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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND PROXY STATEMENT

March 31, 2015
Dear Stockholder:
Notice is hereby given that the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders ("Annual Meeting") of Cardtronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Cardtronics"), will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., central daylight time, at 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042. At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to:
1.Elect three Class II directors to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
2.Adopt a resolution in which they approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement;
3.Ratify the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Cardtronics for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and
4.Transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.
Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 17, 2015 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. A list of stockholders will be available commencing March 20, 2015 and may be inspected at our offices during normal business hours prior to the Annual Meeting. The list of stockholders also will be available for review at the Annual Meeting. In the event there are not sufficient votes for a quorum or to approve the items of business at the time of the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies.
The proxy materials include this Notice, the Proxy Statement, the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, and the enclosed proxy card. The Proxy Statement tells you about the agenda and related matters for the Annual Meeting. It also describes how the Board of Directors operates, gives information about its director candidates, and provides information about the other items of business to be conducted at the Annual

Meeting.

Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible to ensure that your shares are represented. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may withdraw any previously submitted proxy and vote in person.
Sincerely,
/s/ Michael E. Keller
Michael E. Keller
General Counsel and Secretary
IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 13, 2015
The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, and the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are available at www.cardtronics.com.

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CARDTRONICS, INC.
3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400
Houston, Texas 77042
PROXY STATEMENT
These proxy materials are furnished to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Cardtronics, Inc., for use at our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournments or postponements of the meeting (the "Annual Meeting"). The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., central daylight time, at our principal executive offices, which are located at 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042. Directions to our offices are set forth on the last page of this Proxy Statement.
On or about April 2, 2015, we mailed a Notice of Internet Availability to our stockholders of record and beneficial owners who owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on March 17, 2015. The Notice of Internet Availability contains information on how to access the proxy materials and vote online. The Notice of Annual Meeting, this Proxy Statement, and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 ("Annual Report") are available to you in the Investor Relations section of our website at www.cardtronics.com or, upon your request paper versions of these materials will be delivered to you by mail.
ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING
What is the purpose of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders?

At the Annual Meeting, our stockholders will be asked to (1) elect three Class II directors to serve until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; (2) adopt a resolution in which they approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement; (3) ratify the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and (4) transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. Each of the above matters that will be submitted to the stockholders for their approval (each a "Proposal") is described in more detail on pages 6 to 11 herein.

Why did I receive these proxy materials?

You received these proxy materials from us in connection with the solicitation by our Board of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting because you owned our common stock at the close of business on March 17, 2015. We refer to this date as the "record date."

This Proxy Statement contains important information for you to consider when deciding how to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. Please read this Proxy Statement carefully.

A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote the shares that you own. That other person is called a proxy. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document is also called a proxy or a proxy card. Our Board has appointed J. Chris Brewster and Michael E. Keller (the "Proxy Holders") to serve as proxies for the Annual Meeting.

If you are a stockholder of record (as discussed in more detail below) and you properly complete and submit a proxy, your shares will be voted by the Proxy Holders in accordance with your instructions on the proxy. If you complete and submit a proxy, but do not indicate any contrary voting instructions, the Proxy Holders will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board. See "What are the recommendations of the Board?" below for additional information.

If you are a street name stockholder, in some cases, your shares may be voted even if you do not provide your broker, bank, or other nominee with voting instructions. At the Annual Meeting, except for Proposal No. 3 (Ratification of the Selection of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm), brokers will not have discretionary authority to vote on any of the proposals in the absence of timely instructions from the beneficial owners. See "What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes and what vote is required to approve each proposal discussed in this Proxy Statement?" below for additional information.

What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, then you own our common stock through multiple accounts with our transfer agent and/or brokers, banks, or other nominees. Please sign and return all proxy cards to ensure that all of your shares are voted at the Annual Meeting.

What is the difference between holding shares as a "stockholder of record" and holding shares in "street name"?

•Stockholder of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., you are considered a "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares, and you are receiving these proxy materials directly from us. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to mail your proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

•Street Name Stockholder. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account, by a bank or other holder of record (commonly referred to as being held in "street name"), you are the "beneficial owner" with respect to those shares and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that custodian, which is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, or other nominee how to vote and you are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a signed proxy from the stockholder of record giving you the right to vote the shares. Your broker, bank, or other nominee has provided voting instructions for you to use in directing the broker, bank, or other nominee how to vote your shares. If you fail to provide sufficient instructions to your broker, bank, or other nominee, the stockholder of record may be prohibited from voting your shares as discussed elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

How many votes must be present to hold the Annual Meeting?

There must be a quorum for the Annual Meeting to be held. A quorum is the presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote as of the record date. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum at the Annual Meeting. As of the record date, there were 44,853,711 shares of our common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Consequently, the presence of the holders of at least 22,426,856 shares of common stock, in person or by proxy, is required to establish a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

If less than a quorum is represented at the Annual Meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting or the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding stock present in person or represented by proxy, at the Annual Meeting, may adjourn the meeting and the proxy holders will vote the proxies they have been authorized at the Annual Meeting in favor of such an adjournment. In the event a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any of the items proposed by our Board have not been received, the presiding officer of the meeting or the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Annual Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. A stockholder vote may be taken on one or more of the proposals in this proxy statement prior to such adjournment if sufficient proxies have been received and it is otherwise appropriate.

How many votes do I have?
You are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock that you owned on the record date on all matters considered at the Annual Meeting.
How do I vote my shares?
•Stockholder of Record. Shares held directly in your name as the stockholder of record can be voted in person at the Annual Meeting or you can provide a proxy to be voted at the Annual Meeting by signing and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you plan to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, please bring proof of identification. Even if you currently plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.
•Street Name Stockholder. If you hold your shares in "street name", please follow the instructions provided by your band broker, or other holder of record (the record holder). Shares held in street name may be voted in person by you at the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a signed proxy from the record holder giving you the right to vote the shares. If you hold your shares in street name and wish to simply attend the Annual Meeting, please bring proof of ownership and identification.
What are the recommendations of the Board?
Our Board recommends that you vote:
•FOR the election of the three nominated Class II directors;
•FOR the resolution in which the stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement; and

•FOR the proposal to ratify the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.
Can I change my vote after I return my proxy card?
Yes. Even after you have returned your proxy card, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by (1) submitting a written a notice of revocation to our General Counsel and Secretary, Michael E. Keller, by mail to Cardtronics, Inc., 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042 or by facsimile at (832) 308-4761 no later than May 12, 2015; (2) mailing in a new proxy card bearing a later date but no later than May 12, 2015; or (3) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, which suspends the powers of the Proxy Holders.
If you are a "street name" stockholder, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank broker, or nominee in accordance with that entity's procedures.
Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?
At the time this Proxy Statement was filed, we did not know of any matters to be raised at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this Proxy Statement. With respect to any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting, the Proxy Holders will vote the proxies as recommended by our Board or, if no recommendation is given, in their own discretion.
What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes and what vote is required to approve each proposal discussed in this Proxy Statement?
Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business. Abstentions occur when stockholders are present at the Annual Meeting but choose to withhold their vote for any of the matters upon which the stockholders are voting. Broker non-votes occur when other holders of record (such as banks and brokers) that hold shares on behalf of beneficial owners do not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owners before the Annual Meeting and do not have discretionary authority to vote those shares if they do not receive timely instructions from the beneficial owners.

Election of Directors. A majority of the votes cast is required for the uncontested election of directors. This means that the three Class II director nominees receiving the majority of all votes cast will be elected to our Board. You may vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" for each Class II director nominee. If you "ABSTAIN," your votes will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but will have no legal effect on the election of directors under Delaware law or our Bylaws. Broker non-votes are not treated as entitled to cast a vote and therefore will have no impact on the proposal.

Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the item is required to approve this proposal. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on this proposal. If you "ABSTAIN," your votes will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, and the abstention will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal. Broker non-votes are not treated as entitled to vote and therefore will have no impact on the proposal.

Ratification of the Appointment of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the item is required to approve this proposal. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on this proposal. If you "ABSTAIN," your votes will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, and the abstention will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal. This proposal is considered a "routine" matter, so if you are a street name stockholder, your broker, bank, trust or other holder of record is permitted to vote your shares on this proposal even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you.

Who is participating in this proxy solicitation and who will pay for its cost?

We will bear the entire cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of the preparation and distribution of this Proxy Statement, the proxy card, and any additional information furnished to our stockholders. In addition to this solicitation, our directors, officers, and other employees may solicit proxies by use of mail, telephone, facsimile, electronic means, in person or otherwise. These persons will not receive any additional compensation for assisting in the solicitation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the solicitation.

We have retained Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") to aid in the distribution of proxy materials and to provide voting and tabulation services for the Annual Meeting. For these services, we will pay Broadridge a fee of approximately \$55,000 and reimburse it for certain expenses. In addition, we will reimburse brokerage firms, nominees, fiduciaries, custodians, and other agents for their expenses in distributing proxy materials to the beneficial owners of our common stock.

May I propose actions for consideration at the next annual meeting of stockholders or nominate individuals to serve as directors?

You may submit proposals for consideration at future stockholder meetings, including director nominations. Please see "Corporate Governance – Our Board – Director Selection and Nomination Process" and "Proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders" for more details.

What is "householding" and how does it affect me?

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has implemented rules regarding the delivery of proxy materials to households. This method of delivery, often referred to as "householding," permits us to send a single Annual Report and/or a single Proxy Statement to any household at which two or more different stockholders reside where we believe the stockholders are members of the same family or otherwise share the same address or where one stockholder has multiple accounts. In each case, the stockholder(s) must provide express or implied prior consent to the householding process. Under the householding procedure, each stockholder continues to receive a separate notice of any meeting of stockholders and proxy card. Householding reduces the volume of duplicate information our stockholders receive and reduces our expenses. We may institute householding in the future and will notify our registered stockholders who will be affected by householding at that time.

Many banks, brokers, and other holders of record have instituted householding. If you or your family have one or more "street name" accounts under which you beneficially own our common stock, you may have received householding information from your bank, broker, or other holder of record in the past. Please contact the holder of record directly if you have questions, require additional copies of this Proxy Statement or our Annual Report or wish to revoke your decision to household and

thereby receive multiple copies. You should also contact the holder of record if you wish to institute householding. These options are available to you at any time.
Whom should I contact with questions about the Annual Meeting?
If you have any questions about this Proxy Statement or the Annual Meeting, please contact our General Counsel and Secretary, Michael E. Keller, at 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042 or by telephone at (832) 308-4000.
Where may I obtain additional information about Cardtronics, Inc.?
We refer you to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on February 24, 2015. Our Annual Report, including audited financial statements, is available on our website at www.cardtronics.com. Our Annual Report is not part of the proxy solicitation material.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CARDTRONICS, INC., PLEASE CONTACT OUR GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY, MICHAEL E. KELLER, AT 3250 BRIARPARK DRIVE, SUITE 400, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77042.
On the following pages, we have set forth the three proposals that are being submitted to the stockholders for their approval. Following each proposal is a summary of the proposal as well as the Board's recommendation in support thereof.
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The names and certain information about the Class II director nominees, including their ages as of the Annual Meeting date, positions with Cardtronics, Inc., as well as the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the

Stockholders may not cumulate their votes in the election of our directors.

Board to the conclusion that the director should be nominated to serve on the Board in light of our business, are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position
		Class II
J. Tim Arnoult	66	Director
		Class II
Dennis F. Lynch	66	Director
		Class II
Juli C. Spottiswood	48	Director

J. Tim Arnoult has served as a director of our company since January 2008. Mr. Arnoult provides over 30 years of banking, payments and information technology experience to our Board. From 1979 to 2006, Mr. Arnoult served in various positions at Bank of America, N.A., including President of Global Treasury Services in 2005 and 2006, President of Global Technology and Operations from 2000 to 2005, President of Central U.S. Consumer and Commercial Banking from 1996 to 2000, and President of Private Banking from 1992 to 1996. Mr. Arnoult also serves on the board of directors for Stellus Capital Investment Corporation and AgileCraft, LLC. Mr. Arnoult is experienced in the integration of complex mergers including NationsBank and Bank of America in 1998 and Bank of America and Fleet Boston in 2004. Since 2006 Mr. Arnoult has worked as a consultant and corporate director. Mr. Arnoult holds a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Business Administration degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Arnoult has experience serving as a director for public and private companies as well as significant nonprofit and industry association boards, including the board of Visa USA. We believe Mr. Arnoult's broad financial services background, including international responsibilities, past directorship experience and active community involvement make him well-qualified to serve on our Board, as Chairman of our Nominating & Governance Committee, on our Audit Committee, and on our Finance Committee.

Dennis F. Lynch has served as a director of our company since January 2008 and Chairman of the Board since November 2010. Mr. Lynch has over 30 years of experience in the payments industry and has led the introduction and growth of various card products and payment solutions. Mr. Lynch is currently a director on the board of Fisery, Inc (NASDAQ:FISV), a global technology provider to banks, credit unions, lenders and investment firms. Mr. Lynch is also currently a director and was previously the chairperson (from 2009 through 2011) of the Secure Remote Payments Council, a cross-industry group dedicated to accelerating more secure methods of conducting consumer payments in the internet/mobile marketplace. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Lynch served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RightPath Payments Inc., a company providing business-to-business payments via the internet. From 1994 to 2004, Mr. Lynch served in various positions with NYCE Corporation, including serving as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1996 to 2004, and as a director from 1992 to 2004. Prior to joining NYCE Corporation, Mr. Lynch served in a variety of information technology and products roles, ultimately managing Fleet Boston's consumer payments portfolio. Mr. Lynch has served on a number of boards, including the board of Open Solutions, Inc., a publicly-traded company delivering core banking products to the financial services market, from 2005 to 2007. Mr. Lynch was also a founding director of YANKEE24 Network, an electronic payments network serving the New England region and served as its Chairman from 1988 to 1990. Additionally, Mr. Lynch has served on the Executive Committee and the board of the Electronic Funds Transfer Association. Mr. Lynch received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Lynch's extensive experience in the payment industry and his leading role in the introduction and growth of various card products and payment solutions make him a valuable asset to our Board. We leverage Mr. Lynch's knowledge of card products and payment solutions in developing our strategies for capitalizing on the proliferation of prepaid debit cards. Additionally, Mr. Lynch's service on a number of corporate boards and his experience as the Chief Executive Officer of NYCE Corporation, provide him with the background and leadership skills necessary to serve as Chairman of our Board and as a member of our Compensation Committee, our Nomination & Governance Committee, and our Finance Committee.

Juli C. Spottiswood has served as a director of our company since May 2011. Ms. Spottiswood is Senior Vice President and General Manager of Blackhawk Engagement Solutions ("BES"), a division of Blackhawk Network Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: HAWK) a leading prepaid and payments network ("Blackhawk"). BES provides customized engagement, incentive and rebate programs for consumers, employees and sales channels. Ms. Spottiswood was previously President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board at Parago, Inc., a marketing services company which was sold in November, 2014 to Blackhawk. Ms. Spottiswood co-founded Parago in 1999, originally serving as the company's Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Spottiswood also brings to the Cardtronics Board a high-level profile within the prepaid card industry; previously serving as a board member and treasurer of the Network Branded Prepaid Card Association, a nonprofit association formed to promote the use of prepaid cards as an alternative payment vehicle. In 2009, Ms. Spottiswood was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Southwest region. Ms. Spottiswood holds a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Texas.

Ms. Spottiswood has expansive business and financial services experience, which includes experience as an accountant with Arthur Andersen. Her knowledge of the payment industry and innovation makes her a well-qualified asset to our Board, to our Finance Committee, and as Chairman of our Audit Committee.

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE CLASS II DIRECTOR NOMINEES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

### **Continuing Directors**

In addition to the Class II directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting, the directors who will continue to serve on our Board after the Annual Meeting, their ages as of the Annual Meeting date, positions with Cardtronics, Inc., as well as the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Board to the conclusion that the director should serve on the Board in light of our business are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position
Jorge M. Diaz	50	Class I Director
G. Patrick Phillips	65	Class I Director
Julie Gardner	57	Class III Director
Steven A. Rathgaber	61	Class III Director
Mark Rossi	58	Class III Director

Jorge M. Diaz has served as a director of our company since December 2004. Mr. Diaz is the Division President and

Chief Executive Officer of Fiserv Output Solutions, a division of Fiserv, Inc. ("Fiserv"), and has held that position since April 1994. Fiserv Output Solutions provides card production services, statement processing and electronic document distribution services. In January 1985, Mr. Diaz co-founded National Embossing Company, a predecessor company to Fiserv Output Solutions. Mr. Diaz sold National Embossing Company to Fiserv in April 1994. Mr. Diaz serves as a director for the local chapter of the Boys and Girls Club, a national non-profit organization.

Mr. Diaz' extensive experience in the electronic funds transfer processing industry, as well as his long-standing association with our company, makes him uniquely qualified to serve on our Board, our Compensation Committee, and our Nominating & Governance Committee.

G. Patrick Phillips has served as a director of our company since February 2010. Mr. Phillips retired from Bank of America in 2008, after a 35-year career, most recently serving as President of Bank of America's Premier Banking and Investments group from August 2005 to March 2008. During his tenure at Bank of America, Mr. Phillips led a variety of consumer, commercial, wealth management and technology businesses. Mr. Phillips also serves on the board of directors of USAA Federal Savings Bank where he serves as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. He also is a member of the board of Novant Health, a healthcare company operating in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. In addition, Mr. Phillips serves as an adviser to the financial services practice of Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm. Mr. Phillips previously served as a director of Visa USA and Visa International from 1990 to 2005 and 1995 to 2005, respectively. Mr. Phillips received a Masters of Business Administration from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia in 1973 and graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina in 1971.

Mr. Phillips' extensive experience in the banking industry and the electronic payments industry makes him uniquely qualified to serve on our Board, our Audit Committee, and as Chairman of our Compensation Committee.

Julie Gardner was appointed as a director of our company on October 24, 2013. Ms. Gardner has over 25 years of marketing experience in the retail industry and was cited by Forbes in 2012, as the 11th most influential Chief Marketing Officer in the world. Ms. Gardner currently serves as the North American Chairwoman of the Bonial International Group's Advisory Board. Ms. Gardner retired from her retail career in 2012, after most recently serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Kohl's Department Stores. During her 14 year tenure at Kohl's, 887 new stores were opened and 25 new brands were launched to the portfolio of private, exclusive and national brands. She has been credited for the successful launch of numerous exclusive brands including Simply Vera Wang, Elle, Food Network, Chaps, Dana Buchman, Candies, Lauren Conrad, Jennifer Lopez and Tony Hawk. While at Kohl's, Ms. Gardner created the Kohl's Cares program, the first philanthropic strategy for the company, which raised over \$200 million between 2000 and 2012 for children's health and educational programs, and lead the funding and development of the TED educational program with the TED organization. From 1985 to 1999, Ms. Gardner served in a number of positions for Eckerd Corporation, a retail drug store company operating over 3,000 stores in the Southeast and Southwest, serving as Chief Marketing Officer from 1994 to 1999. Prior to joining Eckerd Corporation, Ms. Gardner served in Account Management with two advertising firms. Her vast success has led to numerous awards, including 20 Addy Awards, 30 RACie awards and an Emmy Award from the Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Gardner has expansive marketing and advertising experience in the retail industry and we believe her experience and her background with rapid business expansion, as well as her insights with drugstore chains, a key retailer constituent of Cardtronics, make her well-qualified to serve on our Board and as a member of our Nominating & Governance Committee and Compensation Committee.

Steven A. Rathgaber has been our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and has served as a director of our company since February 1, 2010. From January 1991 to January 2010, Mr. Rathgaber was employed by NYCE Payments Network, LLC ("NYCE"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., which is an electronic funds transfer and debit card processing business. Mr. Rathgaber most recently served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of NYCE, a role he assumed in September 2004. From April 1989 to January 1991, Mr. Rathgaber served as a founding partner of Veritas Venture, a start-up software development company. From May 1981 to March 1989, Mr. Rathgaber served in a number of executive-level roles within Automatic Data Processing, Inc., and from January 1977 to April 1981, Mr. Rathgaber held numerous positions within Citibank. Mr. Rathgaber served on the board of Everlink Payment Services, a joint venture between the United States-based NYCE and Celero, a Canadian credit union processing company, from the company's inception in September 2003 until December 2009. Mr. Rathgaber presently serves on the Advisory Board of a private equity firm, Platform Partners, based in Houston, Texas. Mr. Rathgaber also served as Chairman of the Everlink board from June 2004 until May 2006. Mr. Rathgaber holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from St. John's University.

The Board has concluded that Mr. Rathgaber should continue to serve as a director for our company based upon the following reasons, among others: (1) his current position as our Chief Executive Officer enables him to bring invaluable operational, financial, regulatory, and governance insights to the Board; and (2) his considerable role in the management of our company enables him to continually educate and advise the Board on our business, industry and related opportunities and challenges.

Mark Rossi has served as a director of our company since November 2010. Mr. Rossi is a founder and Senior Managing Director of Cornerstone Equity Investors, L.L.C., a Connecticut based private equity firm. The investment principals of Cornerstone have funded approximately 100 companies in a variety of industries but with a particular emphasis on technology and telecommunications, health care services and products, and business services. Cornerstone and its predecessor firm have provided financing to a large number of successful companies including Dell Computer, Health Management Associates, Linear Technology, Micron Technology, Novatel Wireless, Inc., and Equitrac, Inc. Prior to the formation of Cornerstone Equity Investors in 1996, Mr. Rossi was President of Prudential Equity Investors, Inc., the private equity arm of Prudential Insurance Company of America. Mr. Rossi's industry focus is on business services and technology companies. Mr. Rossi is involved in a number of community and philanthropic activities. He is a founding member of Project Y.E.S.S. (Young Executives Supporting Schools), and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. After graduating with highest honors from Saint Vincent College in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, Mr. Rossi earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University where he was an F.C. Austin Scholar.

Mr. Rossi has extensive financial services experience, is a member of the board of directors of several companies, and serves as Chairman of the board of directors of Maxwell Technologies Inc. (a publicly traded company), which makes him well-qualified to serve on our Board, our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and as Chairman of our Finance Committee.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2:

#### ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), we are asking stockholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC. We believe that it is appropriate to seek the views of stockholders on the design and effectiveness of our executive compensation program, and we value your opinion. Based on the stockholder vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation that took place at our 2011 Annual Meeting, the Board determined to hold the vote on executive compensation annually until the next stockholder vote on the frequency of such advisory vote. Thus, our stockholder advisory vote to approve executive compensation currently takes place annually, and the next such vote will take place at our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. As described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement, the Compensation Committee has structured our executive compensation program to achieve the key objectives described below. Stockholders are given an opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the frequency of "say-on-pay" votes every six years, with the next opportunity expected to occur in connection with our Annual Meeting in 2017:

Objectives How Our Executive Compensation Program Achieves The Objectives

The primary objectives of our executive compensation program aligns the interests of management with those of our investors and creates incentives for and rewards performances of

attract, retain, and motivate qualiffied individuals based on our overall success and the

 $individuals\ who\ are\ capable\ of\ le {\it adhigvenment} on {\it objectives}.$ 

meet its business objectives and t**Specificasellyyerall**compensation program provides stockholder value. management with the incentive to achieve or maximize

certain company-level performance measures. Each

year, based upon the expected circumstances and conditions confronting us for that

year, the Compensation Committee selects performance metrics

that it believes will produce the best return for our

stockholders given the then-current conditions. For 2014, the

Compensation Committee selected (1) Adjusted Earnings before Interest, Taxes, and

Amortization ("Adjusted EBITA"), as defined below in the

"Compensation Discussion and Analysis" or "CD&A"; (2) Adjusted Earnings per

Share, as defined below in the CD&A; and (3) Revenues, as reported in

our audited financial statements.

We urge stockholders to read the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement, which describes in more detail how our executive compensation policies and procedures operate and are designed to achieve our compensation objectives, as well as the Summary Compensation Table for 2014 and other related compensation tables and narrative discussions, which provide detailed information of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers. The Compensation Committee and the Board believe that the policies and procedures articulated in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement are effective in achieving our goals and that the compensation of our Named Executive Officers reported in this Proxy Statement has contributed to our long-term

success.

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, and as a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking stockholders to adopt the following resolution at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

"RESOLVED, that the stockholders of Cardtronics, Inc. approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of Cardtronics, Inc.'s Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cardtronics, Inc. pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussion."

This advisory vote, commonly referred to as a "say-on-pay" vote, is not binding on our Board or our Compensation Committee, will not overrule any decisions made by our Board or our Compensation Committee, or require our Board or our Compensation Committee to take any action. Although the vote is non-binding, our Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation decisions. In particular, to the extent there is any significant vote against our Named Executive Officers' compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, we will consider our stockholders' concerns and our Compensation Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ADOPTION OF THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION APPROVING NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 3:

RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF THE

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to conduct our audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

We engaged KPMG LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm and to audit our consolidated financial statements beginning with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. The engagement of KPMG LLP for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 has been recommended by our Audit Committee and approved by our Board. Our Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, and has recommended, and our Board has approved, their inclusion therein. See "Audit Matters—Report of the Audit Committee" included elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

Although stockholder ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP is not required, our Audit Committee and our Board consider it desirable for our stockholders to vote upon this selection. However, if the selection is not ratified, the Audit Committee will consider whether it is appropriate to select another independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the selection is ratified, our Audit Committee may, in its discretion, direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it believes that such a change would be in the best interests of the company and our stockholders.

A representative of KPMG LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if the representative desires to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The remainder of this Proxy Statement sets forth important information regarding our corporate governance; stock ownership by our directors, executive officers, and other persons owning more than 5% of our stock; executive officers; compensation practices for executive officers and directors; related person transactions; audit matters; procedures for submitting proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and directions to our offices.

**Our Governance Practices** 

We are committed to good corporate governance. Our Board has adopted several governance documents, which include our Corporate Governance Principles, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Financial Code of Ethics, Related Persons Transactions Policy, Whistleblower Policy, and charters for each standing committee of our Board. Each of these documents is available on our website at www.cardtronics.com and you may also request a copy of each document at no cost by writing (or telephoning) the following: Cardtronics, Inc., Attention: General Counsel and Secretary, 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042, (832) 308-4000.

Code of Ethics

Our Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("Code of Ethics") for our directors, officers, and employees. In addition, our Board has adopted a Financial Code of Ethics for our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and other accounting and finance officers. We intend to disclose any amendments to or waivers of these codes on behalf of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Controller, and persons performing similar functions, on our website at www.cardtronics.com promptly following the date of any amendment or waiver. Since becoming a publicly traded company on December 10, 2007, we have not granted to any officer or employee a waiver to our Code of Ethics or our Financial Code of Ethics.

Our Board

**Board Size** 

Our Board of Directors currently has nine director positions that are divided into three classes, with one class to be elected at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders to serve for a three-year term. The term of our current Class II

directors expires in 2015; the term of our Class III directors expires in 2016; and the term of our Class I directors expires in 2017. Each director holds his or her office until a successor is duly elected and qualified or until the earlier of his or her death, retirement, resignation, or removal. Our Class I directors are Jorge M. Diaz, and G. Patrick Phillips; our Class II directors are J. Tim Arnoult, Dennis F. Lynch, and Juli C. Spottiswood; and our Class III directors are Steven A. Rathgaber, Julie Gardner and Mark Rossi. Our Board currently has one vacant director position. We anticipate filling this vacancy with a director having international business experience to assist us in our international expansion efforts.

The Nominating & Governance Committee of our Board considers and makes recommendations to our Board concerning the appropriate size and needs of our Board and considers candidates to fill new positions created by expansion or vacancies that occur by resignation, retirement, or any other reason.

Pursuant to the provisions of our Bylaws, any vacancy may be filled only by a majority vote of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or a sole remaining director. Any director so chosen to fill a vacancy will hold office until the next election of the class for which such director was designated at the time of his or her appointment and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, unless sooner displaced.

## Director Independence

As required under the listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ"), a majority of the members of our Board must qualify as "independent," as affirmatively determined by our Board. Our Board has delegated this responsibility to the Nominating & Governance Committee. Pursuant to its charter, the Nominating & Governance Committee determines whether or not each director and each prospective director is independent.

The Nominating & Governance Committee evaluated all relevant transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and our company, senior management and independent registered accounting firm. Based on this evaluation, the Nominating & Governance Committee has determined that all of our directors are independent under the applicable standards set forth by the NASDAQ and SEC, with the exception of Mr. Rathgaber, our Chief Executive Officer.

In making these independence determinations, the Nominating & Governance Committee, in conjunction with our Board, considered the following relationships and transactions and found that they did not impact the independence of the applicable directors:

- •Jorge M. Diaz. Mr. Diaz is an executive officer with Fiserv Output Solutions, a division of Fiserv. Fiserv serves as one of our vendors with respect to the processing of our ATM transactions. The amounts paid to Fiserv for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were not material.
- •Dennis F. Lynch. In 2012, Mr. Lynch, the chairman of our Board, was elected to the board of directors of Fiserv. As noted above, we have a business relationship with Fiserv but that relationship is not material. Prior to joining Fiserv's board of directors, Mr. Lynch disclosed his nomination to that board to our Nominating & Governance Committee. After a review of the relationship between our company and Fiserv, our Nominating & Governance Committee determined that Mr. Lynch's service on Fiserv's board did not create a conflict of interest with his service on our Board.
- •G. Patrick Phillips. Mr. Phillips serves on the board of directors of USAA Federal Savings Bank ("USAA") where he serves as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. USAA is one of many financial institutions that brand our ATMs and is a customer of our Allpoint network, the largest surcharge-free ATM network within the U.S. (based on the number of participating ATMs). The amounts received from USAA for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were not material.

Board Leadership Structure; Role in Risk Oversight

The Board has determined that having a non-executive director serve as Chairman of the Board is in the best interest of our stockholders at this time. Our CEO is responsible for setting our strategic direction and providing us day-to-day leadership, while the Chairman of the Board provides guidance to our CEO and sets the agenda for Board meetings and presides over meetings of the full Board as well as the executive sessions of independent directors. We believe this structure ensures a greater role for the non-executive directors in the oversight of our company and active participation of the non-executive directors in setting agendas and establishing priorities and procedures for the work of the Board.

Risk is inherent with every business, and how well a business manages risk can ultimately determine its success. We face a number of risks, including economic and regulatory risks, and others, such as the impact of competition, change in consumer behavior, and technological changes. Management is responsible for the day-to-day management of risks our company faces, while our Board, as a whole and through its committees, has the responsibility for the oversight of risk management. In its risk oversight role, our Board has the responsibility to satisfy itself that the risk management processes designed and implemented by management are adequate and functioning as designed.

Our Board believes that establishing the right "tone at the top" and that full and open communication between management and our Board are essential for effective risk management and oversight. Our Chairman has regular discussions with our CEO and other executive officers to discuss strategy and risks facing us, and the Board is regularly updated by our management on strategic matters involving our operations.

While our Board is ultimately responsible for risk oversight, each of our Board committees assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in certain areas of risk. The Audit Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to risk management in the areas of financial reporting, internal controls, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and, in accordance with the NASDAQ Listing Standards, discusses policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Compensation Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the management of risks arising from our compensation policies and programs as described in more detail in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" below. The Nominating & Governance Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the management of risks associated with Board organization, membership and structure, succession planning for our directors and executive officers, and corporate governance.

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Meetings. Our Board held a total of seven meetings (four quarterly and three special meetings) and also acted through unanimous written consent five times during the year ended December 31, 2014. During 2014, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board and the total number of meetings held by all Board committees on which such person served.

Executive Sessions; Presiding Director. According to our Corporate Governance Principles, our independent directors must meet in executive session at each quarterly meeting and did so during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The Chairman of the Board presides at these meetings and is responsible for preparing an agenda for these executive sessions.

Annual Meeting Attendance. A majority of our directors attended our 2014 annual meeting held on May 21, 2014. We do not have a formal policy regarding director attendance at annual meetings. However, our directors are expected to attend all Board and committee meetings, as applicable, and to meet as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities.

Limitation on Public Company Board Service

Members of our Audit Committee are prohibited from serving on the audit committees of more than two other public companies. In addition, our Board monitors the number of public company boards on which each director serves and develops limitations on such service as appropriate to ensure the ability of each director to fulfill his or her duties, as required by applicable securities laws and NASDAQ listing standards.

Board and Committee Self-Evaluation

Our Board and each standing committee of our Board conduct an annual self-evaluation to determine whether they are functioning effectively. The Nominating & Governance Committee leads the Board's self-evaluation effort by conducting an annual evaluation of the Board's performance. Similarly, each committee reviews the results of its evaluation to determine whether any changes need to be made to the committee or its procedures.

**Director Selection and Nomination Process** 

The Nominating & Governance Committee is responsible for establishing criteria for selecting new directors and actively seeking individuals to become directors for recommendation to our Board. In addition to having a proven track record of high business ethics and integrity, the present criteria for director qualifications include: (1) possessing the qualifications of an "independent" director in accordance with applicable NASDAQ listing rules; (2) capacity to devote sufficient time to learn and understand our marketplace and industry and to prepare for and attend our meetings; (3) commitment to enhancing stockholder value; (4) ability to develop productive working relationships with other board members and management; (5) demonstrated skills, background, and competencies that complement and add diversity to the Board; and (6) possessing demonstrated experience in international business. The Nominating & Governance Committee does not require that a successful candidate possess each and every criteria.

The Board of Directors values diversity as a factor in selecting nominees to serve on the Board, and believes that the diversity which exists in its composition provides significant benefit to the Board and the Company. Although there is no specific policy on diversity, the Nominating & Governance Committee considers diversity as part of its criteria in selecting nominees for directors. Such considerations may include gender, race, national origin, functional background, executive or professional experience, and international business experience.

The Nominating & Governance Committee may consider candidates for our Board from any reasonable source, including from a search firm engaged by the Nominating & Governance Committee or stockholder recommendations, provided that the procedures set forth below are followed. The Nominating & Governance Committee does not intend to alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates based on whether the candidate is recommended by a stockholder or not. However, in evaluating a candidate's relevant business experience, the Nominating & Governance Committee may consider previous experience as a member of our Board. Any invitation to join our Board must be extended by our Board.

The Nominating & Governance Committee did not receive stockholder nominations for the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders or a group of stockholders may recommend potential candidates for consideration by the Nominating & Governance Committee by sending a written request to our General Counsel and Secretary, Michael E. Keller, at 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042, generally not later than 120 calendar days prior to the first anniversary of

the date of the previous year's annual meeting. The written request must include the following:
•the name and address of the person or persons to be nominated;
•the number and class of all shares of each class of our stock owned of record and beneficially by each nominee, as reported to the nominating stockholder by the nominee;
•the information regarding each such nominee required by paragraphs (a), (d), (e), and (f) of Item 401 of Regulation S-K adopted by the SEC;
•a signed consent by each nominee to serve as our director, if elected;
•the nominating stockholder's name and address;
•the number and class of all shares of each class of our stock owned of record and beneficially by the nominating stockholder; and
•in the case of a person that holds our stock through a nominee or street name holder of record, evidence establishing such indirect ownership of stock and entitlement to vote such stock for the election of directors at an annual meeting.
From time to time, the Nominating & Governance Committee may request additional information from the nominee or the nominating stockholder.
The stockholder recommendation procedures described above do not preclude a stockholder of record from making proposals at any annual stockholder meeting, provided that they comply with the requirements described in the section entitled "Proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders."

Communications from Stockholders and Interested Parties

Our Board welcomes communications from our stockholders and other interested parties. Stockholders and any other interested parties may send communications to our Board, any committee of our Board, the Chairman of our Board or any director in particular to: c/o Cardtronics, Inc., 3250 Briarpark Drive, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042, Attention: General Counsel and Secretary.

Our Secretary (or any successor to the duties thereof) will review each such communication received from stockholders and other interested parties and will forward the communication, as expeditiously as reasonably practicable, to the addressees if: (1) the communication complies with the requirements of any applicable policy adopted by us relating to the subject matter of the communication, and (2) the communication falls within the scope of matters generally considered by our Board. To the extent the subject matter of a communication relates to matters that have been delegated to a committee of our Board to or to an executive officer, our Secretary may forward such communication to the executive or the chairman of the committee to which such matter has been delegated. The acceptance and forwarding of communications to the members of our Board or an executive officer does not imply or create any fiduciary duty of our Board members or executive officer to the person submitting the communications.

Committees	of	Our	Boar	d

#### General

Board Committees. Our Board currently has four standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating & Governance Committee, and a Finance Committee. Each committee is comprised of independent directors as currently required under the applicable SEC's rules and regulations and the NASDAQ listing standards, and each committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board. These charters form an integral part of our corporate governance policies, and a copy of each charter is available on our website at www.cardtronics.com.

The table below provides the current composition of each committee of our Board:

Name	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating & Governance Committee	Finance Committee
J. Tim Arnoult	X	Compensation Committee	X*	X
Jorge M. Diaz	71	X	X	71
Julie Gardner		X	X	
Dennis F. Lynch		X	X	X
G. Patrick				
Phillips	X	X*		
Steven A.				
Rathgaber				
Mark Rossi	X	X		$X^*$
Juli C.				
Spottiswood	$X^*$			X

<sup>\*</sup> Committee Chairman.

Audit Committee. Our Nominating & Governance Committee, in its business judgment, has determined that the Audit Committee is comprised entirely of directors who satisfy the standards of independence established under the applicable SEC rules and regulations and NASDAQ listing standards and our Corporate Governance Principles. In addition, the Board, in its business judgment, has determined that each member of the Audit Committee satisfies the financial literacy requirements of the NASDAQ listing standards and that its Chairman, Ms. Spottiswood, qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of the SEC's rules and regulations. For information regarding the business experience of Ms. Spottiswood, please read "Proposal No. 1: Election of Class II Directors—Our Director Nominees" above.

The Audit Committee is appointed by our Board to:

•assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to our accounting and financial reporting process (including management's development and maintenance of a system of internal accounting and financial reporting controls) and audits of our financial statements;

•assist the Board in overseeing the integrity of our financial statements;

•assist the Board in overseeing our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
•assist the Board in overseeing the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review, or attest services;
•assist the Board in overseeing the effectiveness and performance of our internal audit function;
•prepare the Annual Audit Committee Report for inclusion in our proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders; and
•perform such other functions as our Board may assign to the Audit Committee from time to time.
Pursuant to its charter, the Audit Committee has the authority, at our expense, to retain professional advisors, including legal, accounting, or other consultants, to advise the Audit Committee in connection with the exercise of its powers and responsibilities. The Audit Committee may require any of our officers or employees, our outside legal counsel, or our independent registered public accounting firm to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is responsible for the resolution of any disagreements between the independent registered public accounting firm and management regarding our financial reporting. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management and the independent registered public accounting firm in separate executive sessions, as needed, to discuss any matter that the Audit Committee or each of these groups believe should be discussed privately. The Audit Committee makes regular reports to our Board.
The Report of the Audit Committee is set forth below under the "Audit Matters—Report of the Audit Committee" section included below.
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The Audit Committee held eight meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Compensation Committee. Our Nominating & Governance Committee, in its business judgment, has determined that all five directors on the Compensation Committee satisfy the standards of independence established under the applicable SEC rules and regulations, NASDAQ listing standards, and our Corporate Governance Principles.

The Compensation Committee is delegated all authority of our Board as may be required or advisable to fulfill the purposes of the Compensation Committee as set forth in its charter. Pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee may form and delegate some or all of its authority to subcommittees when it deems appropriate. The Compensation Committee also has the authority to delegate responsibility for the day-to-day management of executive compensation to our senior officers.

Pursuant to its charter, the purposes of the Compensation Committee are to:

•oversee the responsibilities of the Board relating to compensation of our directors and executive officers;

•produce the annual Compensation Committee Report for inclusion in our proxy statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K, as applicable, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations; and

•design, recommend, and evaluate our director and executive compensation plans, policies, and programs.

In addition, the Compensation Committee works with our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, to implement and promote our executive compensation strategy. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation" for additional information on the Compensation Committee's processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive compensation and "Director Compensation" for additional information on its consideration and determination of director compensation. Pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee has the sole authority, at our expense, to retain, terminate and approve the fees and other retention terms of outside consultants to advise the Compensation Committee in connection with the exercise of its powers and responsibilities.

The Report of the Compensation Committee is set forth under the "Compensation Committee Report" section included below.

The Compensation Committee held eight meetings and also acted by unanimous written consent one time during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Nominating & Governance Committee. The Nominating & Governance Committee identifies individuals qualified to become members of our Board, makes recommendations to our Board regarding director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders, and develops and recommends corporate governance principles to our Board. The Nominating & Governance Committee, in its business judgment, has determined that it is comprised entirely of directors who satisfy the applicable standards of independence established under the SEC's rules and regulations, NASDAQ listing standards, and our Corporate Governance Principles. For information regarding the Nominating & Governance Committee's policies and procedures for identifying, evaluating and selecting director candidates, including candidates recommended by stockholders, see "Corporate Governance—Our Board—Director Selection and Nomination Process" above.

The Nominating & Governance Committee is delegated all authority of our Board as may be required or advisable to fulfill the purposes of the Nominating & Governance Committee as set forth in its charter. More particularly, the purpose of the Nominating & Governance Committee is to serve as an independent and objective body to:

- •assist the Board by identifying individuals qualified to become Board members and to recommend that the Board select the director nominees for election at the annual meetings of stockholders or for appointment to fill vacancies on the Board;
- •recommend to the Board director nominees for each committee of the Board;
- •advise the Board about appropriate composition of the Board and its committees;
- •advise the Board about and recommend to the Board appropriate corporate governance practices and to assist the Board in implementing those practices;

•lead the Board in its annual review of the performance of the Board and its committees; and

•perform such other functions as our Board may assign to the Nominating & Governance Committee from time to time.

The Nominating & Governance Committee held four meetings and also acted by written consent twice during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Finance Committee. Our Nominating & Governance Committee, in its business judgment, has determined that the Finance Committee is comprised entirely of directors who satisfy the applicable standards of independence established under the NASDAQ listing standards and our Corporate Governance Principles. To assist the Finance Committee, the following members of our management are invited to all meetings: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, and our Treasurer. The Finance Committee assists our management with respect to derivative arrangements, significant financing arrangements and investment decisions, reviewing and approving certain acquisitions/investments above management's approval level and the development and oversight of a comprehensive plan to mitigate interest rate exposure. Accordingly, the Finance Committee will review and recommend to the Board an Interest Rate Risk Management Policy and any changes thereto at least annually.

In November of 2014, upon recommendation of the Nominating & Governance Committee, the Board revised the Finance Committee Charter, so as to change it from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee that will conduct at least four regularly scheduled meetings per year. Accordingly, the Finance Committee now holds regular meetings in concert with the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings of our other standing committees. The Finance Committee held seven meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

#### STOCK OWNERSHIP MATTERS

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Act requires our executive officers, directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports of ownership on Form 3 and changes in ownership on Form 4 or Form 5 with the SEC. Such executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders are also required by securities laws to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on our review of copies of these reports, or written representations from reporting persons, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2014, all of our executive officers, directors and greater than 10% holders filed the reports required to be filed under Section 16(a) on a timely basis under Section 16(a), except for one report. That exception was the September 9, 2014, report filed by Mr. Jonathan Simpson-Dent relating to a Section 16b-3 exempt transaction regarding the August 7, 2014, conversion of RSUs to shares of our common stock and the concomitant surrender of a percentage of those shares to cover Mr. Simpson-Dent's minimum tax liability in the United Kingdom created by such conversion.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2014, with respect to the compensation plans under which our equity awards are authorized for issuance, aggregated as follows: