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# Technologies Incorporated

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2024

To the Stockholders of TransAct Technologies Incorporated:

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern holding the Meeting virtually the Time vear. we are Annual via www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024. The Annual Meeting will be held virtually via the Internet to permit expanded access, improved communication and cost savings for our stockholders. We believe that a virtual meeting is in the best interests of our stockholders because it enables stockholders to attend, participate and ask questions from around the world. As a result, you will <u>not</u> be able to attend the Annual Meeting at a physical location. Instead, you will be able to participate, submit questions and vote your shares electronically. To vote or ask questions at the Annual Meeting, you must retain your 16-digit control number. Please carefully review the accompanying Proxy Statement for further instructions on how to access the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the following matters:

- (1) To elect four directors to each serve a one-year term expiring at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To ratify the selection of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2024;
- (3) To approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the accompanying Proxy Statement; and
- (4) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 1, 2024 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. As always, we encourage you to submit your proxy as soon as possible and prior to the Annual Meeting via the Internet or by telephone even if you plan to participate in the Annual Meeting. If you receive a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may also complete, sign, date and return the proxy card promptly in the accompanying postage-prepaid envelope. Submitting your proxy will ensure that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, regardless of whether you attend the Annual Meeting, and will not prevent you from voting virtually at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised at the Annual Meeting by delivering to the Company a later-dated proxy card, delivering a written notice of revocation to the Company, submitting a later proxy via Internet or telephone, or voting at the Annual Meeting.

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 24, 2024: The Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, the TransAct Technologies Incorporated 2023 Annual Report and the means to vote by Internet are available at <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>. This Proxy Statement and the TransAct Technologies Incorporated 2023 Annual Report are also available on our website at <a href="https://www.transact-tech.com">www.transact-tech.com</a> by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "2024 Annual Meeting Access."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Steven A. DeMartino

Secretary

Hamden, Connecticut April 10, 2024

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## TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

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# PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2024

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

On or about April 10, 2024, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") is first being mailed to stockholders in connection with a solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of TransAct Technologies Incorporated ("TransAct," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") for use at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company and any adjournments or postponements, rescheduling or continuations thereof (the "Annual Meeting"), to be held on Friday, May 24, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. We are furnishing our proxy materials to stockholders primarily electronically, and the Notice informs stockholders that this Proxy Statement, the 2023 Annual Report and voting instructions are available online at <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>. As more fully described in the Notice, stockholders also may request paper copies of the proxy materials.

We are holding the Annual Meeting virtually via the Internet at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024. Stockholders of record and beneficial owners as of the close of business on April 1, 2024 (the "Record Date") may attend the Annual Meeting virtually and vote their shares at the Annual Meeting at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024. Stockholders will have opportunities to participate, as they would at an in-person meeting, including the opportunity to vote and submit questions at the Annual Meeting using the directions on the Annual Meeting website. We intend to answer questions pertinent to Company matters as time allows at the Annual Meeting. Questions that are substantially similar may be grouped and answered once to avoid repetition. Stockholder questions related to personal matters, that are not pertinent to the Annual Meeting or other Company matters, or that contain derogatory references to individuals, use offensive language or are otherwise inappropriate, will not be addressed. To vote or ask questions at the Annual Meeting, you must log in at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024 using your 16-digit control number, which can be found on your Notice, proxy card or voting instruction form. To be able to vote and submit questions at the Annual Meeting, you must retain your control number.

If you are the beneficial owner of shares that are registered in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you may need to obtain a legal proxy and a control number from your broker, bank or other nominee to be able to vote and ask questions at the Annual Meeting. Beneficial owners with questions regarding attendance at, participation in or voting at the Annual Meeting should contact the broker, bank or other nominee in whose name the shares are registered. See "Voting Your Shares — Beneficial Owners" below.

Those without a control number may attend the Annual Meeting as guests, but will not have the option to vote or to ask questions at the Annual Meeting. Please carefully review the section below titled "Attending the Annual Meeting" for further instructions on how to access the live webcast. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the virtual meeting during registration or at the meeting, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the virtual meeting login page. Technical support will be available at the Annual Meeting and for the 15 minutes before the start of the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. As always, we encourage you to submit your proxy as soon as possible and prior to the Annual Meeting via the Internet or by telephone even if you plan to participate in the Annual Meeting. If you receive a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may also mark, sign, date and return the proxy card promptly in the accompanying postage-prepaid envelope. Submitting your proxy now will ensure that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, regardless of whether you attend the Annual Meeting, and will not impact your ability to vote virtually at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised at the Annual Meeting by delivering to the Company a later-dated proxy card, delivering a written notice of revocation to the Company, submitting a later proxy via Internet or telephone, or voting at the Annual Meeting.

#### Voting Rights and Eligibility

Stockholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each holder of common stock is entitled to cast one vote for each share of common stock held on the Record Date. There were 9,994,907 shares of common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the close of business on the Record Date.

#### Quorum

Shares representing a majority of the shares issued, outstanding and entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting, present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, will constitute a quorum to transact business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted towards a quorum.

If a quorum is not present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws") provide that the chair of the Annual Meeting, or the stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, present at the Annual Meeting or represented by proxy, may adjourn the Annual Meeting, without notice other than announcement at the Annual Meeting, until a quorum is present or represented. At an adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the Annual Meeting as originally noticed. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

## **Broker Non-Votes**

Brokers, banks or other nominees are not permitted to vote your shares with respect to proposals that are deemed "non-routine" without instructions from you because such holders do not have discretionary voting power on "non-routine" proposals. Accordingly, a broker non-vote occurs when a broker, bank or other nominee holds shares for a beneficial owner, but is not empowered to vote on a particular proposal because the proposal is considered "non-routine" and the beneficial owner has not provided voting instructions on that proposal. The election of directors and the non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers are deemed to be "non-routine" matters. As a result, if your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee and you do not instruct the broker, bank or other nominee how to vote with respect any such proposal, your shares will not be counted as having been voted on that proposal. However, the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm is considered a "routine" matter. Therefore, brokers would have discretion to vote on this proposal without having received timely voting instructions from you.

## **Voting Your Shares**

You may vote "For" or "Withhold" with respect to the election of each of the director nominees. For the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm and the non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation, you may vote "For" or "Against" or "Abstain" from voting on each proposal.

Stockholders of Record

If you hold shares in your name as a holder of record, you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares. If you are a stockholder of record with shares registered in your name, you may vote by one of the following methods:

- At the Annual Meeting To vote at the Annual Meeting, you must visit the virtual meeting website at <a href="https://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024">www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024</a>, log in using your 16-digit control number and follow the voting instructions on the website.
- Via the Internet To submit your proxy by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com and follow the instructions on the secure website. The deadline for proxy submission via the Internet is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 23, 2024.

- **By Telephone** To submit your proxy by telephone, call 1-800-690-6903 and follow the instructions. The deadline for proxy submission by telephone is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 23, 2024.
- **By Mail** To submit your proxy by mail, complete, sign and date your proxy card and mail it in the pre-addressed postage-paid envelope that accompanies the proxy card. Proxy cards submitted by mail must be received prior to the Annual Meeting in order for your shares to be voted in accordance with the instructions therein.

If your shares are held in more than one account, you may receive more than one Notice or, if applicable, set of printed proxy materials. In that case, you are urged to vote all of your shares by following the instructions and using the control number provided on each Notice or by signing, dating and returning each proxy card you receive from the Company in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you submit your proxy by telephone or via the Internet by visiting <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>, please do so once for each Notice or proxy card you receive to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

## Beneficial Owners

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in "street name." In that case, you may receive a separate voting instruction form, or you may need to contact your broker, bank or other nominee to determine whether you will be able to provide voting instructions electronically via the Internet. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares by submitting voting instructions to such person in accordance with the directions outlined by the broker, bank or other nominee. If your shares are held in more than one account or through multiple brokers, banks or nominees, you may receive multiple voting instruction forms. Please follow the instructions on each such form you receive to ensure that all of your shares are voted in accordance with your instructions.

In the event you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in "street name" and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy and a control number from your broker, bank or other nominee. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form. For instructions on how to vote at the Annual Meeting, see below under "Attending the Annual Meeting."

## Failure to Specify Voting Instructions; Board Recommendation

All validly submitted proxies will be voted in accordance with the instructions they contain, unless timely and properly revoked. If you return a signed and dated proxy card but do not specify your voting instructions with respect to a particular proposal, your shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of our Board. The Board recommends that you vote:

- Proposal 1 "FOR" the election of each of John M. Dillon, Audrey P. Dunning, Daniel M. Friedberg and Randall
  S. Friedman to serve a one-year term until the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective
  successors are duly elected and qualified;
- Proposal 2 "FOR" the ratification of the selection of Marcum LLP ("Marcum") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2024; and
- Proposal 3 "FOR" the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive
  officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement.

A valid proxy also authorizes the individuals named as proxies to vote your shares in their discretion on any other matters, which, although not described in this Proxy Statement, are properly presented for action at the Annual Meeting, to the extent permitted by Rule 14a-4(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board is not aware of any matter which is to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting other than the matters described in this Proxy Statement. Should any other matter requiring a vote of the stockholders properly arise at the Annual Meeting, the proxies confer upon the persons named in the accompanying proxy card the authority to vote in respect of any such other matter in their discretion, to the extent permitted by Rule 14a-4(c) of the Exchange Act.

#### **Required Vote**

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present at the Annual Meeting or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. In an uncontested election like the election at the Annual Meeting, where the number of nominees does not exceed the number of seats available, a nominee who receives any "For" votes will be elected. If you "Withhold" authority to vote on any nominee's election, this will not have an impact on the outcome of the voting with respect to the election of directors. Broker non-votes also will have no effect on the outcome of the voting with respect to the election of directors.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the stock present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter is required to ratify the selection of Marcum as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2024 fiscal year. Abstentions, in effect, count as negative votes because they are shares present in person or represented by proxy that are entitled to vote and not voted in the affirmative. Brokers, banks and other nominees will have discretion to vote on the ratification of the appointment of Marcum as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2024 in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner, so we do not anticipate any broker non-votes on this proposal. In the event that stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Marcum, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment but will not be obligated to change the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

The proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. For such proposal, abstentions in effect count as negative votes, because they are shares present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting that are entitled to vote and are not voted in the affirmative. Broker non-votes are not counted as part of the vote total (because they represent shares that are not "entitled to vote" on such proposal) and have no effect on the outcome of the voting with respect to such proposal. The vote for the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers is on an advisory basis and is therefore non-binding.

## **Revocation of Proxies**

You may revoke your proxy at any time before your shares are voted at the Annual Meeting by: (i) giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company, (ii) properly submitting to the Company a duly executed proxy card bearing a later date, or (iii) voting at the Annual Meeting. All written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to revocation of proxies should be addressed to the Company as follows: TransAct Technologies Incorporated, One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Avenue, Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518, Attention: Secretary. A later-dated proxy card or written revocation must be received before the Annual Meeting by the Secretary of the Company. A stockholder may also revoke a proxy by submitting a new proxy via the Internet at www.proxyvote.com or by phone at 1-800-690-6903 no later than 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 23, 2024. Attendance at the Annual Meeting does not, without further action, revoke the appointment of a proxy; however, you may revoke a previously submitted proxy by voting virtually at the Annual Meeting before your proxy is exercised. The Annual Meeting can be accessed by visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024; to vote at the Annual Meeting, you will need to log in with the 16-digit control number located on your Notice, proxy card or voting instruction form. A proxy appointment will not be revoked by death or supervening incapacity of the stockholder executing the proxy unless, before the shares are voted, notice of such death or incapacity is filed with the Company's Secretary or other person responsible for tabulating votes on behalf of the Company.

## **Solicitation of Proxies**

This proxy solicitation is being made by the Board. The cost of the solicitation will be borne by the Company. In addition to the use of the mail, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone, facsimile, email, or other electronic means by officers, directors and employees of the Company. We will not specially compensate those persons for such solicitation activities. Although we do not expect to do so, we may retain a proxy soliciting firm to assist us in soliciting proxies. If so, we would pay the proxy soliciting firm a fee and reimburse it for certain out-of-pocket expenses. Arrangements may be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for forwarding solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of common stock held of record by such persons, and we will reimburse such persons for their reasonable expenses incurred in forwarding the materials.

#### Attending the Annual Meeting

You are entitled to participate in the Annual Meeting if you were a stockholder of record as of the close of business on the April 1, 2024 Record Date, or if you hold a legal proxy for the Annual Meeting provided by your broker, bank or other nominee. Guests may also attend the Annual Meeting virtually but will not be able to ask questions or vote at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held virtually via the Internet to permit expanded access, improved communication and cost savings for our stockholders. As a result, you will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person at a physical location.

# TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO VOTE AND ASK QUESTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MUST RETAIN YOUR 16-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on May 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time via live webcast. You can access the Annual Meeting online at *www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024*. We encourage you to access the meeting prior to the start time and to leave ample time to log in. To be able to vote at and ask questions at the Annual Meeting, you will need to enter your 16-digit control number, which is located on your Notice, proxy card or voting instruction form.

## Information about the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

Instead of mailing a printed copy of our proxy materials, including our 2023 Annual Report, to all of our stockholders, we provide access to these materials in a fast and efficient manner via the Internet. This reduces the amount of paper necessary to produce these materials as well as the costs associated with mailing these materials to all stockholders. Accordingly, on or about April 10, 2024, the Notice is first being mailed to stockholders of record as of the April 1, 2024 Record Date, and this Proxy Statement, the 2023 Annual Report and voting instructions are available online at <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>. As more fully described in the Notice, stockholders may choose to access our proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or may request to receive a printed set of our proxy materials. In addition, the Notice and website provide information regarding how you may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis.

## Multiple Copies of Notice, Annual Report and Proxy Statement

We have adopted a procedure approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") called householding. Under this procedure, we will deliver only one copy of the Notice or, if applicable, one copy of our 2023 Annual Report and one copy of our proxy statement and any other proxy materials to stockholders of record who share the same address, unless we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the affected stockholders. This procedure reduces duplicate mailings and saves printing costs, postage fees and natural resources. Stockholders of record who participate in householding will continue to have access to and utilize separate proxy cards or proxy voting instructions.

Similarly, brokers, banks and other nominees holding shares of Company common stock in "street name" for more than one beneficial owner with the same address may deliver only one Notice or if applicable, one copy of our 2023 Annual Report and one copy of our proxy statement and any other proxy materials to that address unless one or more of the affected stockholders have requested separate copies.

Upon written or oral request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of the Notice or, if applicable, our 2023 Annual Report and other proxy materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of any of those documents was delivered. To receive a separate copy of the Notice or, if applicable, the 2023 Annual Report and other proxy materials, or to receive separate copies in the future, or if stockholders sharing an address have received more than one copy of any of these documents and desire to only receive one, you may write to TransAct Technologies Incorporated, One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Avenue, Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518, Attention: Secretary, or call the corporate Secretary at (203) 859-6800. If your shares are held in "street name" and you want to increase or decrease the number of copies of our annual report and proxy statement delivered to your household in the future, you should contact the broker, bank or other nominee who holds the shares on your behalf.

## Smaller Reporting Company — Scaled Disclosure

Pursuant to Item 10(f) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as indicated herein, we have elected to comply with certain scaled disclosure requirements applicable to "smaller reporting companies" with respect to certain portions of the executive compensation disclosure in this Proxy Statement. Accordingly, we are providing disclosure regarding the compensation of three named executive officers, rather than five, are disclosing the compensation of these officers for the last two fiscal years, rather than three, and have omitted compensation committee interlocks disclosure and certain compensation tables that are not required to be included in proxy statements of smaller reporting companies. However, we have elected to voluntarily provide Compensation Discussion and Analysis disclosure, and a Compensation Committee Report, in this Proxy Statement.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information known to the Company regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of April 1, 2024 by: (i) each person known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company's common stock; (ii) each director or nominee for director of the Company; (iii) each executive officer of the Company named in the Summary Compensation Table; and (iv) all current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, each of the persons named in the table has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such person's name and the address of the holder is One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Avenue, Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class <sup>(13)</sup>
More than 5% Stockholders:		
325 Capital LLC <sup>(1)</sup>	1,016,789	10.17%
B. Riley Financial, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup>	984,862	9.85%
Jeffrey M. Bernstein and Irwin Silverberg <sup>(3)</sup>	818,167	8.19%
Harbert Discovery Fund, LP <sup>(4)</sup>	640,168	6.40%
Grand Slam Asset Management, LLC, Grand Slam Capital Master Fund, Ltd. and Mitchell Sacks <sup>(5)</sup>	543,139	5.43%
Richard E. Fearon, Jr. (6)	526,357	5.27%
Directors, Executive Officers and Director Nominees:		
Daniel M. Friedberg <sup>(7)</sup>	1,016,789	10.17%
Bart C. Shuldman <sup>(8)</sup>	654,550	6.22%
Steven A. DeMartino <sup>(9)</sup>	349,747	3.41%
John M. Dillon <sup>(10)</sup>	91,537	*
Brent Richtsmeier <sup>(11)</sup>	36,899	*
Haydee Ortiz Olinger	21,560	*
Emanuel P. N. Hilario	16,100	*
Randall S. Friedman	8,450	*
Audrey P. Dunning <sup>(12)</sup>	6,500	*
All current directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons) <sup>(13)</sup>	1,608,832	15.52%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1% of the outstanding common stock.

The share ownership for 325 Capital LLC in the table includes (i) 1,011,789 shares reported as beneficially owned in a Schedule 13D/A filed on March 31, 2022 by 325 Capital Master Fund LP ("325 Master Fund"), 325 Capital GP, LLC ("325 Capital GP"), 325 Capital LLC ("325"), Michael Braner, Daniel Friedberg and Anil Shrivastava (collectively, the "325 reporting persons"), (ii) 3,300 shares issued upon vesting of RSUs granted to Mr. Friedberg under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, and (iii) 1,700 shares underlying RSUs granted to Mr. Friedberg under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024. Based solely on Schedules 13D/A filed on February 3, 2022, February 10, 2022 and March 31, 2022 by the 325 reporting persons, (a) the principal business of 325 Master Fund is investing in securities, (b) the principal business of 325 Capital GP is serving as the general partner of 325 Master Fund and certain affiliated funds, (c) the principal business of 325 is serving as the investment manager to 325 Master Fund and to certain affiliated funds and separately managed accounts (collectively, the "SMAs"), (d) Messrs. Braner, Friedberg, and Shrivastava are Managing Members of 325, (e) 325 Master Fund and 325 Capital GP share voting and dispositive power with respect to 225,328 shares reported in the Schedules 13D/A to be beneficially owned, and (f) 325, Michael Braner, Daniel Friedberg and Anil Shrivastava share voting and dispositive power with respect to all 1,011,789 shares reported in the Schedules 13D/A to be beneficially owned, including 786,461 shares held in the SMAs. Messrs. Braner, Friedberg and Shrivastava and 325 also share voting and dispositive power with respect to the 3,300 shares issued upon vesting of RSUs granted to Mr. Friedberg and the 1,700 shares underlying RSUs granted to Mr. Friedberg that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024. The address of each of the 325 reporting persons, except for 325 Master Fund, as reported in the Schedules 13D/A is 757 Third Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10017. The address of 325 Master Fund as reported in the Schedules 13D/A is 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9008, Cayman Islands.

<sup>(2)</sup> The information listed in the table and this footnote is based on the Schedule 13D/A filed on October 11, 2022 by B. Riley Financial, Inc. ("BRF"), B. Riley Securities, Inc. ("BRS") and Bryant R. Riley reporting the beneficial ownership of the reporting persons on October 3, 2022, as modified by subsequent Forms 4 filed jointly by BRS, BRF, Mr. Riley and BRF

Investments, LLC ("BRFI"). BRS, a broker dealer, beneficially owns directly 184,862 shares. BRFI beneficially owns directly 800,000 shares previously owned directly by BRS. BRF is the parent company of BRS and BRFI. As a result, BRF may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the shares held by BRS and BRFI. Bryant R. Riley is the Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of BRF and may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held directly by BRS and BRFI. BRF, Mr. Riley and BRS share voting and dispositive power with respect to the 184,862 shares owned directly by BRS. BRF, Mr. Riley and BRFI share voting and dispositive power with respect to the 800,000 shares owned directly by BRFI. Each of BRF, BRS, BRFI and Mr. Riley disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by BRS and BRFI except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. The address of each of the reporting persons as reported in the Schedule 13D/A is 11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, California 90025.

- (3) The information listed in the table and this footnote is based solely on the Schedule 13G/A filed on January 5, 2024 by Jeffrey M. Bernstein and Irwin Silverberg reporting the beneficial ownership of the reporting persons as of December 31, 2023. The Schedule 13G/A reports that Jeffrey M. Bernstein has sole voting power over 2,584 shares and that Irwin Silverberg has sole voting power over 154,546 shares. Messrs. Bernstein and Silverberg jointly manage discretionary LPOA brokerage accounts at the introducing broker, Beech Hill Securities, and as principals in Silverberg Bernstein Capital Management LLC, and as a result, share dispositive power over 818,167 shares; Messrs. Bernstein and Silverberg each disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares. The address of the reporting persons as reported in the Schedule 13G is c/o Silverberg Bernstein Capital Management LLC, 4 Miller Circle, Armonk, NY 10504.
- (4) The information listed in the table and this footnote is based solely on the Schedules 13D/A filed on August 4, 2020, February 3, 2022, February 10, 2022 and March 31, 2022 by Harbert Discovery Fund, LP ("Harbert Fund"), Harbert Discovery Fund GP, LLC (the "Fund GP"), Harbert Fund Advisors, Inc. ("HFA"), Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), Jack Bryant, Kenan Lucas and Raymond Harbert. Harbert Fund, the Fund GP, HFA, HMC and Messrs. Bryant, Lucas and Harbert share voting and dispositive power over 640,168 shares. Mr. Lucas is the Managing Director and Portfolio Manager of the Fund GP, which serves as the general partner of Harbert Fund. Mr. Bryant is a Senior Adviser to Harbert Fund and a Vice President and Senior Managing Director of HMC. Mr. Harbert is the controlling shareholder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HMC, an alternative asset investment management firm that is the managing member of the Fund GP. Mr. Harbert also serves as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of HFA, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of HMC, which provides Harbert Fund with certain operational and administrative services. Each of the Fund GP, HFA, HMC and Messrs. Bryant, Lucas and Harbert disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported shares except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. The address of each of the reporting persons as reported in the Schedules 13D/A is 2100 Third Avenue North, Suite 600, Birmingham, AL 35203.
- (5) The information listed in the table and this footnote is based solely on the Schedule 13D/A filed on May 20, 2019 by Grand Slam Asset Management, LLC ("Grand Slam Asset Management"), Grand Slam Capital Master Fund, Ltd. ("Grand Slam Capital Master Fund") and Mitchell Sacks reporting the beneficial ownership of the reporting persons on such date. Grand Slam Asset Management is the investment manager of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, Grand Slam Capital Master Fund. Grand Slam Asset Management is an advisor for certain separate managed accounts (collectively, the "Managed Accounts") and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by the Managed Accounts. Mr. Sacks is the managing member of, and may be deemed to beneficially own, securities beneficially owned by, Grand Slam Asset Management. Grand Slam Capital Master Fund, the Managed Accounts and Mr. Sacks (and Mr. Sacks' spouse) are the record and direct beneficial owner of the securities covered by the Schedule 13D/A. The Schedule 13D/A reports that Mitchell Sacks has sole voting and dispositive power over 3,900 shares and shares with Grand Slam Asset Management, LLC voting and dispositive power over 539,239 shares, which includes the 436,939 shares owned by Grand Slam Capital Master Fund. The address of the reporting persons as reported in the Schedule 13D/A is 2160 North Central Road, Suite 306, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.
- (6) The information listed in the table and this footnote is based solely on the Schedule 13D filed on January 9, 2024 by Accretive Capital Management, LLC ("ACM"), Accretive Capital Partners, LLC ("ACP") and Richard A. Fearon, Jr. reporting the beneficial ownership of the reporting persons as of January 3, 2024. ACM is the manager of ACP, and Mr. Fearon is the managing member of ACM. The Schedule 13D reports that Mr. Fearon has sole voting and dispositive power over 526,357 shares, including 481,302 shares held directly by ACP, and that ACP and ACM each have shared voting and dispositive power over the 481,302 shares held directly by ACP. The address of the principal office of each of the reporting persons as reported in the Schedule 13D is c/o Accretive Capital Management, LLC, 85 Wall Street, Madison, Connecticut 06443.
- (7) Consists of the shares beneficially owned by 325 and its affiliates, as detailed in note (1) above, including 1,700 shares underlying RSUs granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024.
- (8) Mr. Shuldman stepped down as Chief Executive Officer and as a director on April 4, 2023. The information listed in the table and the following information in this footnote is based on the Schedule 13G/A filed on February 5, 2024 by Mr. Shuldman reporting his beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2023, updated to reflect the subsequent expiration of options to purchase 50,000 shares of Company common stock granted under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. According to the Schedule 13G/A and updated for the expiration of options noted above, Mr. Shuldman has sole voting power and sole dispositive power over 703,005 shares, including 131,880 shares owned directly and 521,125 shares subject to

- options currently exercisable granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, and shared voting power and shared dispositive power over 1,545 shares owned by Mr. Shuldman's spouse in an individual retirement account. Mr. Shuldman's address as reported in the Schedule 13G/A is 9 Marina Drive, Unit A, Key Largo, FL 33037.
- (9) Includes 250,975 shares subject to options currently exercisable or to become exercisable within 60 days following April 1, 2024 granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (10) Includes 22,500 shares subject to options that are currently exercisable granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (11) Includes 31,025 shares subject to options currently exercisable or to become exercisable within 60 days following April 1, 2024 granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (12) Includes 1,700 shares underlying RSUs granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024.
- (13) Includes (a) a total of 380,750 shares subject to options currently exercisable or to become exercisable within 60 days following April 1, 2024 granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, and (b) a total of 3,400 shares underlying RSUs granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024. Does not include shares beneficially owned by Mr. Shuldman, who stepped down as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and as a director on April 4, 2023.
- (14) Percentage ownership is calculated based on 9,994,907 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 1, 2024. In accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, shares subject to options that are currently exercisable or to become exercisable by the reporting person within 60 days following April 1, 2024 and RSUs held by the reporting person that are scheduled to convert to shares of common stock within 60 days following April 1, 2024 are counted as outstanding for the purpose of calculating such reporting person's percentage ownership, but are not counted as outstanding for the purpose of calculating the percentage ownership of any other reporting person.

## **DELINQUENT SECTION 16(a) REPORTS**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file with the SEC reports of ownership and reports of change in ownership of common stock and other equity securities of the Company. Based on a review of the Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed by such reporting persons and written representations from certain reporting persons, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its directors, officers and 10% owners were complied with for fiscal year 2023 and prior years, except as previously reported and except that (1) Mr. Friedberg and the other 325 reporting persons filed a Form 4 on March 5, 2024 reporting, among other events, a grant of RSUs on February 29, 2024 and (2) due to a clerical error, a Form 4 filed on March 4, 2022 inadvertently repeated prior disclosure and omitted a grant of RSUs to Mr. Dillon on March 2, 2022 and vesting on March 4, 2022 of 1,100 RSUs awarded to Mr. Dillon on March 4, 2021; an amendment to such Form 4 was filed on April 8, 2024 to disclose the omitted transactions.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company maintains a Related Party Transactions Policy relating to the identification, review and approval of related party transactions, consistent with the requirements of The Nasdaq Global Market ("Nasdaq") and the SEC. The Related Party Transactions Policy, which is administered by our Audit Committee, is set forth in our Standards of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics (the "Standards") available on our website at <a href="https://www.transact-tech.com">www.transact-tech.com</a> by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance."

In particular, the Standards require all directors, officers and employees to avoid any situation that involves an actual or apparent conflict of interest in personal and professional relationships or with their duty to, or with any interest of, the Company, including engaging in "Related Party Transactions" unless approved or ratified by the Audit Committee. The term "Related Party Transaction" means any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, in which (i) the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Controlled Affiliates (as such term is defined in the policy) is or will be a participant, the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any fiscal year, and (iii) any Related Party has or will have a direct or indirect interest. A "Related Party" is defined as any person who is or was (since the beginning of the last fiscal year for which the Company has filed an Annual Report on Form 10-K and proxy statement, even if such person does not presently serve in that role) an executive officer, director or nominee for director of the Company, any stockholder owning more than 5% of any class of the Company's voting securities, or an immediate family member of any such person.

The Chair of the Audit Committee must be notified before a Related Party engages in a Related Party Transaction. The Audit Committee is then responsible for reviewing the transaction. No transaction determined to be a Related Party Transaction will be approved or ratified if the transaction is contrary to the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. In determining whether to approve or ratify a Related Party Transaction, the Audit Committee takes into account such factors as it deems appropriate, which may include whether the interested transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the Related Party's interest in the transaction.

Emanuel P.N. Hilario, one of the Company's directors, serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The One Group Hospitality, Inc. ("The One Group"), and Haydee Ortiz Olinger, another Company director, serves on the Board of Directors of The One Group. From time to time, the Company sells food service technology products to The One Group. In 2023 and 2022, the Company's sales of such products to The One Group totaled \$246 thousand and \$37 thousand, respectively. The transactions were made in the ordinary course of business and were conducted on an arm's-length basis on terms substantially equal to those offered to persons who are not Related Parties and were approved and ratified by the Audit Committee. The Company expects to make additional sales to The One Group going forward in accordance with the Related Party Transactions Policy.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company strives to maintain corporate governance practices that benefit the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders by clearly outlining the Company's duties and responsibilities, providing a framework for active and fruitful discussions among the members of the Board and between the Board and management, and avoiding conflicts of interest and other legal and ethical problems. Accordingly, the Company's corporate governance practices are designed not only to satisfy regulatory requirements, but also to provide for effective management of the Company.

Information on the Company's corporate governance practices is available by accessing our website at www.transact-tech.com and clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance." The information on the website includes the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, the charters of the Board Committees, and the Standards, which includes a code of ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries, including the Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) ("CEO"), Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) ("CFO"), Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) and Controller. Due to the geographical dispersion of our directors, the directors' attendance at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders is encouraged, but we have no formal policy that requires attendance. All members of the Board attended the Company's 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders virtually.

## Corporate Social Responsibility and Governance Highlights

The Board and management believe that corporate social responsibility and good corporate governance promote accountability to stockholders, enhance investor confidence in the Company and support long-term value creation.

We advance these efforts through our concern for the well-being of our people and communities, and by conducting business fairly and ethically, with a respect for human rights, compliance with laws and regulations, and by adhering to rigorous policies, including the Standards.

## Supply Chain Responsibility at TransAct

At TransAct, we work to implement sustainable business practices that minimize harm and maximize benefits to the environment from which materials are sourced through our products' end-of-life. We have resolved to use sustainable materials in our products to the extent available and possible in furtherance of our commitment to supply chain responsibility. We have implemented a Conflict Minerals Policy that aligns our practices with industry peer standards such as the Responsible Business Alliance, formerly known as the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition, and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative ("GeSI"). Our suppliers are expected to adopt policies and management systems with respect to conflict minerals for their own operations, and that of their suppliers, and to conduct due diligence reviews. As part of our conflict minerals due diligence program, we will survey our suppliers directly and expect them to respond in a timely manner, and with full disclosures.

We are also committed to satisfying our customers' product and service requirements as well as the ISO 9001:2015 requirements through our quality management processes. Our Supplier Quality Manual ensures that our products meet quality standards and are delivered on time with proper verification procedures. We offer factory-trained technicians to service, supply and provide spare parts for our products. In addition, TransAct will take back, at no charge, anything it sells and will recycle parts or products in a way that meets or exceeds the European WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directive or its equivalent in any country we do business. Our processes are also compliant with California's Proposition 65. In addition to quality manufacturing, we offer software technologies that help our clients reduce labor cost, improve employee and operational performance, and enhance the customer experience.

## A Focus on Our People

Over the past several years, the Company has focused on its employees through its recruitment, talent development, and diversity and inclusion efforts. In 2021, we made enhancements to the Standards and our Employee Handbook to include and update our anti-discrimination and zero tolerance harassment policies, and implemented a Whistleblower Policy and an anonymous compliance hotline for employees to report concerns.

We support the advancement of our employees through annual trainings and development assessments conducted via manager engagements and provide internal recognition and promotion opportunities based on these reviews. We value the commitment of our team members and encourage internal promotions and lateral mobility, when appropriate, with a focus on identifying the right candidate for each role.

During 2023, we continued a diversity and inclusion training program for all employees that we began in 2021. The Board has been integral to this process with oversight coordinated through our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

## Corporate Governance and Ethics at TransAct

The Board and management believe that good corporate governance promotes accountability to stockholders, enhances investor confidence in the Company and supports long-term value creation.

As previously announced, we have commenced and are continuing the process to declassify our Board, and this year's four director nominees have been nominated to serve a one-year term. Beginning at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, all directors will be elected to serve one-year terms, at which point the Board will be fully declassified.

We have added three new directors to the Board in the past five years, including two stockholder-nominated directors in 2022. These additions demonstrate our commitment to Board refreshment, and the new directors have added to the Board expertise in organizational, financial, operational, M&A, and strategic planning matters, as well as in technology and marketing in the food service and restaurant space.

The Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee periodically assess the roles of Chair of the Board and CEO, whether these roles should be held by the same individual and whether the Chair role should be held by an independent director to ensure that the interests of the Company and its stockholders are best served. In 2022, in conjunction with its ongoing consideration of appropriate corporate governance policies and leadership structures consistent with the Cooperation Agreement, the Board determined to separate the Chair and CEO roles and appointed Haydee Ortiz Olinger to serve as Chair of the Board. Although the combination of the roles aided efficiency, the Board determined that the separation of the roles strengthens independent oversight of the Board and allows our CEO to focus on leading the Company and continuing to develop our core businesses, including the food service technology business, while Ms. Olinger focuses on leadership of the Board and continuing to evaluate best practices for corporate governance and independent oversight of the Company. As noted below, Ms. Olinger also serves as Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair and in such capacity is responsible for assessing Board composition and identifying and vetting qualified candidates to serve on the Board.

The Board believes it is important to retain the organizational flexibility to determine whether the roles of Chair and CEO should be separated or combined in one individual. While the Board believes that separation of the roles is a good governance practice for the Company currently and allows management to focus efforts on business matters, depending upon future circumstances, the Board could determine to again combine the roles of Chair and CEO and may in such circumstance appoint an independent lead director, as the Board reexamines its corporate governance policies and leadership structures on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet our needs.

On April 4, 2023, the Board accepted Bart C. Shuldman's resignation from his positions as CEO and a director of the Company. The Board appointed John M. Dillon to serve as CEO following Mr. Shuldman's departure. As of the effectiveness of his appointment as CEO, Mr. Dillon stepped down from his role as Audit Committee Chair, and from his membership on the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Executive Committee. The Board named Emanuel P. N. Hilario to replace Mr. Dillon as Audit Committee Chair. Given Mr. Hilario's new responsibilities as Audit Committee Chair, the Board appointed Randall Friedman to replace Mr. Hilario as Chair of the Compensation Committee and appointed Haydee Ortiz Olinger to replace Mr. Friedman as Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Board seeks to continue to enhance the Company's governance practices as value-enhancing new ideas and best practices emerge. You may access our current Committee charters, Corporate Governance Principles, Standards and stockholder communications policy by accessing our website at <a href="https://www.transact-tech.com">www.transact-tech.com</a> and clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance." In addition to the measures, initiatives and changes undertaken in 2022 and 2023, our governance documents, practices and policies include or reflect the following, among other things:

- The Board meets in executive session, without management or employee directors present, during or following most regularly scheduled Board meetings and the Audit Committee meets in executive session, without management or employee directors present, following all Audit Committee meetings.
- The Board has full access to our senior management, who attend our regularly scheduled Board meetings, and to outside advisors, as the Board or the relevant Committee determines is necessary.
- The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees an annual performance evaluation of the Board and each Board Committee.
- The Board has adopted a clawback policy that permits the Compensation Committee to recoup incentive compensation
  paid to an executive officer or other covered employee for a performance period in which such executive officer or
  employee committed a significant legal or compliance violation. In 2023, the Board also adopted a separate clawback
  policy to address clawbacks in the context of a financial restatement, in accordance with Nasdaq rules.
- The Board has implemented stock ownership guidelines for the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer.
- We regularly engage with our stockholders and solicit their feedback on our corporate governance and pay practices.
- The Compensation Committee regularly discusses and makes recommendations to the Board regarding succession planning, including for the CEO and CFO roles.

## Standards of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics

To ensure the highest levels of business ethics at the Company, the Company maintains the Standards, which apply to the Company's directors, officers and employees. The Standards provide an overview of the Company's policies related to employee conduct in the workplace, regulatory compliance and investigations; the Company's relationships with its customers, vendors, competitors and the public; insider trading; conflicts of interest; lobbying; political activities and contributions; accuracy of books, records and financial statements; confidentiality; and the protection of all who come forward to report suspected violations of the Standards. In addition, the Standards promote honest and ethical conduct on the part of the Company's officers who are responsible for financial reporting, including the CEO and CFO. The Standards mandate that these officers avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any relationship that could give rise to a conflict, protect the confidentiality of non-public information about the Company, work to achieve responsible use of the Company's assets and resources, comply with all applicable governmental rules and regulations, and promptly report any possible violation of the Standards. The Standards require these individuals to promote full, fair, understandable and accurate disclosure in the Company's publicly filed reports and other public communications. They set forth standards for accounting practices and maintenance of records. Individuals who fail to observe the terms of the Standards may face disciplinary action, including possible employment termination.

We will disclose on our website any amendment to or waiver of a provision of the Standards as may be required and within the time period specified under applicable Nasdaq and SEC rules. The Standards are available by accessing our website at <a href="https://www.transact-tech.com">www.transact-tech.com</a> and clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance."

#### **Board Composition, Structure, and Diversity**

Our Board is committed to thoughtful and independent representation of stockholder interests and corporate governance policies and practices that drive long-term stockholder value. As noted above, the Board has separated the Board Chair and CEO roles, and the Company is in the process of declassifying the Board.

In addition, the Board has prioritized board composition and refreshment and identification of highly skilled candidates with a range of experience, skills and diversity. We have added three new directors to the Board in the past five years, including two stockholder-nominated directors, Daniel M. Friedberg and Audrey P. Dunning, in 2022, and Randall S. Friedman in 2020. Mr. Friedberg represents one of the Company's largest stockholders and brings to the Board significant knowledge and experience with respect to organizational, financial, operational, M&A, and strategic planning matters. Ms. Dunning's significant experience in the technology industry adds to the Board's capabilities as the Company's Food Service Technology ("FST") business continues to grow. Mr. Friedman brings to the Board deep experience and expertise in sales and marketing in the food service and retail markets. There are currently two female directors (approximately 33% of the Board), one of whom also self-identifies as a member of a diverse demographic group (with members of diverse demographic groups constituting approximately 17% of the Board). The Board will continue to rigorously evaluate itself through the self-assessment process to identify qualified director candidates as necessary, pursuant to the needs of TransAct's corporate strategy.

Board Diversity Matrix (as of April 10, 2024)				
Total Number of Directors	6			
Part I: Gender Identity	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Directors	2	4	_	_
Part II: Demographic Background				
African American or Black	_	—	_	_
Alaskan Native or Native American	_	_	_	_
Asian	_	_	_	_
Hispanic or Latinx	1	_	_	_
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	_	_	_	_
White	1	3	_	<u>—</u>
Two or More Races or Ethnicities	_	<del></del>	_	<u>—</u>
LGBTQ+	_			
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background	1			
Directors Who are Military Veterans			1	

Information concerning our Board Diversity Matrix for the prior year (as of April 21, 2023) was included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2023 Annual Meeting filed with the SEC on April 21, 2023.

## **Board Leadership Structure and Independence**

As noted above, in 2022, the Board chose to separate the positions of CEO of the Company and Chair of the Board, with Mr. Shuldman serving as CEO and Ms. Olinger serving as Chair of the Board. On April 4, 2023, the Board accepted Mr. Shuldman's resignation from his positions as CEO and a director of the Company. The Board appointed Mr. Dillon to serve as CEO following Mr. Shuldman's departure. As of the effectiveness of his appointment as CEO, Mr. Dillon stepped down from his role as Audit Committee Chair, and from his membership on the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Executive Committee. The Board named Mr. Hilario to replace Mr. Dillon as Audit Committee Chair. Given Mr. Hilario's new responsibilities as Audit Committee Chair, the Board appointed Mr. Friedman to replace Mr. Hilario as Chair of the Compensation Committee and appointed Ms. Olinger to replace Mr. Friedman as Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Board has affirmatively determined that all of our directors except for Mr. Dillon, and all of the members of our Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Compensation Committee, are "independent" within the meaning of the Nasdaq independence standards. The Board has further determined that the members of the Audit Committee are "independent" for purposes of Section 10A(m)(3) of the Exchange Act and that

each member of the Compensation Committee is a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3(b)(3) promulgated under the Exchange Act. In making each of these independence determinations, the Board considered and broadly assessed, from the standpoint of materiality and independence, all of the information provided by each director in response to detailed inquiries concerning his or her independence and any direct or indirect business, family, employment, transactional or other relationship or affiliation of such director with the Company.

## Board's Role in Risk Oversight

Identification and management of risk are an integral part of our corporate governance practices. Senior management is responsible for assessing and managing the various exposures to risk on a day-to-day basis, including the creation of appropriate risk management policies and programs. These include the Standards, robust product quality standards and processes, a cybersecurity policy and a comprehensive internal and external audit process. Management communicates routinely with the Board, the Board Committees and individual directors on the significant risks identified and how they are being managed. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the execution of its responsibilities and for assessing the overall approach to risk management. The Board exercises these responsibilities periodically as part of its meetings and also through its Committees, each of which examines various components of enterprise risk as part of its responsibilities and updates the Board on significant risk matters. Our Board and Committee structure allows the Board to provide specific attention to and oversight of key risk areas by aligning the Committees with risk oversight in their individualized areas of Committee focus and attention. The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to our executive compensation plans and arrangements. The Audit Committee oversees management of financial risks, as well as our policies with respect to legal and regulatory compliance, risk assessment and risk management. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee manages risks associated with board independence and potential conflicts of interest. In addition, an overall review of risk is inherent in the Board's consideration of our short-, intermediate- and long-term strategies and in the transactions and other matters presented to the Board, including capital expenditures, acquisitions and divestitures, cybersecurity policies and procedures and operational and financial matters. The Board's role in risk oversight is consistent with our leadership structure, with the CEO, President and other members of senior management having responsibility for assessing and managing our risk exposure, and the Board and its Committees providing oversight in connection with these efforts.

#### **Board Size**

Our By-Laws provide that the number of directors on the Board is determined by resolution adopted by the board of directors. In establishing the appropriate number of directors, the Board, along with the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, considers (i) resignations and retirements from the current Board, (ii) the availability of appropriate, qualified candidates, and (iii) the goal of ensuring that the Board is small enough to facilitate active discussions and decision-making while, at the same time, it is large enough to provide an appropriate mix of continuity, experience, skills and diversity so that the Board and its Committees can effectively perform their responsibilities.

On April 4, 2023, the Board reduced its size from seven to six directors, eliminating the vacancy created by Mr. Shuldman's departure.

## Criteria for Membership on the Board

The Board and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consider a number of different factors in selecting nominees for director. Some of these factors, such as integrity, are applied uniformly to all prospective candidates. Others, such as specific industry experience, may be adopted on a case-by-case basis by the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee based on the Company's business needs and the Board makeup at the time a nomination is under consideration. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board apply the same criteria to each candidate for the Board, regardless of whether the candidate is proposed by a stockholder or another source. Specific criteria considered by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board include:

*Independence.* The Board, in its Corporate Governance Principles and Committee charters, has established a policy that requires a substantial majority of the directors to be "independent" members of the Board, and only "independent" directors may serve on the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board consider

the independence of each prospective director before election and further consider the independence of all continuing directors on at least an annual basis. The Board has determined that Messrs. Emanuel P. N. Hilario, Randall S. Friedman and Daniel M. Friedberg and Mses. Haydee Ortiz Olinger and Audrey P. Dunning are independent in accordance with the standards of Nasdaq and the Company's criteria and that Mr. Dillon, the Company's CEO, is not independent. The Board applies the following criteria in determining independence, which criteria are derived from Nasdaq's listing standards as well as additional requirements that are imposed on members of certain Board Committees under the rules and regulations of the SEC and the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"):

- <u>Independent Judgment</u>. The director must not have any relationship with the Company that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making this determination, the Board considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including commercial, charitable and familial relationships that might have an impact on the director's judgment.
- <u>Employment</u>. The director must not have been an employee of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company at any time during the past three years, except that, consistent with Nasdaq rules, employment by a director as an executive officer of the Company on an interim basis for one year or less will not disqualify a director from being considered independent following such employment. In addition, a member of the director's immediate family (including the director's spouse, parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and anyone who resides in the director's home other than a tenant or employee) must not have been an executive officer of the Company during the past three years.
- <u>Other Payments.</u> Neither the director nor a member of his or her immediate family may have received compensation of more than \$120,000 from the Company during any period of 12 consecutive months during the past three years, except for director fees, payments arising solely from investments in the Company's securities, benefits under certain Company plans and non-discretionary compensation, certain permitted loans, compensation paid to a family member who is not an executive officer of the Company and compensation to a director for service as an executive officer of the Company for one year or less.
- <u>Auditor Affiliation</u>. Neither the director nor a member of his or her immediate family may be a current partner of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm or have been a partner or employee of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm who worked on the Company's audit at any time during the past three years.
- <u>Interlocking Directorships</u>. Neither the director nor any member of his or her immediate family may be employed as an executive officer by another entity where, at any time during the past three years, any of the Company's executive officers served on the compensation committee.
- <u>Transactions</u>. Neither the director nor any member of his or her immediate family may be a partner in, or a controlling stockholder or executive officer of, any organization that, during the current or any one of the past three years, received payments from the Company, or made payments to the Company, for property or services that exceed the greater of \$200,000 or 5% of the recipient's annual consolidated gross revenues for such year (excluding payments arising solely from investments in the Company's securities or paid under a non-discretionary charitable matching program).
- <u>Additional Standards for Audit Committee Members</u>. Any director who serves on the Board's Audit Committee may not, directly or indirectly, have received any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from the Company (other than certain retirement benefits and deferred compensation) or be an affiliate of the Company (except as a director, but including by way of stock ownership). In addition, no such director may have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the past three years.

Relevant Skills and Experience. Each of our directors brings to the Board a unique set of professional skills, work and industry experience that is relevant to the Company's business and markets. In considering and selecting new director nominees, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board take into account the direction of the Company's business, strategic needs, and the related skills and experience of potential directors in determining whether a particular individual brings needed expertise to the Board.

Overall Board Composition. The Board believes it is important to consider the professional skills and background, experience in relevant industries, age and diversity of its directors in light of the Company's current and future business needs.

Personal Qualities. Each director must possess certain personal qualities, including integrity, judgment and business acumen. In addition, our Corporate Governance Principles provide that individuals will not be eligible for nomination to the Board after they reach the age of 75, except that that the Board may nominate a director who is 75 years of age or older for an additional term or terms due to special circumstances based on such director's particular contributions and experience.

Diversity. Although the Board has not adopted a formal diversity policy, the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee value diversity and consider diversity as a factor in identifying and evaluating director nominees. The Company considers diversity in a broad sense in terms of differences of viewpoint, skills, professional experience, background and tenure, as well as diversity of race, gender, national origin, age and LGBTQIA+ status. The Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee use their judgment to identify nominees whose backgrounds, attributes and experiences, taken as a whole, will contribute to high standards of Board service.

Commitments. Each director must have the time and ability to make a constructive contribution to the Board. While the Board does not believe it is appropriate to establish a single standard regarding the number of other boards on which a director may sit, this is a factor that may be considered in reviewing a candidate's suitability.

Additional Criteria for Incumbent Directors. During their terms, all incumbent directors on the Board are expected to attend Board and Committee meetings regularly, to stay informed about the Company and its business, to participate in discussions of the Board and its Committees, to take an interest in the Company's business and provide advice and counsel to the Company's CEO, and to comply with the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, the Standards and other applicable policies.

*Regulatory Requirements.* The Board must have directors who meet the criteria established from time to time by Nasdaq, the SEC, the IRS and other applicable regulatory entities for service on the Board and its Committees.

## **Director Nomination Process**

Under its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying, reviewing and recommending individuals to the Board for nomination or election as directors. This typically involves the following steps:

- <u>Establishing Specific Criteria</u>. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board review the overall composition of the Board in light of the Company's current and expected business needs and, as a result of such assessments, may establish specific qualifications that the Committee will seek in Board candidates.
- <u>Identifying New Candidates</u>. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may seek to identify new candidates for the Board (i) who possess the desired qualifications and (ii) who satisfy the other requirements for Board service. In identifying new director candidates, the Committee may seek advice and names of candidates from Committee members, other members of the Board, members of management, and other public and private sources. The Committee may also, but need not, retain a search firm in order to assist in these efforts.
- <u>Reviewing New Candidates</u>. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the potential new
  director candidates identified through the process described above. This involves reviewing the candidates'
  qualifications, responses to prospective director questionnaires, and conducting an appropriate background
  investigation. The Committee may also select certain candidates to be interviewed by one or more Committee
  members.
- <u>Reviewing Incumbent Candidates</u>. On an annual basis, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also reviews incumbent candidates for re-nomination to the Board. This review involves an analysis of the criteria described above that apply to incumbent directors.

- Recommending Candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends a slate of candidates for the Board to submit for approval to the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. This slate of candidates may include both incumbent directors and new nominees. At the time of making any recommendation to the Board, the Committee reports on the criteria that were applied in making the recommendation and its findings concerning each candidate's qualifications.
- <u>Stockholder Recommendations Submitted to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee</u>. Stockholders may also submit names of director candidates, including their own, to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for its consideration. Stockholders who wish to submit suggested director candidates should send their recommendations to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee via email, mail or delivery service at the addresses specified in our Policy Regarding Security Holder Communications with the Board of Directors, which is available on our website at <a href="https://www.transact-tech.com">www.transact-tech.com</a> by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance." Such correspondence should be accompanied by the following information: (1) a statement identifying the stockholder submitting the correspondence and indicating the class and amount of securities of the Company held by the stockholder; and (2) the mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address of the stockholder submitting the correspondence. Candidates who are recommended to the Board by stockholders are evaluated in the same manner as recommendations received from other sources.

# **Board Meetings and Executive Sessions**

The Board holds regular quarterly meetings, as well as periodic special meetings. In 2023, the Board held 12 meetings. Each current director attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and the Committees on which such director served that were held during 2023 while such director was in office or serving on such Committee, as applicable, and their average attendance was approximately 97.8% during 2023.

Our independent directors meet in executive session, without management or employee directors present, during or following most regularly scheduled Board meetings and following all Audit Committee meetings. In addition, independent directors may convene additional executive sessions at any time. The executive sessions of the Board are led by the Board Chair, and executive sessions of the Audit Committee are led by the Audit Committee Chair.

## Committees of the Board

The Board has four standing Committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Executive Committee.

Each Committee is composed entirely of independent directors and operates under a written charter. The Chair of each Committee is selected by the Board. Each Committee, except the Executive Committee, holds regular executive sessions at which only Committee members are present. Each Committee is authorized to retain its own outside counsel and other advisors as it determines are necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

Charters for the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are available on our website at *www.transact-tech.com* by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance." A brief summary of the Committees' responsibilities follows:

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to oversee the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and accounting practices, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, and the performance of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and internal audit function. Messrs. Emanuel P. N. Hilario, Daniel M. Friedberg and Randall S. Friedman and Mses. Audrey P. Dunning and Haydee Ortiz Olinger serve as the members of the Audit Committee, with Mr. Hilario serving as Chair. The Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is an independent director under the standards of Nasdaq and the SEC and meets the financial literacy requirements of Nasdaq. In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Hilario is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under the rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee met four times during 2023.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee oversees the hiring and termination of all executive officers of the Company, CEO performance review and succession planning, director compensation, the design and management of the executive compensation programs, and the philosophy and programs for all employee compensation and benefit programs worldwide. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the compensation (including salary, bonus, equity-based grants, and any other long-term cash compensation) for the Company's CEO and our other named executive officers. The Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Randall S. Friedman, Daniel M. Friedberg and Emanuel P. N. Hilario and Mses. Audrey P. Dunning and Haydee Ortiz Olinger, with Mr. Friedman serving as Chair. The Board has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee is an independent director under the standards of Nasdaq and the SEC. The Compensation Committee met nine times during 2023.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees the Company's corporate governance practices, Board and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee performance evaluations and stockholder communication matters, and assists the Board in carrying out its responsibilities relating to the composition of the Board, including identifying, reviewing and recommending candidates to the Board for nomination as directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised of Mses. Haydee Ortiz Olinger and Audrey P. Dunning and Messrs. Daniel M. Friedberg, Randall S. Friedman and Emanuel P. N. Hilario, with Ms. Olinger serving as Chair. The Board has determined that each member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is an independent director under the standards of Nasdaq and the SEC. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met five times during 2023.

*Executive Committee.* The Executive Committee meets between scheduled meetings of the Board and has the power and authority of the Board, except as limited by the By-Laws. It is comprised of Messrs. Emanuel P. N. Hilario, Daniel M. Friedberg and Randall S. Friedman and Mses. Audrey P. Dunning and Haydee Ortiz Olinger, with Mr. Hilario serving as Chair. The Executive Committee did not meet during 2023.

# PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of six directors and is divided into three classes. Prior to the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, each class of directors was elected by the holders of the Company's common stock to serve a staggered three-year term. In 2022, the Board adopted an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to declassify the Board, which amendment was approved by stockholders at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. As a result, beginning with the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, directors whose term ends at each annual meeting are elected to serve a one-year term, with all directors elected for one-year terms beginning at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. As a result of this amendment, at the Annual Meeting, four individuals are to be elected to serve a one-year term until the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The nominees for election are John M. Dillon, Audrey P. Dunning, Daniel M. Friedberg and Randall S. Friedman. Mr. Dillon has served as a director of the Company since 2011, Mr. Friedman has served as a director of the Company since 2020, and both Ms. Dunning and Mr. Friedberg have served as directors of the Company since 2022.

Should any of the nominees be unable or unwilling to serve as a nominee at the time of the Annual Meeting, which is not currently anticipated, the shares represented by the enclosed proxy card will be cast for a substitute candidate as may be designated by the Board, or in the absence of such designation, in such other manner as the Board may determine in its sole discretion. Alternatively, in such a situation, the Board may take action to fix the number of directors for the ensuing year at the number of nominees and incumbent directors who are then able to serve.

#### **Information Concerning Our Director Nominees**

John M. Dillon, 74, has been a director of the Company since 2011 and CEO since April 2023. Mr. Dillon served from 2015 to 2022 as CEO and then from 2022 to 2024 as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aerospike, a high-performance database company used for banking, AdTech, anti-fraud and AI/ML applications. Prior to joining Aerospike, Mr. Dillon served as CEO of Engine Yard, Inc., a leading cloud platform for automating and developing Ruby on Rails and PHP applications, from 2009 to 2014. He previously served as CEO for Navis, Inc., a private company specializing in enterprise software systems for operating large marine container terminals and distribution centers, from 2002 to 2008. Before Navis, he served as CEO for Salesforce.com and President and CEO of Hyperion Solutions. He began his career as a Systems Engineer for EDS (Electronic Data Systems) and then moved into a variety of sales management positions for various high-tech companies, including Oracle Corporation. Mr. Dillon holds a Bachelor's degree in engineering and operations research from the United States Naval Academy and an MBA from Golden Gate University. He served on active duty as a naval officer in the nuclear submarine service for five years before beginning his civilian career.

Mr. Dillon's qualifications for election to the Board include deep experience in the software industry, including over 20 years as CEO. Mr. Dillon is a former director at Intacct Corporation and Centerpointe Community Bank and has also served as director of several other companies, including BMC Software, Inc. from 2012 to 2013, Epicor Software Corporation from 2009 to 2011 and Plumtree Software, Inc. from 1997 to 2005. From his past executive and director positions, Mr. Dillon brings to our Board his extensive executive experience and knowledge operating and managing complex software and technology companies. Mr. Dillon has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected.

Audrey P. Dunning, 62, was appointed to the Board on March 30, 2022. Since July 2019, Ms. Dunning has served as founder and Chief Executive Officer of AMP Growth Advisors, LLC, a firm that partners with growth-stage companies in B2B SaaS and tech-enabled services, providing strategic business advisory to boards of directors and company executives in such areas as long-range strategic planning; M&A initiatives; sales, business development, and go-to-market planning; building and scaling operations; risk management and mitigation; digital transformation; and leadership coaching. Previously, Ms. Dunning served as Chief Executive Officer of Summa Technologies, Inc., a digital solutions consulting company, from 2007 through its acquisition by CGI, Inc. ("CGI"), a global technology consulting firm, in August 2017, after which she served as Senior Vice President of CGI's Great Lakes business unit through December 2018.

Prior to Summa, Ms. Dunning held sales leadership positions at Transarc Corporation, a Carnegie Mellon University start-up and leader in distributed systems technology that was later acquired by IBM Software Group. In addition to IBM, Ms. Dunning's prior experience includes sales leadership roles at (i) SAGA Software/Software AG (OTC: STWRY), an enterprise software company that serves as a software vendor in Germany, and (ii) Xerox Corporation.

Ms. Dunning has served on the Board of Directors and the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees of Quest Resource Holding Corporation (Nasdaq: QRHC), a national provider of waste and recycling services, since June 2023. Ms. Dunning's prior director experience includes serving on the Board of Directors and the Audit, Risk, and Technology Committees of TriState Capital Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: TSC), a bank holding company providing commercial banking, private banking and investment management services to middle-market companies, institutional clients and high-net-worth individuals from January 2020 through its acquisition by Raymond James Financial (NYSE:RJF) in June 2022.

Previously, Ms. Dunning served on the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, a supervisory and regulatory financial bank, from January 2015 to December 2020, and on the Board of Directors of Dollar Bank, which offers online banking services including online checking and savings accounts, loans, mortgages, small business banking and corporate banking, from January 2016 to December 2019. Ms. Dunning received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Dunning was originally nominated to the Board pursuant to a Cooperation Agreement, dated as of March 30, 2022 (the "Cooperation Agreement"), among the Company and 325 Master Fund and Harbert Fund. Ms. Dunning's qualifications for election to the Board include sales leadership experience at enterprise software and technology companies, consulting firm CEO leading large-scale custom software development projects in Technology and Retail, as well as her prior board experience. Ms. Dunning has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected.

Daniel M. Friedberg, 62, was appointed to the Board on March 30, 2022. Mr. Friedberg has served as Managing Member of 325, a private equity investment firm, since its founding in May 2016 and as the Chief Executive Officer of Hampstead Park Capital Management LLC, a private equity investment firm, since its founding in May 2016. Previously, Mr. Friedberg was Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of Sagard Capital Partners L.P., a private equity investment firm, from its founding in January 2005 until May 2016. Prior to that, Mr. Friedberg served as Vice President of Power Corporation of Canada, a diversified international management holding company, from January 2005 to May 2016. Mr. Friedberg has also served as a Partner and Consultant with Bain & Company, a global strategy management consulting company, from 1997 to 2005 and 1987 to 1991, respectively. Mr. Friedberg has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Quest Resource Holding Corp. (Nasdaq: QRHC), a national provider of waste and recycling services, since April 2019, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Roth CH Acquisition IV Co. (Nasdaq: ROCG), a publicly-traded special purpose acquisition company, since August 2021 and Roth CH Acquisition III Co. (Nasdag: ROCR), a publicly-traded special purpose acquisition company, since March 2020. Mr. Friedberg previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of each of Roth CH Acquisition II Co. (Nasdaq: ROCC), a publiclytraded special purpose acquisition company, from December 2020 until its merger with Reservoir Holdings, Inc. in July 2021; Roth CH Acquisition I Co. (Nasdaq: ROCH), a publicly-traded special purpose acquisition company, from February 2020 until its merger with PureCycle Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCT) in March 2021; Performance Sports Group Ltd. (formerly NYSE: PSG), a leading developer and manufacturer of ice hockey, roller hockey, lacrosse, baseball and softball sports equipment, as well as related apparel and soccer apparel, from March 2016 to July 2016; InnerWorkings, Inc. (formerly Nasdaq: INWK), a leading global marketing execution firm serving Fortune 1000 brands across a wide range of industries, from March 2014 to August 2016; GP Strategies Corp. (formerly NYSE: GPX), a provider of sales and technical training, E-learning, management consulting and engineering services, from 2009 to August 2016; and X-Rite, Inc. (formerly Nasdaq: XRIT), a former developer, manufacturer, marketer and supporter of innovative color solutions through measurement systems, software, color standards and services, from 2008 to 2012. Mr. Friedberg has a Master's in Business Administration degree from Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Business, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Manchester Institute & Technology.

Mr. Friedberg was originally nominated to the Board pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement with 325 Master Fund and Harbert Fund. Mr. Friedberg's qualifications for election to the Board include experience as the Chief Executive Officer of two investment firms, his experience as an executive with a leading global management consulting firm, extensive experience in investing in private and public companies and his service on multiple boards of directors. Mr. Friedberg has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected.

Randall S. Friedman, 51, has been a director of the Company since November 2020. He has served as Managing Director of Oaklins DeSilva+Phillips, an investment bank, since January 2022, advising clients in the healthcare sector. From 2019 to 2022, Mr. Friedman served as the founder of Iaso Health, LLC, an online search tool for on-demand healthcare options. From 2014 to 2018, he was the president and CEO of Lebhar-Friedman, Inc., a business-to-business media company where he was responsible for, among other things, sales and marketing, and focused on the food service and retail markets. Mr. Friedman also served at Penton Media, Inc. from 2010 to 2014, as group publisher of the restaurant group from 2010 to 2013 and group publisher of the restaurant and food groups from 2013 to 2014. From 2000 to 2010, Mr. Friedman served in various management and senior management roles at Lebhar-Friedman, Inc. Mr. Friedman is a graduate of Williams College and received his MBA from the Fordham University School of Business.

Mr. Friedman's qualifications for election to the Board include significant experience in business-to-business marketing and media, with over a decade of leadership experience in digital innovation and marketing, strategic planning, business acquisitions and divestitures, as well as restructuring and business evolution. Mr. Friedman also brings industry expertise in the food service technology market. From his past executive positions, Mr. Friedman brings to our Board his extensive executive experience and knowledge regarding sales and marketing in the food service and retail markets. Mr. Friedman has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected.

## **Vote Required**

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. In an uncontested election like the election at the Annual Meeting, where the number of nominees does not exceed the number of seats available, a nominee who receives any "For" votes will be elected. If you "Withhold" authority to vote on any nominee's election, this will not have an impact on the outcome of the voting with respect to the election of directors. Broker non-votes also will have no effect on the outcome of the voting with respect to the election of directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF JOHN M. DILLON, AUDREY P. DUNNING, DANIEL M. FRIEDBERG AND RANDALL S. FRIEDMAN AS DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

## Information Concerning Directors Whose Terms Expire at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Emanuel P. N. Hilario, 56, currently serves as a director and as President and Chief Executive Officer of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. (Nasdaq: STKS), a global restaurant and hospitality company and parent to the STK Steakhouse and Kona Grill brands, in which roles he has served since April 10, 2017 and October 30, 2017, respectively. Prior to becoming the President and Chief Executive Officer of The ONE Group Hospitality, Mr. Hilario had served as a Partner and Chief Financial Officer of Sizzling Platter, a restaurant management company operating over 400 franchised restaurants in the United States, Mexico, and China under the brand names of Red Robin, Sizzler, Little Caesars, Dunkin Donuts, and Wingstop, from February 2015 to October 2017. Before joining Sizzling Platter, Mr. Hilario served as Chief Operating Officer for Einstein Noah Restaurant Group, Inc. (formerly listed on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "BAGL") from 2013 to 2014 and served as its Chief Financial Officer from 2010 to 2013. He previously served as Chief Financial Officer for McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants, Inc. (formerly listed on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "MSSR") from April 2004 through May 2009 and also served on its Board of Directors from May 2007 to July 2009. For the preceding four years, Mr. Hilario was with Angelo and Maxie's, Inc., where he served as Chief Financial Officer and managed the day-to-day operations of the Angelo and Maxie's steakhouse concept from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Hilario began his career at McDonald's Corporation. He received a Bachelor of Science and Commerce degree in accounting from Santa Clara University in 1990.

Mr. Hilario's qualifications for election to the Board include extensive global restaurant industry experience. From his past executive and director positions, Mr. Hilario brings to our Board his extensive operational, financial and accounting experience and knowledge in the restaurant industry and qualifies as an audit committee financial expert.

Haydee Ortiz Olinger, 66, was appointed to the Board as a director of the Company on July 27, 2018. Ms. Olinger has served as a Senior Advisor for BarkerGilmore LLC, a consulting firm specializing in recruiting, advising and coaching for legal and compliance talent, since September 2017. Ms. Olinger served in senior management roles for more than twenty years at the McDonald's Corporation, most recently as Global Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer from 2002 to 2015, during which time she successfully developed and implemented best in class compliance and ethics programs. Ms. Olinger earned both her Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Science in Management and Business Administration degrees at DePaul University. Additionally, she earned a Master of Science in Leadership and Business Ethics at Duquesne University.

Ms. Olinger's qualifications for election to the Board include extensive global restaurant industry experience. She currently serves as an independent director for The One Group Hospitality, Inc. (Nasdaq: STKS) and serves on the DePaul University Board of Trustees, is the former chairperson of the Illinois Lottery Control Board and has also served on the boards of the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics/Healthcare Compliance Association (Minnesota) and the National Hispana Leadership Institute (Virginia). From her past executive and director positions, Ms. Olinger brings to our Board her extensive operational and legal experience and knowledge in the restaurant industry.

## PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF MARCUM AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2024

The Audit Committee has selected Marcum as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the financial statements of the Company for the 2024 fiscal year. This selection is being presented to the stockholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting.

In the event stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment. Marcum has served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm since July 2020. No director or executive officer of the Company has any direct or indirect substantial interest, whether by security holdings or otherwise, in the ratification of Marcum as independent registered public accounting firm for the Company's 2024 fiscal year.

A representative of Marcum is expected to be present during the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement, and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

## **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the stock present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter is required to ratify the selection of Marcum as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2024 fiscal year. Abstentions, in effect, count as negative votes because they are shares present in person or represented by proxy that are entitled to vote and not voted in the affirmative. Brokers, banks and other nominees will have discretion to vote on the ratification of the appointment of Marcum as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2024 in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner, so we do not anticipate any broker non-votes on this proposal. In the event that stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Marcum, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment but will not be obligated to change the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF MARCUM AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2024.

# POLICY REGARDING PRE-APPROVAL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has established a policy requiring its pre-approval of all audit services and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm, along with the associated fees for those services (the "Pre-Approval Policy"). The Pre-Approval Policy provides for the annual pre-approval of specific types of services pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Audit Committee, and gives detailed guidance to management as to the specific services that are eligible for such annual pre-approval. The Pre-Approval Policy requires the specific pre-approval of all other permitted services. For both types of pre-approval, the Audit Committee considers whether the provision of a non-audit service is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence, including whether provision of the service (i) would create a mutual or conflicting interest between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company, (ii) would place the independent registered public accounting firm acting in the role of management or as an employee of the Company, or (iv) would place the independent registered public accounting firm in a position of acting as an advocate for the Company. In addition, the Audit Committee considers whether the independent registered public accounting firm is best positioned and qualified to provide the most effective and efficient service, based on factors such as the independent registered public accounting firm's familiarity with the Company's business, personnel, systems or risk profile and whether provision of the service by the independent registered public accounting firm would enhance the Company's ability to manage or control risk or improve audit quality or would otherwise be beneficial to the Company.

The Audit Committee may delegate to one of its members the authority to address certain requests for pre-approval of services between meetings of the Committee, and such Committee member is required to report his or her pre-approval decisions to the Committee at its next regular meeting. The Pre-Approval Policy is designed to ensure that there is no delegation by the Audit Committee of authority or responsibility for pre-approval decisions to management of the Company. The Audit Committee monitors compliance by management with the Pre-Approval Policy by requiring management, pursuant to the Pre-Approval Policy, to report to the Audit Committee on a regular basis regarding the pre-approved services rendered by the independent registered public accounting firm.

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM'S SERVICES AND FEES

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has appointed Marcum to perform audit and other services for the Company. In addition, the Audit Committee has procedures in place for the pre-approval by the Audit Committee of all services provided by Marcum. These pre-approval procedures are described above under "Policy Regarding Pre-Approval of Services Provided by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

The aggregate fees billed to the Company by Marcum for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	2023	
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 320,504	\$ 345,000
Total Fees for Services Provided <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 320,504	\$ 345,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Audit Fees consist of fees related to: (i) the annual audit of the Company's financial statements, (ii) reviews of the Company's quarterly financial statements and (iii) consents and comfort letters.

All of the above services during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were either approved by the Audit Committee or were performed pursuant to pre-approval policies and procedures.

<sup>(2)</sup> There were no Audit-Related, Tax or Other fees billed for 2023 or 2022.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Under its charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to oversee the internal control over financial reporting and quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and accounting practices, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, and the performance of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and internal audit function.

Management is responsible for preparing complete and accurate consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing independent audits of the Company's consolidated financial statements and for issuing reports about those financial statements. The Audit Committee meets with the independent registered public accounting firm, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company to review the scope and the results of the annual audit, the amount of audit fees, the Company's system of internal accounting controls over financial reporting, the financial statements contained in the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders and other related matters. Separate meetings are held with the independent registered public accounting firm and management.

In connection with its duties, the Audit Committee has taken the following actions:

- It has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements, as well as the assessment of internal controls over financial reporting, with management.
- It has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm, which is responsible for expressing an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 1301, "Communication with Audit Committees," as amended, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.
- It has received from the independent registered public accounting firm the written disclosures describing any relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company and the letter confirming their independence as required by applicable legal requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm matters relating to their independence.
- Based on its review and discussions described above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited
  financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2023 be included in the Company's Annual
  Report on Form 10-K for filing with the SEC.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Emanuel P. N. Hilario, Chair Audrey P. Dunning Daniel M. Friedberg Randall S. Friedman Haydee Ortiz Olinger

## PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we seek your advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement, including the information provided in the Section entitled, "Executive Compensation," which includes our "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and tabular and narrative disclosures regarding the compensation of our named executive officers. We ask that you support the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed herein. Your vote is advisory, and therefore non-binding, but whatever the outcome of the vote, the Compensation Committee and the Board will review the results carefully and take the results into account in future compensation decisions. The Compensation Committee believes the Company's executive compensation program reflects a strong pay-for-performance philosophy and is aligned with the stockholders' long-term interests.

We believe that our programs are currently structured in the best manner possible to sustain our organizational and strategic goals, as well as to support our unique culture. Elements of our compensation program and philosophy include:

- Seeking alignment between short-term incentive metrics, strategic objectives and stock price and stockholder value over the long term.
- Regular review of our executive compensation programs by our independent Compensation Committee and engagement of an independent compensation consultant, as necessary or appropriate.
- Monitoring our programs against other companies in the marketplace with whom we compete for talent and against
  whom we measure our success, noting in particular that this group of companies may change rapidly as the Company
  experiences its own growth.
- Engaging in rigorous talent reviews of our senior executives to ensure they remain committed to the Company's short and long-term goals, developing or obtaining the skills to manage in the current economy and preparing for the inevitable succession that naturally occurs in any organization.
- Maintaining conservative benefit programs primarily directed and offered to all employees.
- Providing executive officers nominal perquisites.

Stockholders are being asked to vote on the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the stockholders of the Company approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Proxy Statement for the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation, and the accompanying narrative disclosure.

Because this vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Board or the Compensation Committee. However, the Board values stockholders' opinions and the Board and the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the advisory vote when considering future executive compensation decisions.

We currently hold an annual advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and anticipate that we will hold our next advisory vote at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## **Vote Required**

The proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. Abstentions in effect count as negative votes, because they are shares present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting that are entitled to vote and are not voted in the affirmative. Broker non-votes are not counted as part of the vote total (because they represent shares that are not "entitled to vote" on such proposal) and have no effect on the outcome of the voting with respect to this proposal. The vote for the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers is on an advisory basis and is therefore non-binding.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### Overview

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes the philosophy, approach, and elements used by us and the Compensation Committee of our Board, which is composed entirely of independent directors of the Company, to define, manage, and review the compensation paid to our executives. Our philosophy and approach to executive compensation apply to all executive officers of the Company, including those designated as named executive officers ("NEOs"). The Company's NEOs for 2023 consist of both individuals who served as CEO during 2023 and each of the other two most highly compensated executive officers for 2023:

- John M. Dillon, current CEO of the Company;
- Bart C. Shuldman, former CEO of the Company;
- Steven A. DeMartino, President and CFO of the Company; and
- Brent Richtsmeier, Chief Technology Officer of the Company.

On April 4, 2023, Mr. Shuldman resigned as CEO and Mr. Dillon, previously a non-employee director, assumed the role of CEO.

Although the rules applicable to smaller reporting companies allow the Company to provide less detail about its executive compensation program, the Compensation Committee is committed to providing the information necessary to help stockholders understand its executive compensation-related decisions. Accordingly, we are voluntarily providing this Compensation Discussion and Analysis disclosure.

## **Evolution of TransAct**

TransAct is continuing to develop our software-driven technology business that serves as a complete back-end solution for restaurants, convenience stores and other food service establishments with our BOHA! solution to complement our historical printer hardware business focused largely on the casino and gaming industry with our Epic printing solution. As BOHA! continues to ramp up, we expect our FST business to lead to a growing recurring revenue stream that we believe will enhance long-term stockholder value. Our casino and gaming business currently comprises a significant portion of our revenue and helps fund development of our BOHA! solution. We expect this complementary relationship to lead to significant growth over time.

In the early stages of the development of BOHA!, we viewed the Company as effectively a start-up company with a ground-breaking solution that required significant investment before it would be self-sustaining. Because we continue to progress through this phase of the business and to pursue our strategy to seek growth in the FST market, while maintaining our ongoing efforts to grow and maintain our share of the casino and gaming market, many of our historical approaches to compensation became less relevant and we shifted to a more appropriate "start-up" style pay structure for our team. As a result, the Compensation Committee adapted our executive compensation program in 2021 and 2022 and made several changes to our plans that, while less in line with historical practices, we viewed as critical to attracting, retaining and rewarding our team for executing on our BOHA! growth strategy. This model included a focus on installation of terminals and recurring revenue, as opposed to the historical focus on EBITDA.

Following the Company's return to positive net income in the fourth quarter of 2022, in March 2023, the Compensation Committee re-instituted an EBITDA-based financial metric for the non-equity incentive plan and PSU awards, together with a BOHA!-focused FST revenue metric and objective, strategic metrics. Features of the 2023 compensation plan included:

- Financial metrics based on EBITDA and FST revenue, rather than terminal installations;
- Financial metrics were weighted more heavily in the annual incentive plan compared to 2022;

- Our long-term incentive plan continued to focus on shorter-term goals given the Company's ongoing growth trajectory; and
- Continued emphasis on objective, strategic metrics designed to drive long-term value and representing key milestones in our transformation.

In addition to growth in the FST market, in 2022 and through the first nine months of 2023, we saw a significant increase in sales in the casino and gaming market, as the Company successfully navigated supply chain constraints and continued to ship products to customers while its primary competitor in this market was unable to do so. Although we have seen what we believe to be a temporary dip in demand in this market beginning in late 2023 and continuing through the first quarter of 2024 as customers sell down excess inventory, we believe that we have gained market share in this business and that, going forward, net sales will normalize at about 15-to-20 percent higher than our pre-COVID historical average.

The Company engaged an advisor in the fourth quarter of 2023 to assist in determining the best long-term strategy for its business and ensure the Company is maximizing the value of its operations for all shareholders and stakeholders.

In light of the challenges in the casino and gaming market and the Company's view that the casino and gaming market will normalize and remain relatively stable, and recognizing that the FST market represents the Company's primary growth opportunity, in February 2024, the Compensation Committee modified the 2024 compensation program to further focus on revenue generation in the FST market, and with respect to the CEO and CFO to focus on the Company's long-term strategy to maximize value.

## **Results of 2023 Annual Meeting**

At our 2023 Annual Meeting of stockholders, holders of approximately 95.4% of the shares present at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter voted, on an advisory basis, to approve the compensation of the Company's NEOs (sometimes referred to as a "say-on-pay vote"). These results represent continued improvement, up from 80.6% in 2022 and 70.5% in 2021. The Board and the Compensation Committee consider this sustained increase in stockholder support for the say-on-pay proposal as compared to historical results to be an indication that changes made to the compensation program in the past few years have been well received.

## 2024 Compensation Program Design

The Company remains focused on growing FST revenues, while maintaining increased market share in the casino and gaming market. Consequently, the 2024 compensation program approved by the Compensation Committee continues to reflect a balance between the goal of rewarding executives for making strides towards successful development of the FST business, as well as an EBITDA financial metric to reward overall business success. The 2024 compensation plan contains the following attributes, which include some of the features implemented in 2021 and 2022 based on both the influence of stockholder feedback and the developing business strategy:

- Long-term incentive awards for all NEOs are 100% equity, including 50% PSUs;
- Financial metrics for the annual incentive plan and PSUs continue to be based partly on FST revenue and partly on adjusted EBITDA, with the FST revenue metric now weighted at 75% of the financial goal and adjusted EBITDA at 25% (compared to an even weighting in 2023);
- Annual incentives for the Chief Technology Officer continuing to be based 70% on quantitative metrics and 30% on measurable strategic goals (as in 2023);
- Annual incentives for the CEO and CFO based 50% on financial objectives and 50% on measurable strategic
  objectives relating to the development of the Company's long term strategy in conjunction with the strategic advisor;
- Stock ownership guidelines applicable to CEO and CFO (two times base salary and one times base salary, respectively); and

Continued maintenance of a clawback policy that permits clawbacks of incentive compensation in the event a recipient
of such compensation commits a significant legal or compliance violation, as well as adoption in 2023 of a policy
providing for clawbacks of incentive compensation in the event of a financial restatement in accordance with SEC and
Nasdaq rules.

The 2024 annual incentive for Mr. Dillon and Mr. DeMartino will be based 50% on quantitative objectives. One quarter of this (12.5%) will be based on an adjusted EBITDA target for 2024, and the other three quarters (37.5%) will be based on an FST revenue target for 2024. The remaining 50% will be based on measurable strategic objectives representing key milestones with respect to long-term Company strategy. For Mr. Richtsmeier, the 2024 annual incentive will be based 70% on quantitative objectives. One quarter of this (17.5%) will be based on the adjusted EBITDA target for 2024, and the other three quarters (52.5%) will be based on the FST revenue target for 2024. The remaining 30% will be based on four equally weighted measurable strategic objectives representing key milestones to achieving the Company's financial goals for 2024.

Under the long-term incentive plan, each of Mr. Dillon, Mr. DeMartino and Mr. Richtsmeier was granted 2024 equity awards in the form of 30% non-qualified stock options ("NQSOs"), 20% RSUs, and 50% PSUs. Award vesting for the NQSOs and RSUs will remain at 25% annually over four years following the date of grant, consistent with 2023 awards. We continue to believe NQSOs and RSUs are appropriate as NQSOs encourage both performance and retention, while RSUs encourage retention through time-based vesting, and both awards align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders. The PSUs will be earned from 0% to 150% based on two financial metrics for 2024, adjusted EBITDA and FST revenue, with adjusted EBITDA weighted 25% and FST revenue weighted 75%. The awards will be paid out in shares of TransAct common stock in three equal installments: 1/3 when the award is earned and approved by the Compensation Committee after the end of 2024 once approved by the Compensation Committee for payout, 1/3 two years from the grant date, and 1/3 three years from the grant date. As TransAct continues to evolve and the business strategy changes, both the annual and long-term incentive plan design will continue to be evaluated to incentivize the right performance given our current strategy at the time of grant.

## Philosophy and Objectives of the Compensation Program

Our executive compensation philosophy reflects our belief that compensation should be primarily performance-based and should be competitive with other similarly sized organizations in similar industries. Our primary compensation program objectives are to:

- Attract, engage, retain, and reward executive officers;
- Motivate employees and encourage individual initiative and effort;
- Help to achieve key business objectives and attain Company goals; and
- Align the interests of our executive officers closely with those of the Company and its stockholders to drive long-term, sustainable earnings growth.

Our executive compensation program is comprised principally of a base salary, an annual incentive cash performance bonus and equity incentive awards. The Compensation Committee believes that each element of the total compensation program aligns the efforts of our executive officers in support of creating stockholder value by focusing on short-term and long-term performance goals, promoting retention of Company stock and an ownership mentality, and linking individual performance to the Company's overall performance. The Committee retains its discretion to modify the compensation program elements in response to the needs of the Company. Except as otherwise prohibited by law or the Company's organizational documents, the Compensation Committee may delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Compensation Committee.

The elements of our executive compensation program are periodically reviewed and analyzed using current publicly available market data, contemporary market trends in the industries in which the Company operates and periodic reviews of compensation and benefit surveys. Although we perform periodic reviews of salary surveys and use compensation consultants to analyze elements of our compensation program, we do not believe that it is appropriate to establish compensation levels based solely on the use of such surveys or analysis or to specifically target any particular market compensation level. This information is used as a market check and as one data point in reviewing our executive compensation program.

The Compensation Committee reviews Company executive officer compensation and performance data to determine whether the Company's executive compensation program is competitive and reasonable. The Compensation Committee, on occasion, meets with the CEO and CFO to obtain recommendations with respect to the Company's compensation programs, practices and packages for the other executive officers, senior managers and other employees. Our CEO and CFO, with the assistance and support of the human resources department, provide recommendations regarding the design of the Company's compensation program to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee considers, but is not bound to accept, management's recommendations with respect to executive compensation.

Periodically, the Compensation Committee retains Compensation Advisory Partners ("CAP"), an independent compensation consultant, to assist the Compensation Committee in assessing the competitiveness of the Company's total compensation program for the Company's CEO, CFO and Chief Technology Officer. Compensation data for base salaries, annual cash incentive awards and long-term equity awards for executives holding similar positions at companies similar in size and industry is provided. In 2023, the Compensation Committee engaged CAP to advise on certain elements of NEO and executive compensation, including market practice with respect to executive severance and change-in-control arrangements.

CAP did not advise management of the Company, and neither CAP nor its affiliates received any compensation from the Company for services other than those performed for the Compensation Committee. The Committee reviewed the independence of CAP and concluded that no conflict of interest was raised by the services provided by CAP.

## 2023 Compensation Program

The principal elements of the Company's 2023 compensation program were (i) base salary, (ii) an annual incentive cash bonus and (iii) long-term incentive awards.

Base Salary: Base salary is a customary, fixed element of compensation intended to attract and retain executives. In general, base salaries for employees, including executive officers, are established based on the scope of their responsibilities, individual contribution, prior experience, sustained performance, external market data and anticipated level of difficulty of replacing the employee with someone of comparable experience and skill. Base salary for each executive officer is reviewed on an annual basis as part of our Company-wide merit review process. The amount of any merit increase to an executive officer's base salary is determined based on a combination of the current position of the executive's pay against market data and the executive's performance and results during the past year. Our CEO is responsible for assessing the performance of each executive officer reporting to him. Our Compensation Committee assesses the performance of our CEO.

The Company's Senior Vice President of Human Resources and the CEO and CFO review and discuss the base salaries of the NEOs (other than the CEO and CFO). In connection with establishing the base salary adjustments for the NEOs (other than the CEO and CFO), the Senior Vice President of Human Resources provides merit increase percentage guidelines based on market compensation data, knowledge of competitive market practices and the Company's salary budget. The merit increase percentage guidelines (the "Merit Increase Guideline") for the 2023 base salary for all employees, including NEOs, were 4%. After considering the Merit Increase Guideline and evaluating each NEO's performance and the position of his or her current base salary, the CEO, as direct supervisor, makes a specific base salary adjustment recommendation to the Compensation Committee (other than for himself). Each NEO's actual base salary adjustment, if any, is determined by the Compensation Committee, generally at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Compensation Committee in late February or early March of each year.

In determining the base salaries of the NEOs for 2023, the Compensation Committee evaluated the overall performance of the Company and the individual's contributions to that performance, as well as the performance of the sales unit or function that each leads when relevant, and market data. Based on individual considerations with respect to each NEO such as his or her experience and contributions to the Company and recognizing that the Company must also react to a competitive marketplace on a case-by-case basis when seeking to recruit and retain executives, the Compensation Committee strives to set each NEO's base salary within the Merit Increase Guideline, if warranted. For 2023, base salary adjustments for Mr. DeMartino, Mr. Richtsmeier and Mr. Shuldman were in line with the Merit Increase Guideline.

In determining Mr. Dillon's salary upon his appointment as CEO, the Compensation Committee considered Mr. Dillon's service on the Board since 2011, his deep knowledge of the Company and its business, and his experience as CEO of companies including Aerospike, Engine Yard, Inc., Navis, Inc., Salesforce.com, and Hyperion Solutions and sought input from its compensation consultant, CAP. After such consideration, Mr. Dillon's base salary was set at \$600,000, in line with the salary paid to Mr. Shuldman prior to his departure.

Annual Incentive Cash Bonus: We have historically maintained an annual incentive cash bonus program for all executive officers, except for those who receive sales commissions, which provides our executive officers with the opportunity to receive performance bonuses in the form of cash upon the attainment of certain annual financial objectives, as well as strategic business and performance objectives. The incentive bonus opportunity is designed to be a significant portion of executive compensation in order to create and maintain a strong incentive for our executives to achieve or exceed our business strategic and annual financial objectives. To ensure alignment of compensation with our business objectives, our CEO and other executive officers establish specific quantitative and qualitative performance metrics for our business each fiscal year that are aligned with our strategic and annual business plan. These performance metrics as used for incentive bonus targets are then reviewed and approved by our Compensation Committee, generally at its regularly scheduled meeting in late February or early March of each year.

Each of our NEOs participates in the incentive bonus program. Bonuses for the NEOs approved by the Compensation Committee under the incentive bonus program in March 2023 were based 70% on achievement of two equally weighted financial objectives for the calendar year 2023, FST revenue and Company adjusted EBITDA, and 30% based on measurable strategic objectives. The incentive cash bonus that any particular executive is eligible to earn is established as a percentage of the individual's base salary ("Target Bonus"). The Target Bonus percentages for 2023 for each of our NEOs were as follows: Mr. Shuldman, 75%; Mr. DeMartino, 50%; and Mr. Richtsmeier, 40%. When Mr. Dillon was appointed as CEO, the Compensation Committee approved a target bonus of \$200,000 (33% of base salary) for 2023, pro-rated based on the portion of the year during which Mr. Dillon served as CEO. Bonuses to other eligible employees for 2023 were based 75% on achievement against measurable strategic objectives and 25% based on adjusted EBITDA for the calendar year 2023.

The CEO provided input on individual performance for each of his direct reports and the Compensation Committee evaluated CEO performance and overall Company performance. As a result of performance with respect to the strategic and financial objectives, as set forth below, in February 2024, the Compensation Committee approved a payout of 121% of each NEO's annual target bonus. Payouts for the NEOs were as follows: Mr. Dillon, \$181,500; Mr. DeMartino, \$239,626; and Mr. Richtsmeier, \$163,089. Mr. Shuldman resigned prior to payout; the Summary Compensation Table reflects amounts paid to or accrued by him in connection with his departure. Payouts for other eligible employees were at 125% of target.

Performance Measure	Weight -	Threshold (no payout)	Target (100% payout)	Maximum (200% payout)	Actual 2023 Performance Results	Payout Factor	Weighted Payout Factor
Strategic objectives	30%					100%	30%
FST revenue	35% \$	13,500,000 \$	18,000,000 \$	22,500,000 \$	16,308,000	$60\%^{(1)}$	21%
Adjusted EBITDA	35% \$	5,500,000 \$	7,300,000 \$	9,300,000 \$	9,967,000	$200\%^{(2)}$	70%
2023 Annual Incentive Plan Payout Factor					121%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Payout for performance between threshold and maximum is based on a sliding scale, with the payout factor increasing by 5% for each \$225,000 of FST revenue.

Long-Term Incentive Awards: The goal of our equity-based incentive awards is to align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders and to provide executives with a long-term incentive to manage the Company from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business. Because vesting of our stock awards is based on continued employment, our equity-based incentives also facilitate the retention of executives through the term of the awards. Generally, we believe that stock options have proven to be an effective tool for meeting our compensation goal of increasing long-term stockholder value by tying the value of stock options to our future stock price performance — *i.e.*, executives are able to profit from stock options only if our stock price increases in value over the stock option's exercise price. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee has historically granted, and continued to grant in 2023, all NEOs stock option awards as an element of their compensation.

For 2023, the NEOs were awarded three types of long-term equity awards: (1) NQSOs, (2), RSUs and (3) PSUs. We believe these elements of long-term compensation for the NEOs provide further alignment with stockholders' interests and enhance our pay for performance objectives.

<sup>(2)</sup> Payout for performance between threshold and maximum is based on a sliding scale, with the payout factor increasing by 5% for each \$90,000 of adjusted EBITDA between threshold and target and by 5% for each \$100,000 of adjusted EBITDA between target and maximum.

Grants of long-term incentive awards are approved annually by the Compensation Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting typically held in late February or early March. While the majority of equity awards (historically, stock options) to our employees are made under our annual grant program, the Compensation Committee may grant equity awards to employees at other times, including at the time of hire or promotion of an employee, to reward an employee, for retention purposes or in other circumstances as recommended by the CEO or the Compensation Committee. In determining the size of the long-term equity incentives to be awarded to employees, we take into consideration a number of factors including, but not limited to, relative job scope, individual performance level, prior contributions to the Company, the need to retain the employee, the size of prior grants and competitive market data. Based upon these factors, the Compensation Committee determines the size of the equity incentives at levels it considers appropriate to create meaningful opportunity for reward predicated on the creation of long-term stockholder value.

The total dollar value of each executive officer's equity incentive award is determined based on competitive market data and recognizes an individual's role and performance. For 2023, our CEO recommended to the Compensation Committee a total equity award dollar value for each NEO other than the CEO, identical to the equity award dollar values for 2022, which were determined pursuant to a study by CAP and implemented beginning in 2021. After considering our CEO's recommendations, the Compensation Committee, with our CEO's participation, determined the total equity award dollar value for each NEO other than our CEO. The Compensation Committee determined our CEO's total equity award dollar value without deliberation with management. The Compensation Committee considered several factors in making its determinations, including our CEO's recommendations, market data, the Company's performance, each NEO's position within the Company and his or her perceived potential contributions to the Company, and the Compensation Committee's subjective understanding of competitive practices in the marketplace with respect to equity awards. The factors used by our CEO to determine recommendations regarding total equity award dollar value, and by the Compensation Committee to establish such dollar value, were assessed by our CEO and the Compensation Committee, respectively, on a subjective basis.

On March 1, 2023, the Compensation Committee approved equity awards to Mr. DeMartino, Mr. Richtsmeier and Mr. Shuldman with target values of \$279,000, \$175,000 and \$791,000, respectively. These awards were allocated as approximately 30% NQSOs, 20% RSUs and 50% PSUs. The NQSO and RSU awards were as follows: Mr. DeMartino, 7,900 RSUs and options to purchase 19,900 shares of Company common stock; Mr. Richtsmeier, 5,000 RSUs and options to purchase 12,500 shares; and Mr. Shuldman, 22,400 RSUs and options to purchase 56,300 shares. The \$740,000 award approved by the Compensation Committee in connection with Mr. Dillon's appointment as CEO was 50% NQSOs and 50% RSUs. The award, consisting of 48,200 restricted stock units and options to purchase 79,100 shares of Company Common stock, was granted on August 3, 2023 following approval by Company stockholders of an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares authorized in connection with awards under such plan. NQSOs vest 25% per year over four years and have a ten-year term. The exercise price of options granted is set at the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant. RSUs convert to common stock on a one-to-one basis and vest 25% per year over four years.

Payout of PSUs granted on March 1, 2023 is based on the Company's performance with respect to two equally weighted financial metrics for the calendar year 2023, FST revenue and Company adjusted EBITDA. The 2023 PSU awards were scheduled to vest following certification of achievement by the Compensation Committee in February 2024 as follows: one-third on March 1, 2024, one-third on March 1, 2025, and one-third on March 1, 2026. On February 29, 2024, the Compensation Committee certified a payout of 115.6% on the 2023 PSU awards to Mr. DeMartino and Mr. Richtsmeier, as set forth in the table below, representing earned PSUs with respect to 22,889 shares for Mr. DeMartino and 14,334 shares for Mr. Richtsmeier.

Performance Measure	Weight	Threshold (50% payout)	Target (100% payout)	Maximum (150% payout)	Actual 2023 Performance Results	Payout Factor	Weighted Payout Factor
FST revenue	50% \$	13,500,000 \$	18,000,000 \$	21,600,000 \$	6 16,308,000	81.2%(1)	40.6%
Adjusted EBITDA	50% \$	5,500,000 \$	7,300,000 \$	8,760,000 \$	9,967,000	150%	75%
				202	3 PSU Payout	Factor	115.6%

<sup>(1)</sup> Payout for performance between threshold and maximum is based on linear interpolation.

Mr. Shuldman's 2023 awards were unvested at the time of his departure and were therefore forfeited.

#### **Prohibition on Hedging and Pledging**

The Company's Insider Trading Policy prohibits directors, officers and employees, as well as other persons or entities informed by management that they are subject to the Insider Trading Policy from time to time, from:

- Entering into any hedging transaction with respect to the Company's securities, including, but not limited to, the
  purchase or use of, directly or indirectly through any other persons or entities, any stock option, prepaid variable
  forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, exchange funds or any other instruments designed to offset any decrease in
  the market value of the Company's securities;
- Pledging of Company securities owned by such persons;
- Placing any Company securities in margin accounts, unless the margin accounts are treated as non-marginable by the brokerage firm;
- Engaging in short sales of Company securities (i.e., sales of Company securities that the seller does not own), including a "sale against the box" (i.e., a sale with delayed delivery); and
- Engaging in speculative trading, including transactions in publicly traded options of the Company, such as puts, calls, warrants, and other derivative securities, on an exchange or in any other organized market.

# **Clawback Policy**

Since 2021, the Company has had a clawback policy providing the Compensation Committee with authority to recoup incentive-based compensation paid to an executive officer or other covered employee for a performance period in which the employee committed a significant legal or compliance violation. Incentive-based compensation means any cash or equity award which is earned based on the achievement of financial measures. In 2023, the Company also adopted a separate clawback policy in the event of a financial restatement in accordance with Nasdaq requirements

#### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

The CEO and CFO are subject to stock ownership guidelines adopted in March 2021 requiring the CEO to hold two times base salary and the CFO to hold one times base salary in TransAct stock within the following three years. As of December 31, 2023, the CFO was in compliance with the guidelines. Mr. Dillon, who was appointed CEO on April 4, 2023, has three years from that date to comply with the stock ownership guidelines. We believe the implementation of stock ownership guidelines aligns our leadership team with our stockholders.

# **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on its review and discussions with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting.

## **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Randall S. Friedman, Chair Audrey P. Dunning Daniel M. Friedberg Emanuel P. N. Hilario Haydee Ortiz Olinger

#### **SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation earned by each of the NEOs in 2023 and 2022:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Option Awards <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
John M. Dillon Chief Executive Officer and Director <sup>(5)</sup>	2023	415,385	_	415,248	370,000	181,500	29,873 <sup>(6)</sup>	1,412,006
Steven A. DeMartino President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary	2023 2022	392,559 380,841	38,084	195,300 196,560	83,700 84,108	239,625 76,168	25,646 <sup>(7)</sup> 25,150 <sup>(7)</sup>	936,830 800,911
Brent Richtsmeier Chief Technology Officer	2023 2022	333,970 324,000	— 35,920	122,500 123,760	52,500 52,812	163,089 51,840	21,071 <sup>(8)</sup> 22,092 <sup>(8)</sup>	693,130 610,424
Bart C. Shuldman Former Chief Executive Officer <sup>(9)</sup>	2023 2022	156,001 572,886	— 85,933	 554,190	237,654	 171,866	1,480,361 <sup>(10)</sup> 45,006 <sup>(10)</sup>	1,636,362 1,667,535

- (1) Amounts represent discretionary bonuses awarded by the Compensation Committee based on 2022 performance.
- (2) Amounts reflect the aggregate of the grant date fair value of PSUs and RSUs calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. These awards were granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. For information on the valuation assumptions with respect to the PSUs and RSUs reported in this column, refer to the notes to the Company's financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, as filed with the SEC. Please see the "Outstanding Equity Awards at 2023 Fiscal Year-End" for a description of equity compensation awards. PSU awards made to the NEOs in 2022 were forfeited in March 2023 upon a determination by the Compensation Committee that the performance conditions had not been satisfied. There were no additional forfeitures of stock awards by the NEOs during 2023, except that, upon his resignation as CEO, Mr. Shuldman's unvested PSUs and RSUs were forfeited.
  - Mr. Dillon's awards include 6,400 RSUs granted on March 1, 2023 under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, representing the equity portion of the annual retainer for Mr. Dillon's service as non-employee director, as well as RSUs that were granted as compensation for his service as CEO.
- (3) Amounts reflect the grant date fair value of stock options, calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The option awards were granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. For information on the valuation assumptions with respect to these awards, refer to the notes to the Company's financial statements in the Form 10-K for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, as filed with the SEC. Please see the "Outstanding Equity Awards at 2023 Fiscal Year-End" table for a description of option awards. There were no forfeitures of stock option awards by the NEOs during 2023, except that, upon his resignation as CEO, Mr. Shuldman's unvested stock option awards were forfeited.
- (4) Amounts represent incentive cash bonuses earned under the Company's annual incentive cash bonus program.
- (5) Mr. Dillon was named CEO on April 4, 2023 and was not an NEO in 2022.
- (6) For Mr. Dillon, the 2023 amount consists of \$20,000 received as cash retainer for his service as non-employee director prior to his appointment as CEO, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,000, and life insurance premiums of \$873.
- (7) For Mr. DeMartino, the 2023 amount consists of an automobile allowance of \$12,000, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150, and life insurance and disability insurance premiums of \$4,496, and the 2022 amount consists of an automobile allowance of \$12,000, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150, and life insurance and disability insurance premiums of \$4,000.
- (8) For Mr. Richtsmeier, the 2023 amount consists of Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150 and life insurance and disability insurance premiums of \$11,921, and the 2022 amount consists of Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150 and life insurance and disability insurance premiums of \$12,942.

- (9) Mr. Shuldman resigned as CEO on April 4, 2023.
- (10) For Mr. Shuldman, the 2023 amount includes an automobile allowance of \$5,169, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150, and life insurance premiums of \$410. The 2023 amount also includes severance benefits of \$1,465,632 paid to or accrued by Mr. Shuldman, including: (i) two years' salary continuation at his final base rate of \$595,801 per year (\$1,191,602); (ii) prorated bonus for 2023 based on Mr. Shuldman's annual bonus target of \$446,851 (75% of base salary) (\$115,079); (iii) reimbursement on an after-tax basis of Mr. Shuldman's health insurance COBRA premiums (\$45,302); (iv) reimbursement for the cost of his existing life insurance policy through the end of the term of such policy (\$50,000); (v) FICA/Medicare tax expenses (\$40,317); (vi) salary continuation for one pay cycle (\$18,332); and (vii) estimated legal fees in connection with Mr. Shuldman's required SEC filings regarding his ownership of Company securities for a period of two years (\$5,000). The 2022 amount consists of an automobile allowance of \$19,200, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan of \$9,150, life insurance and disability insurance premiums of \$11,656 and tax return preparation fees of \$5,000.

# OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2023 FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table shows outstanding equity awards for the NEOs as of December 31, 2023:

Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration	Number of Units of Stock That Have Not	Market Value of Units of Stock That
			Date	Vested <sup>(2)</sup> (#)	Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)
	_	10.06	5/15/2024	_	_
7,500	_	6.54	5/14/2025	_	_
	_			_	_
_	_		<u>—</u>	1.150	8,027
<u></u>	_	_	_		15,356
<u></u>	_	<u></u>	_		26,175
_	_		_		44,672
				0,400	44,072
<u> </u>	/9,100	7.09	0/3/2033	49 200	336,436
<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	_	_	48,200	330,430
15 000	_	11 61	2/27/2024	<u></u>	_
•	_			_	
•	_			_	
	<del>_</del>			_	_
	_			_	_
				_	_
				_	_
20,173	0,723			2.150	15.005
10.750	( 250			2,130	15,007
				_	_
10,400	10,400	10.27	3/4/2031		-
_	_	_	—	2,750	19,195
4,300	12,900	9.10	3/2/2032	_	_
_	_	_	_	4,650	32,457
_	19,900	7.07	3/1/2033	_	_
_	_	_	_		55,142
_	_	_	_	22,889	159,764
2 750	1 250	0.80	2/27/2020		
					_
				_	
				_	_
2,700	8,100	9.10	5/2/2032		20.415
<u> </u>	10.500		2/1/2022	2,925	20,417
<u> </u>	12,500	7.07	3/1/2033	_	
_	_	_	_		34,900
_	_	_	_	14,334	100,051
	7,500	7,500 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,500 — 7.17 — — — — — — — — — 79,100 7.69 — — — — — 79,100 — 11.61 40,000 — 6.76 30,700 — 7.17 25,700 — 8.30 36,400 — 13.65 37,100 — 10.34 20,175 6,725 9.80 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,500 — 7.17 2/25/2026 — — — — — — — — — — — 79,100 7.69 8/3/2033 — — — — — — 11.61 2/27/2024 40,000 — 6.76 2/26/2025 30,700 — 7.17 2/25/2026 25,700 — 8.30 5/22/2027 36,400 — 13.65 3/1/2028 37,100 — 10.34 2/27/2029 20,175 6,725 9.80 2/27/2030 — — — — — 18,750 6,250 4.25 4/30/2030 10,400 10,400 10.27 3/4/2031 — — — — — 4,300 12,900 9.10 3/2/2032 — — — — —  4,300 12,900 9.10 3/2/2032 — — — — —  3,750 1,250 9.80 2/27/2030 5,625 1,875 4.25 4/30/2030 5,000 5,000 10.27 3/4/2031 2,500 2,500 14.59 10/28/2031 2,700 8,100 9.10 3/2/2032 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,500         —         7.17         2/25/2026         —           —         —         —         —         1,150           —         —         —         —         2,200           —         —         —         —         3,750           —         —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         —         6,400           —         —         —         —         48,200           15,000         —         11.61         2/27/2024         —           40,000         —         6.76         2/26/2025         —           30,700         —         13.65         3/1/2028         —           25,700         —         8.30         5/2/2020         —           20,175         6,725         9.80         2/27/2030         — <t< td=""></t<>

		Option Av	vards		Stock 2	Awards
Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(2)</sup> (#)	Market Value of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)
Bart C. Shuldman <sup>(6)</sup>						
2/27/2014	50,000	_	11.61	2/27/2024	_	_
2/26/2015	50,000	<u> </u>	6.76	2/26/2025	_	_
2/25/2016	98,200	_	7.17	4/4/2025	_	_
5/22/2017	82,100	_	8.30	4/4/2025	_	_
3/1/2018	76,400	_	13.65	4/4/2025	_	_
2/27/2019	105,200	_	10.34	4/4/2025	_	_
2/27/2020	57,225	_	9.80	4/4/2025	_	_
4/30/2020	17,500	_	4.25	4/4/2025	_	_
3/4/2021	22,350	_	10.27	4/4/2025	_	_
3/2/2022	12,150	_	9.10	4/4/2025	_	_

<sup>(1)</sup> The option awards reflected in this table vest over four years, 25% on each anniversary of the date of grant, except that, of the 50,000 stock options granted to Mr. Shuldman on each of February 27, 2014 and February 26, 2015, 25,000 stock options vested 25% per year over four years and 25,000 stock options vested 100% after five years.

<sup>(2)</sup> The RSUs shown in this table vest over four years, 25% on each anniversary of the date of grant. See Note (5) below for the vesting schedule of the PSUs shown in this table.

<sup>(3)</sup> The market value of RSUs and PSUs is calculated by multiplying the number of unvested units by the closing price of \$6.98 per share of our common stock on December 29, 2023, which was the last trading day of the year.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Dillon served as a non-employee director until his appointment as CEO on April 4, 2023. Awards with grant dates prior to such date were granted as compensation for Mr. Dillon's service as director.

<sup>(5)</sup> The number of shares shown for the PSUs granted on March 1, 2023 is based on actual achievement of the performance metrics for the year ended December 31, 2023. For the FST revenue metric, the Company achieved 90.6% of the target, resulting in an 81.2% payout. For the adjusted EBITDA metric, the Company achieved 136.5% of the target, resulting in the maximum 150% payout. Weighting both of these equally at 50%, the resulting payout was 115.6%. The PSUs granted on March 1, 2023 vest in three equal installments on March 1, 2024, March 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026. PSUs granted on March 2, 2022 are not shown in the table because the threshold 2022 performance metric was not achieved and such awards were forfeited in March 2023.

Mr. Shuldman's unvested awards were forfeited on April 4, 2023 upon his resignation as CEO. In accordance with Mr. Shuldman's separation agreement, options that were vested as of the date of his departure will remain exercisable for two years thereafter, or until their earlier expiration.

#### POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON A TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL

The Company is a party to certain agreements and maintains certain plans that may require payments be made, and/or benefits to be provided, to the NEOs: in the event that (i) a NEO's employment is terminated other than for Cause, as defined in the applicable agreement and discussed below (a "Termination Event"), (ii) a Change in Control (as defined by the applicable agreement or plan) occurs (a "Change in Control Event") or (iii) a Termination Event occurs or a NEO resigns for certain specified reasons within a specified period before or after a Change in Control Event (a "Change in Control and Termination Event"). The payments and benefits that each NEO may be entitled to receive upon a Termination Event, Change in Control Event or a Change in Control and Termination Event are described in the NEO's employment agreement or severance agreement, the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, as applicable. None of the agreements for our NEOs include a gross up for any taxes as a result of golden parachute payments. Below is a description of the types of events that would trigger payments under these agreements and plans and the potential payments to each such NEO assuming that a triggering event occurred on December 31, 2023, the last day of our most recent fiscal year.

### **Employment and Severance Agreements**

#### Mr. Dillon

Effect of a Termination Event. In connection with Mr. Dillon's appointment as CEO, the Company and Mr. Dillon entered into a letter agreement, dated April 24, 2023 (the "CEO Agreement"). The CEO Agreement provides that, in the event of a termination without cause or due to death or disability before the payment of the annual bonus, Mr. Dillon is eligible for (i) a prorated portion of the annual bonus based on the amount of time for which Mr. Dillon was employed by the Company during the year to which the annual bonus relates, payable in the following year at the time that annual bonuses are paid to other executives and based on a determination made by the Compensation Committee as to whether certain financial performance metrics and performance criteria, if any, were achieved and (ii) if the Company does not waive certain non-competition provisions applicable to Mr. Dillon, payment of 50% of his base salary during the one-year non-competition period.

Effect of a Change in Control and Termination Event. The CEO Agreement does not provide separately for a termination without cause or a resignation by the CEO for good reason in connection with a Change in Control. As a result, a termination without cause in connection with or following a Change in Control would have the same effect as described above with respect to a Termination Event.

Definitions. The CEO Agreement defines "Cause" to mean a determination by the Board that any of the following has occurred: (1) any action or inaction by the CEO that constitutes larceny, fraud, gross negligence, a willful or negligent misrepresentation to the Board or officers of the Company, its successors or assigns, or a crime involving moral turpitude; (2) refusal to follow the reasonable and lawful instructions of the Board with respect to the services to be rendered and the manner of rendering such services by the CEO; (3) commission or conviction of or a plea of guilty or no contest to any felony offense, or any misdemeanor offense that adversely affects the CEO's ability to carry out the obligations under the CEO Agreement; (4) material violation of any laws or regulations to which the Company and/or the CEO is subject, in each case which, in the reasonable judgment of the Board, is reasonably likely to result in, or actually results in material loss, damage or injury to the Company or the Company's reputation; (5) material breach of any of the CEO's obligations under the Confidential Information and Intellectual Property Agreement between the CEO and the Company (the "CEO CCIP Agreement"; or (6) any material violation of the Standards.

#### Mr. DeMartino and Mr. Richtsmeier

Definitions. The severance agreements to which Mr. DeMartino and Mr. Richtsmeier are parties generally define Cause as a termination for the following reasons: (i) action or inaction by the NEO that constitutes larceny, fraud, gross negligence, a willful or negligent misrepresentation to the Board or officers of the Company or a commission of a crime of moral turpitude; (ii) material, repetitive, unjustified and unexcused refusal to follow the reasonable and lawful written instruction of the Board or the Company's CEO; or (iii) death or disability. A Change in Control is generally defined in each agreement to include (i) a merger of the Company with another company where the majority of the board of directors of the surviving company is not comprised of directors of the Company in office

immediately prior to the transaction, (ii) a change in the Board of the Company such that, after an election, a majority of the directors in office are not directors that were nominated by two-thirds of the Board prior to the election or (iii) a complete liquidation of the Company. Receipt of the severance benefits described below is conditioned on execution by the NEO of a release of claims in favor of the Company.

Effect of a Termination Event. Under the terms of a Severance Agreement with Steven A. DeMartino dated June 1, 2004, as amended, if the Company were to terminate the employment of Mr. DeMartino without Cause (other than a termination within 12 months of a Change in Control, as described below), Mr. DeMartino would be entitled to continue to receive, for one year following the date of termination (i) his annual base salary, payable in installments on the first day of each month, (ii) a pro rata portion of his annual target bonus for the year of termination, payable in installments on the first day of each month, and (iii) all other benefits (including health, disability and life insurance benefits; participation in any ERISA benefit plans and 401(k) plans; and an automobile allowance).

Under the terms of a Severance Agreement with Brent Richtsmeier, dated January 1, 2021, if the Company were to terminate the employment of Mr. Richtsmeier without Cause (other than a termination within 12 months of a Change in Control, as described below), Mr. Richtsmeier would be entitled to continue to receive, for six months following the date of termination (i) payment on the first business day of each month of one twelfth of his annual base salary, (ii) a pro rata portion of his annual target bonus for the year of termination, payable in installments on the first day of each month, and (iii) group medical and dental benefits, subject to any employee contribution applicable to Mr. Richtsmeier on the date of termination.

Effect of a Change in Control and Termination Event. If a Change in Control were to occur and the employment of Mr. DeMartino were terminated other than for Cause, or if he were to resign (described below as a resignation for "good reason") following a significant reduction in the nature or scope of his responsibilities or authorities, a decrease in salary other than resulting from a reduction that applies generally to all management personnel or a relocations of the Company's facility at which Mr. DeMartino is employed by more than 50 miles, within 12 months of a Change in Control, Mr. DeMartino would be entitled to receive for two years after his termination (i) his annual base salary, payable in installments on the first day of each month, (ii) annual target bonus, payable in installments on the first day of each month, and (iii) all other benefits (including health, disability and life insurance benefits; participation in any ERISA benefit plans and 401(k) plans; and an automobile allowance). In addition, all stock options and other awards granted to Mr. DeMartino would immediately vest and any outstanding PSUs would vest at 100% of target.

If a Change in Control were to occur, and Mr. Richtsmeier's employment were terminated other than for Cause, or if he were to resign (described below as a resignation for "good reason") following a significant reduction in the nature or scope of his responsibilities or authorities, a decrease in salary other than resulting from a reduction that applies generally to all management personnel, or a relocation of Mr. Richtsmeier's principal place of employment by more than 50 miles, within 12 months after the Change in Control, Mr. Richtsmeier would be entitled to continue to receive, for a period of one year from the date of termination, (i) his annual base salary, payable in installments on the first business day of each month, (ii) his annual target bonus, payable in installments on the first business day of each month, and (iii) group medical and dental benefits, subject to any employee contribution applicable to Mr. Richtsmeier on the date of termination. In addition, all stock options granted to Mr. Richtsmeier would immediately vest.

# Mr. Shuldman

In connection with Mr. Shuldman's departure, the Company and Mr. Shuldman entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release, dated April 20, 2023 (the "Separation Agreement") that became effective on April 28, 2023. The Separation Agreement, in exchange for a release of claims and other agreements, acknowledgements and representations of Mr. Shuldman set forth therein, provides for the payment of the following severance benefits following the Departure Date that are generally consistent with the severance benefits provided for in connection with a termination without cause under Mr. Shuldman's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2022, which was previously filed with the SEC: (i) payment, in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices, of Mr. Shuldman's base salary for a period of two years following the Departure Date at his final base rate of \$595,801 per year; (ii) \$115,079 paid in equal installments over a one-year period in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices, representing a pro-rated bonus for 2023 based on Mr. Shuldman's annual

bonus target of \$446,851 (75% of base salary); and (iii) reimbursement on an after-tax basis of Mr. Shuldman's health insurance COBRA premiums for continuing his health care coverage and the coverage of his dependents who were covered as of his departure date for a period of 18 months or until Mr. Shuldman becomes eligible for another employer's group health plan during such 18-month period. In addition, the Severance Agreement provides that (i) the Company will reimburse Mr. Shuldman up to an aggregate of \$50,000 for the cost of his existing life insurance policy through the end of the term of such policy; (ii) any vested options held by Mr. Shuldman as of the Departure Date will remain exercisable for two years thereafter (unless they expire earlier in accordance with their terms); and (iii) the Company will continue to pay for Mr. Shuldman's required SEC filings in connection with his ownership of Company securities for a period of two years following execution of the Separation Agreement. In accordance with the terms of the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, and the related award agreements, all unvested equity awards held by Mr. Shuldman were forfeited as of the Departure Date.

## **Equity Plans**

2005 Equity Incentive Plan and 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. The terms of the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan and the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, provide that all awards issued under the applicable plan would accelerate and either become exercisable or vest, as applicable, immediately prior to any of the following: (i) a reorganization, merger, consolidation or similar transaction in which the surviving corporation is not the Company or a publicly owned corporation (or a subsidiary thereof) in which the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to the transaction continue to beneficially own 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company, (ii) a sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, or (iii) any acquisition of 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company excluding acquisitions by specified parties. Upon the occurrence of some of the foregoing Change in Control events, stock or other property to be delivered upon acceleration of any award may be placed in escrow, rather than actually delivered, under terms set by the Compensation Committee. In the event of a dissolution or liquidation of the Company, prior to such transaction, (i) under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, any award requiring exercise will become fully exercisable and the delivery of shares remaining deliverable under any outstanding RSUs, PSUs or other stock unit awards will be accelerated and (ii) under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, the plan administrator may, but is not required to, accelerate and make exercisable any award requiring exercise and/or accelerate the delivery of shares remaining deliverable under any outstanding RSUs, PSUs or other stock unit awards.

#### Payments upon a Change in Control

The following table summarizes acceleration of awards that would have occurred if a Change in Control had occurred on December 31, 2023 that triggered acceleration of all of the equity awards outstanding to each NEO under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, that accelerate either by their terms or the terms of the applicable plan.

Name	_	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
John M. Dillon	\$	430,666	\$ 3,300	\$ 433,966
Steven A. DeMartino		281,565	77,050	358,615
Brent Richtsmeier		155,368	20,475	175,843

<sup>(1)</sup> Accelerated RSUs (including PSUs for which the performance period was complete) were valued using the closing price of \$6.98 per share of our common stock on December 29, 2023, which was the last trading day of the year. Upon a Change in Control, performance-based awards for which the performance period has not been completed vest at target.

<sup>(2)</sup> Accelerated stock options were valued using the spread between the exercise price of the applicable award and the closing price of \$6.98 per share of our common stock on December 29, 2023, which was the last trading day of the year, with underwater options valued at \$0.

#### **Payment upon a Termination Event**

The following table summarizes the potential payments to each NEO, over the course of the applicable time period for which such payments would be owed, assuming that a termination without Cause occurred on December 31, 2023, the last day of the Company's fiscal year. Amounts paid to or accrued by Mr. Shuldman as a result of his departure in April 2023 are reported as "Other Compensation" in the Summary Compensation Table.

Name	 Base Salary	_	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup>	_	Benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	 Stock Options	Stock Awards	Total
John M. Dillon	\$ 300,000	\$	181,500	\$	_	\$ <b>—</b> \$	<b>—</b> \$	481,500
Steven A. DeMartino	396,075		198,038		46,557	_	_	640,670
Brent Richtsmeier	168,480		67,392		17,081	_	_	252,953

The following assumptions were used to calculate these payments:

- (1) In accordance with the applicable agreements described above, bonus for Mr. Dillon is actual 2023 bonus based on vesting at 121% in accordance with the determination of the Compensation Committee in February 2024, and bonus for the other NEOs is based on the 2023 target bonus.
- (2) Benefits were valued using the same assumptions that the Company uses for our financial reporting under generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception that the Company's cost of medical premiums is included here.

#### Payment upon a Change in Control and Termination Event

The following table summarizes the potential payments to each NEO, over the course of the applicable time period for which such payments would be owed, assuming that a Change in Control and a termination without Cause or, if applicable under the NEO's agreement as described above, a resignation by the NEO for good reason, occurred on December 31, 2023, the last day of the Company's fiscal year.

Name	Base Salary	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup>	Benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>		tock /ards <sup>(4)</sup>	Total
John M. Dillon	\$ 300,000	\$ 181,500	\$ _	\$ 3,300 \$	3	430,666	\$ 915,466
Steven A. DeMartino	792,150	396,075	93,114	77,050		281,565	1,639,954
Brent Richtsmeier	336,960	134,784	34,161	20,475		155,368	681,748

The following assumptions were used to calculate these payments:

- (1) In accordance with the applicable agreements described above, bonus for Mr. Dillon is actual 2023 bonus based on vesting at 121% in accordance with the determination of the Compensation Committee in February 2024, and bonus for the other NEOs is based on the 2023 target bonus.
- (2) Benefits were valued using the same assumptions that the Company uses for our financial reporting under generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception that the Company's cost of medical premiums is included here.
- (3) Accelerated stock options were valued using the spread between the exercise price of the applicable award and the closing price of \$6.98 per share of our common stock on December 29, 2023, which was the last trading day of the year, with underwater options valued at \$0.
- (4) Accelerated RSUs (including PSUs for which the performance period was complete) were valued using the closing price of \$6.98 per share of our common stock on December 29, 2023, which was the last trading day of the year. Upon a Change in Control, performance-based awards for which the performance period has not yet been completed vest at target.

# Non-Competition, Non-Solicitation and Confidentiality Provisions

Pursuant to the CEO CIIP Agreement, Mr. Dillon agrees that for one year following termination of his employment, that he will not directly or indirectly engage in any business or activity which is competitive with the business of the Company in any part of the world in which the Company is at the time of his termination engaged in selling its products directly or indirectly. Further, during this period, Mr. Dillon agrees not to attempt to solicit any employees of the Company or encourage them to leave the Company, not to solicit, call on, service or enter into an agreement with any of the Company's customers, and not to encourage any of the Company's suppliers, business partners or vendors with whom he has had contact in the previous 12 months to terminate or diminish their relationships with the Company. The CEO CIIP Agreement also contains provisions governing the treatment, storage and use of confidential information.

The other NEOs have similar provisions in their respective severance agreements, except that the non-competition and non-solicitation provisions apply for six months following the occurrence of a Termination Event and for one year following the occurrence of a Change in Control and Termination Event.

#### PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE

As required by Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information regarding the relationship between executive compensation and our financial performance for each of the last three completed fiscal years. In determining the "compensation actually paid" to our NEOs, we are required to make various adjustments to amounts that have been reported in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement and in proxy statements for previous years, as the SEC's valuation methods for this section differ from those required in the Summary Compensation Table.

# Pay Versus Performance Table

The table below summarizes compensation values both reported in our Summary Compensation Table, as well as the adjusted values required in this section for fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021. Note that for our NEOs other than our current and former principal executive officers ("PEOs"), compensation is reported as an average.

Year	Co Tal	Summary mpensation ble Total for Former PEO <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (\$)	C	Summary ompensation able Total for Current PEO <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (\$)	ompensation Actually Paid to Former PEO <sup>(1)(3)</sup> (\$)	C	ompensation Actually Paid to Current PEO <sup>(1)(3)</sup> (\$)	f	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO Named Executive Officers <sup>(1)(4)</sup> (\$)	Average ompensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO Named Executive Officers (\$)	I Sl	Value of Initial Fixed \$100 nvestment Based on Total hareholder Return <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)	Net Income (Loss) <sup>(7)</sup> (S) in thousands)
2023	\$	1,636,362	\$	1,412,006	\$ 1,372,781	\$	959,382	\$	814,980	\$ 772,884	\$	98.28	\$ 4,748
2022	\$	1,667,535		n/a	\$ 688,067		n/a	\$	705,668	\$ 451,689	\$	89.02	\$ (5,936)
2021	\$	1,741,997		n/a	\$ 2,160,909		n/a	\$	649,969	\$ 719,064	\$	153.52	\$ (4,041)

<sup>(1)</sup> During fiscal 2023, the PEOs were Bart C. Shuldman, who served as PEO from January 1, 2023 to April 4, 2023, and John M. Dillon, who has served as PEO since April 4, 2023. During fiscal years 2022 and 2021, the PEO was Bart C. Shuldman. During fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021, the non-PEO named executive officers (NEOs) were Steven A. DeMartino and Brent Richtsmeier.

<sup>(3)</sup> The following table sets forth the adjustments made to the SCT total for each year represented in the pay versus performance table to arrive at "compensation actually paid" to our PEOs, as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K:

		2	023		2022	2021
		Former PEO		Current PEO	Former PEO	Former PEO
SCT Total for PEO	\$	1,636,362	\$	1,412,006	\$ 1,667,535	\$ 1,741,997
Less: Amount reported under the "Stock Awards" column in the SCT	\$	_	\$	(415,248)	\$ (554,190)	\$ (555,607)
Less: Amounts reported under the "Option Awards" column in the SCT	\$	_	\$	(370,000)	\$ (237,654)	\$ (237,804)
Add: Fair value as of fiscal year-end of awards granted during the fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the fiscal year	\$	_	\$	325,750	\$ 622,542	\$ 809,614
(Deduct) add: Change in fair value as of fiscal year-end, compared to prior fiscal year-end, of awards granted in any prior fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the fiscal year	\$	_	\$	4,686	\$ (483,140)	\$ 331,459
(Deduct) add: Change in fair value as of vesting date, compared to prior fiscal year-end, of awards granted in any prior fiscal year for which all vesting conditions were satisfied at fiscal year-end or during the fiscal year	\$	11,339	\$	2,189	\$ (144,004)	\$ 71,250
Less: Fair value at end of prior fiscal year of any awards granted in any prior fiscal year that fail to meet applicable vesting conditions during the fiscal year	\$	(274,920)	\$	_	\$ (183,002)	_
Total Adjustments	\$	(263,581)	\$	(452,623)	\$ (979,468)	\$ 418,912
Compensation Actually Paid	\$	1,372,781	\$	959,382	\$ 688,067	\$ 2,160,909
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<sup>(2)</sup> The dollar amounts reported are the amounts of total compensation reported for Mr. Dillon and Mr. Shuldman, as applicable, for the applicable fiscal year in the "Total" column of the Summary Compensation Table (SCT).

Assumptions used in the fair valuation of equity awards for the adjustments described above to calculate compensation actually paid to the PEO were not materially different from those used in the Company's grant date fair value calculations as described in Notes 3 and 4 to the SCT

- (4) The dollar amounts reported represent the average of the amounts reported for the non-PEO NEOs for the applicable fiscal year in the "Total" column of the Summary Compensation Table.
- (5) The following table sets forth the adjustments made, on an average basis, to the average SCT total for each year represented in the pay versus performance table to arrive at "average compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs:

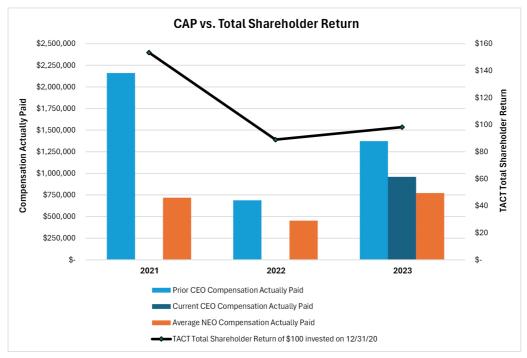
	_	2023	_	2022	_	2021
Average SCT Total for Non-PEO NEOs	\$	814,980	\$	705,668	\$	649,969
Less: Amount reported under the "Stock Awards" column in the SCT	\$	(158,900)	\$	(160,160)	\$	(98,079)
Less: Amounts reported under the "Option Awards" column in the SCT	\$	(68,100)	\$	(68,460)	\$	(101,028)
Add: Fair value as of fiscal year-end of awards granted during the fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the fiscal year	\$	241,645	\$	179,692	\$	197,613
(Deduct) add: Change in fair value as of fiscal year-end, compared to prior fiscal year-end, of awards granted in any prior fiscal year that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the fiscal year	\$	14,825	\$	(147,536)	\$	58,429
Deduct (add): Change in fair value as of vesting date, compared to prior fiscal year- end, of awards granted in any prior fiscal year for which all vesting conditions were satisfied at fiscal year-end or during the fiscal year	\$	7,750	\$	(25,268)	\$	12,160
Less: Fair value at end of prior fiscal year of any awards granted in any prior fiscal year that fail to meet applicable vesting conditions during the fiscal year	\$	(79,316)	\$	(32,248)	\$	_
Total Adjustments	\$	(42,096)	\$	(253,979)	\$	69,095
Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs	\$	772,884	\$	451,689	\$	719,064

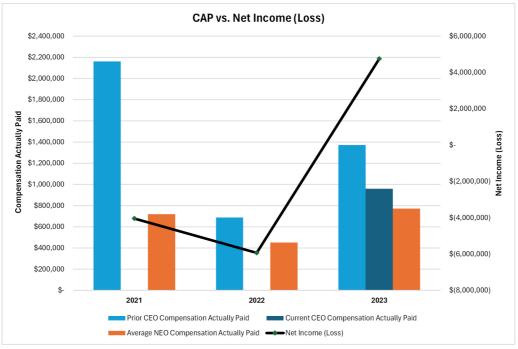
Assumptions used in the fair valuation of equity awards for the adjustments described above to calculate average compensation actually paid to the Non-PEO NEOs were not materially different from those used in the Company's grant date fair value calculations as described in Notes 3 and 4 to the SCT.

- (6) The amounts reported represent the measurement period value of an investment of \$100 in our stock on December 31, 2020 (the last trading day before the 2021 fiscal year), and then valued again on each of December 31, 2021 (the last trading day of the 2021 fiscal year), December 30, 2022 (the last trading day of the 2022 fiscal year), and December 29, 2023 (the last trading day of the 2023 fiscal year) based on the closing price per share of the Company's common stock as of such dates.
- (7) The amounts reported represent net income (loss) for the applicable fiscal year calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Effective April 1, 2022, the Company changed its method of inventory valuation from standard cost (which approximated actual cost on a "first-in, first-out" basis) to the average cost method of inventory accounting. Net loss for fiscal 2021 has been adjusted to apply the new method retrospectively.

# **Compensation Actually Paid Versus Company Performance**

The graphs below display the relationship between compensation actually paid to the PEO and the average compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs and the Company's total shareholder return (based on a fixed investment of \$100 on December 31, 2020) and net income (loss) for the years presented.





#### **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of directors for fiscal year 2023:

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
Audrey P. Dunning	40,000	45,248	85,248
Daniel M. Friedberg	40,000	45,248	85,248
Randall S. Friedman	40,000	45,248	85,248
Emanuel P. N. Hilario	40,000	45,248	85,248
Haydee Ortiz Olinger	65,000	45,248	110,248

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Shuldman received no additional compensation for his service as a director. The compensation received by Mr. Shuldman as an employee is shown in the Summary Compensation Table. Mr. Dillon received compensation as a non-employee director in 2023 before he was named CEO. This compensation, as well as his compensation as CEO, is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table. While serving as CEO, Mr. Dillon did not receive any additional compensation for his service as a director.

For 2023, each non-employee director of the Company received a retainer of \$10,000 in each quarter of 2023 as compensation for services rendered, paid at the start of each quarter. As reflected in the Summary Compensation Table, Mr. Dillon served as a non-employee director for the first quarter of 2023 and received the retainer paid in such quarter. Ms. Olinger received an additional annual cash retainer of \$25,000 for her service as Chair of the Board. Directors are also reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings. The Company does not separately compensate directors for service on any Committee of the Board.

Each non-employee director receives total equity compensation of approximately \$45,000 awarded through RSUs that will convert to common stock on a one-to-one basis and vest 25% per year over four years. The Compensation Committee believes that the equity component of the Board's compensation aligns the Board with the Company's stockholders and long-term performance growth, and is comparable to the compensation of directors of other similar-sized public companies. The number of RSUs awarded is calculated based on the closing share price on the day of grant. In 2023, each non-employee director, including Mr. Dillon, who was serving as a non-employee director at the time of the grant, received a grant of 6,400 RSUs, pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. The RSU awards vest at the rate of 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

<sup>(2)</sup> On March 1, 2023, Ms. Dunning, Mr. Friedberg, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Hilario and Ms. Olinger were each awarded 6,400 RSUs granted under the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, which were unvested as of December 31, 2023. The RSUs vest at the rate of 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The amounts shown represent the grant date fair value of the RSUs granted in 2023 calculated in accordance with Compensation — Stock Compensation Topic of FASB ASC 718.

#### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Stockholders of the Company are entitled to present proposals for consideration at forthcoming stockholder meetings provided that they comply with applicable rules promulgated by the SEC and the By-Laws. Proposals that are eligible under applicable SEC rules to be included in next year's proxy materials must be received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company on or before December 11, 2024 (except that if the 2025 Annual Meeting is changed by more than 30 days from the anniversary of the 2024 Annual Meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send the proxy materials). Under the By-Laws, other business proposals that a stockholder wishes to have considered at the 2025 Annual Meeting, but which are not included in the Company's proxy materials (with such proposals being referred to as "floor proposals"), may be made by a stockholder entitled to vote who has delivered a notice to the Secretary of the Company no later than February 9, 2025 and not earlier than January 10, 2025. Such notice must contain the information required in the By-Laws.

All stockholder proposals and notices of nomination (described below) should be addressed to TransAct Technologies Incorporated, One Hamden Center, 2319 Whitney Avenue, Suite 3B, Hamden, CT 06518, Attention: Secretary. A proxy granted by a stockholder will give discretionary authority to the proxies named therein to vote on any floor proposals if properly brought before the meeting and subject to applicable SEC rules.

#### PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Stockholders may nominate candidates for election to the Board if the proper nomination procedures specified in the By-Laws are followed. Under the By-Laws, all nominations for director to be included in the Company's proxy materials for the 2025 Annual Meeting made by stockholders entitled to vote thereat must be set forth in a notice that contains the information required by the By-Laws, and such notice of nomination must be received by the Secretary of the Company no later than February 9, 2025 and not earlier than January 10, 2025. Notwithstanding anything in the preceding sentence to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board is increased and there has been no public announcement naming all of the nominees for director or indicating the increase in the size of the Board made by the Company at least 10 days before the last day an eligible stockholder may deliver a notice of nomination in accordance with the preceding sentence, such notice of nomination will also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it is received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than the close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the corporation. In no event will an adjournment, or postponement of an Annual Meeting of Stockholders for which notice has been given, commence a new time period for stockholders to deliver a notice of nomination.

In addition to complying with the By-Laws, to comply with Rule 14a-19 under the universal proxy rules adopted by the SEC, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company nominees in connection with the 2024 Annual Meeting must provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act and is postmarked or submitted to the Company electronically no later than March 25, 2025, except that if the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting is changed by more than 30 calendar days from the anniversary of the 2024 Annual Meeting, then notice must be provided by the later of 60 calendar days prior to the date of the 2024 Annual Meeting or the tenth calendar day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting is first made by the Company.

# POLICY REGARDING STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The process for stockholders to communicate with the Board, or with any Committee or director(s), is set forth in the Policy Regarding Security Holder Communications with the Board of Directors. This policy is available on our website at <a href="https://www.transacttech.com">www.transacttech.com</a> by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "Company" dropdown menu and then selecting "Corporate Governance."



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

Technologies Incorporated

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED ONE HAMDEN CENTER 2319 WHITNEY AVENUE, SUITE 3B HAMDEN, CT 06518



VOTE BY INTERNET
Before The Meeting - Go to www.proxyvote.com or scan the QR Barcode above

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 23, 2024. 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.

 $\textit{During The Meeting} \textbf{-} \textbf{Go to } \underline{\textbf{www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024}}$ 

You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

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 May 23, 2024. 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.

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	01) John M. Dillon	0	0					
	02) Audrey P. Dunning	0	0					
	03) Daniel M. Friedberg	0	0					
	04) Randall S. Friedman	0	0					
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3.	APPROVAL, ON A NON-BINDING, ADVISOR	Y BASIS, OF THE COMPENS	ATION OF OUR NAME	EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.		0	0	0
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# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:

The Notice and Proxy Statement and 2023 Annual Report are available at www.proxyvote.com.

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# TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED Annual Meeting of Stockholders May 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors

The undersigned stockholder of TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company") does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint John M. Dillon and Steven A. DeMartino, or either of them, with full power to act alone, as his, her or its true and lawful attorney and proxy with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for and in the undersigned's name, place and stead to attend and vote all of the shares of Common Stock of the Company standing in the name of the undersigned and entitled to vote, at the Annual Meeting of its Stockholders to be held virtually on May 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TACT2024, or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, with all powers the undersigned would possess if personally present as follows:

THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED BY THE STOCKHOLDER. IF NO SUCH DIRECTIONS ARE INDICATED, THE PROXIES WILL VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION AS SET FORTH BELOW:

- FOR PROPOSAL 1, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE <u>FOR</u> THE ELECTION OF EACH OF JOHN M. DILLON, AUDREY P. DUNNING, DANIEL M. FRIEDBERG AND RANDALL S. FRIEDMAN.
- FOR PROPOSAL 2, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE <u>FOR</u> THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF MARCUM LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2024.
- FOR PROPOSAL 3, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION
  OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

THE PROXIES (AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES) ARE AUTHORIZED, ACTING INDIVIDUALLY, TO VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR BEST JUDGMENT UPON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS (INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF SUBSTITUTE NOMINEES IF ONE OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ON THIS PROXY CARD BECOMES UNABLE TO SERVE) AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING. PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND MAIL YOUR PROXY CARD BACK IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

We encourage you to retain the 16 - digit control number printed on this proxy card even if you submit your proxy vote over the Internet, by telephone or by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. You will need your control number in order to ask questions or vote at the virtual meeting.

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