectively, the Immediate Family Members); (B) a trust solely for the benefit of the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members (or with respect to any partner in the Partnership, any other Personal Planning Vehicle (as defined in the Partnership Agreement)); (C) a partnership or limited liability company whose only partners or stockholders are the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members; or (D) a beneficiary to whom donations are eligible to be treated as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes;

(each transferee described in clauses (A), (B), (C) and (D) above is hereinafter referred to as a Permitted Transferee); *provided* that the Participant gives the Committee advance written notice describing the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer and the Committee notifies the Participant in writing that such a transfer would comply with the requirements of the Plan.

(iii) The terms of any Award transferred in accordance with clause (ii) above shall apply to the Permitted Transferee and any reference in the Plan, or in any applicable Award Agreement, to a Participant shall be deemed to refer to the Permitted Transferee, except that: (A) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to transfer any Award, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (B) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to exercise any transferred Option unless there shall be in effect a registration statement on an appropriate form covering the shares of Common Stock to be acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Option if the Committee determines, consistent with any applicable Award Agreement, that such a registration statement is necessary or appropriate; (C) neither the Committee nor the Company shall be required to provide any notice to a Permitted Transferee, whether or not such notice is or would otherwise have been required to be given to the Participant under the Plan or otherwise; and (D) the consequences of the Termination of the Participant under the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement shall continue to be applied with respect to the Participant, including, without limitation, that an Option shall be exercisable by the Permitted Transferee only to the extent, and for the periods, specified in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

(e) Dividends and Dividend Equivalents. The Committee in its sole discretion may provide a Participant as part of an Award with dividends, dividend equivalents, or similar payments in respect of Awards, payable in cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities, other Awards or other property, on a current or deferred basis, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the

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Committee in its sole discretion, including, without limitation, payment directly to the Participant, withholding of such amounts by the Company subject to vesting of the Award or reinvestment in additional shares of Common Stock, Restricted Stock or other Awards; *provided*, that no dividends, dividend equivalents or other similar payments shall be payable in respect of outstanding (i) Options or SARs; or (ii) unearned Performance Compensation Awards or other unearned Awards subject to performance or time-vesting conditions (~~other than or in addition to the passage of time~~) (although dividends, dividend equivalents or other similar payments may be accumulated in respect of unearned Awards and paid within fifteen (15) days after such Awards are earned and become payable or distributable).

(f) Tax Withholding.

(i) A Participant shall be required to pay to the Service Recipient or any other member of the Company Group, and the Service Recipient or any other member of the Company Group shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold, from any cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities or other property issuable or deliverable under any Award or from any compensation or other amounts owing to a Participant, the amount (in cash, shares of Common Stock, other securities or other property) of any required withholding or any other applicable taxes in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Committee or the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such withholding or any other applicable taxes.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of clause (i) above, the Committee may (but is not obligated to), in its sole discretion, permit a Participant to satisfy, in whole or in part, the foregoing withholding liability by (A) the delivery of shares of Common Stock (which are not subject to any pledge or other security interest) that have been held by the Participant for at least six months (unless otherwise determined by the Committee) having a Fair Market Value equal to such withholding liability or (B) having the Company withhold from the number of shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable or deliverable pursuant to the exercise or settlement of the Award a number of shares with a Fair Market Value equal to such withholding liability, provided that with respect to shares withheld pursuant to clause (B), the number of such shares may not have a Fair Market Value greater than the minimum required statutory withholding liability unless determined by the Committee not to result in adverse accounting consequences.

(g) No Guarantees Regarding Tax Treatment. Participants shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to any Awards under the Plan. The Committee and the Company make no guarantees to any party regarding the tax treatment of Awards or payments made under the Plan. Neither the Committee nor the Company has any obligation to take any action to prevent the assessment of any tax on any party with respect to any Award under Section 409A of the Code or Section 457A of the Code or otherwise and none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or any of their employees or representatives shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.

(h) Data Protection. By participating in the Plan or accepting any rights granted under it, each Participant consents to the collection and processing of personal data relating to the Participant so that the Company and its Affiliates can fulfill their obligations and exercise their rights under the Plan and generally administer and manage the Plan. This data will include, but may not be limited to, data about participation in the Plan and shares offered or received, purchased or sold under the Plan from time to time and other appropriate financial and other data (such as the date on which the Awards were granted) about the Participant and the Participant's participation in the Plan.

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(i) No Claim to Awards; No Rights to Continued Employment; Waiver. No employee of any member of the Company Group, or other Person, shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award under the Plan or, having been selected for the grant of an Award, to be selected for a grant of any other Award, except with respect to any Forfeited Units (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) that may be reallocated under the Partnership Agreement. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant and may be made selectively among Participants, whether or not such Participants are similarly situated. Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as giving any Participant any right to be retained in the employ or service of the Service Recipient or any other member of the Company Group, nor shall it be construed as giving any Participant any rights to continued service on the Board. The Service Recipient or any other member of the Company Group may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or discontinue any consulting relationship, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or any Award Agreement. By accepting an Award under the Plan, a Participant shall thereby be deemed to have waived any claim to continued exercise or vesting of an Award or to damages or severance entitlement related to non-continuation of the Award beyond the period provided under the Plan or any Award Agreement, except to the extent of any provision to the contrary in any written employment contract or other agreement between the Service Recipient and/or any member of the Company Group and the Participant, whether any such agreement is executed before, on or after the Date of Grant.

(j) International Participants. With respect to Participants who reside or work outside of the United States of America and who are not (and who are not expected to be) covered employees within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, amend the terms of the Plan and create or amend Sub-Plans or amend outstanding Awards with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the requirements of local law or to obtain more favorable tax or other treatment for a Participant, any member of the Company Group.

(k) Designation and Change of Beneficiary. Each Participant may file with the Committee a written designation of one or more persons as the beneficiary(ies) who shall be entitled to receive the amounts payable with respect to an Award, if any, due under the Plan upon his or her death. A Participant may, from time to time, revoke or change his or her beneficiary designation without the consent of any prior beneficiary by filing a new designation with the Committee. The last such designation received by the Committee shall be controlling; *provided, however*, that no designation, or change or revocation thereof, shall be effective unless received by the Committee prior to the Participant's death, and in no event shall it be effective as of a date prior to such receipt. If no beneficiary designation is filed by a Participant, the beneficiary shall be deemed to be his or her spouse or, if the Participant is unmarried at the time of death, his or her estate.

(l) Termination. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, unless determined otherwise by the Committee at any point following such event: (i) neither a temporary absence from employment or service due to illness, vacation or leave of absence (including, without limitation, a call to active duty for military service through a Reserve or National Guard unit) nor a transfer from employment or service with one Service Recipient to employment or service with another Service Recipient (or vice-versa) shall be considered a Termination; and (ii) if a Participant undergoes a Termination, but such Participant continues to provide services to the Company Group in another capacity, such change in status shall not be considered a Termination for purposes of the Plan. Further, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in the event that any Service Recipient

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ceases to be a member of the Company Group (by reason of sale, divestiture, spin-off or other similar transaction), unless a Participant's employment or service is transferred to another entity that would constitute a Service Recipient immediately following such transaction, such Participant shall be deemed to have suffered a Termination hereunder as of the date of the consummation of such transaction.

(m) No Rights as a Stockholder. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or any Award Agreement, no Person shall be entitled to the privileges of ownership in respect of shares of Common Stock which are subject to Awards hereunder until such shares have been issued or delivered to such Person.

(n) Government and Other Regulations.

(i) The obligation of the Company to settle Awards in shares of Common Stock or other consideration shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by governmental agencies as may be required. Notwithstanding any terms or conditions of any Award to the contrary, the Company shall be under no obligation to offer to sell or to sell, and shall be prohibited from offering to sell or selling, any shares of Common Stock pursuant to an Award unless such shares have been properly registered for sale pursuant to the Securities Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission or unless the Company has received an opinion of counsel (if the Company has requested such an opinion), satisfactory to the Company, that such shares may be offered or sold without such registration pursuant to an available exemption therefrom and the terms and conditions of such exemption have been fully complied with. The Company shall be under no obligation to register for sale under the Securities Act any of the shares of Common Stock to be offered or sold under the Plan. The Committee shall have the authority to provide that all shares of Common Stock or other securities of any member of the Company Group issued under the Plan shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan, the applicable Award Agreement, the Federal securities laws, or the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the NYSE or any other securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities of the Company are listed or quoted and any other applicable Federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws, rules, regulations and other requirements, and, without limiting the generality of Section 9 of the Plan, the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on certificates representing shares of Common Stock or other securities of any member of the Company Group issued under the Plan to make appropriate reference to such restrictions or may cause such Common Stock or other securities of any member of the Company Group issued under the Plan in book-entry form to be held subject to the Company's instructions or subject to appropriate stop-transfer orders. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee reserves the right to add any additional terms or provisions to any Award granted under the Plan that the Committee in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable in order that such Award complies with the legal requirements of any governmental entity to whose jurisdiction the Award is subject.

(ii) The Committee may cancel an Award or any portion thereof if it determines, in its sole discretion, that legal or contractual restrictions and/or blockage and/or other market considerations would make the Company's acquisition of shares of Common Stock from the public markets, the Company's issuance of Common Stock to the Participant, the Participant's acquisition of Common Stock from the Company and/or the Participant's sale

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of Common Stock to the public markets, illegal, impracticable or inadvisable. If the Committee determines to cancel all or any portion of an Award in accordance with the foregoing, the Company shall, subject to any limitations or reductions as may be necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code, (A) pay to the Participant an amount equal to the excess of (I) the aggregate Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock subject to such Award or portion thereof canceled (determined as of the applicable exercise date, or the date that the shares would have been vested or issued, as applicable), over (II) the aggregate Exercise Price or Strike Price (in the case of an Option or SAR, respectively) or any amount payable as a condition of issuance of shares of Common Stock or Partnership Interests (in the case of any other Award). Such amount shall be delivered to the Participant as soon as practicable following the cancellation of such Award or portion thereof, or (B) in the case of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards, provide the Participant with a cash payment or equity subject to deferred vesting and delivery consistent with the vesting restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards, or the underlying shares thereof.

(o) Payments to Persons Other Than Participants. If the Committee shall find that any Person to whom any amount is payable under the Plan is unable to care for the Participant's affairs because of illness or accident, or is a minor, or has died, then any payment due to such Person or his or her estate (unless a prior claim therefor has been made by a duly appointed legal representative) may, if the Committee so directs the Company, be paid to his or her spouse, child, relative, an institution maintaining or having custody of such Person, or any other Person deemed by the Committee to be a proper recipient on behalf of such Person otherwise entitled to payment. Any such payment shall be a complete discharge of the liability of the Committee and the Company therefor.

(p) Nonexclusivity of the Plan. Neither the adoption of the Plan by the Board nor the submission of this Plan to the stockholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of stock options otherwise than under the Plan, and such arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

(q) Partnership Interests. With respect to an Award of Partnership Interests, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency as between the Plan and the Partnership Agreement or as between the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, the Partnership Agreement and the Award Agreement shall govern and control, respectively.

(r) No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between any member of the Company Group, on the one hand, and a Participant or other Person, on the other hand. No provision of the Plan or any Award shall require the Company, for the purpose of satisfying any obligations under the Plan, to purchase assets or place any assets in a trust or other entity to which contributions are made or otherwise to segregate any assets, nor shall the Company be obligated to maintain separate bank accounts, books, records or other evidence of the existence of a segregated or separately maintained or administered fund for such purposes. Participants shall have no rights under the Plan other than as unsecured general creditors of the Company, except that insofar as they may have become entitled to payment of additional compensation by performance of services, they shall have the same rights as other service providers under general law.

(s) Reliance on Reports. Each member of the Committee and each member of the Board shall be fully justified in acting or failing to act, as the case may be, and shall not be liable for having



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so acted or failed to act in good faith, in reliance upon any report made by the independent public accountant of any member of the Company Group and/or any other information furnished in connection with the Plan by any agent of the Company or the Committee or the Board, other than himself or herself.

(t) Relationship to Other Benefits. No payment under the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, profit sharing, group insurance or other benefit plan of the Company except as otherwise specifically provided in such other plan or as required by applicable law.

(u) Governing Law. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts made and performed wholly within the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof. EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ACCEPTS AN AWARD IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING INSTITUTED BY OR AGAINST SUCH PARTICIPANT IN RESPECT OF THE PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER.

(v) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Award or Award Agreement is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be construed or deemed stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or entity or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(w) Obligations Binding on Successors. The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, consolidation or other reorganization of the Company, or upon any successor corporation or organization succeeding to substantially all of the assets and business of the Company.

(x) Section 409A of the Code.

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, it is intended that the provisions of the Plan comply with Section 409A of the Code, and all provisions of the Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code. Each Participant is solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on or in respect of such Participant in connection with the Plan (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code), and neither the Service Recipient nor any other member of the Company Group shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold such Participant (or any beneficiary) harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties. With respect to any Award that is considered deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code, references in the Plan to termination of employment (and substantially similar phrases) shall mean separation from service within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, each of the payments that may be made in respect of any Award granted under the Plan is designated as separate payments.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, if a Participant is a specified employee within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, no payments in respect of any Awards that are deferred compensation subject to



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Section 409A of the Code and which would otherwise be payable upon the Participant's separation from service (as defined in Section 409A of the Code) shall be made to such Participant prior to the date that is six months after the date of such Participant's separation from service or, if earlier, the date of the Participant's death. Following any applicable six month delay, all such delayed payments will be paid in a single lump sum on the earliest date permitted under Section 409A of the Code that is also a business day.

(iii) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement or otherwise, in the event that the timing of payments in respect of any Award (that would otherwise be considered deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code) would be accelerated upon the occurrence of (A) a Change in Control, no such acceleration shall be permitted unless the event giving rise to the Change in Control satisfies the definition of a change in the ownership or effective control of a corporation, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of a corporation pursuant to Section 409A of the Code and any Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder or (B) a Disability, no such acceleration shall be permitted unless the Disability also satisfies the definition of Disability pursuant to Section 409A of the Code and any Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

(y) Clawback/Repayment. All Awards shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment to the extent necessary to comply with (i) any clawback, forfeiture or other similar policy adopted by the Board or Committee as in effect from time to time and (ii) applicable law. Further, to the extent that the Participant receives any amount in excess of the amount that the Participant should otherwise have received under the terms of the Award for any reason (including, without limitation, by reason of a financial restatement, mistake in calculations or other administrative error), the Participant shall be required to repay any such excess amount to the Company.

(z) Detrimental Activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if a Participant has engaged in any Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for one or both of the following:

(i) cancellation of any or all of such Participant's outstanding Awards; or

(ii) forfeiture by the Participant of any gain realized on the vesting or exercise of Awards, and to repay any such gain promptly to the Company.

(aa) Right of Offset. The Company will have the right to offset against its obligation to deliver shares of Common Stock (or other property or cash) under the Plan or any Award Agreement any outstanding amounts (including, without limitation, travel and entertainment or advance account balances, loans, repayment obligations under any Awards, or amounts repayable to the Company pursuant to tax equalization, housing, automobile or other employee programs) that the Participant then owes to any member of the Company Group, as applicable, and any amounts the Committee otherwise deems appropriate pursuant to any tax equalization policy or agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Award is deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Committee will have no right to offset against its obligation to deliver shares of Common Stock (or other property or cash) under the Plan or any Award Agreement if such offset could subject the Participant to the additional tax imposed under Section 409A of the Code in respect of an outstanding Award.

(bb) No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other

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property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.

(cc) Expenses; Gender; Titles and Headings. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company Group. Masculine pronouns and other words of masculine gender shall refer to both men and women. The titles and headings of the sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only, and in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control.

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***PJT PARTNERS INC.***

***ATTN: SALVATORE RAPPA***

***280 PARK AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR***

***NEW YORK, NY 10017***

**VOTE BY INTERNET - [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern time on April 23, 2019. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern time on April 23, 2019. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

**PJT PARTNERS INC.**

**The Board of Directors  
recommends you vote FOR  
the election of each of its  
Nominees:**

1. Election of  
Directors

**Nominees:**                                **For**                **Withhold**

1a. Paul J. Taubman

1b. Emily K. Rafferty

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals: For    Against    Abstain**

2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

3. To approve the Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

4. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of PJT Partners Inc. This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in accordance with the instructions given above. If no instructions are given, this proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN                Date  
WITHIN BOX]

Signature (Joint Owners)    Date

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**PJT PARTNERS INC.**

**Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**April 24, 2019 8:30 A.M. Eastern Time**

**This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of the Company**

The stockholder(s) hereby appoint(s) James W. Cuminale and Salvatore Rappa, and each of them, as proxies, each with the full power of substitution, and hereby authorize(s) them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock of PJT PARTNERS INC. that the stockholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on April 24, 2019, at the company's corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017, and in their discretion, upon any matter that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in accordance with instructions given on the reverse side. If no instructions are given, this proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors on the reverse side of this Proxy Card.**

**The stockholder(s) acknowledge(s) receipt with this proxy of a copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and Annual Report describing more fully the matters set forth herein.**

**Continued and to be signed on reverse side**

