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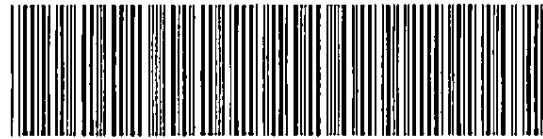
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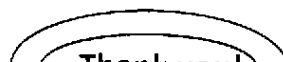
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**ARTICLES OF MERGER OF
HARVEST MERGER SUB, INC.
WITH AND INTO
LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**

The undersigned entities hereby adopt these Articles of Merger pursuant to Section 607.1105 of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "Act").

1. The name of the merging entity is Harvest Merger Sub, Inc., which is a Florida corporation (the "Merging Corporation"). 919-82991
2. The name of the surviving entity is Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc., which is a Florida corporation (the "Surviving Corporation").
3. Attached to these articles as Exhibit A and made a part hereof is a true and correct copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Plan") for the merger of the Merging Corporation with and into the Surviving Corporation (the "Merger").
4. The Plan was approved by the board of directors of the Merging Corporation by written consent dated as of November 11, 2019 and by the sole shareholder of the Merging Corporation by written consent dated as of November 11, 2019 in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 607 of the Act.
5. The Plan was approved by the board of directors of the Surviving Corporation on November 11, 2019 and by the shareholders of the Surviving Corporation on January 30, 2020 in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 607 of the Act.
6. The Merger shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on February 14, 2020 (the "Effective Date").

[Signatures on the following page.]


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Merger have been executed and delivered by the officers of the Merging Corporation and the Surviving Corporation as of February 14, 2020.

MERGING CORPORATION:

HARVEST MERGER SUB, INC.

By: 
Name: Nina McKenna
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SURVIVING CORPORATION:

**LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL
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By: _____
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**LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL
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Title: SVP

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

by and among

LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.,

ADVISOR GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

and

HARVEST MERGER SUB, INC.

Dated as of November 11, 2019

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER, dated as of November 11, 2019 (this "**Agreement**"), by and among Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc., a Florida corporation (the "**Company**"), Advisor Group Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**Parent**"), and Harvest Merger Sub, Inc., a Florida corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("**Merger Sub**" and, together with the Company and Parent, the "**Parties**" and each, a "**Party**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties intend that, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, Merger Sub shall merge with and into the Company (the "**Merger**"), with the Company surviving the Merger, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "**FBCA**");

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Company (the "**Company Board**") has: (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, are fair to, advisable and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders; (ii) adopted resolutions approving and declaring advisable the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby; and (iii) determined to recommend that the shareholders of the Company approve this Agreement in accordance with the FBCA, in each case subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of each of Parent and Merger Sub has: (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, are fair to, advisable and in the best interests of Parent and its shareholders or Merger Sub and its sole shareholder (as the case may be) and (ii) adopted resolutions approving and declaring advisable the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby;

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and as a condition and inducement to Parent's and Merger Sub's willingness to enter into this Agreement, certain Company Shareholders, each solely in his or her capacity as a Company Shareholder, are executing and delivering voting agreements, pursuant to which those shareholders, among other things, will agree to vote all Shares beneficially owned by them in favor of adoption and approval of this Agreement and the Merger at the Company Shareholders Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to make certain representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS; INTERPRETATION

Section 1.1 Definitions. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth on **Schedule A**.

Section 1.2 Interpretation.

(a) Unless the context otherwise specifically requires:

(i) the words "hereof," "herein," "hereby" and "hereunder" and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement;

(ii) all terms defined in the singular have a comparable meaning when used in the plural, and vice versa;

(iii) the terms "Dollars" and "\$" mean United States Dollars;

(iv) references to words of inclusion herein shall not be construed as terms of limitation, and thus references to "included" matters or items shall be regarded as non-exclusive, non-characterizing illustrations;

(v) references herein to either gender includes the other gender;

(vi) references to this Agreement shall include the Company Disclosure Letter, the Preamble and any Recitals, Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement;

(vii) references herein to the Preamble or to any Recital, Article, Section, Subsection or Schedule shall refer, respectively, to the Preamble or to a Recital, Article, Section, Subsection or Schedule to this Agreement;

(viii) references to any statute, rule or regulation are to the statute, rule or regulation as amended, modified, supplemented or replaced from time to time (and, in the case of statutes, include any rules and regulations promulgated under the statute) and all references to any section of any statute, rule or regulation include any successor to the section;

(ix) references to any Government Authority include any successor to such Government Authority;

(x) references to any agreement or other document are to such agreement or document as amended, modified, supplemented or replaced from time to time (other than for purposes of the Company Disclosure Letter);

(xi) references to books, records or other information mean books, records or other information in any form including paper, electronically stored data, magnetic media, film and microfilm;

(xii) references to a time of day are, unless otherwise specified, references to New York City time;

(xiii) references to "made available" (or words of similar import) in respect of information made available (or words of similar import) by the Company means any information made available to Parent by the Company or its Representatives (including any information made available prior to the date hereof in the Virtual Data Room or filed by the Company with the SEC and publicly available on EDGAR prior to the date hereof);

(xiv) references to writing shall include any mode of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form; and

(xv) the rule known as the *ejusdem generis* rule shall not apply and, accordingly, general words introduced by the word "other" shall not be given a restrictive meaning by reason of the fact that they are preceded by words indicating a particular class of acts, matters or things.

(b) The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and do not limit or otherwise affect any of the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) The Parties have participated jointly in negotiating and drafting this Agreement. In the event that an ambiguity or a question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

(d) Whenever a provision of this Agreement provides that an action is to be effected as of, on or by a certain date, and such date is not a business day, this Agreement shall be read so that such action is required to be effected as of, on or by (as applicable) the next succeeding business day.

ARTICLE II THE MERGER

Section 2.1 The Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 2.3), Merger Sub shall be merged with and into the Company in accordance with the FBCA, whereupon the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub shall cease and the Company shall continue as the surviving corporation (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "**Surviving Corporation**") under the Laws of the State of Florida. The Merger shall be governed by Section 607.1104 of the FBCA. The Merger shall have the effects set forth herein and in the applicable provisions of the FBCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, from and after the Effective Time, all property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, licenses and authority of the Company and Merger Sub shall vest in the Surviving Corporation, and all debts, liabilities, obligations, restrictions and duties of each of the Company and Merger Sub shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations, restrictions and duties of the Surviving Corporation.

Section 2.2 Closing. Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing between the Company and Parent, the closing for the Merger (the "**Closing**") shall take place at the offices of Sullivan & Cronwell LLP, 125 Broad Street, New York, New York, at 9:00 A.M. on the third business day following the day on which the last to be satisfied or waived of the conditions set forth in Article VIII (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the fulfillment or waiver of those conditions) shall be satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement (the day on which the Closing takes place being referred to hereinafter as the "**Closing Date**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Marketing Period has not ended at the time of the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VIII (other than those conditions that by their nature can only be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of those conditions), then the Closing shall occur instead on the date following the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions that is the earlier to occur of (a) any business day as may be specified by Parent on no less than three business days' prior notice to the Company and (b) the third business day following the final day of the Marketing Period.

Section 2.3 Effective Time. As soon as practicable following the Closing, the Company and Parent will cause articles of merger with respect to the Merger (the "**Articles of Merger**") to be executed, acknowledged and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida as provided in the FBCA. The Merger shall become effective at the time when the Articles of Merger have been duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida or at such later time as may be agreed by the Parties in writing and specified in the Articles of Merger in accordance with the FBCA (the "**Effective Time**").

ARTICLE III

CONSTITUENT DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTORS OF THE SURVIVING CORPORATION

Section 3.1 Articles of Incorporation. At the Effective Time, the articles of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation shall be the articles of incorporation of the Company as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time.

Section 3.2 By-Laws. At the Effective Time, the by-laws of the Surviving Corporation shall be the by-laws of the Company as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time.

Section 3.3 Directors. Each of the Parties shall take all necessary action to cause the directors of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time to be the directors of the Surviving Corporation immediately following the Effective Time, until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified or their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the Constituent Documents of the Surviving Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

EFFECT OF THE MERGER ON CAPITAL STOCK; PAYMENT MECHANICS

Section 4.1 Effect on Capital Stock. At the Effective Time, as a result of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder of any capital stock of the Company or on the part of the sole shareholder of Merger Sub:

(a) *Merger Consideration.* Each share of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (a "**Share**" or, collectively, the "**Shares**"), of the Company issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than (i) Shares owned by Parent, Merger Sub or any other direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of Parent and Shares owned by the Company and, in each case, not held on behalf of third parties, (ii) Dissenting Shares and (iii) Company Restricted Shares (each Share referenced in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), an "**Excluded Share**" and collectively, "**Excluded Shares**")) shall be converted into the right to receive \$3.50 per Share (the "**Per Share Merger Consideration**"). Each Share (other than any Excluded Shares) shall cease to be outstanding, shall be cancelled and shall cease to exist as of the Effective Time, and each certificate formerly representing any Shares (other than Excluded Shares) (each, a "**Certificate**") and each book-entry account formerly representing any non-certificated Shares (other than Excluded Shares) (each, a "**Book-Entry Share**") shall thereafter represent only the right to receive the Per Share Merger Consideration, without interest.

(b) *Cancellation of Excluded Shares.* Each Excluded Share shall cease to be outstanding, shall be cancelled without any payment of any consideration thereof and shall cease to exist as of the Effective Time, subject to any rights the holder thereof may have pursuant to Section 4.4 with respect to any Excluded Shares that are Dissenting Shares or pursuant to Section 4.5(b) with respect to any Excluded Shares that are Company Restricted Shares.

(c) *Company Preferred Stock.* Each share of the 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (a "**Preferred Share**" or, collectively, the "**Preferred Shares**"), of the Company shall remain outstanding.

(d) *Merger Sub Common Stock.* Each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into one share of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Surviving Corporation.

Section 4.2 Payment Mechanics.

(a) *Deposit of Merger Consideration and Paying Agent.*

(i) Immediately prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, with a paying agent selected by Parent (subject to the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, of the Company) (the "**Paying Agent**"), an amount in cash in immediately available funds sufficient in the aggregate to provide all funds necessary for the Paying Agent to make payments in respect of the Shares pursuant to Section 4.1(a) and the Company Equity Payments to be paid by the Paying Agent pursuant to Section 4.5(d) (such cash, the "**Exchange Fund**").

(ii) Prior to the Closing Date, Parent shall enter into an agreement (the "**Paying Agent Agreement**") pursuant to which Parent shall appoint the Paying Agent, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company (such acceptance not to be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed). Pursuant to the Paying Agent Agreement, among other things, the Paying Agent shall (A) act as the paying agent for the payment and delivery of the Per Share Merger Consideration

pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and for the payment of the Company Equity Payments to be paid by the Paying Agent pursuant to Section 4.5(d) and (B) invest the Exchange Fund, if and as directed by Parent: provided, however, that any investment shall be in obligations of or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government in commercial paper obligations rated A-1 or P-1 or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC, respectively, in certificates of deposit, bank repurchase agreements or banker's acceptances of commercial banks with capital exceeding \$10 billion (based on the most recent financial statements of such bank that are then publicly available), or in money market funds having a rating in the highest investment category granted by a recognized credit rating agency at the time of acquisition or a combination of the foregoing and, in any such case, no such instrument shall have a maturity exceeding three months. To the extent that there are losses with respect to such investments, or the Exchange Fund diminishes for other reasons below the level required to make prompt payment and delivery of the aggregate Per Share Merger Consideration as contemplated by Section 4.1(a) and the Company Equity Payments to be paid by the Paying Agent pursuant to Section 4.5(d), Parent shall promptly restore or cause the restoration of the cash in the Exchange Fund diminished through such investments or other events so as to ensure that the Exchange Fund is at all relevant times maintained at a level sufficient to make such cash payments. Any interest and other income resulting from such investment (if any) in excess of the amounts payable pursuant to Section 4.2(b) and Section 4.5(d) shall be promptly returned to Parent or the Surviving Corporation, as determined by Parent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Paying Agent Agreement.

(b) *Procedures for Surrender.*

(i) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Time and in any event not later than the third business day following the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to mail or otherwise provide each holder of record of Shares that are (A) Certificates or (B) Book-Entry Shares not held, directly or indirectly, through DTC notice advising such holders of the effectiveness of the Merger, which notice shall include (1) appropriate transmittal materials (including a customary letter of transmittal) specifying that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Certificates or such Book-Entry Shares shall pass only upon delivery of the Certificates (or affidavits of loss in lieu of the Certificates, as provided in Section 4.3) or the surrender of such Book-Entry Shares to the Paying Agent (which shall be deemed to have been effected upon the delivery of a customary "agent's message" with respect to such Book-Entry Shares or such other reasonable evidence, if any, of such surrender as the Paying Agent may reasonably request pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Paying Agent Agreement), as applicable (such materials to be in such form and have such other provisions as Parent and the Company may reasonably agree), and (2) instructions for effecting the surrender of the Certificates (or affidavits of loss in lieu of the Certificates, as provided in Section 4.3) or such Book-Entry Shares to the Paying Agent in exchange for the Per Share Merger Consideration that such holder is entitled to receive as a result of the Merger pursuant to this Article IV.

(ii) With respect to Book-Entry Shares held, directly or indirectly, through the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), Parent and the Company shall cooperate to establish procedures with the Paying Agent, DTC, DTC's nominees and such other necessary or desirable third-party intermediaries to ensure that the Paying Agent will transmit to DTC or its nominees as promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, upon surrender of Shares held of record by DTC or its nominees in accordance with DTC's customary surrender procedures and such other procedures as agreed by Parent, the Company, the Paying Agent, DTC, DTC's nominees and such other necessary or desirable third-party intermediaries, the Per Share Merger Consideration to which the beneficial owners thereof are entitled to receive as a result of the Merger pursuant to this Article IV.

(iii) Upon surrender to the Paying Agent of Shares that (A) are Certificates, by physical surrender of such Certificates (or affidavits of loss in lieu of the Certificates, as provided in Section 4.3) together with the letter of transmittal, duly completed and executed, and such other documents as may be reasonably required by the Paying Agent in accordance with the terms of the materials and instructions provided by the Paying Agent, (B) are Book-Entry Shares not held through DTC, by book-receipt of an "agent's message" by the Paying Agent in connection with the surrender of Book-Entry Shares (or such other reasonable evidence, if any, of surrender with respect to such Book-Entry Shares, as the Paying Agent may reasonably request pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Paying Agent Agreement), in each case of the foregoing clauses (A) and (B) of this Section 4.2(b)(iii), pursuant to such materials and instructions as contemplated by Section 4.2(b)(i), and (C) are Book-Entry Shares held, directly or indirectly, through DTC, in accordance with DTC's customary surrender procedures and such other procedures as agreed by the Company, Parent, the Paying Agent, DTC, DTC's nominees and such other necessary or desirable third-party intermediaries pursuant to Section 4.2(a)(ii), the holder of such Certificate or Book-Entry Share shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor, and Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to pay and deliver, out of the Exchange Fund, as promptly as practicable to such holders, an amount in cash, in immediately available funds equal to the product obtained by multiplying (1) the number of Shares represented by such Certificates (or affidavits of loss in lieu of the Certificates, as provided in Section 4.3) or such Book-Entry Shares by (2) the Per Share Merger Consideration.

(iv) In the event of a transfer of ownership of any Certificate that is not registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company or if the consideration payable is to be paid in a name other than that in which the Certificate or Certificates surrendered or transferred in exchange therefor are registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company, a check for any cash to be exchanged upon due surrender of any such Certificate or Certificates may be issued to such a transferee if the Certificate or Certificates is or are (as applicable) properly endorsed and otherwise in proper form for surrender and presented to the Paying Agent, accompanied by all documents required to evidence and effect such transfer and to evidence that any applicable transfer Taxes have been paid or are not applicable, in each case, in form and substance, reasonably satisfactory to Parent and the Paying Agent. Payment of the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to Book-Entry Shares shall only be made to the Person in

whose name such Book-Entry Shares are registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company.

(v) For the avoidance of doubt, no interest will be paid or accrued for the benefit of any holder of Shares on any amount payable upon the surrender of any Shares pursuant to this Section 4.2(b).

(c) *Termination of Exchange Fund.*

(i) Any portion of the Exchange Fund (including any interest and other income resulting from any investments thereof (if any)) that remains unclaimed by the holders of Shares entitled thereto for 12 months from and after the Closing Date shall be delivered to Parent or the Surviving Corporation, as determined by Parent. Any holder of Shares (other than Excluded Shares) who has not theretofore complied with the procedures, materials and instructions contemplated by this Section 4.2 and any holder of Company Equity Awards who has not received the applicable Company Equity Payment to be paid by the Paying Agent pursuant to Section 4.5(d) shall thereafter look only to the Surviving Corporation as a general creditor thereof for such payments in respect thereof.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Article IV, none of the Surviving Corporation, Parent, the Paying Agent or any other Person shall be liable to any former holder of Shares or Company Equity Awards for any amount properly delivered to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Laws.

Section 4.3 Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. In the event any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the Person claiming such Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed and, if required by Parent or the Paying Agent pursuant to the Paying Agent Agreement or otherwise, the posting by such Person of a bond in customary amount and upon such terms as may be required by Parent or the Paying Agent pursuant to the Paying Agent Agreement or otherwise as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it or the Surviving Corporation with respect to such Certificate, the Paying Agent shall, in exchange for such Certificate, issue a check in the amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the number of Shares represented by such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate by (ii) the Per Share Merger Consideration.

Section 4.4 Dissenting Shares. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if required by the FBCA (but only to the extent required thereby), any Shares that are held by holders (i) that are entitled to and properly demand and exercise their dissenters' rights and who comply in all respects with the provisions of Section 607.1301 to 607.1333 of the FBCA and (ii) who have not effectively withdrawn such demand (collectively, the "**Dissenting Shares**") shall not be converted into the right to receive, as of the Effective Time, the Per Share Merger Consideration as provided in Section 4.1(a), unless and until such Person shall have effectively withdrawn or otherwise lost or failed to perfect such Person's right to appraisal or payment under the FBCA, at which time such Shares shall be treated as if they had been converted into and become exchangeable for the right to receive, as of the Effective Time, the Per Share Merger Consideration as provided in Section 4.1(a), without interest, and such Shares

shall not be deemed Dissenting Shares, and such holder thereof shall cease to have any other rights with respect to such Shares. Each holder of Dissenting Shares shall be entitled to receive only the payment provided by the provisions of Sections 607.1301 through 607.1333 of the FBCA with respect to such Dissenting Shares, unless and until such Person shall have effectively withdrawn or otherwise lost or failed to perfect such Person's right to appraisal or payment under the FBCA. The Company shall give Parent (i) prompt notice of any written demands for appraisal, withdrawals or attempted withdrawals of such demands, and any other instruments served pursuant to applicable Law that are received by the Company relating to shareholders' rights of appraisal and (ii) the opportunity to direct all negotiations and proceedings with respect to demand for appraisal under the FBCA. The Company shall not, except with the prior written consent of Parent, voluntarily make any payment with respect to any demands for appraisal, offer to settle or settle any such demands or approve any withdrawal of any such demands.

Section 4.5 Treatment of Company Stock Plans.

(a) *Company Options.* At the Effective Time, (i) any vesting conditions applicable to each outstanding option award to purchase Shares (a "**Company Option**") under the Stock Plans shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, accelerate in full, and (ii) each Company Option shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and shall only entitle the holder of such Company Option to receive, without interest, an amount in cash equal to the product obtained by multiplying (A) the number of Shares subject to such Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time by (B) the excess, if any, of (1) the Per Share Merger Consideration over (2) the exercise price per Share of such Company Option, less applicable Taxes required to be withheld with respect to such payment. For the avoidance of doubt, any Company Option which has an exercise price per Share that is greater than or equal to the Per Share Merger Consideration shall be cancelled at the Effective Time for no consideration, payment or right to consideration or payment.

(b) *Company Restricted Shares.* At the Effective Time, (i) any vesting conditions applicable to each outstanding restricted stock award (a "**Company Restricted Share**") under the Stock Plans shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, accelerate in full, and (ii) each Company Restricted Share shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and shall only entitle the holder of such Company Restricted Share to receive, without interest, an amount in cash equal to the product obtained by multiplying (A) the number of such Company Restricted Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time by (B) the Per Share Merger Consideration, less applicable Taxes required to be withheld with respect to such payment.

(c) *Employee Stock Purchase Plan.* As soon as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement and in any event prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take all actions (including obtaining any necessary determinations and/or resolutions of the Company Board or a duly authorized committee thereof and, if appropriate, amending the terms of the Company's Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan as Amended and Restated (the "**ESPP**")) that may be necessary or required under the ESPP and applicable Laws to ensure that (A) except for the three-month offering period under the ESPP that commenced on October 1, 2019 (the "**Final Offering**"), no offering period shall be authorized or commenced on or after the date of

this Agreement, (B) the Final Offering shall end on a date no later than the business day immediately preceding the Closing Date (the earlier of the date the Final Offering ends and the business day immediately preceding the Closing Date, the "**ESPP Termination Date**"), (C) each ESPP participant's accumulated contributions under the ESPP shall be used to purchase Shares in accordance with the ESPP as of the end of the Final Offering, with any remaining contributions returned to the participant (without interest) as soon as administratively practicable thereafter, (D) the applicable purchase price for Shares shall not be decreased below the levels set forth in the ESPP as of the date of this Agreement and (E) the ESPP shall terminate in its entirety upon the ESPP Termination Date and no further rights shall be granted or exercised under the ESPP thereafter other than in accordance with the preceding clause (C).

(d) *Company Equity Payments.* As promptly as reasonably practicable (but no later than five business days after the Closing Date), the Surviving Corporation shall, through the payroll system of the Surviving Corporation, pay or cause to be paid to the holders of Company Options and Company Restricted Shares (collectively, the "**Company Equity Awards**"), the amounts contemplated by this Section 4.5 and, for the avoidance of doubt, any accrued but unpaid dividends with respect to any Company Equity Awards (collectively, the "**Company Equity Payments**"); provided, however, that to the extent the holder of a Company Equity Award is not and was not at any time during the applicable vesting period an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, such amounts shall not be paid through the payroll system, but shall be paid by the Paying Agent pursuant to Section 4.2. Parent shall ensure that the Surviving Corporation shall have an amount in cash sufficient to pay all amounts required by the foregoing sentence.

(e) *Corporate Actions.* At or prior to the Effective Time, the Company, the Company Board and the compensation committee of the Company Board, as applicable, shall adopt any resolutions and take any actions which are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Section 4.5.

Section 4.6 Adjustments to Prevent Dilution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, if, from the execution and delivery of this Agreement to the earlier of the Effective Time and the termination of this Agreement and abandonment of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement pursuant to Article IX, the issued and outstanding Shares or securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for Shares shall have been changed into a different number of Shares or securities or a different class by reason of any reclassification, stock split, stock dividend or distribution, recapitalization, merger, issuer tender or exchange offer, or other similar transaction, or a stock dividend with a record date within such period shall have been declared, then the Per Share Merger Consideration and any other amounts payable pursuant to this Agreement shall be equitably adjusted to provide the holders of Shares the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement prior to such event; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 4.6 shall be construed to permit the Company or any other Person to take any action except to the extent consistent with, and not otherwise limited or prohibited by, the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

Except as set forth (x) in the Company Reports filed with the SEC after January 1, 2018 and publicly available on the internet at least 24 hours prior to the date of this Agreement (excluding, in each case, any disclosures set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" or "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" or other disclosures that are similarly cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature) or (y) in the corresponding sections of the confidential disclosure letter, dated the date of this Agreement and delivered by the Company to Parent and Merger Sub prior to the execution of this Agreement (the "**Company Disclosure Letter**"), or in another section of the Company Disclosure Letter to the extent that it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that such disclosure relates to such Section, it being agreed that the mere inclusion of an item in the Company Disclosure Letter as an exception to a representation, warranty or covenant shall not be deemed an admission by the Company that such item (or any non-disclosed item or information of comparable or greater significance) represents a material exception or fact, event or circumstances or that such item has had a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company represents and warrants to Parent, as of the date hereof (except to the extent any such representation and warranty relates to a specific date, in which case the Company hereby makes to Parent such representation and warranty only as of such date), as follows:

Section 5.1 Organization, Authorization, Enforceability, Non-Contravention.

(a) *Organization.* The Company is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Florida and has the requisite corporate or other organizational power to own, operate or lease the properties and assets owned, operated or leased by it and to conduct its business as presently conducted in all material respects. Each Subsidiary of the Company is a corporation or other organization duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or the equivalent, if any, in the applicable jurisdiction) under the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of incorporation or organization and has the requisite corporate or other organizational power to own, operate or lease the properties and assets owned, operated or leased by it and to conduct its business as presently conducted, except, in each case, where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) *Corporate Authorization.* The Company has full corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under, and consummate the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement. Subject only to the approval of this Agreement and the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement by the holders of a majority of the Shares entitled to vote on such matters at the Company Shareholders Meeting duly called and held for such purpose (the "**Company Shareholder Approval**"), the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Company.

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(c) *Binding Effect; Approval.*

(i) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar Laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (the "**Bankruptcy and Equity Exception**").

(ii) The Company Board, by resolutions duly adopted and not subsequently rescinded or modified in any way, has (A) determined that this Agreement and the Merger and other transactions contemplated hereby are fair to, and in the best interests of, the Company and the Company's shareholders, (B) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, including the execution, delivery and performance thereof, and the consummation of the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, (C) directed that this Agreement be submitted to the holders of Shares for approval at the Company Shareholders Meeting in accordance with the FBCA (the "**Company Board Recommendation**") and (D) received the opinion of its financial advisor, Jefferies LLC, to the effect that the Per Share Merger Consideration is fair from a financial point of view, as of the date of such opinion, to such holders (other than Parent and its Subsidiaries) of Shares.

(d) *Non-Contravention.* Assuming the receipt of all Required Governmental Approvals and the expiration of any related waiting periods, and the receipt of all Client consents contemplated by Section 7.14, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, will not (i) violate or conflict with any provision of the Constituent Documents of the Company or the Constituent Documents of any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) violate or conflict with any Law or Permit applicable to the Company, or (iii) constitute a breach (or event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, would constitute a breach) under, or give any third party any rights of termination, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of any Encumbrance (other than Permitted Encumbrances) on any of the assets or properties of the Company or the Shares pursuant to any Contract to which the Company is a party, except in cases of clauses (ii) and (iii), for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, terminations, accelerations, cancellations or creations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(e) *Constituent Documents.* The Company has made available to Parent complete and correct copies of the Company's and each of its Subsidiary's Constituent Documents, each as amended to the date of this Agreement, and each as so delivered is in full force and effect.

Section 5.2 Capital Structure.

(a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of (i) 1,000,000,000 Shares, of which 148,738,127 Shares were outstanding as of November 8, 2019, and (ii) 50,000,000 Preferred Shares, of which 17,401,282 Preferred Shares were outstanding as of November 8, 2019. All of the outstanding Shares and Preferred Shares have been duly authorized and are

validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Other than 45,000,000 Shares reserved for issuance under the Company's Amended and Restated 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan, 25,000,000 Shares reserved for issuance under the 1999 Performance Equity Plan (together with the Amended and Restated 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan, the "**Stock Plans**"), 10,000,000 Shares reserved for issuance under the ESPP and Shares reserved for issuance with respect to the conversion right of holders of Preferred Shares set forth in the Constituent Documents of the Company, the Company has no Shares reserved for issuance. Section 5.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a correct and complete list of Company Options and Company Restricted Shares outstanding under the Stock Plans as of November 8, 2019, including the number of Shares subject to each Company Equity Award, grant date and strike price and whether vested or unvested. Other than such items listed in Section 5.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, no Shares are subject to nor would any participant be entitled to Shares (either directly or indirectly) pursuant to any award outstanding under any of the Stock Plans. Each of the outstanding shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries is duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and each outstanding share of capital stock or other securities of each Subsidiary is owned by the Company or by a direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company, free and clear of any Encumbrance. Except as set forth above and in the Constituent Documents of the Company with respect to the Preferred Shares, there are no preemptive or other outstanding rights, options, warrants, conversion rights, stock appreciation rights, "phantom stock" rights, redemption rights, repurchase rights, agreements, arrangements, calls, commitments or rights of any kind that obligate the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to issue or sell any shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any securities or obligations convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for, or giving any Person a right to subscribe for or acquire, any securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and no securities or obligations evidencing such rights are authorized, issued or outstanding. The Company does not have outstanding any bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations the holders of which have the right to vote (or convertible into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with Company Shareholders on any matter. Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is party to any agreement with respect to the voting, transfer, issuance, grant, purchase or registration of any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary. Except as contemplated by this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is party to any agreement pursuant to which any Person is entitled to elect, designate or nominate any director of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries.

(b) Section 5.2(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth (i) each of the Company's Subsidiaries and the ownership interest of the Company in each such Subsidiary, as well as the ownership interest of any other Person or Persons in each such Subsidiary and (ii) the Company's or its Subsidiaries' capital stock, equity interest or other direct or indirect ownership interest in any other Person other than securities held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (x) and consisting of less than 5% of the outstanding capital stock of such company or (y) on behalf or at the direction of any Client or customer of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof (including investments in securities for or on behalf of customers or Clients). Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has any obligation to acquire any capital stock, equity interest or other direct or indirect ownership interest in any other Person, or any agreement or commitment to provide funds to or make any investment (in the form of a loan,

capital contribution or otherwise) in, any Person except as described on the list furnished to Parent pursuant to Section 5.18 or as would be permitted by Section 7.1 if such action were taken after the date hereof.

(c) Each Company Option (A) was granted in compliance with all applicable Laws and all of the terms and conditions of the Stock Plan pursuant to which it was issued, (B) has an exercise price per Share equal to or greater than the fair market value of a Share on the date of such grant, (C) has a grant date identical to the date on which the Company Board or compensation committee thereof actually awarded such Company Option, and (D) qualifies for the Tax and accounting treatment afforded to such Company Option in the Company's Tax Returns and the Company Reports, respectively.

(d) Neither Company nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any other party thereto, has breached in any material respect any of the indentures or other agreements entered into in connection with the Registered Debt Securities, and the Company and has paid all dividends on the Preferred Shares in accordance with the Constituent Documents of the Company.

Section 5.3 Company Reports; Financial Statements.

(a) The Company has filed or furnished, as applicable, on a timely basis, all forms, statements, schedules, certifications, reports and documents required to be filed or furnished by it with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Securities Act since December 31, 2016 (the "**Applicable Date**") (the forms, statements, schedules, certifications, reports and documents filed or furnished since the Applicable Date and those filed or furnished subsequent to the date of this Agreement, including any amendments thereto, the "**Company Reports**"). Each of the Company Reports, at the time of its filing or being furnished complied or, if not yet filed or furnished, will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder applicable to the Company Reports. As of the date hereof, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments in any comment letters of the staff of the SEC received by the Company relating to the Company Reports. As of their respective dates (or, if amended prior to the date of this Agreement, as of the date of such amendment), the Company Reports did not, and any Company Reports filed with or furnished to the SEC subsequent to the date of this Agreement will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading. The Company has made available to Parent true, correct and complete unredacted copies of all documents filed as exhibits to the Company Reports subject to a request to the staff of the SEC for confidential treatment or for which the Company has otherwise claimed confidential treatment. The Company has not submitted any request for confidential treatment of documents filed as exhibits to the Company Reports that as of the date of this Agreement is currently pending or that has otherwise not been acted upon by staff of the SEC.

(b) The Company is, and has been since the Applicable Date, in compliance in all material respects with the applicable listing and corporate governance rules and regulations of the NYSE American (the "**NYSE**").

(c) The Company maintains internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15, as applicable, under the Exchange Act). Such internal control over financial reporting is effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP and includes policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company, (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company, and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on its financial statements. The Company has disclosed, based on the most recent evaluation of its chief executive officer and its chief financial officer prior to the date of this Agreement, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company Board (A) any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of its internal controls over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and has identified for the Company's auditors and audit committee of the Company Board any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting and (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company has made available to Parent (i) a summary of any such disclosure made by management to the Company's auditors and audit committee since the Applicable Date and (ii) any material communication since the Applicable Date made by management or the Company's auditors to the audit committee required or contemplated by listing standards of the NYSE, the audit committee's charter or professional standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Since the Applicable Date, (i) no material complaints from any source regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters have been received by the Company; and (ii) to the Company's knowledge, no material concerns from employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters or any whistle-blower complaints, have been received by the Company. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, nor does it have any commitment to become a party to, any off-balance sheet partnership or any similar Contract (including any Contract relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Company or one of the Company Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated affiliate, on the other hand) or any "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K of the SEC).

(d) The Company has established and maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in paragraph (e) of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act) as required by Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are sufficient to ensure that all information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or furnishes under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that all such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications required pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has outstanding, or has arranged any outstanding, "extensions of credit" to directors or executive officers within the meaning of Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(e) The Company and its Subsidiaries do not have any Liabilities (whether or not required to be recorded or reflected in a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP), other than Liabilities: (i) disclosed, reflected or reserved against in the financial statements included in the Company Reports filed with the SEC and publicly available at least 24 hours prior to the date of this Agreement or the notes thereto; (ii) that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had a Company Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) incurred pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with this Agreement.

(f) Each of the balance sheets included in or incorporated by reference into the Company Reports (including the related notes and schedules) fairly presents, or, in the case of Company Reports filed after the date of this Agreement, will fairly present the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of its date and each of the statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows included in or incorporated by reference into the Company Reports (including any related notes and schedules) fairly presents, or in the case of Company Reports filed after the date of this Agreement, will fairly present the results of operations, retained earnings (loss) and changes in financial position, as the case may be, of such companies for the periods set forth therein (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to notes and normal year-end audit adjustments that will not be material in amount or effect), in each case in accordance with GAAP consistently applied during the periods involved, except as may be noted therein.

(g) Other than ordinary course director compensation, ordinary course compensation and employee benefit entitlements, ordinary course reimbursement of travel and entertainment expenses or advances regarding the same, in each case that are payable in the ordinary course consistent with past practice and/or that would be permitted by Section 7.1(a)(xx) if taken after the date hereof or as disclosed in the Company Reports or Section 5.18 of the Company Disclosure Letter, since the Applicable Date neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or arrangement with any (A) director or officer of the Company, (B) Person who is or was, since the Applicable Date, a greater than 5% shareholder of the Company, or (C) any of their respective Affiliates.

Section 5.4 Approvals and Filings. Neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates is required to obtain any authorization, waiver, consent or approval of, make any filing or registration with or give any notice to, any Government Authority in connection with or as a condition to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the Merger, other than, in each case, (1) the Required Governmental Approvals, (2) compliance with, and filings under, the Exchange Act and the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the filing with the SEC of the Proxy Statement, and the applicable requirements of the NYSE, (3) the filing of proxy solicitation and other Client materials for Public Funds with the SEC, as contemplated by Section 7.14, (4) the filing of the Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida as provided in the FBCA, and any other filing and recordation of appropriate merger documents as required by the FBCA, and (5) as would be required solely as a result of the identity or regulatory status of Parent or its Affiliates. No fact or condition exists with respect to the business, operations or assets of the Company or its Affiliates which the Company has reason to believe would be reasonably expected to cause any Required Governmental Approval to be denied or unduly delayed. The information supplied or to be supplied by the Company for inclusion in the Proxy Statement

shall not at the time the definitive Proxy Statement is filed with the SEC contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 5.5 Absence of Changes. From September 30, 2019 through the date of this Agreement, (i) the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries has been conducted in all material respects in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and during such period neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has undertaken or effected, or authorized or agreed to undertake or effect, any action that would be prohibited pursuant to Section 7.1(a)(iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (xii), (xiii), (xv), (xvi), (xx) or (xxi) without the consent of Parent if taken after the date hereof, and (ii) there has not been any event, change or occurrence of which the Company has Knowledge that, individually or in the aggregate, has had a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.6 No Litigation. The Company has made available to Parent a complete and accurate list of all material Actions pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened against the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date hereof. There is no Action by any Person pending or to the Company's Knowledge, threatened, against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, Financial Advisors, properties or assets, that would result in monetary damages, injunctive action or the taking of any other action that are or would be reasonably likely to be (in any of the foregoing cases), individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. There are no unsatisfied or outstanding Government Orders against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, any of their directors or officers or, to the Company's Knowledge, their employees or Financial Advisors or any of the properties or businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

Section 5.7 Taxes.

(a) All Tax Returns that are required to be filed under applicable Laws on or before the Closing (taking into account any extensions of time in which to file) by the Company or its Subsidiaries have been or will be timely filed on or before the Closing, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete in all material respects.

(b) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has paid all material Taxes that are due and payable by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (including Taxes required to be withheld from payments to employees, creditors, shareholders or other Persons) on any Tax Return of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, as applicable, required to be filed on or before the Closing for any Pre-Closing Period except for those amounts that are being contested in good faith and are not material.

(c) There is no outstanding claim, assessment, or deficiency against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for any Taxes that has been asserted or threatened in writing by any Government Authority, except for such claim, assessment or deficiency for which adequate reserves have been established on the GAAP financial statements of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to which such deficiency pertains. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any audit, examination, investigation, action or proceeding for assessment or

collection of any material amount of Taxes, nor has such an event been threatened in a written document delivered to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from a Government Authority, other than as a result of the Company and its Subsidiaries being members of any affiliated, consolidated, combined or unitary Tax group.

(d) No agreements, consents or waivers of any statute of limitations or extension of time with respect to a Tax assessment or deficiency is in effect with respect to any material Taxes of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than as a result of the Company and its Subsidiaries being members of any affiliated, consolidated, combined or unitary Tax group and other than in the ordinary course of the Company's or such Subsidiary's business, as applicable.

(e) There are no Encumbrances for Taxes on any of the assets of such Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than Permitted Encumbrances.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in, or is currently participating, in a "listed transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b)(2) (or any similar or analogous provision of state, local, or foreign law).

(g) Within the past two years, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has been a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporations" within the meaning of section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code in a distribution of stock intended to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code.

(h) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Section 5.7 are the sole and exclusive representations and warranties made regarding Taxes or other Tax matters.

Section 5.8 Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) Section 5.8(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth an accurate and complete list of each Benefit Plan as of the date hereof and separately identifies the Benefit Plans that are sponsored by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. With respect to each Benefit Plan listed in Section 5.8(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company has made available to Parent, to the extent applicable, accurate and complete copies of (1) the plan document, including any amendments thereto, (2) a written description of such Benefit Plan if it is not set forth in a written document, (3) the most recently prepared actuarial report, (4) the most recent summary plan description and annual reports together with any summaries of all material modifications thereto, (5) the most recent IRS determination or opinion letter, (6) a copy of the most recent Form 5500 filed for each plan, including attachments, audit reports and schedules thereto, and (7) all non-routine communications received from or sent to the IRS, the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation or the U.S. Department of Labor in the last three years.

(b) Each Benefit Plan has been administered in accordance with its terms and is in compliance with applicable Laws, except for any failures to so administer or be in compliance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. As of the date hereof, there is no pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened material litigation or any audit, proceeding or investigation by a Government Authority relating to any Benefit Plans nor, to the Company's Knowledge, are there any facts

that would reasonably be expected to give rise to such a claim. All material contributions that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are required to make to any Benefit Plan have been fully and timely paid when due. Each Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, and to the Company's Knowledge, nothing has occurred that would adversely affect the qualification or tax exemption of any such Benefit Plan. None of the Company, its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, any "party-in-interest" to a Benefit Plan, has engaged in a transaction with respect to any Benefit Plan that would reasonably be expected to subject the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any Benefit Plan to a Tax or penalty imposed by either Section 4975 of the Code or Section 502(i) of ERISA in an amount which could be material.

(c) The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with the continuation coverage requirements of Section 4980B(f) of the Code in all material respects. The Company will provide Parent with a complete and accurate list as of immediately prior to the Closing, of all qualified beneficiaries, as defined under Section 4980B(g)(1) of the Code (including qualified beneficiaries who are in the election period for continuation coverage but who have not yet elected continuation coverage), the date of the applicable qualifying event and the nature of the qualifying event relating to the duration of such coverage.

(d) None of the Company, its Subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has sponsored, maintained, administered or contributed to (or had any obligation of any sort) in the last six (6) years, or has or is reasonably expected to have any direct or indirect liability with respect to, any plan or Benefit Plan that is or was, (i) subject to Title IV of ERISA, including any "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA, (ii) a "defined benefit pension plan" within the meaning of Section 3(35) of ERISA, (iii) a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" as defined in Section 3(40)(A) of ERISA, (iv) subject to the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, (v) a voluntary employees' beneficiary association within the meaning of Section 501(c)(9) of the Code, or (vi) a post-employment or post-retirement medical, dental, disability, hospitalization, life or similar benefits (whether insured or self-insured) for any current or former employee of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than coverage mandated by applicable Law, including COBRA). Except as set forth in Section 5.8(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, none of the Company or its ERISA Affiliates have made any loan or advance, or provided any other form of material financial assistance (excluding, in each case, any loans allowed by Benefit Plans, including 401(k) loans, and representative loans described on the list furnished to Parent pursuant to Section 5.18) to any current or former employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or independent contractor that is or are still outstanding at the Closing.

(e) Each Benefit Plan that is subject to Section 409A of the Code complies, and has been operated in compliance, in all material respects with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Except with respect to the actions described in Section 4.5 and in Section 5.8(c)(i) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the execution of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (either alone or together with any other event, including change in employment title or employment termination) will: (i) entitle any current or former employee of the Company or any Subsidiary to any payment or benefit, including any bonus, retention, severance, retirement or job security payment or benefit; (ii) enhance any benefits or

accelerate the time of payment or vesting or trigger any payment or funding (through a grantor trust or otherwise) of compensation or benefits under, or increase the amount payable or trigger any other obligation under, any Benefit Plan; or (iii) limit or restrict the right of the Company or its Subsidiaries or, after the Closing, Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective Affiliates to merge, amend or terminate any Benefit Plan. Except as set forth in Section 5.8(e)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the execution of this Agreement nor the consummations of the transactions contemplated hereby (either alone or together with any other event, including change in employment title or employment termination) will result in the payment of any amount that would not be deductible under Section 280G of the Code. None of the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any obligation to gross-up, indemnify or otherwise reimburse any current or former employee of the Company or any Subsidiary for any tax incurred by such employee, including under Section 409A or 4999 of the Code.

Section 5.9 Labor Matters.

(a) The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable Law relating to labor and employment, including those relating to labor management relations, wages, hours, overtime, employee classification (including FLSA), discrimination, sexual harassment, civil rights, affirmative action, work authorization, immigration, safety and health, employee information privacy and security, workers compensation, continuation coverage under group health plans, the payment and withholding of Taxes and other similar Laws, in each case except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company and its Subsidiaries have not failed to pay any of their current or former employees for any wages (including overtime), salaries, commissions, bonuses, benefits or other direct compensation for any services performed by them or amounts required to be reimbursed to such individuals in amounts that in aggregate would or would be reasonably be likely to be material in amount.

(b) None of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is currently a party to, bound by or covered by any labor agreements, works council agreements, union contracts or collective bargaining agreements. To the Company's Knowledge, there is not, and there has not been since the Applicable Date, any organizational effort made or threatened by or on behalf of any labor union or works council or employee committee, in each case, to organize any employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

Section 5.10 No Violation of Law; Required Licenses and Permits.

(a) Since the Applicable Date, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries has been in compliance with all applicable Law, and has not received any written notice or, to the Company's Knowledge, oral notice from any Government Authority regarding any actual or alleged failure to comply with any applicable Law, in each case, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective directors or officers or, to the Company's Knowledge, employees is a party or subject to any Government Order with any Government Authority which is charged with regulating or supervising the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, which imposes any material restrictions on the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The Company and its Subsidiaries have all Permits necessary for the conduct of

their respective businesses as presently conducted, such Permits are not subject to any administrative or judicial proceeding or other Action by a Government Authority that could result in any material modification, termination, suspension or revocation thereof and, to the Company's Knowledge, there is no basis for any such proceeding or Action, and the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries is being conducted in compliance with all such Permits in all material respects. This Section 5.10 does not apply to any matters covered in the representations and warranties in Sections 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.11, 5.13, 5.16, 5.17 or 5.21.

(b) To the Company's Knowledge, since the Applicable Date, all Persons engaged in the marketing, solicitation, placement and sale of insurance services or insurance, annuity or similar products by any Subsidiary of the Company (each, an "**Insurance Services Subsidiary**") are and have been appropriately licensed and registered under applicable Law, in each case, in the particular jurisdiction in which such Persons transacted such business. To the Company's Knowledge, all compensation paid to such Persons by or on behalf of an Insurance Services Subsidiary was paid in accordance with applicable Law, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. No Insurance Services Subsidiary has directly or indirectly conducted an insurance business with or for any insurance carrier that is not authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction in which the sale of insurance occurred.

Section 5.11 FCPA, Other Anti-Bribery Laws, and Sanctions.

(a) The Company, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors and employees (including officers) acting in such capacity are in compliance and, since the Applicable Date, have complied in all material respects with, the FCPA and the Other Anti-Bribery Laws.

(b) Since the Applicable Date, none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries and/or any of their respective directors and employees (including officers) or, to the Company's Knowledge, any Person acting on behalf or at the direction of any of them, have, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, or authorized or ratified the payment, directly or indirectly, of any monies or anything of value to any official or representative (including anyone elected, nominated or appointed to be a representative) of, or any Person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of, any Government Authority (including any official or employee of any entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any Government Authority), any royal or ruling family member or any political party or candidate for public or political office for the purpose of influencing any act or decision of any such Government Authority or Person to obtain or retain business, or direct business to any Person or to secure any other improper benefit or advantage in each case in violation, in any material respect, of the FCPA or any of the Other Anti-Bribery Laws. The Company and its Subsidiaries maintain an effective compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent (i) their directors, officers and employees and (ii) agents and representatives acting on their behalf, in each case from taking any action that would or would be reasonably likely to constitute a violation of the FCPA and the Other Anti-Bribery Laws.

(c) There is no Action pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pending by or before any Government Authority with respect to the FCPA and the Other Anti-Bribery Laws and none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of deficiency or similar notice in connection with Sanctions

or Other Anti-Bribery Laws from OFAC or any other Government Authority nor made any voluntary disclosures to OFAC or any other Government Authority of facts that would be reasonably likely to result in an adverse action being taken or penalty being imposed on by a Government Authority against the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, any Persons acting on behalf or at the direction of them.

(d) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries and none of the directors, officers or employees or agents or representatives of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (acting in such capacity), is a Sanctioned Person or has transacted business with a Sanctioned Person in violation of or otherwise violated applicable Sanctions. Since the Applicable Date, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries has been in compliance with all applicable Sanctions and all applicable anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing provisions of applicable Law including the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970.

Section 5.12 Real Property.

(a) Section 5.12(a)(i) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of all real property that is leased or subleased from any other Person by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (the "**Leased Real Property**") as of the date hereof. Section 5.12(a)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of the leases, subleases, occupancy agreements or other Contracts, together with all assignments thereof and amendments, supplements and modifications thereto, related to the occupancy of the Leased Real Property (collectively, the "**Leases**").

(b) With respect to each Leased Real Property and the accompanying Lease: (i) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has a good and valid leasehold interest in all Leased Real Property, free and clear of any Encumbrance other than Permitted Encumbrances; (ii) neither the Company nor the applicable Company Subsidiary has subleased, licensed or otherwise granted anyone a material right to use or occupy the Leased Real Property or any portion thereof or has collaterally assigned or granted any other security interest in any such leasehold estate or any interest therein; and (iii) to the Knowledge of the Company, there is no condemnation or other proceeding in eminent domain, pending or threatened in writing, affecting any portion of the Leased Real Property.

(c) With respect to each Leased Real Property and the accompanying Lease: (i) the Lease or the Leased Real Property (as applicable) is valid, binding and enforceable by the Company or the Company Subsidiary, as the case may be, and, to the Company's Knowledge, each other party thereto (in each case subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception), and is in full force and effect; (ii) there is no material default under the Lease (as applicable) by the Company or any Company Subsidiary or, to the Company's Knowledge, any other party thereto, and no event has occurred that with the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default thereunder by the Company or any Company Subsidiary or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party thereto; and (iii) there are no disputes pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to the Lease and neither the Company nor the applicable Company Subsidiary has received any notice of the intention of any other party to the Lease to amend, terminate, not renew or reduce any commitment under the Lease, nor, to the Company's Knowledge, is any such party threatening to do so, except as has not had a

Company Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary owns any real property.

Section 5.13 Intellectual Property.

(a) As of the date hereof, Section 5.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of all Registered Intellectual Property owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries that is material to the operation of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date hereof (the "**Company Registered Intellectual Property**"), indicating for each item of such Company Registered Intellectual Property, the registration or application number and the applicable filing jurisdiction.

(b) All Company Registered Intellectual Property (excluding any applications) is subsisting, and to the Company's Knowledge, valid and enforceable, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(c) (i) The Company and the Company Subsidiaries own, are validly licensed or otherwise have the valid and enforceable right to use all Intellectual Property (including the Company Registered Intellectual Property) used by the Company or any Company Subsidiary in the conduct of the business of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries (the "**Company Intellectual Property**"), free and clear of any Encumbrances, other than Permitted Encumbrances, and (ii) such ownership or valid right to use the Company Intellectual Property will not be affected by the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the Merger, except, in each case of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. As of the date hereof, there is no action, suit or proceeding pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, since the Applicable Date threatened, against the Company or a Company Subsidiary by any Person challenging the ownership, validity or enforceability of any Company Registered Intellectual Property, and since the Applicable Date neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has received any written claim or notice from any Person asserting any such challenge.

(d) To the Company's Knowledge, the operation of the businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries as presently conducted does not infringe or misappropriate the Intellectual Property of any third party, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(e) To the Company's Knowledge, no third party is infringing or misappropriating any Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(f) The Company and its Subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable measures to protect the confidential nature of the trade secrets that they own or use, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(g) The IT Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries operate and perform in accordance with their documentation and functional specifications and otherwise as required by the Company and its Subsidiaries in connection with their respective businesses. The Company has implemented commercially reasonable backup and disaster recovery technology processes,

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as well as a commercially reasonable business continuity plan, in each case consistent with customary industry practices and applicable Law, except as would not be material to the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. To the Knowledge of the Company, since the Applicable Date no Person has gained unauthorized access to the IT Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

(h) Except for those events that are not material to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, since the Applicable Date: (i) the Company and its Subsidiaries' collection, storage, use, disclosure and transfer of any personally identifiable information has been and is in compliance with all applicable Laws and contractual obligations relating to privacy, data security and data protection, (ii) none of the Company and its Subsidiaries has received a complaint from any Government Authority regarding its collection, use or disclosure of personally identifiable information and (iii) there has been no security breach or other compromise of personally identifiable information of the customers, employees, independent contractors, suppliers, or vendors of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, this Section 5.13 contains all of the representations and warranties provided by the Company with respect to matters related to Intellectual Property and IT Assets.

Section 5.14 Material Contracts.

(a) Except for this Agreement, the Contracts listed in Section 5.14 of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Contracts filed as exhibits to the Company Reports and the Benefit Plans, as of the date of this Agreement, none of the Company or its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any Contract as of the date hereof (each, a "**Material Contract**");

(i) that would be required to be filed by the Company as a "material contract" pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act;

(ii) involving the payment by or to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of more than \$600,000 in any twelve-month period, and which by its terms does not terminate or is not terminable without material penalty by the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, upon 90 days or less prior notice (other than any Contract with Clients or customers for services provided by the Company or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business);

(iii) containing covenants limiting in any material respect the freedom of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to compete or operate in any line of business or geographical area, including non-competition, non-solicitation, exclusivity and most favored nations covenants, other than any customary non-solicitation agreements in vendor contracts;

(iv) relating to (A) any Indebtedness for borrowed money which creates payment obligations of, or from, any party to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries individually in excess of \$600,000 or (B) mortgaging, pledging or otherwise placing an Encumbrance on any material portion of the assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary;

(v) under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has directly or indirectly guaranteed or otherwise agreed to be responsible for Indebtedness for borrowed money or other Liabilities of any Person (except for Indebtedness for borrowed money or other Liabilities among the Company and its Subsidiaries) in excess of \$600,000;

(vi) establishing any partnership or joint venture involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(vii) under which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is obligated to pay or is entitled to receive royalty payments, "earn-out" payments or similar contingent payments in excess of \$600,000, whether in one or a series of payments;

(viii) that as a result of a change of control of the Company or any Company Subsidiary (A) requires the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any successor thereto or acquirer thereof, to make any payment to any Person; or (B) gives any Person a right to receive or elect to receive a payment in excess of \$600,000 from the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any successor thereto or acquirer thereof;

(ix) that relates to an Action pursuant to which (A) the Company or any Company Subsidiary will be required to pay after the date of this Agreement any monetary amount in excess of \$250,000 or (B) that contains material obligations or limitations on the conduct of the Company or any Company Subsidiary (other than customary confidentiality obligations); or

(x) that was entered into outside the ordinary course of business and is material to the Company or its Subsidiaries or any Contract not described above that is otherwise material to the Company or any Company Subsidiary.

(b) Each Material Contract is a valid and binding obligation of, and is an enforceable obligation against, the Company or relevant Subsidiary that is a party thereto (subject in each case to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, rehabilitation, liquidation, fraudulent conveyance, preferential transfer or similar Laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally and subject, as to enforceability, to the effect of general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law)), except for such failures to be valid, binding or enforceable as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, any other party to a Material Contract is in breach of a Material Contract, and no event has occurred that, with or without the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both, would constitute a breach thereof by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, any other party thereto, in each case except for any such breaches that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except for matters which have not had and would not reasonably expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, there are no disputes pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened with respect to any of the Material Contracts and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of the intention of any other party to any Material Contract to amend, terminate, not renew or reduce

any commitment under any Material Contract, nor, to the Company's Knowledge, is any such party threatening to do so. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company and the consummation by it of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement to which it is a party will not violate, or result in a right to terminate, recapture, rescind or modify, accelerate any rights under, any Material Contract or, as applicable, any coverage provided by any party thereto. Except for matters which have not had and would not reasonably expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, no Material Contract contains any provision providing that any party thereto (other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) may terminate or cancel the same by reason of the consummation of the Merger.

Section 5.15 Insurance. All of the Insurance Policies are in full force and effect and all insurance premiums due thereon have been paid in full when due, except, in each case, as would not be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Between the Applicable Date and the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received in writing any notice of cancellation or termination or denial of coverage with respect to any Insurance Policy, except to the extent such policy has expired and been replaced in the ordinary course of business consistent in all material respects with past practice. As of the date hereof, there are no material outstanding claims related to the business of the Company or its Subsidiaries under any Insurance Policy or default with respect to the provisions in any Insurance Policy.

Section 5.16 Investment Adviser Subsidiaries.

(a) Each Advisory Entity is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act and has operated since the Applicable Date, and is currently operating in compliance with all Laws applicable to it or its business, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Advisory Entity's business, and has all material registrations, permits, licenses, exemptions, orders and approvals required for the operation of its business or ownership of its properties and assets substantially as presently conducted. To the Company's Knowledge, each natural person whose functions require him or her to be licensed as an agent of an Advisory Entity is so registered in all relevant jurisdictions. There is no Action pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened that, individually or in the aggregate, has led to or would reasonably be likely to lead to the revocation, material amendment, failure to renew, material limitation, material suspension or material restriction of any such registrations, permits, licenses, exemptions, orders and approvals.

(b) None of the Advisory Entities nor any "person associated with an investment adviser" (as defined in the Investment Advisers Act) of any of them is ineligible pursuant to Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act to serve as an investment adviser or as a person associated with an investment adviser.

(c) Each Advisory Entity has established, maintains and enforces written compliance and supervisory policies and procedures (including those required by Rule 206(4)-7 under the Investment Advisers Act) and such compliance and supervisory policies and procedures are, and have been since the Applicable Date, in compliance with applicable Law, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Advisory Entity's business.

(d) The Company has made available to Parent true and complete copies of each Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration on Form ADV filed since the Applicable Date by each Advisory Entity that is required to be registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act, reflecting all amendments thereto to the date hereof (each, a "**Form ADV**"). The Forms ADV for each Advisory Entity are in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Investment Advisers Act and Form ADV, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Advisory Entity's business. Since the Applicable Date, each Advisory Entity has delivered or made available to each advisory client its brochure to the extent required by the Investment Advisers Act.

Section 5.17 Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries.

(a) Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is duly registered under the Exchange Act as a broker-dealer with the SEC and since the Applicable Date has been in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's business. Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is a member of FINRA and all other Self-Regulatory Organizations of which it is required to be a member and in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of FINRA and any such Self-Regulatory Organization of which it is a member or which otherwise has authority over it, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's business. Each natural person whose functions require him or her to be registered as a representative or principal of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is so registered with FINRA. Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary (and each person thereof) is duly registered, licensed or qualified under, and in compliance with, the applicable Laws of all jurisdictions in which it is required to be so registered, licensed or qualified, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's business, and each such registration, license or qualification is in full force and effect and in good standing.

(b) The Company has made available to Parent true, correct and complete copies of each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration on Form BD filed since the Applicable Date, reflecting all amendments thereto to the date hereof (each, a "**Form BD**"). The Forms BD of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries are in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and Form BD, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of the applicable Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's business.

(c) Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary currently maintains and at all times since the Applicable Date has maintained "net capital" (as such term is defined in Rule 15c3-1(c)(2) under the Exchange Act) equal to or in excess of the minimum "net capital" required to be maintained by such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary under applicable Law. No Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is currently a party to, or to the Company's Knowledge, has any plans to enter into, any agreement or arrangement to increase the amount of regulatory capital it is required to maintain above the amount required under Rule 15c3-1(c)(2).

(d) Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary has established, maintains and enforces written compliance and supervisory policies and procedures (including those required by applicable

FINRA rules) and such compliance and supervisory policies and procedures are, and have been since the Applicable Date, in compliance with all applicable Laws, except for instances of non-compliance that would not be material to the operation of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's business.

(c) Each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary meeting the definition of "municipal securities dealer" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(3) of the Exchange Act required to be registered with the MSRB under the Exchange Act is, and at all times since the Applicable Date has been, duly registered as a municipal securities dealer.

(f) Since the Applicable Date, none of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries nor any "associated person" thereof (i) is or has been ineligible to serve as a broker-dealer or an associated person of a broker-dealer under Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act, (ii) is subject to a "statutory disqualification" as defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act or (iii) is subject to a disqualification that would be a basis for censure, limitations on the activities, functions or operations of, or suspension or revocation of the registration of any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary as broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, government securities broker or government securities dealer under Section 15, Section 15B or Section 15C of the Exchange Act, and there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened, that is reasonably likely to result in any such person being deemed ineligible as described in clause (i), subject to a "statutory disqualification" as described in clause (ii) or subject to a disqualification as described in clause (iii).

Section 5.18 Financial Advisor Agreements and Loans. The Company and/or its applicable Subsidiaries have entered into an independent contractor agreement with each independent contractor Financial Advisor. The Company has made available to Parent (i) the current standard form Financial Advisor agreements being used by any Company Subsidiary and (ii) a true and complete list of all representative loans as of the date hereof attributable to such Financial Advisors (setting forth the name of the borrower, the date on which the loan was granted, the date on which the loan must be repaid (if such loan is not forgivable), the original loan amount, and the outstanding amount of outstanding principal and accrued interest as of the date hereof).

Section 5.19 Takeover Statutes. The Company Board has taken all the action necessary to render inapplicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the provisions of Sections 607.0901 and 607.0902 of the FBCA to the extent, if any, such sections would otherwise be applicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 5.20 Finder's Fees. Except for Jefferies LLC, there is no investment banker, broker, finder or other intermediary that has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of the Company or its Affiliates who would be entitled to any fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 5.21 Environmental Matters. Except as has not had, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, since the Applicable Date: (i) no notice, notification, demand, request for information, citation, summons or order has been received, no

complaint has been filed, no penalty has been assessed, and no investigation, action, claim, suit, proceeding or review (or any basis therefor) is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened by any Government Authority or any other Person against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and relating to or arising out of any Environmental Law; (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all Environmental Laws and all Environmental Permits and possesses and is and has been in compliance in all material respects with all Permits required under Environmental Laws for it to conduct its business, and none of such Permits are subject to any administrative or judicial proceeding that would reasonably be expected to result in any modification, termination or revocation thereof; (iii) to the Knowledge of the Company, there are no Liabilities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries arising under or relating to any Environmental Law and there is no condition, occurrence, situation or set of circumstances, including, without limitation, the release of any Hazardous Substance, that would reasonably be expected to result in or be the basis for any such Liabilities; (iv) the Company is not obligated to conduct or pay for, and is not conducting or paying for, any response or corrective action under any Environmental Law at any location; and (v) the Company is not party to any order, judgment or decree that imposes any obligations under any Environmental Law. This Section 5.21 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement with respect to Environmental Laws and Hazardous Substances.

Section 5.22 No Other Representations or Warranties. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article V (as qualified in accordance with the terms of this Article V), neither the Company nor any other Person makes any express or implied representation or warranty on behalf of the Company or any of its Affiliates, and the Company disclaims any other representations or warranties. Parent and Merger Sub each acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article V (as qualified in accordance with the terms of this Article V), neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates is making any representation or warranty regarding any documents, projections, forecasts, statement or other information made, communicated or furnished (orally, in writing, in the Virtual Data Room, in management presentations (including any questions posed and answers given and any related discussions, whether formal or informal) or otherwise) to Parent, any of its Affiliates, or any of their respective Representatives (including any opinion, information, projection or advice that may have been or may be provided to such Person by any Representatives of the Company or any of its Affiliates). No Person makes any representations or warranties to Parent or Merger Sub regarding the probable success or profitability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE VI REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT

Parent represents and warrants to the Company, as of the date hereof (except to the extent any such representation and warranty relates to a specific date, in which case, Parent hereby makes to the Company such representation and warranty only as of such date), as follows:

Section 6.1 Organization, Authorization, Enforceability, Non-Contravention.

(a) *Organization.* Parent is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of Delaware and has the requisite corporate or other organizational

power to own, operate or lease the properties and assets owned, operated or leased by it and to conduct its business as presently conducted. Merger Sub is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of Florida and has the requisite corporate or other organizational power to own, operate or lease the properties and assets owned, operated or leased by it and to conduct its business as presently conducted.

(b) *Corporate Authorization.* Each of Parent and Merger Sub has full corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under, and consummate the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement. Subject only to the approval of this Agreement and the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement by Parent, as the sole shareholder of Merger Sub, which approval will occur immediately following the execution of this Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by each of Parent and Merger Sub have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Parent and Merger Sub.

(c) *Binding Effect; Approval.*

(i) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Parent and Merger Sub and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of Parent and Merger Sub enforceable against Parent and Merger Sub in accordance with its terms, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception.

(ii) Each of the respective boards of directors of Parent and Merger Sub, by resolutions duly adopted and not subsequently rescinded or modified in any way, has: (A) determined that this Agreement and the Merger and other transactions contemplated hereby are fair to, and in the best interests of, Parent or Merger Sub, as applicable, and its shareholders, (B) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, including the execution, delivery and performance thereof, and the consummation of the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and (C), in the case of the board of directors of Merger Sub, directed that this Agreement be submitted to Parent for approval as the sole shareholder of Merger Sub.

(d) *Non-Contravention.* The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, will not (i) violate or conflict with any provision of the Constituent Documents of Parent or Merger Sub, (ii) violate or conflict with any Law or Permit applicable to Parent or Merger Sub, or (iii) constitute a breach (or event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, would constitute a breach) under, or give any third party any rights of termination, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of any Encumbrance (other than Permitted Encumbrances) on any of the assets, properties or capital stock of Parent or Merger Sub, pursuant to any Contract or Government Order to which Parent or Merger Sub is a party, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) of this Section 6.1(d), for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, terminations, accelerations, cancellations or creations that would not be reasonably likely to be material.

Section 6.2 Capitalization of Merger Sub. The authorized capital stock of Merger Sub consists solely of 100 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which are validly

issued and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Merger Sub is, and at the Effective Time will be, owned by Parent or a direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of Parent. Merger Sub has not conducted any business prior to the date of this Agreement and has no, and prior to the Effective Time will have no, assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement and the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 6.3 Financial Ability. The amount of funds contemplated to be provided pursuant to the Commitment Letters (as defined below), together with cash on hand and other readily available sources of cash, will be sufficient, when funded, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to otherwise pay all of Parent's and Merger Sub's payment obligations under this Agreement, including payment of the payments pursuant to Article IV and any fees and expenses (including any financing costs), and to redeem (or pay the Conversion Consideration (as defined in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company) with respect to) all outstanding Preferred Shares (such amounts, the "**Required Amount**"). Parent has furnished the Company with true, correct and complete copies of: (i) the executed letter agreement, dated as of the date hereof, among Parent, Merger Sub, the Company, the Investor and the Sponsors attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (including all exhibits, schedules, annexes and amendments thereto, the "**Equity Letter**"), pursuant to which (x) each Sponsor and the Investor has committed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to invest in the Investor or Parent, as applicable, the cash amount set forth therein (the "**Equity Financing**") and (y) each Sponsor has guaranteed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to the Company the due and punctual payment by Parent to the Company of such Sponsor's Pro Rata Percentage of the Reverse Termination Fee in the event that the Reverse Termination Fee is required to be paid by Parent pursuant to Section 9.5(d); and (ii) the executed debt commitment letter, dated as of the date hereof between Parent and each of the lenders and commitment parties party thereto from time to time (collectively, the "**Debt Financing Sources**") and each executed fee letter (subject to customary redactions with respect to fees, pricing caps and similar commercially sensitive economic terms, provided that such redacted information does not adversely affect the amount, availability or conditionality of the funding of the Debt Financing) and attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (such commitment letter, including all exhibits, schedules, annexes and amendments thereto, and each such fee letter, collectively, the "**Debt Commitment Letter**", and together with the Equity Letter, the "**Commitment Letters**"), pursuant to which the Debt Financing Sources have committed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to fund the amounts set forth therein for the purposes of financing the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "**Debt Financing**" and, together with the Equity Financing, the "**Financing**"). None of the Commitment Letters have been amended, modified or supplemented prior to the date of this Agreement, and no such amendment, modification or supplementation is contemplated or pending except to the extent permitted in Section 7.15. To the Knowledge of Parent, the respective commitments and/or guarantees contained in the Commitment Letters have not been withdrawn, rescinded, terminated or repudiated in any respect and no such withdrawal, rescission, termination or repudiation is contemplated. Except for customary fee credit letters and engagement letters with respect to the fees and related arrangements (in each case that do not contain any conditions precedent to the funding of the Debt Financing and do not adversely affect the amount, availability or conditionality of the funding of the Debt Financing) contemplated by the Debt Financing, as of the date of this Agreement, there are no side letters or other written Contracts related to the funding or investing, as applicable, of the full amount of the

Financing other than as expressly set forth in the Commitment Letters delivered to the Company on or prior to the date hereof. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no conditions precedent related to the funding of the full amount of the Financing other than as expressly set forth in the Commitment Letters delivered to the Company on or prior to the date hereof. Assuming (i) the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.1 and Section 8.2, (ii) the accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties set forth in Section 5.2(a), Section 5.3(e) and Section 5.5 and (iii) the completion of the Marketing Period, the aggregate proceeds contemplated by the Commitment Letters will be sufficient when funded, together with cash on hand and other readily available sources of cash, to pay the Required Amount. As of the date hereof, the Commitment Letters are in full force and effect. As of the date of this Agreement, the Commitment Letters are (i) legal, valid and binding obligations of Parent, Merger Sub and the Investor, as applicable, and to the knowledge of Parent, each of the other parties thereto and (ii) enforceable in accordance with their respective terms against Parent, Merger Sub and the Investor, as applicable, and to the knowledge of Parent, each of the other parties thereto subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception. As of the date of this Agreement, none of Parent, Merger Sub or the Investor is in breach of any of its covenants or other obligations set forth in, or is in default under the Commitment Letters, nor does Parent, Merger Sub or the Investor have Knowledge of any breach of the Commitment Letters by any of the other parties thereto, in each case in any respect that could reasonably be expected to prevent, delay, impair or adversely affect the ability of Parent to consummate the Closing. No event has occurred which, with or without notice, lapse of time or both would or would reasonably be expected to (x) constitute a default or breach on the part of Parent, Merger Sub or the Investor or, to the Knowledge of Parent, any other Person under any of the Commitment Letters or (y) otherwise result in any portion of the Financing not being available at or prior to Closing. As of the date of this Agreement, all commitment and other fees required to be paid under the Commitment Letters prior to the date hereof have been fully paid. As of the date of this Agreement, Parent has no reason to believe (both before and after giving effect to any "market flex" provisions contained in the Commitment Letters): (i) that any of the conditions to the funding of the Financing contemplated by the Commitment Letters will not be satisfied on a timely basis and (ii) that the Financing will not be made available to Parent on or prior to the Closing Date. Each of Parent and Merger Sub affirms that it is not a condition to the Closing or to any of its other obligations under this Agreement that Parent or Merger Sub obtains financing for or related to any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 6.4 Approvals and Filings. Neither Parent nor any of its Affiliates (including Merger Sub) is required to obtain any authorization, waiver, consent or approval of, make any filing or registration with or give any notice to, any Government Authority in connection with or as a condition to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the Merger, other than, in each case, (1) the Required Governmental Approvals and (2) the filing of the Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida as provided in the FBCA and any other filing and recordation of appropriate merger documents as required by the FBCA. No fact or condition exists with respect to the business, operations or assets of Parent or its Affiliates which Parent has reason to believe would be reasonably expected to cause any Required Governmental Approval to be denied or unduly delayed.

Section 6.5 No Litigation. There is no Action by any Person pending or, to Parent's Knowledge, threatened against Parent or its Affiliates (including Merger Sub) and there are no

unsatisfied or outstanding Government Orders against Parent or any of the properties or business of Parent that would, in each case, be reasonably expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 6.6 Beneficial Ownership of Shares; Takeover Statutes. During the period three years prior to the date hereof (other than by reason of the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby), neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, including Merger Sub, nor, to the Knowledge of Parent, an "interested shareholder" of the Company, as such term is defined in Section 607.0901 of the FBCA, or was required to file a Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G with respect to its ownership of securities of the Company pursuant to the Exchange Act. Parent and Merger Sub have taken all the action necessary to render inapplicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the provisions of any state anti-takeover Laws to the extent, if any, such Laws would otherwise be applicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 6.7 Finder's Fees. There is no investment banker, broker, finder or other intermediary that has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of Parent who would be entitled to any fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 6.8 Solvency. Each of Parent and Merger Sub is, and, after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the payment of all amounts required to be paid in connection therewith, including the Per Share Merger Consideration, Company Equity Payments, the redemption or conversion into Conversion Consideration (as defined in the Constituent Documents of the Company) of the Preferred Shares and the payment of any related fees and expenses, at and immediately after the Effective Time, will be, Solvent, and neither Parent nor Merger Sub is entering into this Agreement with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person.

Section 6.9 Information Supplied.

(a) None of the information supplied or to be supplied by Parent or Merger Sub specifically for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement will, at the date the Proxy Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto is first mailed to the Company's shareholders or at the time of the Company Shareholders Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(b) None of the information supplied or to be supplied by Parent or Merger Sub specifically for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Client materials contemplated by Section 7.14, including proxy solicitation materials and Transaction Notices, will, at the date they are first sent or given to a Client or shareholders of a Client, as the case may be, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

Section 6.10 No Other Representations or Warranties. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article VI, neither Parent nor any other Person makes any other express or implied representation or warranty on behalf of Parent or any of its Affiliates, and Parent disclaims any other representations or warranties.

ARTICLE VII COVENANTS

Section 7.1 Interim Operations.

(a) The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, between the date hereof and the Closing or earlier termination of this Agreement (except in each case as referred to in Section 7.1(b) or as may be approved by Parent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed)), (1) carry on their respective businesses in the ordinary course of business in all material respects consistent with past practice and (2) use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact in all material respects its business organization and advantageous business relationships. In addition to, and without limiting the foregoing, between the date hereof and the Closing or earlier termination of this Agreement (except in each case as referred to in Section 7.1(b) or as may be approved by Parent), the Company shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to (provided only clauses (xxi) and (xxii) below shall apply to actions of the Company or its Subsidiaries taken with respect to Financial Advisors or prospective Financial Advisors):

(i) amend any provision of the Constituent Documents of the Company other than amendments which are ministerial in nature;

(ii) sell, pledge, transfer, dispose of, encumber (other than Permitted Encumbrances), create, redeem, repurchase, acquire, allot or issue, or grant an option to subscribe for, any Equity Interest in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (except in each case the net share settlement or issuance of equity interests in respect of Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date of this Agreement in accordance with their terms (or, with respect to net share settlement, consistent with past practice) and, as applicable, the Stock Plans as in effect on the date of this Agreement);

(iii) (A) acquire or agree to acquire any Equity Interest in, or make any investments in, any Person, (B) make any loans or advances to any Person or make any capital contributions to any Person (other than as between the Company and its Subsidiaries and advances of expenses to employees in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice);

(iv) merge or consolidate the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with any Person (other than with any Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), or adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or establish any Person that would constitute a Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company;

(v) (A) declare, set aside, make or pay any dividend or other distribution, payable in cash, stock, property or otherwise, with respect to any of its capital stock

(including with respect to the Company, for the avoidance of doubt, Shares), except for (x) dividends paid by any Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to any other Subsidiary of the Company and (y) regular quarterly or monthly dividends (as applicable) declared and paid with respect to the Shares and/or Preferred Shares made in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice; or (B) split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or other equity interests or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock or other equity interests (except in each case the issuance of equity interests in respect of Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date of this Agreement in accordance with their terms and, as applicable, the Stock Plans as in effect on the date of this Agreement);

(vi) except as required pursuant to the terms of any Benefit Plan or as otherwise required by applicable Law, the Company shall not: (A) grant any new long-term incentive or equity-based awards, or amend, modify or waive the terms or conditions of any such outstanding awards under any Benefit Plan; (B) grant any transaction-related retention bonuses (it being understood the Company may pay a portion of the annual bonus in respect of the 2019 calendar year in the form of cash retention awards consistent with past practice); (C) increase the compensation payable to any employee, except for (i) employees who are not executive officers of the Company and (ii) increases implemented in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice provided that the aggregate base salaries payable to all such employees does not exceed 103% of the previous year's base salaries payable to all such employees; (D) (i) terminate the employment of any executive officer (other than for cause), (ii) hire any new employee (except for new employees with an annual salary or wage rate of less than \$100,000 annually and who are replacement hires receiving substantially similar terms of employment) or (iii) promote or grant merit increases to any employees, except in the ordinary course of business in connection with the Company's annual or quarterly compensation review cycle or as the result of the termination or resignation of any employee; (E) adopt, enter into, terminate or amend any Benefit Plan or program that would be a Benefit Plan if adopted or any collective bargaining agreement or other Contract with any labor organization or other representative of the Company's or any Company Subsidiary's employees or make any contribution to any Benefit Plan other than contributions required by Law or the terms of such Benefit Plans as in effect on the date hereof, except with respect to Benefit Plans providing for health and welfare benefits, the Company may (i) negotiate and enter into new contracts and extensions of existing contracts with Benefit Plan providers in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, provided that duration of such contracts or extensions do not extend beyond calendar year 2020 and (ii) take such other actions so long as the aggregate cost of any such Benefit Plan is not materially increased; (F) enter into or amend any employment, services, change in control, severance, deferred compensation, retention or similar Contract with any officer, director, or employee of the Company; (G) take any action to accelerate or otherwise change the payment timing of any compensation or benefit under any Benefit Plan; or (H) change any actuarial or other assumption used to calculate funding obligations with respect to any Benefit Plan or change the manner in which contributions are made or the basis on which contributions are calculated, except as may be required by GAAP;

(vii) make, change or revoke any material Tax election, change any Tax accounting method or period, file any amended Tax Return, enter into any closing agreement with respect to Taxes, request any Tax ruling, waive or extend the statute of limitations in respect of a material amount of Taxes or settle or compromise any material Tax liability or refund;

(viii) other than the sale of obsolete equipment or assets in the ordinary course of business, sell, lease, license or otherwise dispose of (whether by way of merger, consolidation, sale of stock or assets, or otherwise), grant an Encumbrance on or permit an Encumbrance to exist on, or agree to sell, lease, license, or otherwise dispose of, or grant or permit an Encumbrance on, any properties or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case, other than any Permitted Encumbrances and other than with respect to any assets with a value of less than \$500,000 individually or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate;

(ix) acquire or agree to acquire all or a substantial portion of the assets or business of any Person or any division or line of business thereof;

(x) commence any Action or file any petition in any court relating to the bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, dissolution, liquidation or relief from debtors in any case, in respect of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(xi) amend, modify, waive or terminate, in each case, any existing Material Contract or enter into any Contract that would be a Material Contract if in effect on the date of this Agreement other than in each case (A) any termination or renewal for one year or less in accordance with the terms of any existing Material Contract on substantially similar terms, (B) the entry into new Material Contracts in replacement of existing Material Contracts on terms not materially worse to the Company or the relevant Subsidiary, in the aggregate, than the current terms and (C) immaterial ministerial amendments, modifications or waivers of the terms of Material Contracts in the ordinary course (it being understood that this provision shall not apply to any employment, services, change in control, severance, deferred compensation, retention or similar Contract with any officer, director, or employee of the Company, which shall be governed by clause (vi) above);

(xii) incur, redeem or prepay any Indebtedness (including the issuance of any debt securities, warrants or other rights to acquire any debt security), except for (A) Indebtedness for borrowed money incurred in the ordinary course of business not to exceed \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, (B) Indebtedness in replacement of existing Indebtedness for borrowed money on terms substantially consistent with or more favorable to the Company than the Indebtedness being replaced, or (C) guarantees of Indebtedness of its wholly owned Subsidiaries otherwise incurred in compliance with this clause (xii);

(xiii) make any material change in business operations as defined in FINRA (NASD) Rule 1011(k);

(xiv) (A) change its fiscal year or (B) make any material change in accounting methods, principles or practices used by it, except in each case as may be required (x) by GAAP or (y) by applicable Law, including Regulation S-X under the Securities Act;

(xv) other than in accordance with the Company's capital expenditures budget for calendar year 2019 or any capital expenditures budget for calendar year 2020 (which budget shall not materially exceed the aggregate amount of capital expenditures provided in the capital expenditures budget for calendar year 2020), make any capital expenditure or expenditures, or incur any obligations or liabilities in connection therewith, which, individually, is in excess of \$500,000 or, in the aggregate, are in excess of \$2,000,000;

(xvi) settle or compromise any Action, other than settlements or compromises of claims that exclusively require the payment of money by the Company or its Subsidiaries of unreimbursed out-of-pocket settlement amounts that are (A) accrued or reserved for as of the date of this Agreement or (B) not in excess of \$250,000 per Action or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate for all Actions pursuant to this clause (B), or enter into any consent, decree, injunction or similar restraint or form of equitable relief or deferred prosecution agreement or similar agreement with any Government Authority that would impose any conduct conditions or remedies that would have a restrictive impact on the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or would reasonably be expected to impede or delay in any material respect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including obtaining the Company Shareholder Approval;

(xvii) cancel, compromise, waive or release any material right or claim of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(xviii) cancel, terminate or modify in any material respect, or take any action that could permit cancellation, termination or material modification of, any Insurance Policy (other than the renewal of any Insurance Policy in place as of the date hereof in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice);

(xix) enter into any real property lease or modify, amend, renew, extend, waive or exercise any material right or remedy under or terminate any Lease, other than (A) any renewal for one year or less, (B) immaterial ministerial amendments, modifications or waivers, in each case of the foregoing (A) and (B), of any Lease in existence on the date hereof in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or (C) with respect to any Lease that requires a monthly rent payment of less than \$3,000;

(xx) other than ordinary course director compensation, ordinary course compensation and employee benefit entitlements, ordinary course reimbursement of travel and entertainment expenses or advances regarding the same, in each case that are payable in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or as otherwise permitted pursuant to Section 7.1(a)(vi), enter into any transaction or arrangement with any (A) director, officer or employee of the Company, (B) Person who is or was, since the Applicable Date, a greater than 5% shareholder of the Company or (C) any of their respective Affiliates;

(xxi) (A) acquire or agree to acquire any Equity Interests in, assets or accounts of, or make any investments in, any Financial Advisor or prospective Financial Advisor (including, for this purpose, any Person affiliated with any such Financial Advisors) in excess of \$500,000 individually or \$5,000,000, in the aggregate or (B) make any recruiting loans or similar advances (including advances of expenses) to any prospective Financial Advisor in excess of \$500,000 individually or \$2,500,000 in the aggregate; provided, however, that if the Closing does not occur on or prior to March 31, 2020, the aggregate limit set forth in sub-clause (A) shall increase to \$10,000,000 and the aggregate limit set forth in sub-clause (B) shall increase to \$5,000,000;

(xxii) (A) make any change to the Financial Advisor "payout grids" or substantially similar compensation table (as in effect as of the date hereof) or (B) make any change to any other methodology affecting the rate of any other compensation with respect to the Financial Advisors, in each case, where such changes would be applicable to the Financial Advisor field force taken as a whole; provided that, in the case of (A) or (B), the Company or its Subsidiaries may make changes to the compensation payable to individual Financial Advisors on a case-by-case basis consistent with past practices; or

(xxiii) affirmatively authorize, agree or commit, or publicly announce an intention, to do any of the actions prohibited by this Section 7.1(a).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 7.1(a), or any other provision of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall be prevented from, or be required to obtain Parent's consent in relation to, or incur any Liability as a result of effecting any of the following:

(i) any matter required by Law, required by any Government Authority or requested by any Government Authority as part of its supervision of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(ii) the implementation of any transaction or the taking of any action required by, or otherwise permitted under, this Agreement;

(iii) any matter disclosed in the Company Disclosure Letter;

(iv) the performance of an obligation under any Contract existing as at the date hereof;

(v) any action by the Company or any Subsidiary thereof for, on behalf or at the direction of any Client or customer of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof (including investments in securities for or on behalf of customers or Clients), provided that such action is taken in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(vi) the release or discharge of any Liability owed by any Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or any of its Affiliates, or owed by the Company to any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates; or

(vii) any action taken in connection with disaster recovery or related emergency response efforts with the intention of minimizing any adverse effect resulting from such efforts (provided that the Company shall promptly notify Parent of any such efforts).

(c) Neither Party shall knowingly take or permit any of their Affiliates to take any action that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impede the consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 7.2 Preparation of the Proxy Statement; Shareholders Meeting.

(a) Subject to Section 7.3(b)(i), as promptly as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement, the Company shall prepare and cause to be filed with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement (together with any amendments or supplements thereto, the "**Proxy Statement**") to be sent to holders of Shares (the "**Company Shareholders**") relating to the meeting of Company Shareholders (the "**Company Shareholders Meeting**") to seek to obtain the Company Shareholder Approval. Parent and Merger Sub shall furnish all information concerning Parent, Merger Sub and their Affiliates to the Company, and provide such other assistance, as may be reasonably requested in connection with the preparation, filing and distribution of the Proxy Statement. The Company shall promptly notify Parent upon the receipt of any comments from the SEC or any request from the SEC for amendments or supplements to the Proxy Statement and shall provide Parent with copies of all substantive correspondence between it and its representatives, on the one hand, and the SEC, on the other hand. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to resolve as promptly as reasonably practicable any comments from the SEC with respect to the Proxy Statement.

(b) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to Parent, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by Parent and Merger Sub for inclusion in the Proxy Statement, which is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Proxy Statement, Parent shall promptly notify the Company of such event, and the Company and Parent and Merger Sub shall cooperate in the prompt filing by the Company with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement and, if required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement to the Company's shareholders.

(c) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to the Company, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by the Company for inclusion in the Proxy Statement, which is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Proxy Statement, the Company shall promptly notify Parent of such event, and the Company and Parent and Merger Sub shall cooperate in the prompt filing by the Company with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement and, if required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement to the Company's shareholders.

(d) The Company shall provide Parent with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the Proxy Statement (such comments to be provided as promptly as reasonably possible) and any amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement and related communications with the SEC and shall consider Parent's comments in good faith.

(e) The Company shall, as soon as reasonably practicable following the date the Proxy Statement is cleared by the SEC, duly call, give notice of, convene and hold the Company Shareholders Meeting for the purpose of seeking the Company Shareholder Approval. The Company shall (i) cause the Proxy Statement to be mailed to the Company Shareholders and to hold the Company Shareholders Meeting as promptly as reasonably practicable following the date the Proxy Statement is cleared by the SEC and (ii) subject to Section 7.3, solicit, and use reasonable best efforts to obtain, the Company Shareholder Approval, including engaging a proxy solicitation firm for the purpose of assisting in the solicitation of proxies for the Company Shareholders Meeting. Except to the extent that the Company Board shall have made a Qualifying Change of Recommendation in accordance with Section 7.3: (A) the Company shall include the Company Board Recommendation in the Proxy Statement; and (B) the Company may, after consultation with Parent, adjourn, recess or postpone the Company Shareholders Meeting only (1) to the extent required by applicable Law to ensure that any required supplement or amendment to the Proxy Statement is provided to the Company Shareholders within a reasonable amount of time in advance of the Company Shareholders Meeting; (2) to the extent required by a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with any Action in connection with this Agreement or the Merger; (3) if, as of the time for which the Company Shareholders Meeting is originally scheduled (as set forth in the Proxy Statement), there are insufficient Shares represented (either in person or by proxy) to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the business of the Company Shareholders Meeting; provided that the Company shall not be required to adjourn the Company Shareholders Meeting under this provision on more than two occasions and shall not be required to adjourn the Company Shareholders Meeting past the Outside Date; or (4) with the prior written consent of Parent, in each case for the minimum duration reasonably necessary to remedy the circumstances giving rise to such adjournment, recess or postponement.

(f) The Company shall provide written notice to Parent of the record date in respect of the Company Shareholders Meeting.

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein (including any Change of Recommendation), unless this Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms prior to the time of the Company Shareholders Meeting, the Company Shareholders Meeting shall be convened and this Agreement shall be submitted to the Company Shareholders at the Company Shareholders Meeting for the purpose of allowing the Company Shareholders to vote on the Company Shareholders Approval in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to relieve the Company of such obligations.

Section 7.3 Acquisition Proposals.

(a) *No Solicitation or Negotiation.*

(i) The Company agrees that, except as permitted by this Section 7.3, neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries nor any of the officers and directors of it or its Subsidiaries shall, and that it shall instruct and use its reasonable best efforts to cause its and its Subsidiaries' employees, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants and other advisors or representatives (such directors, officers, employees, investment bankers, attorneys,

accountants and other advisors or representatives, collectively, "**Representatives**") not to, directly or indirectly:

(A) initiate, solicit or knowingly encourage any inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, any Acquisition Proposal;

(B) engage in, continue or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or provide any non-public information or data to any Person relating to, any Acquisition Proposal; or

(C) otherwise knowingly facilitate any effort or attempt to make an Acquisition Proposal.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, prior to the time, but not after, the Company Shareholder Approval is obtained, the Company may (A) provide non-public and other information in response to a request therefor by a Person who has made an unsolicited *bona fide* written Acquisition Proposal if the Company receives from the Person so requesting such information an executed confidentiality agreement on terms that, if taken as a whole, are not materially less restrictive to the other party than those contained in the Confidentiality Agreement; it being understood that such confidentiality agreement need not contain a standstill provision or otherwise prohibit the making, or amendment, of an Acquisition Proposal; and promptly discloses (and, if applicable, provides copies of) any such information to the Parent to the extent not previously provided to Parent, or (B) engage or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding such an unsolicited *bona fide* written Acquisition Proposal, if and only to the extent that, (i) prior to taking any action described in clauses (A) or (B) of this Section 7.3(a)(ii), the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel, that based on the information then available (x) such Acquisition Proposal either constitutes a Superior Proposal or could reasonably be expected to result in a Superior Proposal, and (y) a failure to take such action, in light of the Acquisition Proposal and the terms of this Agreement, would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable Law.

(b) *No Change of Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement.*

(i) Except as permitted by Section 7.3(b)(ii) and Section 7.3(c), the Company Board and each committee thereof shall not:

(A) (1) withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify (or publicly propose or resolve to withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify), in a manner adverse to Parent in any material respect, the Company Board Recommendation with respect to the Merger, (2) fail to reaffirm the Company Board Recommendation or fail to publicly state that the Merger is in the best interests of the Company Shareholders, within ten business days after Parent requests in writing that such action be taken, (or if the Company Shareholders Meeting is scheduled to be held

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within two business days, then within one business day after Parent requests), (3) fail to publicly announce, within ten business days after a tender offer or exchange relating to the securities of the Company shall have been commenced, an unqualified statement disclosing that the Company Board recommends rejection of such tender offer or exchange offer, or (4) approve, endorse or recommend, or publicly propose to approve, endorse or recommend, any Acquisition Proposal (it being understood that, if the Company Board takes no position with respect to an Acquisition Proposal initiated through a tender or exchange offer pursuant to Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act until the earlier of the close of business as of the day prior to the Company Shareholders Meeting and the tenth business day after the commencement of such Acquisition Proposal such failure to take a position shall not in and of itself be considered adverse to Parent for purposes of this Section 7.3(b)(i)(A)) (any of the actions described above, a "**Change of Recommendation**"); or

(B) except as expressly permitted by, and after compliance with, Section 9.3(a), cause or permit the Company to enter into any acquisition agreement, merger agreement or other similar definitive acquisition agreement (other than a confidentiality agreement referred to in Section 7.3(a) entered into in compliance therewith) relating to any Acquisition Proposal (an "**Alternative Acquisition Agreement**").

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, prior to the time, but not after, the Company Shareholder Approval is obtained, the Company Board may: (A) effect a Change of Recommendation if (1) an unsolicited, ~~bona fide~~ written Acquisition Proposal is received by the Company and has not been withdrawn, (2) the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel, that based on the information then available: (x) such Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal, and (y) a failure to effect a Change of Recommendation in connection with such Acquisition Proposal would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable Law, and (3) the Company Board intends to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3(a) in order to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement in relation to such Acquisition Proposal (the actions described clause (A) of this Section 7.3(b)(ii), a "**Qualifying Change of Recommendation**"); or (B) cause or permit the Company or any of the Company's Subsidiaries to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal (and the Company may enter into or cause a Subsidiary thereof to enter into such an Alternative Acquisition Agreement) or agree, authorize or commit to do so, but in each case only after complying with (i) in the case of clause (A) above, any applicable requirements in Section 7.3(c) and (ii) in the case of clause (B) above, any applicable requirements in Section 9.3(a). Any material amendment to any Acquisition Proposal will be deemed to be a new Acquisition Proposal for purposes of this Section 7.3(b), including with respect to the requirements in Section 7.3(c) and Section 9.3(a).

(c) *Certain Permitted Disclosure.* Nothing contained in this Section 7.3 shall be deemed to prohibit either the Company or Company Board from complying with its disclosure

obligations under U.S. federal or state law with regard to an Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, that if such disclosure has the effect of withdrawing or adversely modifying the Company Board Recommendation, such disclosure shall be deemed to be a Change of Recommendation.

(d) *Existing Discussions and other Actions.* The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries and all of its and their respective Representatives to, immediately (i) cease all solicitation, encouragement, discussions and negotiations regarding any inquiry, proposal or offer pending on the date of this Agreement that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; (ii) request the prompt return or destruction of all confidential information previously furnished to any Person in connection with a possible Acquisition Proposal; and (iii) terminate access to any physical or electronic data rooms relating to a possible Acquisition Proposal.

(e) *Notice: Matching Rights.* The Company agrees that it will promptly (and, in any event, within 48 hours) notify Parent if any inquiries, proposals or offers with respect to an Acquisition Proposal are received by it or any of its Representatives indicating, in connection with such notice, the name of such Person and the material terms and conditions of any proposals or offers (including, if applicable, copies of any written requests, proposals or offers, including proposed agreements) and thereafter shall keep Parent informed, on a current basis, of the status and terms of any such proposals or offers (including any amendments thereto). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, no termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3(a) may be effected until the provision thereof have been complied with by the Company, and no Qualifying Change of Recommendation may be made until after the third business day following receipt by Parent of written notice from the Company regarding the Company Board's intention to make a Qualifying Change of Recommendation (a "Notice of Change of Recommendation"), and specifying the reasons for the Qualifying Change of Recommendation in reasonable detail and attaching to such notice the most current version of such agreement shared between the proposed parties thereto. At Parent's option, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith during such three business day period to reach mutual agreement on revisions to this Agreement so that the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(b)(ii)(A)(2) would not be satisfied. In determining whether to make a Change of Recommendation, or to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement, the Company Board shall take into account any revisions to the terms of this Agreement and any other proposals or offers proposed in writing by Parent during such three business day period following Parent's receipt of a Notice of Change of Recommendation. For the avoidance of doubt, any material amendment to a Superior Proposal will be deemed to be a new Acquisition Proposal for purposes of this Section 7.3, including with respect to the requirements in this Section 7.3(e) and Section 9.3(a).

(f) For the avoidance of doubt, any action taken by any Representative of the Company that would, if taken directly by the Company, constitute a breach of this Section 7.3 shall be deemed a breach of this Section 7.3 by the Company.

Section 7.4 Regulatory Actions; Reasonable Best Efforts.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each of the Parties agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be

done, all things necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and make effective as promptly as practicable, the Merger, and to cooperate with the other in connection with the foregoing, including using its reasonable best efforts, in each case in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (i) to obtain all material consents, approvals, rulings or authorizations that are required to be obtained under any applicable Law (including any Required Governmental Approvals), (ii) to obtain any material consents required from third parties and to deliver any negative consent letters, including those contemplated by Section 7.14, (iii) to lift or rescind any injunction or restraining order or other order adversely affecting the ability of the Parties to consummate the Merger, and (iv) to effect as promptly as practicable all necessary registrations, filings and responses to requests for additional information or documentary material from a Government Authority, if any. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as soon as practicable and in no event later than 30 days after the date of this Agreement (subject to, in the case of Parent and Merger Sub, the reasonable cooperation of the Company, and in the case of the Company, the reasonable cooperation of Parent and Merger Sub, in each case in accordance with this Section 7.4(a)) each of Parent, Merger Sub and the Company shall, and shall cause their respective Subsidiaries to, submit (i) the Continuing Membership Application of any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary and (ii) the pre-merger notification with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement required under the HSR Act. Each of Parent, Merger Sub and the Company shall use, and shall cause its applicable Subsidiaries to use, reasonable best efforts to obtain each such Required Governmental Approvals as promptly as reasonably practicable. Each of Parent, Merger Sub and the Company shall have the right to review in advance, and, to the extent practicable, each will consult the other on, in each case subject to applicable Laws relating to the exchange of information, any filing made with, or written materials submitted to, any third party or any Government Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In exercising the foregoing right, each of the Parties shall act reasonably and as promptly as practicable. The Parties agree that they will consult with each other with respect to the obtaining of all permits, consents, approvals and authorizations of all third parties and Government Authorities necessary & advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and each Party will keep the other Parties apprised promptly of the status of filings and applications, including communications with Government Authorities that cause such Party to believe that there is a reasonable likelihood that any Required Governmental Approval will not be obtained or that the receipt of any such approval will be delayed, and all other matters relating to completion of the transactions contemplated hereby. Each Party shall consult with the other Parties in advance of any meeting or conference with any Government Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and each Party shall, to the maximum extent possible, afford each other Party and its Representatives the opportunity to participate in such meetings and conferences.

(b) Further, and without limiting the generality of the rest of this Section 7.4, each of the Parties shall promptly (i) furnish to the other such necessary information and reasonable assistance as the other Party may request in connection with the foregoing, and (ii) subject to applicable Laws relating to the exchange of information, provide counsel for the other Party with copies of all filings made by such Party, and all correspondence between such Party (and its advisors) with any Government Authority and any other information supplied by such Party and such Party's Subsidiaries to a Government Authority or received from such a Government

Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and as necessary to comply with contractual arrangements.

(c) At Parent's request and expense, the Company agrees to take all actions Parent reasonably deems prudent in order to obtain or assist Parent in obtaining any actions, consents, undertakings, approvals or waivers by or from any Person for or in connection with, and to reasonably assist Parent in litigating or otherwise contesting any objections to or proceedings or other actions challenging, the consummation of the Merger; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 7.4(c) shall obligate the Company to take any action that is not (i) conditioned on the consummation of the Merger and (ii) at the expense of Parent.

Section 7.5 Public Announcements. Except with respect to any Change of Recommendation made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, Parent and the Company shall consult with each other before issuing, and give each other the opportunity to review and comment in advance upon, any press release or other public statements with respect to the Merger (including notices to Clients), and shall not issue any such press release or make any such public statement prior to such consultation, except as such party may reasonably conclude may be required by applicable Law, court process or by obligations pursuant to any listing agreement with any national securities exchange or national securities quotation system. Parent and the Company agree that the initial press release to be issued with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be in the form heretofore agreed to by the parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as permitted by any communications plan to be mutually agreed upon by the Company and Parent promptly following the date of this Agreement, Parent shall not make any written broad-based communication to the employees or independent contractors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries without the prior written consent of the Company.

Section 7.6 Notification of Certain Matters. Parent shall give prompt notice to the Company and the Company shall give prompt notice to Parent (in such capacity, the "Notifying Party") of (i) any notice or other communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; or (ii) the occurrence, or failure to occur, of any event which occurrence or failure to occur (x) would cause or be reasonably likely to cause a Parent Material Adverse Effect or a Company Material Adverse Effect, as applicable, or (y) which the Notifying Party believes would cause or would be reasonably likely to cause or constitute a material breach of any of the Notifying Party's representations, warranties or covenants contained herein that reasonably could be expected to give rise, individually or in the aggregate, to the failure of a condition set forth in, if Parent or Merger Sub is the Notifying Party, Section 8.1 or Section 8.3, or if the Company is the Notifying Party, Section 8.1 or Section 8.2; provided that any failure to give notice in accordance with the foregoing with respect to any breach shall not be deemed to constitute a violation of this or the failure of any condition set forth in Section 8.2 or Section 8.3 to be satisfied, or otherwise constitute a breach of this Agreement by the party failing to give such notice, in each case, unless the underlying breach would independently result in a failure of the conditions set forth in Section 8.2 or Section 8.3 to be satisfied.

Section 7.7 Access. Subject to applicable Law, upon reasonable notice, the Company shall (and shall cause its Subsidiaries to) afford Parent's officers and other authorized

Representatives of it and its Affiliates who are subject to confidentiality obligations no less restrictive than the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Confidentiality Agreement, reasonable access, during normal business hours throughout the period prior to the Effective Time, to its and its Subsidiaries' employees, properties, books, contracts and records and instruct the appropriate employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries to cooperate reasonably with Parent and its officers and other authorized Representatives in connection with the foregoing (including for purposes of integration planning); and, during such period, the Company shall (and shall cause its Subsidiaries to) furnish promptly to Parent all information concerning its business, properties and personnel as may reasonably be requested, provided that no investigation pursuant to this Section 7.5 shall affect or be deemed to modify any representation or warranty made by the Company herein, and provided, further, that the foregoing shall not require the Company (i) to permit any inspection, or to disclose any information, that in the reasonable judgment of the Company would result in the disclosure of any trade secrets of third parties or violate any of its obligations with respect to confidentiality if the Company shall have used reasonable best efforts to obtain the consent of such third party to such inspection or disclosure or (ii) to disclose any privileged information of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall reasonably cooperate and assist the Parent in its efforts to retain the Company's Financial Advisors following the Closing, including to (a) coordinate in-person meetings with key Financial Advisors (except as would unreasonably interfere with the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) and (b) provide Parent with reasonably prompt notice upon becoming aware that any Financial Advisor with 12 month trailing gross dealer concessions equal to or greater than \$300,000, or any member of senior management of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, resigns from his or her employment or terminates his or her relationship (or clearly indicates to a member of management of the Company an intention to resign or terminate its relationship), as the case may be, with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. All requests for information made pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be directed to the executive officer or other Person designated by the Company. All such information shall be governed by the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement.

Section 7.8 Stock Exchange Delisting. Prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall cooperate with Parent and, upon Parent's request therefor, use reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and do or cause to be done all things, reasonably necessary, proper or advisable on its part under applicable Laws and rules and policies of the NYSE, including filing post-effective amendments to deregister unsold Registered Debt Securities, and Preferred Shares, from Securities Act registration statements, to enable the delisting by the Surviving Corporation of the Registered Debt Securities, Shares and Preferred Shares, from the NYSE and the deregistration of the Registered Debt Securities, Shares, and Preferred Shares, in each case, as promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, and in any event no more than ten days after the Closing Date. The Surviving Corporation shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Shares to no longer be quoted on the NYSE and deregistered under the Exchange Act as soon as practicable following the Effective Time.

Section 7.9 Employee Matters.

(a) Parent agrees that, during the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending one year after the Effective Time, Parent shall provide, or shall cause to be provided to

each Continuing Employee for so long as such Continuing Employee remains an employee of Parent or the Surviving Corporation (or a Subsidiary thereof) during such period compensation (base salary, base wage rate, commission schedule, target annual and long-term incentive opportunities), severance benefits and retirement and employee welfare benefits that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those provided to similarly situated employees of Parent and its Affiliates. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon any Continuing Employee any right to continue in the employ or service of Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any affiliate of Parent.

(b) Parent shall (i) cause any pre-existing conditions or limitations and eligibility waiting periods under any group health plans of Parent or its Affiliates to be waived with respect to the Continuing Employees and their eligible dependents, (ii) give each Continuing Employee credit for the plan year in which the Effective Time occurs towards applicable deductibles and annual out-of-pocket limits for medical expenses incurred prior to the Effective Time for which payment has been made and (iii) give each Continuing Employee service credit for such Continuing Employee's employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries for purposes of vesting, benefit accrual and eligibility to participate under each applicable Parent benefit plan, as if such service had been performed with Parent, except for purposes of qualifying for subsidized early retirement benefits or to the extent it would result in a duplication of benefits.

(c) No later than immediately prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take all reasonable and necessary steps so as to terminate (with such termination effective subject to and contingent upon the Effective Time) (i) any Benefit Plan sponsored by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries which is a defined contribution plan intended to be qualified under Code Section 401(a) (the "**Company 401(k) Plans**") and (ii) those other Benefit Plans identified by Parent or one of its Affiliates in writing no later than 20 business days prior to the Effective Time, in each case, with such termination to be implemented in accordance with the terms of each such Benefit Plan, and in the case of the Company 401(k) Plans, with the Company taking all actions reasonably necessary to cause each participant therein to become 100% vested in his or her account balance, to the extent required by applicable Law.

(i) As soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Time, the Company shall take all actions necessary and appropriate so as to directly transfer to a 401(k) plan maintained or established by Parent or one of its Affiliates (the "**Parent 401(k) Plan**"), those assets and liabilities of each Company 401(k) Plan, including all outstanding loans to participants under such plans and employer contributions through the Effective Time. The Parties shall take all reasonable and necessary steps so as to cooperate and effectuate the provisions of this Section 7.9(c)(i), including to conform such transfer with Section 414(l) of the Code, and, giving effect to the service credit provisions of Section 7.9(b), to ensure that each Continuing Employee is eligible to participate in the Parent 401(k) Plan as soon as administratively practical after the Effective Time.

(ii) The actions required under this Section 7.9(c) shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, the termination of any and all sick, vacation, personal days, floating days, voluntary paid time off and other paid time off policies, programs and plans (collectively, the "**PTO Plans**"), as provided for in this Section 7.9(c)(ii). No later than immediately prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take all reasonable and

necessary actions so as to freeze the accrual of any additional paid time off under the PTO Plans effective as of December 31, 2019, and, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, shall pay out any accrued but unused benefits under such PTO Plans through such date to participants of such plans no later than the normally scheduled payroll immediately prior to the Effective Time. From January 1, 2020 through the Effective Time (the "**Transition Period**"), Continuing Employees shall continue to accrue (and use) any and all paid time off under the PTO Plans. Following the Effective Time, Continuing Employees shall accrue paid time off under the policies of the Parent and its Affiliates and Parent shall, or shall cause its Affiliates to, provide Continuing Employees to be credited with paid time off for the Transition Period under the corresponding policies of Parent and its Affiliates.

(iii) The Company shall pay out all 2019 annual bonuses prior to the Effective Time, consistent with past practice.

(iv) Effective as of the Effective Time, Parent and its Affiliates shall take all actions necessary and appropriate so as to facilitate the coverage of any participants and beneficiaries under any Benefit Plan that is a short term disability plan, long term disability plan or providing COBRA continuation coverage to Parent's corresponding plans so as to provide for uninterrupted coverage to such individuals.

(d) Parent hereby acknowledges that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall constitute a "change in control," "change of control" or term or concept of similar import of the Company and its Subsidiaries under the terms of the Benefit Plans. From and after the Effective Time, Parent shall, and shall cause the Surviving Corporation to, honor all obligations and rights under the Benefit Plans which are not terminated pursuant to Section 7.9(c) in accordance with their terms, provided that, nothing in this Agreement shall require Parent or any of its Affiliates to continue the Benefit Plans indefinitely or for any period of time following the Effective Time.

(e) Nothing contained in this Agreement, including this Section 7.9, is intended to (i) be treated as an amendment of any Benefit Plan, (ii) prevent Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their Affiliates from amending or terminating any Benefit Plan or any of their benefit plans, (iii) prevent Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their Affiliates, after the Effective Time, from terminating the employment of any Continuing Employee or independent contractor at any time, or (iv) create any third-party beneficiary rights in any employee or independent contractor of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, any beneficiary or dependent thereof, or any collective bargaining representative thereof, with respect to the compensation, terms and conditions of employment and/or benefits that may be provided to any Continuing Employee by Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their Affiliates or under any benefit plan which Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their Affiliates may maintain.

Section 7.10 Treatment of Company Preferred Stock. Following the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Surviving Corporation to comply with its obligations under the Constituent Documents of the Surviving Corporation with respect to the Preferred Shares.

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Section 7.11 Indemnification; Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

(a) Each of the Surviving Corporation and Parent agrees that all rights, existing as of the date hereof, to indemnification, advancement of expenses and exculpation from liabilities for acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the Effective Time in favor of the current or former directors, officers or employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as provided in their respective Constituent Documents or in any indemnification, employment or other similar agreements of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case as in effect on the date of this Agreement, shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. From and after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation and Parent shall indemnify and hold harmless each individual who is as of the date of this Agreement, or who becomes prior to the Effective Time, a director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or who is as of the date of this Agreement, or who thereafter commences prior to the Effective Time, serving at the request of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as a director, officer or employee of another Person (all of the foregoing, collectively, the "**Company Indemnified Parties**"), against all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, inquiries, fines and reasonable fees, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and disbursements ("**Losses**"), incurred or arising in connection with any claim, action, investigation, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, regulatory, administrative or investigative (including with respect to matters existing or occurring or alleged to have existed or occurred at or prior to the Effective Time (including this Agreement and the transactions and actions contemplated hereby)), arising out of or pertaining to the fact that the Company Indemnified Party is or was a director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or is or was serving at the request of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as a director, officer or employee of another Person or any act or omission by such Company Indemnified Party while serving in such capacity, whether asserted or claimed prior to, at or after the Effective Time, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable Law. In the event of any such claim, action, investigation, suit or proceeding (x) each Company Indemnified Party will be entitled to advancement of expenses incurred in the defense of any such claim, action, investigation, suit or proceeding, from the Surviving Corporation and Parent within ten business days of receipt by the Surviving Corporation from the Company Indemnified Party of a request therefor; provided that any person to whom expenses are advanced provides an undertaking, if and only to the extent required by the FBCA, to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification and (y) the Surviving Corporation and Parent shall cooperate in the defense of any such matter. Any Company Indemnified Party wishing to claim indemnification under this Section 7.11, upon learning of any threatened or actual claim, action, suit, demand, proceeding or investigation, shall promptly notify the Company and, if so learning after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation thereof in writing; provided that the failure promptly to so notify in writing shall not affect the obligations of the Surviving Corporation except to the extent, if any, that it is materially prejudiced by such failure or delay.

(b) For a period of six years from and after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall (i) cause to be maintained in effect the current policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance and fiduciary liability insurance maintained by the Company or its Subsidiaries or (ii) provide substitute policies for the Company and its current and former directors and officers (and any individual who becomes an officer or director prior to the Effective Time) who are currently (or prior to the Effective Time become) covered by the

directors' and officers' and fiduciary liability insurance coverage currently maintained by the Company in either case, of not less than the amount of existing coverage and have other terms and from carriers not less favorable to the insured persons than the directors' and officers' liability insurance and fiduciary liability insurance coverage currently maintained by the Company with respect to claims arising from facts or events that occurred on or before the Effective Time, except that in no event shall the Surviving Corporation be required to pay with respect to such insurance policies in respect of any one policy year more than 300% of the annual premium payable by the Company for such insurance for the year ended December 31, 2018 (such 300% amount, the "**Maximum Amount**"), and if the Surviving Corporation is unable to obtain the insurance required by this Section 7.11 it shall obtain as much comparable insurance as possible for the years within such six-year period for an annual premium equal to the Maximum Amount, in respect of each policy year within such period. In lieu of such insurance, prior to the Closing Date, Parent may direct that the Company, in which case the Company shall, purchase a "tail" directors' and officers' liability insurance policy and fiduciary liability insurance policy for the Company and its current and former directors and officers (and any individual who becomes an officer or director prior to the Effective Time) who are currently (or prior to the Effective Time become) covered by the directors' and officers' and fiduciary liability insurance coverage currently maintained by the Company. In the event the Company purchases such tail coverage, the Surviving Corporation shall cease to have any obligations under the first sentence of this Section 7.11(b).

(c) The provisions of this Section 7.11: (i) shall survive consummation of the Merger, (ii) are intended to be for the benefit of, and will be enforceable by, each indemnified or insured party (including the Company Indemnified Parties), his or her heirs and (iii) are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other rights to indemnification or contribution that any such Person may have by contract or otherwise. In the event that Parent or the Surviving Corporation or any of its successors or assigns (x) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and is not the continuing or Surviving Corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (y) transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, the Surviving Corporation shall cause proper provision to be made so that the successors and assigns of the Surviving Corporation assume the obligations set forth in this Section 7.11.

Section 7.12 Section 16 Matters. The Company and the Company Board (or duly formed committees thereof consisting of non-employee directors (as such term is defined for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act)), shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all such actions as may be necessary or advisable to cause the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any other dispositions of equity securities of the Company (including derivative securities) in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by any individual who is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the Company, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, to the extent permitted by applicable Law.

Section 7.13 Approval of the Sole Shareholder of Merger Sub. Immediately following the execution of this Agreement, Parent shall execute and deliver, in accordance with the FBCA and in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Merger Sub, a written consent approving this

Agreement and the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and shall promptly provide a true, correct and complete copy thereof to the Company.

Section 7.14 Fund Client Consents.

(a) *Public Funds.* Subject in each case to the requirements of applicable Law and the fiduciary duties of the Company Board, the board of directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of any Subsidiary of the Company and each Public Fund Board:

(i) with respect to each Public Fund and the Public Fund Board thereof, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to use their reasonable best efforts to: (A) request, as promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement, such Public Fund Board to approve (and to recommend that the shareholders of such Public Fund approve) a new Advisory Contract with the applicable Subsidiary of the Company, to be effective as of the Effective Time, containing terms, taken as a whole, that are substantially similar to the terms of the existing Advisory Contract between such Public Fund and such Subsidiary of the Company; (B) request, as promptly as practicable following receipt of the approval and recommendation described in the foregoing clause (A), such Public Fund Board to call a special meeting of the shareholders of such Public Fund to be held as promptly as reasonably practicable for the purpose of voting upon a proposal to approve (in the requisite manner) such new Advisory Contract; (C) to prepare and to file (or to cause to be prepared and filed) with the SEC and all other applicable Government Authorities, as promptly as practicable following receipt of the approval and recommendation described in the foregoing clause (A), all proxy solicitation materials required to be distributed to the shareholders of such Public Fund with respect to the actions recommended for shareholder approval by such Public Fund Board and to mail (or to cause to be mailed) such proxy solicitation materials as promptly as practical after clearance thereof by the SEC (if applicable); and (D) to submit (or to request such Public Fund Board to submit), as promptly as practical following the mailing of the proxy materials to the shareholders of such Public Fund for a vote at a shareholders meeting the proposal described in clause (B) above.

(ii) Parent and the Company agree that a Public Fund shall be deemed to have consented for all purposes under this Agreement to the continued management of such Public Fund by the applicable Subsidiary of the Company following the Effective Time, if a new Advisory Contract has been approved by the Public Fund Board and shareholders of such Public Fund in the manner contemplated by clauses (A)-(D) of Section 7.14(a)(i), unless at any time prior to the Closing the respective Public Fund Board notifies the applicable Subsidiary of the Company, in writing, that such Public Fund has terminated its existing, interim, or new Advisory Contract prior to or following the Effective Time.

(b) *Private Funds and Other Non-Fund Clients.*

(i) If consent or other action is required by applicable Law or by the Advisory Contract of any Client other than a Public Fund for the Advisory Contract with such Client to continue after the Effective Time, as promptly as reasonably practicable

following the date of this Agreement, and in any event no less than 30 days before the Parties' anticipated Closing Date, the Company shall, and shall cause the applicable Company Subsidiaries to, send a notice ("**Transaction Notice**") complying with applicable Law and the terms of such Client's Advisory Contract and requesting such Client's written consent for the Advisory Contract with such Client to continue after the Effective Time. Each Transaction Notice shall inform the applicable Client: (1) of the intention to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which may result in a deemed assignment of such Client's Advisory Contract; (2) of the applicable Company Subsidiary's intention to continue to provide the advisory services pursuant to the existing Advisory Contract with such Client after the Effective Time if such Client does not terminate such agreement prior to the Effective Time; and (3) that the consent of such Client will be deemed to have been granted if such Client continues to accept such advisory services for a period of at least 30 days after the sending of the Transaction Notice without termination.

(ii) Parent and the Company agree that any consent required for any Advisory Contract with a Client (other than a Public Fund) to continue after the Effective Time shall be deemed given for all purposes under this Agreement (A) upon receipt of a written consent requested in the Transaction Notice prior to the Effective Time or (B) if no such written consent is received, if 30 days shall have passed since the sending of the Transaction Notice to such Client; provided that no consent shall be deemed to have been given for any purpose under this Agreement if at any time prior to the Effective Time such Client notifies the Company in writing that such Client has not so consented or has terminated its Advisory Contract.

(iii) The Company agrees that the information that is contained in any Transaction Notice to be furnished to any Client other than a Public Fund (and other than information that is or will be provided in writing by or on behalf of Parent or its Affiliates specifically for inclusion in such Transaction Notice) to the extent consent or other action is required under applicable Law or the applicable Advisory Contract for the purpose of having the Advisory Contract continue after the Effective Time will be true, correct and complete in all material respects. Parent agrees that the information provided by it or its Affiliates (or on their behalves) in writing for inclusion in any Transaction Notice to be furnished to any Client other than a Public Fund to the extent consent or other action is required under applicable Law or the applicable Advisory Contract for the purpose of having the Advisory Contract continue after the Effective Time will be true, correct and complete in all material respects.

(c) *Prospective Clients.* In addition to the foregoing, as promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement, the Company shall cause each of the Company Subsidiaries to use its reasonable best efforts, (i) to supplement the offering documentation with respect to each Public Fund to inform prospective investors therein of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (ii) with respect to any new Clients following the date of this Agreement, to include a Transaction Notice along with the Advisory Contract and other materials provided to such new Clients.

Section 7.15 Financing.

(a) Each of Parent and Merger Sub shall use its respective reasonable best efforts (taking into account the expected timing of the Marketing Period) to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable to arrange, obtain and consummate the Financing on the terms and conditions not materially less favorable to Parent and Merger Sub than the terms and conditions described in the Commitment Letters (including, as necessary, the "market flex" provisions contained in any related fee letter), including reasonable best efforts to (i) maintain in full force and effect the Commitment Letters, (ii) satisfy (or obtain a waiver of) on a timely basis all conditions applicable to Parent in obtaining the Debt Financing (including by consummating the Equity Financing at or prior to the Closing), (iii) enter into definitive agreements (which, with respect to any bridge facility documentation, shall not be required until reasonably necessary in connection with the funding of the Debt Financing) with respect to the Debt Financing on terms and conditions not materially less favorable to Parent and Merger Sub than the terms and conditions described in or contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letter (including any "market flex" provisions in the Debt Commitment Letter), and (iv) upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.1 and Section 8.2 (other than those conditions that by their nature will not be satisfied until the Closing), consummate the Equity Financing and the Debt Financing at or prior to the Closing and enforce its rights under the Commitment Letters. Parent and Merger Sub shall obtain the Equity Financing contemplated by the Equity Letter at or prior to the Closing Date upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to Closing in Section 8.1 and Section 8.2 (other than those conditions that by their nature will not be satisfied until the Closing).

(b) Without the prior written consent of the Company, Parent shall not agree to:

(A) any amendment, restatement, replacement, supplement, termination, repudiation, rescission, cancellation, expiration or other modification or waiver of, any condition, remedy or other provision under any Commitment Letter if such amendment, restatement, replacement, supplement, termination, repudiation, rescission, cancellation, expiration, modification or waiver would reasonably be expected to (i) reduce the aggregate amount of the Financing from that contemplated by the Commitment Letters delivered as of the date hereof to fund the Required Amount (taking into account cash on hand and other readily available sources of cash), (ii) impose new or additional conditions or expand any of the conditions to the receipt of the Financing or otherwise make it less likely that the Financing would be funded at Closing (including by making satisfaction of the conditions to the Financing less likely to occur), (iii) prevent, impair, adversely affect or delay (other than in an immaterial manner) the funding of the Financing at Closing or (iv) adversely affect the ability of Parent or the Company, as applicable, to enforce its rights against the other parties to the Commitment Letters or

(B) terminate, or permit the termination of, any Commitment Letter unless such Commitment Letter is, prior to or substantially concurrently with such termination, replaced with a new commitment that, were it structured as an amendment to such existing Commitment Letter, would satisfy the requirements of the foregoing clause (A). For the avoidance of doubt, Parent may customarily modify, amend or supplement the Debt Commitment Letter to add (or assign or reassign commitments and roles to) lenders, lead arrangers, bookrunners, syndication agents, documentation agents or entities in similar roles. Upon any amendment, modification or supplement of, or waiver of, any Commitment Letter in accordance with this Section 7.15(b), Parent shall promptly deliver a copy thereof to the Company and references herein to

"Commitment Letter", "Equity Letter" or "Debt Commitment Letter", as applicable, shall include and mean such documents as amended, modified, supplemented or waived in compliance with this Section 7.15(b), and references to "Financing", "Equity Financing" or "Debt Financing", as applicable, shall include and mean the financing contemplated by such Commitment Letter as amended, modified, supplemented or waived in compliance with this Section 7.15(b), as applicable.

(c) In the event all or any portion of the Debt Financing becomes unavailable or Parent or Merger Sub becomes aware of any event or circumstance that would reasonably be expected to make any portion of the Debt Financing unavailable, on the terms and conditions (including any "market flex" provisions applicable thereto) described in or contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letters for any reason, Parent and Merger Sub shall use their reasonable best efforts to arrange for and obtain alternative financing from alternative sources (the "**Alternative Financing**") (it being understood and agreed that no provision hereof shall require the Parent to draw upon Parent's existing revolving credit facility under any circumstances) in an amount sufficient to fund the Required Amount (taking into account the Equity Financing, any available portion of the Debt Financing, cash on hand and other readily available sources of cash) which would not involve any conditions precedent that are materially less favorable to Parent than those contained in the Debt Commitment Letter and would not reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the Debt Financing or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The obligations under this Section 7.15 shall apply equally to any such Alternative Financing (including any new financing commitment).

(d) Parent shall keep the Company informed on a reasonable basis and in reasonable detail of the status of its efforts to arrange the Financing upon the Company's written request (including providing the Company with copies of all material definitive agreements related to the Financing). Parent shall give the Company prompt written notice (i) of any actual breach or default by any party to the Commitment Letters (or commitments for any Alternative Financing obtained in accordance with this Section 7.15) or definitive documents relating to the Financing of which Parent becomes aware that would reasonably be expected to delay (other than in an immaterial manner) or impair the Closing or make funding less likely to occur at the Effective Time or any termination of the Commitment Letters (or commitments for any Alternative Financing obtained in accordance with this Section 7.15), (ii) the receipt by any of Parent, Merger Sub or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives of any written notice or other written communication from any Debt Financing Source, any lender or any other Person with respect to any (A) actual breach, default or termination by any party to any Commitment Letter or (B) dispute or disagreement between or among any parties to any Commitment Letter, solely to the extent such dispute or disagreement relates to the obligation of the parties thereto to fund their commitments thereunder or the availability of the Financing or (iii) any other circumstance that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the ability of Parent to obtain, prior to Closing, all or any portion of the Financing on the terms and conditions contemplated by the Commitment Letters or the definitive documents related to the Financing.

(e) Each of Parent and Merger Sub hereby acknowledges and agrees that obtaining the Financing is not a condition to the Closing.

Section 7.16 Financing Assistance.

(a) The Company agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to deliver to Parent and the Debt Financing Sources the Required Information upon such information becoming available (it being understood that (A) to the extent any Required Information is contained in any Company Reports, such inclusion shall constitute delivery to Parent and Merger Sub hereunder and (B) notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in no circumstances shall the Company be required to provide any financial statements hereunder that are not required to be included in any Company Reports, including any Company Reports filed after the date hereof), and in addition, to use reasonable best efforts to provide, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause its Subsidiaries to and cause its and their respective Representatives, including legal and accounting, to use reasonable best efforts to provide, to Parent and the Debt Financing Sources, at Parent's sole cost and expense (other than in respect of the Required Information), all customary cooperation reasonably requested in writing by Parent and the Debt Financing Sources to cause the conditions in the Debt Commitment Letter to be satisfied or as otherwise reasonably requested, in each case, solely with respect to information regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries, in connection with the Financing, including using its reasonable best efforts to: (i) upon reasonable prior notice and at times and locations to be mutually agreed, participate in a reasonable number of meetings, presentations, road shows, due diligence sessions and sessions with rating agencies; provided that the Company and its Representatives shall not be required to participate in more than one road show or similar meeting in respect of marketing bond offerings; (ii) deliver to Parent and the Debt Financing Sources from time to time such financial and other information regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries as may be reasonably required by Parent in the preparation of materials by Parent for rating agency presentations, offering documents, private placement memoranda, bank information memoranda, prospectuses and similar documents required in connection with the Financing, and reasonably cooperate with updating and correcting any Required Information in order to ensure such Required Information remains Compliant; (iii) assist Parent and the Debt Financing Sources in their preparation of offering documents for any portion of the Debt Financing, including identifying any portion of the information that constitutes material, non-public information, and including delivering customary representation and authorization letters with respect to and in accordance with the Debt Commitment Letter, including materials for ratings agency presentations; (iv) cooperate with the marketing (including cooperating in obtaining customary ratings) and due diligence efforts of Parent and the Debt Financing Sources in connection with the Debt Financing; (v) to the extent requested at least ten business days prior to the Closing, furnish Parent or the Debt Financing Sources at least three business days prior to the Closing with all documentation and other information as reasonably requested by the Debt Financing Sources that is required in connection with applicable "know your customer", "beneficial ownership" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations; (vi) assist in facilitating the granting of a security interest (and perfection thereof) in collateral (provided that no security interest shall be effective prior to Closing); (vii) cause its independent accountants to deliver customary comfort letters (including as to customary "negative assurance" and change period comfort) with respect to any financial statements included in the Required Information and (viii) assist in obtaining customary payoff letters relating to the repayment of any existing third party indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company or its Subsidiaries required by the Debt Commitment Letter (as of the date hereof) to be repaid on or coincidental with the Closing and, upon repayment of such indebtedness, termination of any related Encumbrances securing any such obligations to be repaid; provided,

however, that, in each case, nothing herein shall require such cooperation to the extent it would interfere unreasonably with the business or operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, cause significant competitive harm to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or create an unreasonable risk of harm to any property or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries; and provided, further, that neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall (A) be required to pay or commit to pay any commitment or other similar fee, bear any cost or expense or make any other payment or incur any other liability prior to the Closing Date (other than with respect to delivering customary authorization letters) or agree or agree to provide any indemnity in connection with the Financing or any of the foregoing matters, (B) have any liability or obligation under any loan agreement, indenture and related documents, unless and until the Closing occurs (other than with respect to delivering customary authorization letters), (C) be required to take any action that would subject any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' respective directors, managers, officers, employees, accountants, legal counsel or other Representatives to any personal liability, (D) be required to take any action that will conflict with or violate the Company's or any Subsidiary's Constituent Documents as in effect on the date hereof, any material contracts to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party in effect on the date hereof, or any Laws, (E) take any corporate action (including any approvals of its board of directors or similar body), (F) take any other action that is not contingent upon the Closing or enter into or execute any agreement or document (other than with respect to delivering customary authorization letters), (G) waive or amend any term of this Agreement or any other contract to which it is a party or take any action in respect of the Financing to the extent that such action would cause any condition to Closing set forth in Article VIII to fail to be satisfied or otherwise result in a breach of this Agreement by the Company or (H) provide any information the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted under any Laws. The Company hereby consents to the use of its and its Subsidiaries' logos in connection with the Debt Financing; provided, however, that such logos are used solely in a manner that is not intended to be or reasonably likely to harm or disparage the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the reputation or goodwill of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and its or their marks.

(b) None of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries nor its and their respective officers, directors, employees, accountants, consultants, legal counsel, agents and other Representatives shall be required to take any action that would subject any such Person to liability to bear any out-of-pocket cost or expense or to pay any commitment or other similar fee or make any other payment or incur any other liability or provide or agree to provide any indemnity in connection with the Debt Financing contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letter or their performance of their respective obligations under this Section 7.16 and any information utilized in connection therewith, and any information utilized in connection therewith, in each case other than with respect to the preparation of audited and other historical financial statements and customary representation and authorization letters (including with respect to the presence or absence of material non-public information and the accuracy of the information contained in the disclosure and marketing materials related to the Debt Financing). Parent shall (i) indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its Subsidiaries and its and their respective Representatives from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, interest, awards, judgments and penalties suffered or incurred by them in connection with the arrangement of the Debt Financing contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letter and the performance of their respective obligations in respect of the Debt Financing, and any information utilized in connection therewith, except to the extent such liabilities or losses arise solely from

misstatements contained in information in respect of the Company and its Subsidiaries supplied by the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their Representatives or to the extent any liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, interest, awards, judgments and penalties are caused by the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Representatives and other than with respect to the preparation of audited and other historical financial statements and customary representation and authorization letters (including with respect to the presence or absence of material non-public information and the accuracy of the information contained in the disclosure and marketing materials related to the Debt Financing) and (ii) promptly upon written request of the Company, reimburse the Company and its Subsidiaries for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Company or its Subsidiaries (including those of its accountants, consultants, legal counsel, agents and other Representatives) in connection with the cooperation required for the Debt Financing (other than with respect to the preparation of audited and other historical financial statements).

Section 7.17 Further Assurances. The Parties agree that, from time to time, whether before, on or after the Closing Date, each of them shall execute and deliver such further instruments of conveyance and transfer and take such other action as may be reasonably requested by the other Party to carry out the purposes and intents of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

Section 8.1 Conditions to Each Party's Obligations. The obligations of the Parties to effect the Closing are subject to the satisfaction (or written waiver by each Party) on or prior to the Closing of each of the following conditions:

(a) *Shareholder Approval*. The Company shall have duly obtained the Company Shareholder Approval.

(b) *Government Approvals*. All Required Governmental Approvals shall have been obtained, and any applicable waiting periods relating thereto shall have expired or been terminated early.

(c) *No Prohibition*. No court or other Government Authority of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any Law (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that is in effect and restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement (collectively, a "**Government Order**").

Section 8.2 Conditions to Obligations of Parent and Merger Sub. The obligation of Parent and Merger Sub to effect the Closing is also subject to the satisfaction (or written waiver by Parent) on or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:

(a) *Representations and Warranties*. Each of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Article V was true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly related to a specific date in which case such representations and warranties need only to be so true and correct as of such specific date, excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the reference to "as of the

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date hereof" in the lead-in to Article V) except where the failures of such representations and warranties to be true and correct have not had, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect (disregarding for purposes of this Section 8.2(a) any limitations as to materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect set forth therein, except for any such limitations set forth in Sections 5.3(c), 5.5 or with respect to any list of items that is qualified by materiality, which shall not be disregarded for purposes of this Section 8.2(a)): provided that (i) the Company Fundamental Representations (other than Section 5.2(a)) were true and correct in all respects as of such dates, and (ii) Section 5.2(a) was true and correct in all respects as of such dates except for any *de minimis* inaccuracies.

(b) *Covenants.* The covenants and agreements of the Company set forth in this Agreement to be performed at or prior to the Closing shall have been duly performed in all material respects. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement and for purposes of determining whether the covenant in Section 7.16 has been duly performed by the Company for purposes of this Section 8.2 and whether there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement set forth in Section 7.16, the Company shall be deemed to have performed its obligations under Section 7.16 and not have breached any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement set forth therein, except in the case where the Company has materially breached its obligations under Section 7.16 and such breach has not been cured within 15 days after written notice thereof by Parent to the Company specifying such breach in particularity and, but for such breach, there would be no Financing Failure.

(c) *Officer's Certificate.* There shall have been delivered to Parent a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by a duly authorized officer of the Company, certifying the satisfaction of the conditions in Section 8.2(a) and Section 8.2(b).

(d) *No Company Material Adverse Effect.* Since the date of this Agreement, no Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred.

Section 8.3 Conditions to Obligations of the Company. The obligation of the Company to effect the Closing is also subject to the satisfaction (or written waiver by the Company) on or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:

(a) *Representations and Warranties.* Each of the representations and warranties of Parent contained in Article VI shall be true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly related to a specific date in which case such representations and warranties need only to be so true and correct as of such specific date, excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the reference to "as of the date hereof" in the lead-in to Article VI) except where the failures of such representations and warranties to be true and correct have not had, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect (disregarding for purposes of this Section 8.3(a) any limitations as to materiality or Parent Material Adverse Effect set forth therein); provided that the Parent Fundamental Representations were true and correct in all respects as of such dates.

(b) *Covenants.* The covenants and agreements of Parent and Merger Sub set forth in this Agreement to be performed at or prior to the Closing shall have been duly performed in all material respects.

(c) *Officer's Certificate.* There shall have been delivered to the Company a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by a duly authorized officer of Parent, certifying the satisfaction of the conditions in Section 8.3(a) and Section 8.3(b).

ARTICLE IX TERMINATION

Section 9.1 Termination by Mutual Consent. This Agreement may be terminated and the Merger may be abandoned at any time prior to the Effective Time, whether before or after receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval, by mutual written consent of the Company and Parent by action of their respective boards of directors.

Section 9.2 Termination by Either Parent or the Company. This Agreement may be terminated and the Merger may be abandoned at any time prior to the Effective Time by action of the board of directors of either Parent or the Company if:

(a) the Closing shall not have occurred on or before May 11, 2020 (the "**Outside Date**"); provided, however, that if the Closing shall not have occurred by such date solely due to the failure of a Party to receive the FINRA Approval, the Outside Date shall be automatically extended for up to one additional 30-day period to allow for the FINRA Approval to be obtained; provided that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 9.2(a) shall not be available to any Party whose breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement has been the primary cause of or resulted in the failure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to occur on or before such date; provided, further, that if the Closing shall not have occurred on or before the Outside Date as a result of a Financing Failure, then, notwithstanding the second proviso of this Section 9.2(a), Parent may terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.2(a) if Parent pays the Reverse Termination Fee required to be paid pursuant to Section 9.5(d) (it being agreed that Parent shall be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9.2(a) following the occurrence of a Financing Failure even if the Reverse Termination Fee is not be required to be paid because the Company Causation Exception applies pursuant to Section 9.5(d));

(b) if any Government Order permanently restrains, enjoins or prohibits or makes illegal the consummation of the Merger, and such Government Order becomes effective (and final and nonappealable) or any Law becomes enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced by any Government Authority that prohibits or makes illegal consummation of the Merger; provided that the terminating party shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations under this Agreement, including Section 7.4 (Regulatory Actions: Reasonable Best Efforts); or

(c) if the Company Shareholder Approval is not obtained at the Company Shareholders Meeting (unless such Company Shareholders Meeting has been postponed or adjourned, in which case at the final postponement or adjournment thereof).

Section 9.3 Termination by the Company. This Agreement may be terminated by the Company and the Merger may be abandoned:

(a) at any time prior to the time the Company Shareholder Approval is obtained, if (i) the Company Board authorizes the Company, subject to complying with the terms of this

Agreement (including without limitation the provisions of Section 7.3(e)), to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal and the Company notifies Parent in writing that it intends to enter into such an agreement, attaching the most current version of such agreement to such notice, (ii) Parent does not make, within three business days of receipt of the Company's written notification of its intention to enter into a binding agreement for a Superior Proposal, an offer that the Company Board determines, in good faith after consultation with its financial advisors and its legal counsel, is at least as favorable, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of the Company as the Superior Proposal and (iii) the Company pays to Parent any fees required to be paid pursuant to Section 9.5(c)(ii). The Company agrees (x) that it will not enter into the binding agreement referred to in clause (ii) above until at least the fourth business day after it has provided the notice to Parent required thereby, (y) to notify Parent promptly if its intention to enter into the written agreement referred to in its notification changes and (z) during such three-day period, to negotiate in good faith with Parent with respect to any revisions to the terms of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement proposed by Parent in response to a Superior Proposal, if any, so that Parent's offer would, in the determination of the Company Board, in good faith after consultation with its financial advisors and its legal counsel, be at least as favorable, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of the Company as the Superior Proposal; or

(b) if there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement made by Parent or Merger Sub in this Agreement, or any such representation and warranty shall have become untrue after the date of this Agreement, such that Section 8.3(a) or Section 8.3(b) would not be satisfied and such breach or condition is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within 30 days after written notice thereof is given by the Company to Parent.

Section 9.4 Termination by Parent. This Agreement may be terminated and the Merger may be abandoned at any time prior to the Effective Time by action of the board of directors of Parent if:

(a) the Company Board shall have made a Qualifying Change of Recommendation pursuant to Section 7.3(b)(i)(A); or

(b) there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement made by the Company in this Agreement, or any such representation and warranty shall have become untrue after the date of this Agreement, such that Section 8.2(a) or Section 8.2(b) would not be satisfied and such breach or condition is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within 30 days after written notice thereof is given by Parent to the Company.

Section 9.5 Effect of Termination and Abandonment.

(a) In the event the Company or Parent intends to terminate this Agreement and abandon the transactions contemplated by this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3, Section 9.3 or Section 9.4, respectively, the Company or Parent, as applicable, shall give written notice to the other party specifying the provision or provisions of this Agreement pursuant to which such termination and abandonment is intended to be effected.

(b) Except to the extent provided in Section 9.5(c) and Section 9.5(d) in the event of termination of this Agreement and abandonment of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement pursuant to this Article IX, this Agreement shall become void and of no effect with no liability to any Person on the part of any Party (or any of its Affiliates or its or their respective Representatives); provided, however, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, (i) no such termination shall relieve any party of any liability or damages to any other party resulting from any fraud or Willful Breach of any provision of this Agreement and (ii) the provisions set forth in this Section 9.5, Article X and the Confidentiality Agreement shall survive any termination of this Agreement and any abandonment of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(c) In the event this Agreement is terminated and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement abandoned pursuant to this Article IX:

(i) by either the Company or Parent pursuant to Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(c), or by Parent pursuant to Section 9.4(b) (as a result of any Willful Breach) and, in each case, (A) a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal shall have been publicly disclosed and not publicly withdrawn at the time of such termination, and (B) within 12 months after such termination, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall have entered into an agreement with respect to an Acquisition Proposal (substituting "50%" for "15%" in the definition of "Acquisition Proposal" for purposes of this Section 9.5(c)(i)), then the Company shall pay or cause to be paid to Parent a termination fee of an amount equal to \$19,000,000 (the "**Company Termination Fee**") *plus* the Parent Expense Reimbursement by wire transfer of immediately available funds prior to or concurrently with entering into an agreement with respect to such Acquisition Proposal;

(ii) by the Company pursuant to Section 9.3(a) or by Parent pursuant to Section 9.4(a), then the Company shall pay or cause to be paid to Parent the ~~Company~~ Termination Fee *plus* the Parent Expense Reimbursement by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five business days following the date of such termination and abandonment; or

(iii) by either the Company or Parent pursuant to Section 9.2(c), then the Company shall pay or cause to be paid to Parent the Parent Expense Reimbursement by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five business days following the date of such termination and abandonment.

(d) If this Agreement is terminated by Parent or the Company pursuant to Section 9.2(a) and at the time of any such termination (i) each of the conditions set forth in Section 8.1 and Section 8.2 has been satisfied (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing) and (ii) there exists a Financing Failure, except in the case (A) where the Company has materially breached its obligations under Section 7.16, such breach is not cured within 15 days after written notice thereof by Parent to the Company specifying such breach in particularity and, but for such breach, there would be no Financing Failure, or (B) of the occurrence of any event described in subsections (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Marketing Period" and as a result of such events the Marketing Period has not been completed prior to the Outside Date and this Agreement has been terminated pursuant to Section 9.2(a) (the foregoing

clauses (ii)(A) and (ii)(B), a "Company Causation Exception"), then, in any such case, Parent will pay to the Company a termination fee of an amount equal to \$35,300,000 (the "Reverse Termination Fee") by wire transfer of immediately available funds prior to or simultaneous with such termination, or as promptly as practicable, but in any event no later than two business days, after such termination.

(c) The Parties acknowledge and agree that: (i) in no event shall the Company be required to pay the Company Termination Fee or pay the Parent Expense Reimbursement on more than one occasion; (ii) the agreements set forth in this Section 9.5 are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and that, without these agreements, the other parties would not enter into this Agreement and accordingly, if the Company fails to promptly pay or cause to be paid the amount due pursuant to this Section 9.5, and, in order to obtain such amount, Parent commences an Action that results in a final, binding and non-appellable judgment against the Company for the Company Termination Fee (or any portion thereof) or the Parent Expense Reimbursement, the Company shall pay or cause to be paid to Parent its reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees) in connection with such Action; (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, in the event that the Company Termination Fee or the Parent Expense Reimbursement becomes payable by, and is paid or caused to be paid by, the Company, such fee shall be Parent's sole and exclusive remedy for monetary damages pursuant to this Agreement with respect to termination of this Agreement under the provisions of this Agreement giving rise to the obligation to pay the Company Termination Fee; provided, however, that in the event the Company reimburses Parent for the Parent Expense Reimbursement pursuant to Section 9.5(c)(iii), it shall retain all rights to further payment under Section 9.5(c)(i) (subject to clause (iv) below); provided, further, that any such payment shall not relieve the Company of any liability or damages incurred or suffered by Parent or Merger Sub to the extent such liability or damages were the result of or arise out of any fraud or Willful Breach of any provision of this Agreement (including with respect to breaches of this Agreement pursuant to which the Company Termination Fee shall have become or becomes payable pursuant to this Article IX), in which case Parent and/or Merger Sub shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available in equity or at law, in contract, in tort or otherwise; (iv) notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the amount of the Parent Expense Reimbursement paid by the Company shall be applied as a credit to any additional payment of the Company Termination Fee required by Section 9.5; and (v) notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the Company shall have the right to recover damages (which shall be determined by reference to the total amount that would have been recoverable by the Company's shareholders if all such shareholders brought an action against Parent and were recognized as third-party beneficiaries hereunder) from Parent in the event of any fraud or Willful Breach of any provision of this Agreement by Parent or Merger Sub, which right is hereby acknowledged and agreed by Parent and Merger Sub.

(f) The Parties acknowledge and agree that in no event shall Parent be required to pay the Reverse Termination Fee on more than one occasion. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement:

(i) if this Agreement is terminated and the Reverse Termination Fee is payable and is actually paid to the Company pursuant to Section 9.5(d), then, in such

instances, the Company's right to receive the Reverse Termination Fee shall be deemed to be liquidated damages for any and all losses or damages suffered or incurred by the Company or any of its Affiliates in connection with this Agreement, the Debt Financing and Debt Financing Commitment, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby; and

(ii) if this Agreement is terminated and the Reverse Termination Fee is payable and is actually paid to the Company pursuant to Section 9.5(d) then, in such instances, the Reverse Termination Fee shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the Company and its Affiliates against the Parent and its Subsidiaries, the Debt Financing Sources and any of their respective former, current, or future general or limited partners, stockholders, managers, members, directors, officers, Affiliates, employees, representatives or agents ("**Parent Related Parties**") for any loss suffered as a result of any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement in this Agreement or the failure of the Merger to be consummated, and none of Parent, its Subsidiaries, the Debt Financing Sources or any of the Parent Related Parties shall have any further liability or obligation relating to or arising out of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

provided, however, that in each case of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), under such circumstances, no Person shall be relieved of any liability or damages incurred or suffered by the Company to the extent such liability or damages were the result of or arise out of any fraud or Willful Breach of any provision of this Agreement by Parent or Merger Sub, in which case the Company shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available in equity or at law, in contract, in tort or otherwise; provided, further, that in the event of any Financing Failure, the Debt Financing Sources and their respective former, current, or future general or limited partners, equityholders, managers, members, directors, officers, Affiliates, employees, attorneys, representatives or agents will not have any liability of any nature (for any breach of this Agreement or of the Debt Commitment Letter) to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or to any shareholder or Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Reverse Termination Fee shall not be payable following the occurrence of a Financing Failure if the Company Causation Exception applies pursuant to Section 9.5(d), and in such event, neither the Company nor any other Person shall have any further recourse against Parent, Merger Sub or any of their respective Affiliates under this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 9.5(b). The Parties agree that the Reverse Termination Fee and the agreements contained in Section 9.5(d) are an integral part of the Merger, and that without these agreements, the other parties would not enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1 Non-survival of Representations and Warranties and Agreements. None of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time. This Section 10.1 shall not limit Section 9.5 or any covenant or agreement of the parties which by its terms contemplates performance after the Effective Time.

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Section 10.2 Notices. All notices, requests, instructions, consents, claims, demands, waivers, approvals and other communications to be given or made hereunder by one or more Parties to one or more of the other Parties shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a business day (or otherwise on the next succeeding business day) if (i) served by personal delivery or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service upon the Party or Parties for whom it is intended, (ii) delivered by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested or (iii) sent by facsimile or email; provided that the facsimile or email transmission is promptly confirmed by telephone or otherwise. Such communications shall be sent to the respective Parties at the following street addresses, facsimile numbers or email addresses or at such other street address, facsimile number or email address for a Party as shall be specified for such purpose in a notice given in accordance with this Section 10.2:

(a) If to the Company, to:

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.
4400 Biscayne Boulevard, 12th Floor
Miami, Florida
Attention: Brian L. Heller
Facsimile: (305) 572-4141
Email: bheller@ladenburg.com

With a copy to (which shall not constitute a notice):

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
1888 Century Park East
Los Angeles, California 90067-1725
Attention: Alison S. Ressler
Facsimile: (310) 407-2681
Email: resslera@sullcrom.com

and

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
125 Broad Street
New York, New York 10004
Attention: Jared M. Fishman
Facsimile: (212) 291-9280
Email: fishmanj@sullcrom.com

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(b) If to Parent or Merger Sub, to:

Advisor Group Holdings, Inc.
20 East Thomas Road, Suite 2000
Phoenix, Arizona 85012
Attention: Jamie Price, President and Chief Executive Officer
Email: jamie.price@advisorgroup.com

With a copy to (which shall not constitute a notice):

Advisor Group Holdings, Inc.
20 East Thomas Road, Suite 2000
Phoenix, Arizona 85012
Attention: Nina McKenna, Chief Legal Counsel and General Counsel
Email: nina.mckenna@advisorgroup.com

and

Eversheds Sutherland (U.S.) LLP
999 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 2300
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3996
Attention: B. Scott Burton
Facsimile: (404) 853-8806
Email: scottburton@eversheds-sutherland.com

Section 10.3 Assignment. This Agreement shall not be assignable by operation of law or otherwise; provided, however, that Parent may designate, by written notice to the Company, another wholly-owned direct or indirect Subsidiary to be a constituent corporation to the Merger in lieu of Merger Sub, in which event all references herein to Merger Sub shall be deemed references to such other Subsidiary, except that all representations and warranties made herein with respect to Merger Sub as of the date of this Agreement shall be deemed representations and warranties made with respect to such other Subsidiary as of the date of such designation; provided that any such designation shall not materially impede or delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise materially impede the rights of the shareholders of the Company under this Agreement. Any purported assignment in violation of this Agreement is void ab initio.

Section 10.4 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as provided in Section 7.11 or otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the Parties and such assigns, any legal or equitable rights hereunder; provided that each Debt Financing Source (and any of their respective Affiliates and representatives or any of their respective managers, directors, officers, employees, partners, members, equityholders, attorneys, agents or representatives) is an express third party beneficiary of Section 9.5(d), Section 10.7, Section 10.8, Section 10.9, Section 10.12, and this proviso (and the defined terms used therein to the extent applicable thereto).

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Section 10.5 Expenses. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, including in Section 7.4, all costs and expenses incurred by any party to this Agreement or on its behalf in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution and performance of this Agreement and the Merger shall be paid by the Party incurring such expense whether or not the Merger is consummated.

Section 10.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the Company Disclosure Letter, the Preamble and any Recitals, Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement) and the Confidentiality Agreement constitute the entire agreement and supersede all other prior agreements, understandings, representations and warranties both written and oral, among the parties, with respect to the subject matter hereof. EACH PARTY AGREES THAT, EXCEPT FOR THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER PARENT AND MERGER SUB NOR THE COMPANY MAKES OR RELIES ON ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES OR INDUCEMENTS, AND EACH HEREBY DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES OR INDUCEMENTS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY OTHER INFORMATION, MADE BY, OR MADE AVAILABLE BY, ITSELF OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES, WITH RESPECT TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION OR DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DELIVERY OR DISCLOSURE TO THE OTHER OR THE OTHER'S REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY DOCUMENTATION OR OTHER INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOREGOING. No party shall be bound by, or be liable for, any alleged representation, promise, inducement or statement of intention not contained herein.

Section 10.7 Enforcement.

(a) The parties agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, may not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that each party shall be entitled to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in any state or federal court sitting in New York County, New York, without proof of actual damages, and to waive any requirement for the securing or posting of any bond in connection with such remedy, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at Law or in equity. Each of the Parties agrees that it will not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief as provided herein on the basis that (x) either party has an adequate remedy at law or (y) an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or equity. Any Party seeking an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such order or injunction.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 10.7(a) or anything that may be expressed or implied in this Agreement to the contrary:

(i) each Party covenants, agrees and acknowledges that, subject solely to the rights of Parent under the Debt Commitment Letter and rights provided under the definitive agreements in respect of the Debt Financing, none of the parties to this Agreement (other than Parent in respect of rights, claims or causes pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter) nor any of their respective Affiliates shall have any rights, claims or causes of action against any of the Debt Financing Sources or any of their respective former, current, or future general or limited partners, equityholders, managers, members, directors, officers, Affiliates, employees, attorneys, representatives or agents in connection with or arising out of the Debt Financing, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereunder and thereunder, whether in law or equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise; and

(ii) the Company shall not be entitled to specific performance under this Agreement if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9.2(a) following the occurrence of a Financing Failure and either (i) the Reverse Termination Fee is paid to the Company pursuant to Section 9.5(d) or (ii) the Reverse Termination Fee is not required to be paid due to the occurrence of a Company Causation Exception pursuant to Section 9.5(d).

Section 10.8 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Venue.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF THAT WOULD CAUSE THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO APPLY.

(b) Each of the Parties irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal or State courts of the State of New York for the purpose of any action arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Confidentiality Agreement, and each of the Parties irrevocably agrees that all claims in respect to such action may be heard and determined exclusively in any New York state or federal court sitting in New York County, New York; (ii) agrees that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any such court and (iii) agrees that it will not bring any action relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in any court other than the courts of the State of New York sitting in New York County, New York, as described above. Each of the Parties agrees that a final judgment in any action shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by Law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, each of the parties hereto agrees that, except as specifically set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter, all claims or causes of action (whether at law, in equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise) against any of the Debt Financing Sources or any of their respective representatives, Affiliates or any of their respective managers, directors, officers, employees, partners, members, equityholders, attorneys, advisors, representatives or agents in any way relating to the Debt Financing or the performance thereof or the financings contemplated thereby, shall be exclusively governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to principles or rules or conflict of laws to the extent such principles or rules would require or permit the application of laws of another jurisdiction.

(c) Each of the Parties irrevocably consents to the service of any summons and complaint and any other process in any other action relating to the Merger and the transactions contemplated hereby, on behalf of itself or its property, through the notice procedures set forth in Section 10.2. Each of the Company, Parent and Merger Sub hereby agrees that service of any process, summons, notice or document by U.S. registered mail to the respective addresses set forth in Section 10.2 shall be effective service of process for any suit or proceeding in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. Each Party hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense, counterclaim or otherwise, in any action or proceeding with respect to this Agreement, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason other than the failure to serve process in accordance with this Section 10.8, that it or its property is exempt or immune from jurisdiction of any such court or from any legal process commenced in such courts (whether through service of notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution of judgment, execution of judgment or otherwise), and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, that the suit, action or proceeding in any such court is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper, or that this Agreement, or the subject matter hereof or thereof, may not be enforced in or by such courts and further irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, the benefit of any defense that would hinder, fetter or delay the levy, execution or collection of any amount to which the Party is entitled pursuant to the final judgment of any court having jurisdiction. Each Party expressly acknowledges that the foregoing waiver is intended to be irrevocable under the Laws of the State of New York and of the United States of America; provided that each such party's consent to jurisdiction and service contained in this Section 10.8 is solely for the purpose referred to in this Section 10.8 and shall not be deemed to be a general submission to said courts or in the State of New York other than for such purpose.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 10.8 to the contrary, each of the Parties agrees that (i) it will not bring or support (and it will not support any of its Affiliates to bring or support) any suit (whether at law, in equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise) against or involving any Debt Financing Source, any of their respective representatives and Affiliates or any of the respective managers, officers, directors, employees, partners, members, equityholders, attorneys, advisors, agents and representatives of the foregoing, and their respective successors and permitted assigns in any way relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including any related Financing), including any dispute arising out of or relating in any way to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Debt Financing or the performance thereof, in any forum other than any New York State court or federal court sitting in the County of New York and the Borough of Manhattan (and appellate courts thereof).

Section 10.9 Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF PARENT, MERGER SUB AND THE COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING IN RESPECT

OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE DEBT FINANCING OR THE PERFORMANCE THEREOF OR THE FINANCING CONTEMPLATED THEREBY). EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (B) EACH SUCH PARTY UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER, (C) EACH SUCH PARTY MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, AND (D) EACH SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 10.9.

Section 10.10 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to constitute an original and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when any number of counterparts, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of both Parties. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or any other electronic means, including ".pdf" or ".tiff" files, and any facsimile or electronic signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

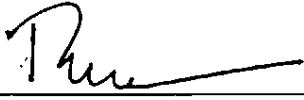
Section 10.11 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Person or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability, nor shall such invalidity or unenforceability affect the validity or enforceability of such provision, or the application thereof, in any other jurisdiction.

Section 10.12 Amendments; Waiver. Any provision of this Agreement may be amended if, and only if, such amendment is in writing and signed by and on behalf of each Party. Any provision of this Agreement may be waived if such waiver is in writing and signed by and on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver is to be enforced; provided that Section 9.5(f), Section 10.4, Section 10.7, Section 10.8, Section 10.9 and this proviso (and the defined terms used therein to the extent applicable thereto) may not be amended in a manner adverse to the interests of any Debt Financing Source (or any of their respective representatives and Affiliates or any of their respective managers, officers, directors, employees, partners, members, equityholders, attorneys, advisors or agents) without the written consent of such Debt Financing Source. No waiver of any breach of this Agreement will be implied from any forbearance or failure of a Party to take action thereon.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

By: 
Name: RICHARD LAMPEN
Title: Chairman, President and CEO

ADVISOR GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

HARVEST MERGER SUB, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

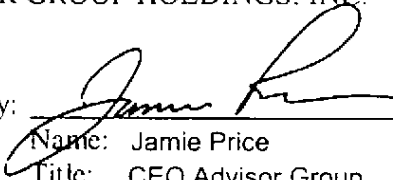
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

ADVISOR GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

By:  _____
Name: Jamie Price
Title: CEO Advisor Group

HARVEST MERGER SUB, INC.

By:  _____
Name: Jamie Price
Title: CEO Advisor Group

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SCHEDULE A

DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

"Acquisition Proposal" means (i) any proposal or offer with respect to a merger, joint venture, partnership, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation, tender offer, recapitalization, reorganization, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries and (ii) any acquisition by any Person resulting in, or proposal or offer, in each case, which if consummated would result in, any Person becoming the beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in one or a series of related transactions, 15% or more of the total voting power of any class of equity securities of the Company (or of the surviving entity in a merger involving the Company, as applicable) or 15% or more of the consolidated net revenues, net income or total assets (it being understood that total assets include equity securities of its Subsidiaries and shall be determined by the Company Board, acting reasonably, on both a book-value and fair-market-value basis) of the Company, in each case other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"Action" means any civil, criminal or administrative action, suit, demand, claim, charge, audit, case, litigation, arbitration, mediation, opposition, objection, cancellation, inquiry, hearing, dispute, investigation or other proceeding.

"Advisory Contracts" means any investment advisory, sub-advisory, investment management, trust or similar Contract to which the Company or any Subsidiary thereof is a party or is bound.

"Advisory Entity" means each Subsidiary of the Company that is registered, licensed or qualified or required to be registered, licensed or qualified as an investment adviser with the SEC or other applicable Government Authority, including Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management, Inc., Investacorp Advisory Services, Inc., KMS Financial Services, Inc., Triad Advisors, LLC, Triad Hybrid Solutions, LLC, Securities America Advisors, Inc., Arbor Point Advisors, LLC, and SSN Advisory, Inc.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person, directly or indirectly Controlling, Controlled by or under common Control with such specified Person.

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Alternative Financing" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.15(c).

"Applicable Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.

"Articles of Merger" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Bankruptcy and Equity Exception" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(c)(i).

"Benefit Plan" means any (i) "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA; (ii) compensation, employment, consulting, severance, termination protection, change in control, transaction bonus, retention or similar plan, agreement, arrangement, program or policy;

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or (iii) other plan, agreement, arrangement, program or policy providing for compensation, bonuses, profit-sharing, equity or equity-based compensation or other forms of incentive or deferred compensation, vacation benefits, insurance (including any self-insured arrangement), medical, dental, vision, prescription or fringe benefits, life insurance, relocation or expatriate benefits, perquisites, disability or sick leave benefits, employee assistance program, workers' compensation, supplemental unemployment benefits or post-employment or retirement benefits (including compensation, pension, health, medical or insurance benefits), in each case whether or not written: (x) that is sponsored, maintained, administered, contributed to or entered into by any of the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates for the current or future benefit of any current or former employee of the Company and its Subsidiaries; or (y) for which any of the Company or its Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect liability.

"Book-Entry Share" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a).

"Broker-Dealer" means a "broker" and/or "dealer" (as defined in Sections 3(a)(4) and 3(a)(5) of the Exchange Act).

"Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries" means each Subsidiary of the Company that is registered, licensed or qualified or required to be registered, licensed or qualified as a broker or dealer (as defined in Sections 3(a)(4) and 3(a)(5), respectively, of the Exchange Act) with the SEC or other applicable Government Authority, including Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., Investacorp. Inc., KMS Financial Services, Inc., Triad Advisors, LLC, Securities America, Inc., and Securities Service Network, LLC.

"business day" means any day ending at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks located in New York, New York are authorized or required by Law to be closed.

"Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a).

"Change of Recommendation" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.3(b)(i).

"Client" means any Person to whom the Company or any Subsidiary thereof provides Investment Management Services.

"Closing" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Commitment Letters" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Company 401(k) Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.9(c).

"Company Board" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

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"Company Board Recommendation" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(c)(ii).

"Company Causation Exception" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(d).

"Company Disclosure Letter" has the meaning set forth in Article V.

"Company Equity Awards" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(d).

"Company Equity Payments" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(d).

"Company Fundamental Representations" means Section 5.1(a) (*Organization*), Section 5.1(b) (*Corporate Authorization*), Section 5.1(c) (*Binding Effect; Approval*); Section 5.2(a) (*Capital Structure*); and Section 5.20 (*Finder's Fees*).

"Company Indemnified Parties" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.11(a).

"Company Intellectual Property" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.13(c).

"Company Material Adverse Effect" means any event, change, development, circumstance, fact or effect that, individually or in the aggregate, (i) has had or is reasonably expected to have a material and adverse effect on the business, financial condition or the results of operations of the Company or its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (ii) that would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair the ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby in a timely manner; provided that, in the case of clause (i) only, none of the following (or the results thereof), either alone or in combination with any other events, changes, developments, circumstances, facts or effects, shall constitute or contribute to a Company Material Adverse Effect: (a) any change in applicable accounting principles or any adoption, proposal, implementation or change in Law (including any Law in respect of Taxes or any fiduciary or similar duties of investment advisors, broker dealers or registered representatives), or any interpretation thereof by any Government Authority, or change in GAAP or authoritative interpretations thereof; (b) any change in global, national or regional political conditions (including protests, strikes, riots, acts of terrorism or war) or in general global, national or regional economic, business, regulatory, political or market conditions or in national or global financial or capital markets (including any changes in debt or equity trading market volume, volatility or performance or interest rates); (c) any change generally affecting the industries or market sectors in which one or more of the Company and its Subsidiaries operate; (d) any change resulting from or arising out of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or other natural disasters; (e) the negotiation, execution, announcement or performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (including any loss of, or adverse change in, the relationship of the Company with its customers, employees, registered representatives, investment adviser representatives or marketing sponsors resulting from the pendency or the announcement of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the identity of, or any facts or circumstances related to, Parent) or any litigation relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby; (f) the failure of one or more of the Company and its Subsidiaries to meet any internal or public projections, forecasts or estimates of performance, revenues or earnings (it being understood that the underlying factors or occurrences giving rise or contributing to such failure shall, unless otherwise excluded, be taken into account in determining whether there has been a

Company Material Adverse Effect); (g) any actions (or the effects of any action) taken (or omitted to be taken) upon the written request or instruction of, or with the written consent of, Parent, consistent with the terms hereof; or (h) any action (or the effects of any action) taken (or omitted to be taken) by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as required pursuant to this Agreement, except in the case of clauses (a), (b) or (c), to the extent the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are disproportionately affected thereby as compared with other similarly situated participants in the applicable industry or industries in which the Company and the Company Subsidiaries operate.

“Company Option” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(a).

“Company Registered Intellectual Property” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.13.

“Company Reports” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3(a).

“Company Restricted Share” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(b).

“Company Shareholder Approval” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(b).

"Company Shareholders" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.2(a).

"Company Shareholders Meeting" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.2(a).

"Company Termination Fee" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(c)(i).

“Compliant” means, with respect to the Required Information, that (a) such Required Information does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make such Required Information, in light of the circumstances under which the statements contained in the Required Information are made, not misleading, (b) such Required Information is compliant in all material respects with all applicable requirements of Regulation S-X and Regulation S-K under U.S. Securities Laws and (c) the independent registered public accountants of the Company have consented to or otherwise authorized the use of their audit opinions related to any audited financial statements included in such Required Information.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means the letter agreement, dated as of September 13, 2019, by and between the Company and Parent.

"Constituent Documents" means, with respect to any corporation, its charter and by-laws; with respect to any partnership, its certificate of partnership and partnership agreement; with respect to any limited liability company, its certificate of formation and limited liability company or operating agreement; with respect to each other Person, its comparable constitutional instruments or documents (and, in each case, such similar instruments or documents as applicable under a relevant jurisdiction).

“Continuing Employees” means the employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries who are employed as of immediately prior to the Effective Time.

“Contract” means any written contract, agreement, undertaking, indenture or lease that is binding on any Person or its property, but shall exclude any Benefit Plan.

“Control” means, with respect to any specified Person, the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. The terms **“Controlling”** and **“Controlled”** have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Debt Commitment Letter” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

“Debt Financing” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

“Debt Financing Sources” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

“Dissenting Shares” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.4.

“DTC” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(b)(ii).

“Effective Time” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

“Encumbrance” means any mortgage, deed of trust, easement, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, security interest, option, equity interest, preference, participation interest, conditional sales contract, lien or encumbrance; provided, however, that no Encumbrance shall be deemed to be created by this Agreement.

“Environmental Laws” means any Laws enacted or in effect on or prior to the Closing Date relating to the protection of the environment or exposure to, disposal, release, discharge, reclamation or cleanup of Hazardous Substances.

“Environmental Permits” means all permits, licenses, certificates, consents, approvals and other similar authorizations of Government Authorities required by Environmental Laws and affecting, or relating to, the business of the Company or any Subsidiary as currently conducted.

“Equity Financing” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

“Equity Interest” means, with respect to any Person, any share of capital stock of, or any general, limited or other partnership interest, membership interest or similar ownership interest in, such Person, or any securities or obligations convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for, or giving any Person a right to subscribe for or acquire, any such share or interest.

“Equity Letter” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“ERISA Affiliate” means, with respect to an entity, any other entity that, together with such first entity, would be treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“ESPP” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(c).

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"ESPP Termination Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(c).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Exchange Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a)(i).

"Excluded Share" and **"Excluded Shares"** have the meanings set forth in Section 4.1(a).

"Expenses" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.5.

"FBCA" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"FCPA" means the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977.

"Final Offering" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(c).

"Financial Advisor" means (i) an investment adviser representative of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act; and/or (ii) a registered representative of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is registered as a Broker-Dealer.

"Financing" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Financing Covenants" means the covenants and obligations of Parent in Section 7.15 and all other covenants and obligations of Parent in this Agreement that relate specifically to any Debt Financing.

"Financing Failure" means, the occurrence of each of the following: (i) Parent and its Affiliates have complied in all material respects with the Financing Covenants (including the requirements therein to seek Alternative Financing), the Debt Commitment Letter and any definitive financing documents related to the Debt Financing, including by providing any all information about the Parent and its Affiliates required by any of the foregoing and (ii) there occurs and remains a refusal on the part of the Debt Financing Sources representing in the aggregate more than 10% of the aggregate amount of the Debt Financing to fund their respective portions of the Debt Financing pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter.

"FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (including any predecessor entity, including the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.).

"FINRA Approval" means FINRA approval of each Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's Continuing Membership Application pursuant to FINRA (NASD) Rule 1017 with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

"Form ADV" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.16(c).

"Form BD" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.17(b).

"GAAP" means U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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“Government Authority” means any foreign or domestic, federal, state, county, city or local legislative, administrative or regulatory authority, agency court, or other governmental or quasi-governmental entity with competent jurisdiction, including any supranational body and any Self-Regulatory Organization.

“Government Order” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.1(c).

“Hazardous Substance” means any pollutant, contaminant, waste, chemical material, substance, compound or constituent in any form subject to regulation by Environmental Laws to the extent such substances have been released into the environment in quantities, at concentrations, or at locations for which remedial action is required under any Environmental Law. Hazardous Substances shall not include naturally occurring substances that are present in the environment as a result of natural processes.

“HSR Act” means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976.

“Indebtedness” means, as to any Person, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money (including, reimbursement and all other obligations with respect to surety bonds, letters of credit and bankers’ acceptances or similar credit transactions, whether or not matured), (b) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services, except trade accounts payable, accrued commercial or trade liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business (including repurchase agreements, fails to receive and pending trades, open derivative contracts and other payables to clearing organizations, brokers, dealers and customers), accrued compensation and other accrued liabilities (including Taxes, legal reserves, asset retirement obligations and property provisions), (c) all capitalized lease obligations of such Person, (d) all guarantees and arrangements having the economic effect of a guarantee of such Person of any Indebtedness of any other Person, (e) all obligations of such Person pursuant to securitization or factoring programs or arrangements, (f) all obligations or undertakings of such Person to maintain or cause to be maintained the financial position or covenants of others or to purchase the obligations or property of others, (g) net cash payment obligations of such Person under swaps, options, derivatives and other hedging agreements or arrangements that will be payable upon termination thereof (assuming they were terminated on the date of determination) or upon a change of control event, (h) all outstanding reimbursement obligations of such Person or any Subsidiary thereof in respect of any amounts actually drawn under any letter of credit and bankers’ acceptance or similar credit transaction, (i) all obligations under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property or assets purchased by the Company or its Subsidiaries, and (j) all obligations secured by any Encumbrance on the assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; provided that Indebtedness shall not include Trading Indebtedness.

“Insurance Policies” means all material fire and casualty, earthquake, flood, general liability, business interruption, product liability, cyber-security, and other insurance policies maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

“Insurance Services Subsidiary” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(b).

“Intellectual Property” means, in any and all jurisdictions throughout the world, any (i) trademarks, service marks, Internet domain names, trade dress and trade names, registrations

and applications for registration of the foregoing, and the goodwill associated therewith and symbolized thereby, (ii) patents and patent applications, (iii) trade secrets and (iv) copyrights (including copyrights in computer software and Internet websites) and registrations and applications for registration of the foregoing.

"Investment Advisers Act" means the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940.

"Investment Management Services" means services that involve (i) the management of an investment account or fund (or portions thereof or a group of investment accounts or funds), (ii) the giving of advice with respect to the investment and/or reinvestment of assets or funds (or any group of assets or funds) or (iii) otherwise acting as an "investment adviser" within the meaning of the Investment Advisers Act, and performing activities related or incidental thereto.

"Investor" has the meaning set forth in the Equity Letter.

"IRS" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

"IT Assets" means computers, other hardware, networks, computer software, firmware, middleware, servers, workstations, routers, hubs, switches, data, data communication lines and other information technology equipment, and associated documentation.

"Knowledge" means, (i) with respect to the Company, the actual knowledge of any of the officers listed in Section 1.1 of the Company Disclosure Letter after inquiry reasonable under the circumstances and (ii) with respect to Parent, the actual knowledge of any of the executive officers of Parent after inquiry reasonable under the circumstances.

"Law" means any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, injunction, decree, ruling or other requirement or rule of law enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered by a Government Authority.

"Leases" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.12(a).

"Liabilities" means any debt, liability or obligation, whether asserted or unasserted, determined or determinable, absolute or contingent, accrued or unaccrued and whether due or to become due.

"Losses" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.11(a).

"Marketing Period" means the first period of 10 consecutive business days after January 13, 2020 through which (a) the conditions set forth in Article VIII (other than those conditions that by their nature can only be satisfied at the Closing or on the Closing Date) have been satisfied, (b) Parent has received the Required Information, and (c) the Required Information is and remains Compliant; it being understood and agreed that when the Company in good faith reasonably believes that it has delivered the Required Information in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, then the Company may deliver to Parent a written notice to that effect (stating when it believes it completed such delivery), in which case the Marketing Period shall be

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deemed to have commenced on the date such notice is delivered to Parent (which date shall not be earlier than the date of such notice), unless Parent in good faith reasonably believes that the Company has not completed delivery of the Required Information and, within two business days after receipt of such notice from the Company, Parent delivers a written notice to the Company to that effect stating with specificity which Required Information the Company has not delivered; provided that the Marketing Period shall end on any earlier date that is the date on which the Debt Financing otherwise is obtained by Parent or a Successful Syndication (as defined in the Debt Commitment Letter, as in effect on the date hereof, by reference) is achieved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Marketing Period shall not commence and shall be deemed not to have commenced if, prior to the completion of the Marketing Period (i) the applicable auditors shall have withdrawn any audit opinion with respect to audited financial statements contained in the Required Information, in which case the Marketing Period shall not be deemed to commence unless and until a new unqualified audit opinion is issued with respect thereto by the applicable auditors or another nationally recognized independent public accounting firm or other independent public accounting firm reasonably acceptable to Parent, (ii) financial statements included in the Required Information that are available to Parent on the first day of the Marketing Period would be deemed stale or otherwise be unusable under customary practices for offerings and private placements of high-yield debt securities under Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act or are insufficient to permit the Company's independent public accountants to issue a customary "comfort" letter to the Debt Financing Sources, including as to negative assurances and change period, in order to consummate any offering of debt securities, in each case, at any time during the Marketing Period, or (iii) the Company or any of its Affiliates determines in writing or issues a statement indicating its intent to, or that it is required to, restate any historical financial statements of the Company included in the Required Information or that any such restatement is under consideration or may be a possibility, in which case the Marketing Period shall not be deemed to commence unless and until such restatement has been completed and the relevant financial statements have been amended or the Company has announced that it has concluded that no restatement shall be required in accordance with GAAP. For the avoidance of doubt, once the Marketing Period has been completed, the Marketing Period shall not thereafter restart or be deemed not to have previously occurred under any circumstances.

"Material Contract" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.14(a).

"Maximum Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.11(b).

"Merger" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Merger Sub" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Notifying Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.5.

"NYSE" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3(b).

"Other Anti-Bribery Laws" means, other than the FCPA, all applicable anti-bribery, anti-corruption, anti-money-laundering and similar Laws in jurisdictions in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries do business or have done business since the Applicable Date.

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"Outside Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.2(a).

"Parent" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Parent 401(k) Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.9(c)(i).

"Parent Expense Reimbursement" means an amount equal to Parent's documented out of pocket costs and expenses paid or payable to third parties (including legal, accounting, tax, regulatory, operations, advisory, management, human resources (including pension), consulting, insurance, audit, search, asset appraisal, title, surveys, financing, filing, compensation, travel and other similar fees, costs and expenses) and incurred or accrued by or on behalf of Parent or its Affiliates in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including costs and expenses incurred in connection with Parent's or its Affiliates' due diligence investigation of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the preparation, negotiation, execution and delivery of definitive agreements in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any costs of public relations or proxy solicitation firms incurred by Parent or its Affiliates incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and any financing costs of Parent or its Affiliate incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (including any accrued interest paid by Parent in connection therewith); provided, that aggregate amount of the Parent Expense Reimbursement shall in no event exceed \$10,000,000.

"Parent Fundamental Representations" means Section 6.1(a) (*Organization*), Section 6.1(b) (*Corporate Authorization*), Section 6.1(c) (*Binding Effect; Approval*); and Section 6.7 (*Finder's Fees*).

"Parent Material Adverse Effect" means any event, change, development, circumstance, fact or effect that prevents or materially impairs the ability of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby in a timely manner.

"Parent Related Parties" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(f).

"Party" and **"Parties"** have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Paying Agent" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a)(i).

"Paying Agent Agreement" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a)(ii).

"Per Share Merger Consideration" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a).

"Permits" means licenses, permits, certificates, registrations and other authorizations and approvals that are issued by or obtained from any Government Authority.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means (i) Encumbrances for Taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies not yet due and payable, or are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (ii) Encumbrances resulting from a precautionary filing by a lessor with respect to a lease, (iii) Encumbrances imposed by Law, such as carriers', warehousemen's and

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mechanics' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course which secure payment of obligations not more than 60 days past due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (iv) purchase money security interests for the purchase or leasing of office equipment, computers, vehicles and other items of tangible personal property, (v) licenses or similar rights under Intellectual Property granted in the ordinary course, and (vi) any other Encumbrances which do not impede the ownership, operation or value of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in any material respect.

"Person" means any individual, bank, corporation, general or limited partnership, association, limited liability company, business trust, unincorporated organization or similar organization, whether domestic or foreign, or any Government Authority.

"Pre-Closing Period" means each taxable period that ends as of or before the Closing and, in the case of a taxable period beginning on or before and ending after the Closing, the portion of such period through the end of the Closing Date.

"Preferred Share" and **"Preferred Shares"** have the meanings set forth in Section 4.1(c).

"Pro Rata Percentage" has the meaning set forth in the Equity Letter.

"Proxy Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.2(a).

"PTO Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.9(c)(ii).

"Public Fund" means any pooled investment vehicle (including each portfolio or series thereof, if any) for which the Company or any Subsidiary thereof acts as investment adviser, investment sub-adviser, sponsor or manager, and which is registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

"Public Fund Board" means the board of directors or trustees (or Persons performing similar functions) of a Public Fund.

"Registered Debt Securities" means the (a) the 6.5% Senior Notes due 2027, (b) the 7.0% Senior Notes due 2028, (c) the 7.25% Senior Notes due 2028, and (d) the 7.75% Senior Notes due 2029, in each case, issued by the Company.

"Registered Intellectual Property" means Intellectual Property that is issued by, registered or filed with, renewed by or the subject of a pending application before any Government Authority or Internet domain name registrar.

"Representatives" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.3(a)(i).

"Required Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Required Governmental Approvals" means (i) the approvals, filings or notices as set forth in Section 5.4 of the Company Disclosure Letter; (ii) FINRA Approval and (iii) the

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expiration or termination of the waiting period applicable to the consummation of the Merger under the HSR Act.

“Required Information” means (a) the audited consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2018, and if the Closing Date occurs after February 11, 2020 and the Marketing Period has not been completed prior to such date, the audited consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company for the fiscal year ended, December 31, 2019, and (b) unaudited consolidated balance sheets and statements of income, stockholders’ equity and cash flows of the Company as of and for each of the fiscal quarters that is not a fiscal year-end after the date of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to the foregoing clause (a) and ended at least 45 days before the Closing Date, which unaudited quarterly financial statements have been reviewed by the Company’s independent auditors as provided in the procedures specified by AICPA AU-C Section 930.

“Reverse Termination Fee” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(d).

“Sanctioned Person” means any Person (i) designated on any Sanctions-related list of blocked or restricted persons, including without limitation the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, (ii) resident in or organized under the Laws of a country or territory that is the subject of country- or territory-wide Sanctions (including without limitation Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, or the Crimea region) or government thereof, or (iii) owned or controlled by (including by virtue of such Person being a director or owning voting shares or interests), or acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of, any of the foregoing.

“Sanctions” means economic sanctions and trade embargoes, including without limitation the sanctions laws, executive orders, and implementing regulations promulgated or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the UN Security Council, the EU, or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

“Sarbanes-Oxley Act” means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

“SEC” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933.

“Self-Regulatory Organization” means (i) any “self regulatory organization” as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act and (ii) any other United States or foreign securities exchange, futures exchange, commodities exchange or contract market.

“Share” and **“Shares”** have the meanings set forth in Section 4.1(a).

“Significant Subsidiary” is as defined in Rule 1.02(w) of Regulation S-X promulgated pursuant to the Exchange Act.

“Solvent” means, with respect to any Person, that, as of any date of determination, (a) the amount of the “fair saleable value” of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, exceed

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(i) the value of all "liabilities of such person, including contingent and other liabilities," as of such date, as such quoted terms are generally determined in accordance with applicable Laws governing determinations of the insolvency of debtors, and (ii) the amount that will be required to pay the probable Liabilities of such Person as such debts become absolute and mature, (b) such Person will not have, as of such date, an unreasonably small amount of capital for the operation of the businesses in which it is engaged or proposed to be engaged following such date, and (c) such Person will be able to pay its Liabilities as they mature.

"Sponsors" has the meaning set forth in the Equity Letter.

"Stock Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person of which at least a majority of the securities or ownership interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by such Person and/or by one or more of its Subsidiaries.

"Superior Proposal" means any *bona fide* written Acquisition Proposal (with the percentages set forth in the definition of such term changed from 15% to 50%) that would result in a Person or group, other than Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or controlled Affiliates, becoming the beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the total voting power of the equity securities of the Company (or of the surviving entity in a merger involving the Company, as applicable) or more than 50% of the consolidated net revenues, net income or total assets (it being understood that total assets include equity securities of its Subsidiaries and shall be determined by the Company Board, acting reasonably, on both a book-value and fair-market-value basis) of the Company that the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with outside legal counsel and its financial advisor that (a) if consummated, would result in a transaction more favorable to the Company's shareholders from a financial point of view than the Merger, and (b) is reasonably likely to be consummated on the terms proposed, taking into account any legal, financial, regulatory and shareholder approval requirements, the sources, availability and terms of any financing, financing market conditions, the likelihood of termination, the timing of closing and the identity of the Person or Persons making the proposal and any other aspects considered, in good faith, relevant by the Company Board. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, no Acquisition Proposal will be deemed to constitute a Superior Proposal for any purpose under this Agreement (including for purposes of Section 7.3 or Article IX of this Agreement) if the Acquisition Proposal resulted or arose, directly or indirectly, from a breach of Section 7.3.

"Surviving Corporation" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Tax" and "Taxes" means all means all income, excise, gross receipts, premium, ad valorem, sales, use, employment, franchise, profits, gains, property, transfer, payroll, stamp taxes or other taxes (whether payable directly or by withholding) imposed by any United States (or any of its political subdivisions) Government Authority and any material tax imposed by any other Government Authority, together with any interest and any penalties thereon or additional amounts with respect thereto.

“Tax Returns” means all returns and reports (including elections, declarations, disclosures, schedules, estimates and information returns) required to be supplied to a Government Authority relating to Taxes.

“Trading Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person any margin facility or other margin-related indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money or any other such indebtedness incurred exclusively to finance the securities, derivatives, commodities or futures trading positions and related assets and liabilities of such Person and its Subsidiaries, including collateralized loan, any obligations under any securities lending and/or borrowing facility and any day loans and overnight loans with settlement banks and prime brokers to finance securities, derivatives, commodities or futures trading positions and margin loans, including any unsecured guarantee by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries (excluding a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary guarantee of such indebtedness of a non-Broker-Dealer Subsidiary (other than any of its Subsidiaries that are consolidated with it for regulatory capital purposes)).

“Transaction Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.14(b)(i).

“Transition Period” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.9(c)(ii).

“U.S. Securities Laws” means the Securities Act, the 1934 Exchange Act and all other state and federal securities Laws.

“Virtual Data Room” means the virtual data room containing documents and information relating to, among other things, the Company and its Subsidiaries, made available by the Company in electronic form to Parent and its Representatives.

“Willful Breach” means a material breach of, or failure to perform any of the covenants or other agreements contained in, this Agreement, that is a consequence of an act or failure to act by the breaching or non-performing party with actual knowledge, or knowledge that a person acting reasonably under the circumstances should have, that such party's act or failure to act would, or would reasonably be expected to, result in or constitute a breach of or failure of performance under this Agreement.

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