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**FORM S-1
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

47-1874201
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share	11,500,000	\$33.46	\$384,790,000.00	\$49,945.74

(1) Includes 1,500,000 shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase. See "Underwriting."

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee. In accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the maximum price per share and maximum aggregate offering price are based on the average of the \$34.13 (high) and \$32.78 (low) sale price of the registrant's common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on April 15, 2020, which date is within five business days prior to filing this Registration Statement.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We and the selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion
Preliminary Prospectus dated April 20, 2020

PROSPECTUS

10,000,000 Shares
GROCERYOUTLET
bargain market

Common Stock

This is a public offering of shares of common stock of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.

The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus are offering 10,000,000 shares of our common stock. We are not selling any shares of common stock under this prospectus and will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling stockholders.

Our common stock is listed and traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market (“Nasdaq”) under the symbol “GO.” On April 17, 2020, the last reported sale price of our common stock on Nasdaq was \$35.61 per share.

Investing in the common stock involves risks that are described in the “[Risk Factors](#)” section beginning on page 18 of this prospectus and the risk factors in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	<u>Per Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to selling stockholders	\$	\$

(1) See “Underwriting” for a description of the compensation payable to the underwriters.

The selling stockholders have granted the underwriters an option exercisable for 30 days after the date of this prospectus, to purchase, from time to time, in whole or in part, up to an aggregate of 1,500,000 shares from the selling stockholder affiliated with Hellman & Friedman LLC at the public offering price less underwriting discounts and commissions.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The shares will be ready for delivery on or about _____, 2020.

Morgan Stanley

BofA Securities

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2020.

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We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses that we have prepared. We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is current only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus or the date of the applicable document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the shares. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date on the front cover of this prospectus.

For investors outside the United States: We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters have not done anything that would permit a public offering of the shares of our common stock or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus from our filings with the SEC listed under “Incorporation by Reference” and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. Before investing in our common stock, you should carefully read this entire prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including any free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf, including the sections entitled “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” included in this prospectus and the sections entitled “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 25, 2020 (our “Annual Report”), which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus, references to the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to “underwriters” refer to the firms listed on the cover page of this prospectus. References to the fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 refer to the fiscal years ended January 2, 2016, December 31, 2016, December 30, 2017, December 29, 2018 and December 28, 2019, respectively.

Our Company

We are a high-growth, extreme value retailer of quality, name-brand consumables and fresh products sold through a network of independently operated stores. Each of our stores offers a fun, treasure hunt shopping experience in an easy-to-navigate, small-box format. An ever-changing assortment of “WOW!” deals, complemented by everyday staple products, generates customer excitement and encourages frequent visits from bargain-minded shoppers. Our flexible buying model allows us to offer quality, name-brand opportunistic products at prices generally 40% to 70% below those of conventional retailers. Entrepreneurial independent operators (“IOs”) run our stores and create a neighborhood feel through personalized customer service and a localized product offering. This differentiated approach has driven 16 consecutive years of positive comparable store sales growth.

Our founder, Jim Read, pioneered our opportunistic buying model in 1946 and subsequently developed the IO selling approach, which harnesses individual entrepreneurship and local decision-making to better serve our customers. Underlying this differentiated model was a mission that still guides us today: “Touching Lives for the Better.” Since 2006, the third generation of Read family leadership has advanced this mission and accelerated growth by strengthening our supplier relationships, introducing new product categories and expanding the store base from 128 to 355 stores across the West Coast and Pennsylvania. As a result, sales have increased from approximately \$640.0 million in fiscal 2006 to approximately \$2.56 billion in fiscal 2019, representing an 11% compound annual growth rate (“CAGR”). Our passionate, founding family-led management team remains a driving force behind our growth-oriented culture.

Our differentiated model for buying and selling delivers a “WOW!” shopping experience, which generates customer excitement, inspires loyalty and supports profitable sales growth:

- **How we buy:** We source quality, name-brand consumables and fresh products opportunistically through a large, centralized purchasing team that leverages long-standing and actively managed supplier relationships to acquire merchandise at significant discounts. Our speed and efficiency in responding to supplier needs, combined with our specialized supply chain capabilities and flexible merchandising strategy, enhance our access to discounted products and allow us to turn inventory

quickly and profitably. Our buyers proactively source on-trend products based on changing consumer preferences, including a wide selection of Natural, Organic, Specialty and Healthy (“NOSH”) products. We also source everyday staple products to complement our opportunistic offerings. Each store offers a curated and ever-changing assortment of approximately 5,000 stock keeping units (“SKUs”), creating a “buy now” sense of urgency that promotes return visits and fosters customer loyalty.

- **How we sell:** Our stores are independently operated by entrepreneurial small business owners who have a relentless focus on selecting the best products for their communities, providing personalized customer service and driving improved store performance. Unlike a store manager of a traditional retailer, IOs are independent businesses and are responsible for store operations, including ordering, merchandising and managing inventory, marketing locally and directly hiring, training and employing their store workers. IOs initially contribute capital to establish their business and share store-level gross profits with us. These factors both align our interests and incentivize IOs to aggressively grow their business to realize substantial financial upside. This combination of local decision-making supported by our purchasing scale and corporate resources results in a “small business at scale” model that we believe is difficult for competitors to replicate.

Our value proposition has broad appeal with bargain-minded customers across all income levels, demographics and geographies. Customers visited our stores over 95 million times in fiscal 2019 spending over \$25 per transaction. We believe that our sustained focus on delivering ever-changing “WOW!” deals within a fun, treasure hunt shopping environment has generated strong customer loyalty and brand affinity. This customer enthusiasm is evidenced by our 12 consecutive years of positive comparable store traffic growth. We believe that our broad customer appeal supports significant new store growth opportunities, and we plan to continue to expand our reach to additional customers and geographies across the United States.

Our stores have performed well across all economic cycles, as demonstrated by our 16 consecutive years of positive comparable store sales growth and consistent gross margins of between 30.1% and 30.8% since fiscal 2010. In fact, our value proposition attracts even more customers in periods of economic uncertainty as evidenced by our average 13.5% comparable store sales growth during the recessionary economic conditions experienced in 2008 and 2009. Our model is also insulated from store labor-related variability because IOs directly employ their store workers. The result is lower corporate fixed costs, providing further protection in the event of an economic downturn.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths are key drivers of our current success and position us for continued growth:

- **Powerful Customer Value Proposition Supported by a “WOW!” Experience.** Delivering thrilling “WOW!” deals to our customers is a cornerstone of our business. We offer customers quality, name-brand consumables and fresh products at deep discounts in a fun, treasure hunt shopping environment. Our product offering is ever-changing with a constant rotation of opportunistic products, complemented by an assortment of competitively priced everyday staples across grocery, produce, refrigerated and frozen foods, beer and wine, fresh meat and seafood, general merchandise and health and beauty care. A typical Grocery Outlet basket is priced approximately 40% lower than conventional grocers and approximately 20% lower than the leading discounters. Our stores are convenient, easy to navigate and require neither membership fees nor bulk purchases for customers to save money. Our stores have wide aisles, clear signage and a high level of customer service. Upon checkout, a cashier “circles the savings” on each customer’s receipt, which reinforces the compelling value that we provide.

- ***Flexible Sourcing and Distribution Model That Is Difficult to Replicate.*** Our flexible sourcing and distribution model differentiates us from traditional retailers and allows us to provide customers quality, name-brand products at exceptional values. As strong stewards of our suppliers' brands, we are a preferred partner with a reputation for making rapid decisions, purchasing significant volumes and creatively solving suppliers' inventory challenges to arrive at "win-win" outcomes. We take advantage of opportunities to acquire merchandise at substantial discounts that regularly arise from order cancellations, manufacturer overruns, packaging changes and approaching "sell-by" dates. We supplement our "WOW!" deals with everyday staples in order to provide a convenient shopping experience. Our buying strategy is deliberately flexible, which allows us to react to constantly changing opportunities. With over 65 people, our centralized sourcing team has deep experience and decades-long relationships with leading consumer packaged goods ("CPG") companies. Our team is highly selective when evaluating the growing number of opportunities available to us and maintains a disciplined yet solutions-oriented approach. Our specialized model is supported by a supply chain designed to quickly and efficiently deliver an ever-changing assortment of products to store shelves.
- ***Independent Operators Who Are the Foundation of Our "Small Business at Scale" Model.*** Our stores are independent business entities operated by entrepreneurial small business owners who have a relentless focus on ordering and merchandising the best products for their communities, providing personalized customer service and driving improved store performance. We generally share 50% of store-level gross profits with IOs, thereby incentivizing them to aggressively grow their business and realize substantial financial upside. IOs leverage our extensive purchasing scale, sophisticated ordering and information systems and field support in order to operate more efficiently. This combination of local decision-making supported by our purchasing expertise and corporate resources results in a "small business at scale" model that we believe is difficult for competitors to replicate. The vast majority of the IOs operate a single store, with most working as two-person teams. We encourage the IOs to establish local roots and actively participate in their communities to foster strong personal connections with customers. The IOs select approximately 75% of their merchandise based on local preferences, providing a unique assortment tailored to their community. Our collaborative relationship with the IOs creates a powerful selling model allowing us to deliver customers exceptional value with a local touch.
- ***Proven and Consistent New Store Economics.*** Our new stores have generated robust store-level financial results, strong cash flow and attractive returns. Our highly flexible, small-box format of 15,000 to 20,000 total square feet has been successful across geographic regions, population densities and demographic groups, and has proved resilient to competitive entries from discounters and conventional retailers alike. On average, our stores achieve profitability during the first year of operations, reach maturity in four to five years and realize a payback on investment within four years. We believe that our broad customer appeal, differentiated value proposition and the predictable financial performance of our stores across vintages provide a high degree of visibility into the embedded earnings growth from our recently opened stores.
- ***Value-Oriented Brand Aligned with Favorable Consumer Trends.*** We believe that consumers' search for value is the new normal in retail. The success of off-price retailers represents a secular consumer shift toward value as a leading factor in purchasing decisions. Moreover, as Millennials mature and Baby Boomers age, we believe that they are increasingly focused on value, driving shopper traffic towards the deep discount channel. We expect that even after the completion of recessionary cycles, value will remain a leading factor in consumers' retail purchasing decisions despite the return of stronger economic conditions. We have spent decades building our IO and

opportunistic purchasing models to offer deep discounts in a customer-friendly store environment, which enables us to take advantage of this ongoing preference for value.

- ***Collaborative Company Culture Provides the Foundation for Continued Success.*** One of our key competitive advantages is our culture of family and community values, grounded in integrity, entrepreneurship, performance and collaboration. We have been dedicated to our mission of “Touching Lives for the Better” since our inception. Our passion and commitment are shared by team members throughout the entire organization, from the IOs and their employees to our distribution centers and corporate offices. We are a third-generation, family-run business led by CEO Eric Lindberg. Mr. Lindberg has been with Grocery Outlet for over 20 years and has instilled a “servant leadership” mentality that empowers employees and IOs and forms the basis of our highly collaborative culture. Additionally, MacGregor Read, after over 20 years serving in various operational roles culminating with his time as our Vice Chairman, has transitioned to a new non-executive role as the Vice Chairman of our board of directors.

Our Growth Strategies

We plan to continue to drive sales growth and profitability by maintaining a relentless focus on our value proposition and executing on the following strategies:

- ***Drive Comparable Sales Growth.*** We expect that our compelling value proposition will continue to attract new customers, drive repeat visits, increase basket sizes and, as a result, generate strong comparable store sales growth. We plan to:
 - ***Deliver More “WOW!” Deals and Expand Our Offerings.*** We intend to drive incremental traffic and increase our share of wallet by further leveraging our purchasing model. We continue to deepen existing and develop new supplier relationships to ensure that we are the preferred partner and the first call for opportunistic inventory. As a result, we believe there is a significant opportunity to source and offer more “WOW!” deals within existing and new product categories, thereby offering greater value and variety to customers. For example, in response to growing consumer preferences for fresh and healthy options, we have grown NOSH primarily through opportunistic purchasing to represent over 15% of our current product mix. More recently, we have expanded our offerings to include fresh seafood and grass-fed meat in order to increase sales to existing and new customers.
 - ***Support IOs in Enhancing the “WOW!” Customer Experience.*** We continue to implement operational initiatives to support IOs in enhancing the customer experience. We develop and improve tools that provide IOs with actionable insights on sales, margin and customer behavior, enabling them to further grow their business. We seek to continuously improve our inventory planning tools to help IOs make better local assortment decisions while reducing out-of-stock items and losses related to product markdowns, throwaways and theft (“shrink”). We also regularly deploy updated fixtures, signage and enhanced in-store marketing to further improve the shopping experience, which we believe results in higher customer traffic and average basket sizes.
 - ***Increase Customer Awareness and Engagement.*** Our marketing strategy is focused on growing awareness, encouraging new customers to visit our stores and increasing engagement with all bargain-minded consumers. Our emphasis on digital marketing is enabling us to deliver specific and real-time information to our customers about the most compelling “WOW!” deals at their local store. We have over one million email subscribers in our database, most of whom

receive daily and weekly “WOW! Alerts.” Along with the IOs, we utilize social media to increase our brand affinity and interact with customers more directly on a daily basis. Looking forward, we see an opportunity to further personalize our digital communications to both increase engagement with our existing customers and introduce new customers to our stores. We will continue to supplement our digital marketing with traditional print and broadcast advertising including through our marketing campaign, “Welcome to Bargain Bliss.”

- **Execute on Store Expansion Plans.** We believe the success of our stores across a broad range of geographies, population densities and demographic groups creates a significant opportunity to profitably increase our store count. Our new stores typically require an average net cash investment of approximately \$2.0 million and realize a payback on investment within four years. In fiscal 2019, we opened 34 new stores. Based on our experience, in addition to research conducted by eSite Analytics, we believe there is an opportunity to establish over 1,500 additional locations in the states in which we currently operate and in neighboring states. Our goal is to expand our store base by approximately 10% annually by penetrating existing and contiguous regions. Over the long term, we believe the market potential exists to establish 4,800 locations nationally.
- **Implement Productivity Improvements to Reinvest in Our Value Proposition.** Our seasoned management team has a proven track record of growing our business while maintaining a disciplined cost structure. Over the past five years, we have made significant investments that have laid a solid foundation for future growth. We have implemented and will continue to identify and implement productivity improvements through both operational initiatives and system enhancements, such as category assortment optimization, improved inventory management tools and greater purchasing specialization. We intend to reinforce our value proposition and drive further growth by reinvesting future productivity improvements into enhanced buying and selling capabilities.

Risks Related to Our Business

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider these risks before investing in our common stock, including the risks related to our business and industry described under “Risk Factors” elsewhere in this prospectus. In particular, the following considerations, among others, may offset our competitive strengths or have a negative effect on our business strategy, which could cause a decline in the price of our common stock and result in a loss of all or a portion of your investment:

- failure of suppliers to consistently supply us with opportunistic products at attractive pricing;
- inability to successfully identify trends and maintain a consistent level of opportunistic products;
- failure to maintain or increase comparable store sales;
- failure to open, relocate or remodel stores on schedule;
- failure of the IOs to successfully manage their business;
- inability to attract and retain qualified IOs;
- the significant influence of the H&F Investor over us;
- our ability to generate cash flow to service our substantial debt obligations; and
- other factors set forth under “Risk Factors” in this prospectus.

Recent Developments

First Lien Credit Agreement

On January 24, 2020, we entered into a second Incremental Agreement (the “Second Incremental Agreement”) to further amend our first lien credit agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018 (as amended, the “First Lien Credit Agreement”). The Second Incremental Agreement refinanced the term loan outstanding under the First Lien Credit Agreement with a replacement \$460.0 million senior secured term loan credit facility (the “Second Replacement Term Loan”) with an applicable margin of 2.75% for Eurodollar loans and 1.75% for base rate loans, and made certain other corresponding technical changes and updates to the previously amended First Lien Credit Agreement. The Second Replacement Term Loan matures on October 22, 2025, which is the same maturity date as the prior term loan.

On March 19, 2020, GOBP Holdings together with another of our wholly owned subsidiaries borrowed \$90.0 million under the revolving credit facility of our First Lien Credit Agreement, the proceeds of which are to be used as reserve funding for working capital needs as a precautionary measure in light of the economic uncertainty surrounding the current COVID-19 pandemic. See “NOTE 14—Subsequent Events” in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, for additional information.

Preliminary Financial and Operational Information

The following information reflects our preliminary expectations of results for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020, based on currently available information. We have provided ranges, rather than specific amounts, for the financial results below, primarily because our financial closing procedures for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 have just commenced and, as a result, we expect that our final results upon completion of our closing procedures for such period may vary from the preliminary estimates included herein. For instance, we have not begun review of most account reconciliations or expense accruals, or prepared notes to our financial statements. These reconciliations and reviews include financial statement accounts such as cash, inventory, lease-related assets and liabilities and deferred income tax, as well as expense accruals including our cost of sales accruals, insurance claim reserves, stock-based compensation, public company costs and other operating expenses, which we are currently estimating. We anticipate that our consolidated financial statements for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 will not be available until after the date of this prospectus and such consolidated financial statements for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 will be included in our quarterly report filed with the SEC following this offering.

Preliminary Financial Results

Although the financial results for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 are not yet finalized, we estimate that the financial results will fall within the following ranges, as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		
	March 30, 2019	March 28, 2020	
	Actual	Low	High
	(dollars in thousands)		
Net sales	\$606,271	\$760,308	\$760,308
Income from operations	\$ 21,656	\$ 14,250	\$ 15,250
Net income	\$ 3,774	\$ 8,800	\$ 9,900
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 39,123	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
Adjusted net income	\$ 9,948	\$ 30,250	\$ 31,350
Comparable store sales growth ⁽¹⁾	4.2%	17.4%	17.4%

- (1) See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Factors and Measures We Use to Evaluate Our Business—Comparable Store Sales” in our Annual Report for information about how we compute comparable store sales.

For the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020, we expect to report:

- net sales growth of 25.4% to \$760.3 million, compared to \$606.3 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019. The increase is primarily attributable to an increase in comparable store sales, as well as 32 net new stores opened over the last twelve months;
- comparable store sales growth of 17.4%, compared to the same period of fiscal 2019 driven by increases in both the number of customer transactions and average transaction size;
- gross margin as a percent of net sales to have increased at a rate consistent with the year-over-year increase in gross margin as a percent of net sales realized in the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019;
- income from operations of between \$14.3 million and \$15.3 million, compared to \$21.7 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019, a decrease of \$6.9 million, or 31.9%, calculated using the midpoint of the range. Income from operations for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 reflects an estimated \$20.5 million of stock compensation expense, which primarily consisted of non-cash expense that was recognized as a result of performance-based option vesting in connection with the close of the offering of common stock by certain of our stockholders in February 2020 (the “February 2020 offering”);
- net income to be between \$8.8 million and \$9.9 million, compared to \$3.8 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019, an increase of \$5.6 million, or 147.7%, calculated using the midpoint of the range;
- adjusted EBITDA to be between \$55.0 million and \$56.0 million, compared to \$39.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019, an increase of \$16.4 million, or 41.9%, calculated using the midpoint of the range. Adjusted EBITDA includes approximately \$2.3 million of additional costs to comply with public company requirements including incremental insurance, accounting, and legal expense as well as costs required to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) that were not incurred in the prior year;
- adjusted net income to be between \$30.3 million and \$31.4 million, compared to \$9.9 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019, an increase of \$20.9 million or 209.6% calculated using the midpoint of the range;
- cash to be approximately \$160.9 million and gross debt to be \$550.0 million, inclusive of our \$90.0 million borrowing under the revolving credit facility of the First Lien Credit Agreement; and
- fully diluted weighted average shares outstanding to be approximately 96.0 million, an increase of 2.9 million compared to the thirteen weeks ended December 28, 2019. This increase is due to the closing of the February 2020 offering which resulted in the vesting of approximately 70.7% of outstanding performance-based options and the recognition of \$18.5 million in non-cash stock-based compensation expense. As of March 28, 2020, we estimate there are 1.7 million unvested performance-based options outstanding and approximately \$7.7 million in related stock-based compensation expense that has not yet been recognized.

While April sales trends have moderated compared to the wave of customer pantry-loading experienced in March, comparable store sales trends for the first three fiscal weeks of April were in the positive high-single digits in percentage terms. As shelter-in-place requirements continued, we have experienced reduced store traffic and as a result year-over-year declines in the number of customer transactions on a comparable store basis. However, the reduction in shopper visits have been more than offset to date by an increase in average transaction size. While specific high-velocity items such as toilet paper have remained challenging to procure in ample quantities, we continue to purchase high volumes of both opportunistic and everyday products. As a result, we have been able to manage overall inventory positions to meet higher customer demand.

Looking forward, we expect consumer demand and shopping behavior to continue to evolve, which may impact future sales trends. In addition, our results may be impacted by existing or possible future governmental requirements concerning the operations of our stores or distribution facilities. Although construction activities for the majority of our new stores under development continue, we expect that the timing of new store openings will be negatively impacted as a result of shelter-in-place requirements. We also expect to incur significant additional expenses as a result of the COVID-19 such as incremental cleaning and safety costs, corporate and distribution center personnel expense, costs for protective equipment and supplies at our stores and facilities, and supply chain costs. Because of the timing of accelerated customer purchasing beginning in mid-March, only a portion of these costs impacted our first quarter preliminary results. However, we expect that COVID-19 related expenses will more significantly burden our second quarter financial results. For a discussion of certain risks associated with COVID-19 on our business, see “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—Major health epidemics, such as the outbreak caused by a coronavirus (COVID-19), and other outbreaks could disrupt and adversely affect our operations, financial condition and business.”

Operational Results

Although the operational results for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 are not yet finalized, we estimate that the operational results will be as follows, as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2019	March 28, 2020
Number of new stores	8	10
Number of stores open at end of period	323	355

We opened ten new stores and closed two stores during the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income Reconciliations

Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are non-GAAP measures used by management to measure our operating performance. The following tables provide a reconciliation from our preliminary estimates of net income to preliminary estimates of EBITDA, preliminary estimates of adjusted EBITDA and preliminary estimates of adjusted net income for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 (at the low end and high end of the estimated ranges set forth above) and the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2019. In addition, please see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Factors and Measures We Use to Evaluate Our Business” in our Annual Report for additional information as to how we define EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income, the reasons why we include these measures and certain limitations to their use.

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		
	March 30, 2019	March 28, 2020	
	Actual	Low	High
	(dollars in thousands)		
Net income	\$ 3,774	\$ 8,800	\$ 9,900
Interest expense, net	16,438	6,000	6,000
Income tax expense/(benefit)	1,444	(800)	(900)
Depreciation and amortization expenses	12,849	14,000	14,000
EBITDA	34,505	28,000	29,000
Stock-based compensation expenses ^(a)	211	20,500	20,500
Debt extinguishment and modification costs ^(b)	—	250	250
Non-cash rent ^(c)	1,862	2,500	2,500
Asset impairment and gain or loss on disposition ^(d)	182	1,000	1,000
New store pre-opening expenses ^(e)	421	500	500
Provision for accounts receivable reserves ^(f)	1,483	250	250
Other ^(h)	459	2,000	2,000
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 39,123</u>	<u>\$ 55,000</u>	<u>\$ 56,000</u>

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		
	March 30, 2019	March 28, 2020	
	Actual	Low	High
	(dollars in thousands)		
Net income	\$ 3,774	\$ 8,800	\$ 9,900
Stock-based compensation expenses ^(a)	211	20,500	20,500
Debt extinguishment and modification costs ^(b)	—	250	250
Non-cash rent ^(c)	1,862	2,500	2,500
Asset impairment and gain or loss on disposition ^(d)	182	1,000	1,000
New store pre-opening expenses ^(e)	421	500	500
Provision for accounts receivable reserves ^(f)	1,483	250	250
Other ^(g)	459	2,000	2,000
Amortization of purchase accounting assets and deferred financing costs ^(h)	3,916	2,800	2,800
Tax effect of total adjustments ⁽ⁱ⁾	(2,361)	(8,350)	(8,350)
Adjusted net income	<u>\$ 9,948</u>	<u>\$ 30,250</u>	<u>\$ 31,350</u>

- (a) Consists primarily of estimated non-cash stock compensation expense for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020, with the remainder representing dividend cash payments made in respect of vested options as a result of dividends declared in connection with our 2016 recapitalization and our 2018 recapitalization.

- (b) Represents debt modification costs related to the write-off of debt issuance costs and non-capitalizable expenses related to the refinancing of our first lien credit facility.
- (c) Consists of the non-cash portion of rent expense, which reflects the extent to which our straight-line rent expense recognized under GAAP exceeds or is less than our cash rent payments. The adjustment can vary depending on the average age of our lease portfolio, which has been impacted by our significant growth in recent years.
- (d) Represents impairment charges with respect to planned store closures and gains or losses on dispositions of assets in connection with store transitions to new IOs.
- (e) Includes marketing, occupancy and other expenses incurred in connection with store grand openings, including costs that will be the IO's responsibility after store opening.
- (f) Represents non-cash changes in reserves related to our IO notes and accounts receivable.
- (g) Other non-recurring, non-cash or discrete items as determined by management, including offering and transaction-related costs, personnel-related costs, strategic project costs, legal expenses and miscellaneous costs.
- (h) Represents the amortization of debt issuance costs and incremental amortization of an asset step-up resulting from purchase price accounting related to the 2014 H&F Acquisition (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus) which included trademarks, customer lists, and below-market leases.
- (i) Represents the tax effect of the total adjustments. Because of the increased impact of discrete items on our effective tax rate including the excess tax benefits from the exercise and vesting of share-based awards, beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019, we changed our methodology in order to tax effect the total adjustments excluding the impact of any non-recurring and unusual tax items. Prior to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019, the methodology we used was to calculate the tax effect of the total adjustments using our quarterly effective tax rate.

Inclusion of Preliminary Financial and Operational Information

The preliminary financial and operational information included in this prospectus reflect management's estimates based solely upon information available to us as of the date of this prospectus and are the responsibility of management. The preliminary consolidated financial results presented above are not a comprehensive statement of our financial results for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 and have not been audited, reviewed, or compiled by our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte"). Accordingly, Deloitte does not express an opinion and assumes no responsibility for and disclaims any association with such preliminary consolidated financial results. The preliminary consolidated financial results presented above are subject to the completion of our financial closing procedures, which have not yet been completed. Our actual results for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020 will not be available until after this offering is completed and may vary from these estimates. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance upon these preliminary financial results. For example, during the course of the preparation of the respective financial statements and related notes, additional items that would require adjustments to be made to the preliminary estimated consolidated financial results presented above may be identified. There can be no assurance that these estimates will be realized, and estimates are subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which are not within our control. See "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Our Sponsor

Hellman & Friedman LLC ("H&F") is a leading private equity investment firm with offices in San Francisco, New York and London. Since its founding in 1984, H&F has raised over \$50 billion of committed capital. The firm focuses on investing in outstanding businesses and serving as a value-added partner to management in select industries including retail & consumer, internet & media, software, financial services, business & information services, healthcare and industrials & energy. In 2014, an investment fund affiliated with

H&F (the “H&F Investor”) acquired approximately 80% of our common stock from Berkshire Partners (the “2014 H&F Acquisition”). After the completion of this offering, the H&F Investor will own approximately 18.8% of our outstanding common stock, or approximately 17.2% if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares. For a discussion of certain risks, potential conflicts and other matters associated with the H&F Investor’s ownership of our common stock, see “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock—The H&F Investor will continue to hold a significant percentage of our outstanding stock after this offering and its interests may be different than the interests of other holders of our securities” and “Description of Capital Stock.”

Corporate Information

Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. was incorporated in Delaware on September 11, 2014. Our principal executive offices are located at 5650 Hollis Street, Emeryville, California 94608. Our telephone number is (510) 845-1999. Our website address is www.groceryoutlet.com. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute part of this prospectus, and inclusions of our website address in this prospectus are inactive textual references only.

Trademarks and Service Marks

We own or have rights to certain brand names, trademarks and services marks that we use in conjunction with the operation of our business. In addition, our name and logo are our trademarks or service marks. One of the more important trademarks that we use is Grocery Outlet Bargain Market™. This prospectus contains additional trademarks, trade names and service marks of other companies. We do not intend our use or display of other companies’ trademarks, trade names or service marks to imply relationships with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, these other companies.

Market, Industry and Other Data

This prospectus contains statistical data that we obtained from industry publications and reports. These publications generally indicate that they have obtained their information from sources believed to be reliable.

THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by the selling stockholders	10,000,000 shares.
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	90,231,592 shares, which assumes 225,000 shares issued in connection with the exercise of options by certain selling stockholders in connection with this offering. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, the number of shares of common stock outstanding will not change as a result of this offering.
Option to purchase additional shares	The selling stockholders have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of common stock from the H&F Investor at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions.
Use of proceeds	The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock in this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholders or if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares. See “Use of Proceeds.”
Risk factors	See “Risk Factors” and the other information included, and incorporated by reference, in this prospectus for a discussion of the factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in our common stock.
Dividend policy	We currently do not intend to declare any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is limited by our First Lien Credit Agreement. See “Dividend Policy.”
Nasdaq symbol	“GO”

Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus regarding the number of shares of common stock that will be outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 89,005,062 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 28, 2019, and:

- excludes 190,872 shares of common stock underlying 190,872 restricted stock units that were outstanding as of December 28, 2019;
- excludes 4,463,719 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of time-based options to purchase shares of our common stock outstanding as of December 28, 2019 with a weighted average exercise price of \$7.26 per share, and 5,777,121 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options to purchase shares of our common stock outstanding as of December 28, 2019 with a weighted average exercise price of \$4.57 per share, which had not vested as of such date, 4,086,109 of which vested upon the consummation of the February 2020 offering

and 1,447,205 of which are expected to vest upon consummation of this offering (or 1,691,012 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), the remainder of which are eligible to vest only if and when the H&F Investor has achieved specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company;

- includes 191,470 shares of common stock issued upon the exercise of time-based options in connection with the February 2020 offering; and
- does not reflect 3,100,124 shares of common stock available for future issuance under our 2019 Incentive Plan (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus).

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth the summary consolidated financial data of the Company for the periods presented. The summary consolidated financial data for the fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019, all of which contained 52 weeks, and the summary balance sheet data as of December 28, 2019 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The historical results presented below are not necessarily indicative of financial results to be achieved in future periods.

The summary consolidated financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, “Capitalization” in this prospectus, as well as the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Some of the financial data contained in this prospectus reflects the effects of, and may not total due to, rounding.

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 30, 2017	December 29, 2018	December 28, 2019
(in thousands, except per share data)			
Statements of Operations Data:			
Net sales	\$ 2,075,465	\$ 2,287,660	\$ 2,559,617
Cost of sales	1,443,582	1,592,263	1,772,515
Gross profit	631,883	695,397	787,102
Operating expenses:			
Selling, general and administrative	510,136	557,100	639,437
Depreciation and amortization	43,152	45,421	47,883
Share-based compensation	1,659	10,409	31,439
Total operating expenses	554,947	612,930	718,759
Income from operations	76,936	82,467	68,343
Other expenses:			
Interest expense, net	49,698	55,362	45,927
Debt extinguishment and modification costs	1,466	5,253	5,634
Total other expenses	51,164	60,615	51,561
Income before income taxes	25,772	21,852	16,782
Income tax expense	5,171	5,984	1,363
Net income	<u>\$ 20,601</u>	<u>\$ 15,868</u>	<u>\$ 15,419</u>

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 30, 2017	December 29, 2018	December 28, 2019
(in thousands, except per share data)			
Per Share Data:			
Earnings per share (basic and diluted)			
Basic	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.19
Weighted average shares outstanding (basic and diluted)			
Basic	68,232	68,473	79,044
Diluted	68,332	68,546	81,863
Statements of Cash Flows Data:			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 84,703	\$ 105,811	\$ 132,835
Net cash used in investing activities	(77,820)	(73,550)	(108,019)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,935)	(16,999)	(17,778)

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 30, 2017	December 29, 2018	December 28, 2019
(dollars in thousands)			
Other Financial and Operations Data:			
Number of new stores	29	26	34
Number of stores open at end of period	293	316	347
Comparable store sales growth(1)	5.3%	3.9%	5.2%
Gross margin	30.4%	30.4%	30.8%
Cash rent expense	\$ 70,123	\$ 78,058	\$ 87,807
EBITDA(2)	\$ 118,622	\$ 124,271	\$ 112,852
Adjusted EBITDA(2)	\$ 136,319	\$ 153,578	\$ 169,842
Adjusted net income(2)	\$ 48,655	\$ 49,308	\$ 64,963

	As of December 28, 2019 (in thousands)
Balance Sheet Data:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,101
Working capital(3)	62,199
Total assets	2,185,529
Total debt(4)	447,989
Total liabilities	1,440,145
Total stockholders' equity	745,384
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	2,185,529

- (1) Comparable store sales consist of sales from our stores beginning on the first day of the fourteenth full fiscal month following the store's opening, which is when we believe comparability is achieved. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures—Comparable Store Sales" in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") and other adjustments noted in the table below. Adjusted net income is defined as net income (loss) before the adjustments noted in the table below. We believe that the presentation of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are useful to investors because they are frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate companies in our industry. We use EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income to supplement United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") measures of performance to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. In addition, we use EBITDA to supplement GAAP measures of performance to evaluate our performance in connection with compensation decisions. Management believes it is useful to investors and analysts to evaluate these non-GAAP measures on the same basis as management uses to evaluate our operating results.

EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are non-GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similar measures reported by other companies. EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We address the limitations of the non-GAAP measures through the use of various GAAP measures. In the future we may incur expenses or charges such as those added back to calculate adjusted EBITDA or adjusted net income. Our presentation of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by these items. For

further discussion of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income and for reconciliations of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income to net income, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures” in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

The following table provides a reconciliation from our net income to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA and our net income to adjusted net income for the fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 30, 2017	December 29, 2018 (in thousands)	December 28, 2019
Net income	\$ 20,601	\$ 15,868	\$ 15,419
Interest expense, net	49,698	55,362	45,927
Income tax expense	5,171	5,984	1,363
Depreciation and amortization expenses	43,152	47,057	50,143
EBITDA	118,622	124,271	112,852
Share-based compensation expenses ^(a)	1,659	10,409	31,439
Debt extinguishment and modification costs ^(b)	1,466	5,253	5,634
Non-cash rent ^(c)	8,401	7,903	10,582
Asset impairment and gain or loss on disposition ^(d)	549	1,306	1,957
New store pre-opening expenses ^(e)	1,807	1,555	1,509
Rent for acquired leases ^(f)	72	—	—
Provision for accounts receivable reserves ^(g)	3,004	749	2,575
Other ^(h)	739	2,132	3,294
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 136,319	\$ 153,578	\$ 169,842
Net income	\$ 20,601	\$ 15,868	\$ 15,419
Share-based compensation expenses ^(a)	1,659	10,409	31,439
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Rent for acquired leases ^(f)	72	—	—
Provision for accounts receivable reserves ^(g)	3,004	749	2,575
Other ^(h)	739	2,132	3,294
Amortization of purchase accounting assets and deferred financing costs ⁽ⁱ⁾	17,399	16,744	11,917
Tax effect of total adjustments ^(j)	(7,042)	(12,611)	(19,363)
Adjusted net income	\$ 48,655	\$ 49,308	\$ 64,963

- (a) Includes \$1.3 million, \$10.0 million, and \$3.6 million of cash dividends paid in fiscal 2017, 2018, and 2019 respectively, in respect of vested options as a result of dividends declared in connection with our recapitalizations in fiscal 2016 and 2018.
- (b) Represents the write-off of debt issuance costs and debt discounts related to the repricing and/or repayment of our first and second lien credit facilities. See “NOTE 6—Long-term Debt” to our audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

- (c) Consists of the non-cash portion of rent expense, which represents the difference between our straight-line rent expense recognized under GAAP and cash rent payments. The adjustment can vary depending on the average age of our lease portfolio, which has been impacted by our significant growth in recent years. Non-cash rent was impacted by the adoption of ASC 842, Leases, which moved approximately \$3.2 million out of amortization expense and into non-cash rent expense.
 - (d) Represents impairment charges with respect to planned store closures and gains or losses on dispositions of assets in connection with store transitions to new IOs.
 - (e) Includes marketing, occupancy and other expenses incurred in connection with store grand openings, including costs that will be the IO's responsibility after store opening.
 - (f) Represents cash occupancy expenses on leases acquired from Fresh & Easy Inc. in 2015 for the periods prior to opening new stores on such sites (commonly referred to as "dead rent").
 - (g) Represents non-cash changes in reserves related to our IO notes and accounts receivable.
 - (h) Other non-recurring, non-cash or discrete items as determined by management, including transaction related costs, personnel-related costs, store closing costs, legal expenses, strategic project costs, and miscellaneous costs.
 - (i) Represents the amortization of debt issuance costs and incremental amortization of an asset step-up resulting from purchase price accounting related to the 2014 H&F Acquisition which included trademarks, customer lists, and below-market leases. In fiscal 2019, due to the adoption of ASC 842, Leases, approximately \$3.2 million in below-market lease amortization expense was moved out of this line and into non-cash rent expense.
 - (j) Represents the tax effect of the total adjustments. Because of the increased impact of discrete items on our effective tax rate including the excess tax benefits from the exercise and vest of share-based awards, beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019, we changed our methodology in order to tax effect the total adjustments on a discrete basis excluding any non-recurring and unusual tax items. Prior to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019, the methodology we used was to calculate the tax effect of the total adjustments using our quarterly effective tax rate.
- (3) Working capital is defined as current assets minus current liabilities.
- (4) Total debt consists of the current and long-term portions of our total debt outstanding, net of debt discount and debt issuance costs. Total gross debt outstanding was \$460.4 million as of December 28, 2019.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included in our Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, before deciding whether to invest in shares of our common stock. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of or that we currently believe are not material may also become important factors that materially and adversely affect our business. The occurrence of any of the events described below could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects. In such an event, the trading price of our common stock may decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

We depend on suppliers to consistently supply us with opportunistic products at attractive pricing, and any failure to procure such products could result in material adverse effects on our business, product inventories, sales and profit margins.

Our business is dependent on our ability to strategically source a sufficient volume and variety of opportunistic products at attractive pricing. While opportunistic buying, operating with appropriate inventory levels and frequent inventory turns are key elements of our business strategy, they subject us to risks related to the pricing, quantity, mix, quality and timing of inventory flowing to our stores. We do not have significant control over the supply, cost or availability of many of the products offered for sale in our stores. Shortages or disruptions in the availability of quality products that excite our customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

All of our inventory is acquired through purchase orders and we generally do not have long-term contractual agreements with our suppliers that obligate them to provide us with products exclusively or at specified quantities or prices, or at all. As a result, any of our current suppliers may decide to sell products to our competitors and may not continue selling products to us. In order to retain our competitive advantage, we need to continue to develop and maintain relationships with qualified suppliers that can satisfy our standards for quality and our requirements for delivery of products in a timely and efficient manner at attractive prices. The need to develop new relationships will be particularly important as we seek to expand our operations and enhance our product offerings in the future.

While we have not experienced any difficulty in obtaining sufficient quantities of product to date, manufacturers and distributors of name-brand products have become increasingly consolidated. Further consolidation of manufacturers or distributors could reduce our supply options and detrimentally impact the terms under which we purchase products. If one or more of our existing significant suppliers were to be unable or unwilling to continue providing products to us on attractive terms, we may have difficulty obtaining alternative sources. We cannot assure you that we would be able to find replacement suppliers on commercially reasonable terms, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The loss of one or more of our existing significant suppliers or our inability to develop relationships with new suppliers could reduce our competitiveness, slow our plans for further expansion and cause our sales and operating results to be materially adversely affected.

Our suppliers (and those they depend upon for materials and services) are subject to risks, including labor disputes or constraints, union organizing activities, financial liquidity, inclement weather, natural disasters, significant public health and safety events, supply constraints and general economic and political conditions that could limit their ability to provide us with quality products. These risks may delay or preclude delivery of product to us on a timely basis or at all.

We may not be able to successfully identify trends and maintain a consistent level of opportunistic products which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Consumer preferences often change rapidly and without warning. We may not successfully address consumer trends or be able to acquire desirable products at discounts that excite our customers, which could add difficulty in attracting new customers and retaining existing customers and encouraging frequent visits. We generally make individual purchase decisions for products that become available, and these purchases may be for large quantities that we may not be able to sell on a timely or cost-effective basis. Some of our products are sourced from suppliers at significantly reduced prices for specific reasons, and we are not always able to purchase specific products on a recurring basis. To the extent that some of our suppliers are better able to manage their inventory levels and reduce the amount of their excess inventory, the amount of over-stock and short-dated products available to us could also be materially reduced, making it difficult to deliver products to our customers at attractive prices. Maintaining adequate inventory of quality, name-brand products requires significant attention and monitoring of market trends, local markets and developments with suppliers and our distribution network, and it is not certain that we or the IOs will be effective in inventory management.

We base our purchases of inventory, in part, on our sales forecasts. If our sales forecasts overestimate customer demand, we may experience higher inventory levels and need to take markdowns on excess or slow-moving inventory, leading to decreased profit margins. Conversely, if our sales forecasts underestimate customer demand, we may have insufficient inventory to meet demand, leading to lost sales, either of which could materially adversely affect our financial performance.

Our success depends on our ability and the ability of the IOs to maintain or increase comparable store sales, and if we are unable to achieve comparable store growth, our profitability and performance could be materially adversely impacted.

The IOs are responsible for store operations. Our success depends on increasing comparable store sales through our opportunistic purchasing strategy and the ability of the IOs to increase sales and profits. To increase sales and profits, and therefore comparable store sales growth, we and the IOs focus on delivering value and generating customer excitement by strengthening opportunistic purchasing, optimizing inventory management, maintaining strong store conditions and effectively marketing current products and new product offerings. We may not be able to maintain or improve the levels of comparable store sales that we have experienced in the past, and our comparable store sales growth is a significant driver of our profitability and overall business results. In addition, competition and pricing pressures from competitors may also materially adversely impact our operating margins. Our comparable store sales growth could be lower than our historical average or our future target for many reasons, including general economic conditions, operational performance, including by the IOs, price inflation or deflation, industry competition, new competitive entrants near our stores, price changes in response to competitive factors, the impact of new stores entering the comparable store base, cycling against any year or quarter of above-average sales results, possible supply shortages or other operational disruptions, the number and dollar amount of customer transactions in our stores, our ability to provide product or service offerings that generate new and repeat visits to our stores and the level of customer engagement that we and the IOs provide in our stores. In addition, we may not accurately model cannibalization for our new stores. Opening new stores in our established markets may result in inadvertent oversaturation, temporarily or permanently diverting customers and sales from our existing stores to new stores and reduce comparable store sales, thus adversely affecting our overall financial performance. These factors may cause our comparable store sales results to be materially lower than in recent periods, which could harm our profitability and business.

Because we compete to a substantial degree on price, changes affecting the market prices of the products we sell, including due to inflation or deflation or worsening economic conditions, could materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

A critical differentiator of our business is our ability to offer value to our customers, including offering prices that are substantially below those offered by some of our competitors. We carefully monitor the market prices of our products in order to maintain our price advantage and reputation. If prices of goods increase and our suppliers seek price increases from us, we may not be able to mitigate such increases and would consider setting a higher price, which could deter customers. If our competitors substantially lower their prices, we may lose customers and mark down prices. Our profitability may be impacted by lower prices, which may impact gross margins. We may also experience reduced sales as a result of a decline in the number and average basket size of customer transactions.

In addition, the market price of the products we sell can be influenced by general economic conditions. For example, general deflation in the prices of the products we sell could cause us and the IOs to mark down prices and thereby reduce our gross profits and gross margins. Adverse general economic conditions could also increase costs to us, such as shipping rates, freight costs and store occupancy costs and further reduce our sales or increase our cost of goods sold or selling, general and administrative expenses. Our low-price model and competitive pressures may inhibit our ability to reflect these increased costs in the prices of our products, and therefore reduce our profitability and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we cannot open, relocate or remodel stores on schedule, it could have a material adverse impact on our business, future growth and financial condition.

Our growth strategy largely depends on our ability to identify and open future store locations and relocate or remodel existing store locations in new and existing markets. We opened 34 new stores in fiscal 2019. Our ability to open stores in a timely manner depends in part on the following factors: the ability to attract and develop potential IOs; the availability of attractive store locations and rent prices; the absence of entitlement processes or occupancy delays; the ability to negotiate acceptable lease and development terms; our relationships with current and prospective landlords; the ability to secure and manage the inventory necessary for the launch and operation of new stores; general economic conditions; and the availability of capital funding for expansion. Any or all of these factors and conditions could materially adversely affect our growth and profitability.

Our goal is to expand our store base by approximately 10% annually over the next several years. However, we cannot assure you that we will achieve this level of new store growth. Our planned construction and opening of new stores may be negatively impacted due to state or county shelter-in-place requirements and the closure of government offices resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19. We may not have the level of cash flow or financing necessary to support our growth strategy. Additionally, our proposed expansion will place increased demands on our operational, managerial and administrative resources. These increased demands could cause us to operate our existing business less efficiently, which in turn could cause deterioration in the financial performance of our existing stores. If we experience a decline in performance, we may slow or discontinue store openings, or we may decide to close stores that are unable to operate in a profitable manner. If we fail to successfully implement our growth strategy, including by opening new stores, our financial condition and operating results may be adversely affected.

Delays or failures in opening new stores or completing relocations or remodels could materially adversely affect our growth and/or profitability. Additionally, new stores might not always align with our expectations in terms of sales or capital expenditures and we may not achieve projected results.

Our newly opened stores may negatively impact our financial results in the short-term and may not achieve sales and operating levels consistent with our more mature stores on a timely basis or at all.

We have actively pursued new store growth, including in new markets, and plan to continue doing so in the future. Our new store openings may not be successful or reach the sales and profitability levels of our existing stores. Some new stores may be located in areas with different competitive and market conditions as well as different customer discretionary spending patterns than our existing markets. Some new stores and future new store opportunities may be located in new geographic areas where we have limited or no meaningful experience or brand recognition. We may experience a higher cost of entry in those markets as we build brand awareness and drive customers to incorporate us into their shopping habits. For example, in Southern California the IOs have experienced slower growth and profitability than our existing stores as they continue to build brand awareness in the market.

New store openings may negatively impact our financial results in the short-term due to the effect of store opening costs and lower sales and contribution to overall profitability during the initial period following opening. New stores, particularly those in new markets, build their sales volume, brand recognition and customer base over time and, as a result, generally have lower margins and higher operating expenses as a percentage of sales than our more mature stores. New stores may not achieve sustained sales and operating levels consistent with our more mature store base on a timely basis or at all. This lack of performance may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

We may not anticipate all of the challenges imposed by the expansion of our operations into new geographic markets. We may not manage our expansion effectively, and our failure to achieve or properly execute our expansion plans could limit our growth or have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, we have experienced in the past, and expect to experience in the future, some sales cannibalization of our existing stores to our new stores. As some of our existing customers switch to new, closer locations within markets, our financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected.

Economic conditions and other economic factors may materially adversely affect our financial performance and other aspects of our business by negatively impacting our customers' disposable income or discretionary spending, increasing our costs and expenses, affecting our ability to plan and execute our strategic initiatives, and materially adversely affecting our sales, results of operations and performance.

General conditions in the United States and global economy that are beyond our control may materially adversely affect our business and financial performance. While we have not previously been materially adversely affected by periods of decreased consumer spending, any factor that could materially adversely affect the disposable income of our customers could decrease our customers' spending and number of trips to our stores, which could result in lower sales, increased markdowns on products, a reduction in profitability due to lower margins and may require increased selling and promotional expenses. These factors include but are not limited to unemployment, minimum wages, significant public health and safety events, inflation and deflation, trade wars and interest and tax rates.

Many of the factors identified above also affect commodity rates, transportation costs, costs of labor, insurance and healthcare, the strength of the U.S. dollar, lease costs, measures that create barriers to or increase the costs associated with international trade, changes in laws, regulations and policies and other economic factors, all of which may impact our cost of goods sold and our selling, general and administrative expenses, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. These factors could also materially adversely affect our ability to plan and execute our strategic initiatives, invest in and open new stores, prevent current stores from closing, and may have other material adverse consequences which we are unable to fully anticipate or control, all of which may materially adversely affect our sales, cash flow, results of operations and performance. We have limited or no ability to control many of these factors.

Food retailers provide alternative options for consumers and compete aggressively to win those consumers; our failure to offer a compelling value proposition to consumers could limit our growth opportunities and materially adversely impact our financial performance.

The retail food industry includes mass and discount retailers, warehouse membership clubs, online retailers, conventional grocery stores and specialty stores. These businesses provide alternative options for the consumers whom we aim to serve. Our success relative to these retailers is driven by a combination of factors, primarily product selection and quality, price, location, customer engagement and store format. Our success depends on our ability to differentiate ourselves and provide value to our customers, and our failure to do so may negatively impact our sales. To the extent that other food retailers lower prices or run promotions, our ability to maintain profit margins and sales levels may be negatively impacted. We and the IOs may have to increase marketing expense to attract customers, and may have to mark down prices to be competitive and not lose market share. This limitation may materially adversely affect our margins and financial performance.

Competition for customers has intensified as other discount food retailers, such as Aldi, Lidl and WinCo have moved into, or increased their presence in, our geographic and product markets. We expect this competition to continue to increase. In addition, we experience high levels of competition when we enter new markets. Some of the other food retailers may have been in the region longer and may benefit from enhanced brand recognition in such regions. For example, we recently expanded in Southern California and, as of March 28, 2020, had 78 stores in that area. Our new stores in this market are competing against more established retailers. Some food retailers may have greater financial or marketing resources than the IOs do and may be able to devote greater resources to sourcing, promoting and selling their products than the IOs. As competition in certain regions intensifies, or we move into new regions or other food retailers open stores in close proximity to our stores, our results of operations and cash flows may be negatively impacted through a loss of sales, decrease in market share, reduction in margin from competitive price changes or greater operating costs.

We may not be able to retain the loyalty of our customers, the failure of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on repeat visits by our customer base to drive our consistent sales and sales growth. Competition for customers has also intensified from the use of mobile and web-based technology that facilitates online shopping and real-time product and price comparisons. We expect this competition to continue to increase. We do not maintain a loyalty program for customers, and our competitors may be able to offer their customers promotions or loyalty program incentives that could result in fewer shopping trips to or purchases from our stores. If we are unable to retain the loyalty of our customers, our sales could decrease and we may not be able to grow our store base as planned, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our success depends upon our marketing, advertising and promotional efforts. If costs associated with these efforts increase, or if we are unable to implement them successfully, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We use marketing and promotional programs to attract customers into our stores and to encourage purchases. If we are unable to develop and implement effective marketing, advertising and promotional strategies, we may be unable to achieve and maintain brand awareness and repeat store visits. We may not be able to advertise cost effectively in new or smaller markets in which we have fewer stores, which could slow growth at such stores. Changes in the amount and degree of promotional intensity or merchandising strategies by our competitors could cause us to have difficulties in retaining existing customers and attracting new customers. If the efficacy of our marketing or promotional activities declines or if such activities of our competitors are more effective than ours, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we fail to maintain our reputation and the value of our brand, including protection of our intellectual property, our sales and operating results may decline.

We believe our continued success depends on our ability to maintain and grow the value of our brand. Brand value is based in large part on perceptions of subjective qualities. Even isolated incidents involving our company, the IOs and their employees, suppliers, agents or third-party service providers, or the products we sell can erode trust and confidence. This is particularly the case if they result in adverse publicity, governmental investigations or litigation. The reputation of our company and our brand may be damaged in all, one or some of the markets in which we do business, by adverse events at the corporate level or by an IO acting outside of Grocery Outlet's brand standards. Similarly, challenges or reactions to action (or inaction) or perceived action (or inaction), by us on issues like social policies, merchandising, compliance related to social, product, labor and environmental standards or other sensitive topics, and any perceived lack of transparency about such matters, could harm our reputation, particularly as expectations of companies and of companies' corporate responsibility may continue to change. The increasing use of social media platforms and online forums may increase the chance that an adverse event could negatively affect the reputation of our brand. The online dissemination of negative information about our brand, including inaccurate information, could harm our reputation, business, competitive advantage and goodwill. Damage to our reputation could result in declines in customer loyalty and sales, affect our supplier relationships, business development opportunities and IO retention, divert attention and resources from management, including by requiring responses to inquiries or additional regulatory scrutiny, and otherwise materially adversely affect our results. Our brand could be materially adversely affected if our public image or reputation were to be tarnished by negative publicity.

We regard our intellectual property, including trademarks and service marks, as having significant value, and our brand is an important factor in the marketing of our stores. We monitor and protect against activities that might infringe, dilute or otherwise violate our trademarks and other intellectual property and rely on trademark and other laws of the United States, but we may not be able or willing to successfully enforce our trademarks or intellectual property rights against competitors or challenges by others. For example, we are aware of certain companies in jurisdictions where we do not currently operate using the term "GROCERY OUTLET." Moreover, we have disclaimed the terms "GROCERY OUTLET" and "MARKET" with respect to our "GROCERY OUTLET BARGAIN MARKET" trademarks, among other disclaimed terms with respect to our registered trademarks and trademark applications. If a third party uses such disclaimed terms in its trademarks, we cannot object to such use. If we fail to protect our trademarks or other intellectual property rights, others may copy or use our trademarks or intellectual property without authorization, which may harm the value of our brand, reputation, competitive advantages and goodwill and adversely affect our financial condition, cash flows or results of operations. The value of our intellectual property could diminish if others assert rights in or ownership of our trademarks and other intellectual property rights, or trademarks that are similar to our trademarks. We may be unable to successfully resolve these types of conflicts to our satisfaction. Additionally, adequate remedies may not be available in the event of an unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets or other intellectual property. We are susceptible to others infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating our intellectual property rights. Actions we have taken to establish and protect our intellectual property rights may not be adequate to prevent copying of our intellectual property by others or to prevent others from seeking to invalidate our trademarks as a violation of the trademarks and intellectual property rights of others. In addition, unilateral actions in the United States or other countries, including changes to or the repeal of laws recognizing trademark or other intellectual property rights, could have an impact on our ability to enforce those rights.

There may in the future be opposition and cancellation proceedings from time to time with respect to some of our intellectual property rights. In some cases, litigation may be necessary to protect or enforce our trademarks and other intellectual property rights. Furthermore, third parties may assert intellectual property claims against us, and we may be subject to liability, required to enter into costly license agreements, if available at all, required to rebrand our products and/or prevented from selling some of our products if third parties successfully oppose or challenge our trademarks or successfully claim that we infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate their trademarks, copyrights, patents or other intellectual property rights. Bringing or defending

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any such claim, regardless of merit, and whether successful or unsuccessful, could be expensive and time-consuming and have a negative effect on our business, reputation, results of operations and financial condition.

Any significant disruption to our distribution network, the operations of our distribution centers and our timely receipt of inventory could materially adversely impact our operating performance.

We rely on our distribution and transportation network, including by means of truck, ocean and rail to provide goods to our distribution centers and stores in a timely and cost-effective manner. We use three primary leased distribution centers that we operate and five primary distribution centers operated by third-parties. Deliveries to our stores occur from our distribution centers or directly from our suppliers. Any disruption, unanticipated or unusual expense or operational failure related to this process could affect store operations negatively. For example, delivery delays or increases in transportation costs (including through increased fuel costs, increased carrier rates or driver wages as a result of driver shortages, a decrease in transportation capacity, or work stoppages or slowdowns) could significantly decrease our ability to generate sales and earn profits. In addition, events beyond our control, such as disruptions in operations due to fire or other catastrophic events or labor disagreements, may result in delays in the delivery of merchandise to our stores. While we maintain business interruption insurance, in the event our distribution centers are shut down for any reason, such insurance may not be sufficient, and any related insurance proceeds may not be timely paid to us. Furthermore, there can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew the leases or third-party distribution and transportation contracts, as applicable, on our distribution centers on attractive terms or at all, which may increase our expenses and cause temporary disruptions in our distribution network.

As we expand, effectively managing our distribution network and distribution centers becomes more complex. Our new store locations receiving shipments may be further away from our distribution centers, which may increase transportation costs and may create transportation scheduling strains, or may require us to add additional facilities to the network.

If consumer trends move toward private label and away from name-brand products, our competitive position in the market may weaken and our sales may be materially adversely affected.

Our business model has traditionally relied on the sale of name-brand products at meaningful discounts. Consumer acceptance of, and even preference for, private label products has been increasing, however, and a trend away from name-brand products could weaken our competitive position in the market. Private label products tend to be lower priced than name-brand products and, as a result, we may have more difficulty competing against private label products on the basis of price. While we may invest more in the future in developing our own private labels, there can be no assurance that the performance of any such private label products would be sufficient to offset the potential decreased sales of name-brand products. In addition, if we invest in expanding our private label products, we will need to make significant investments in developing effective quality control procedures. Any failure to appropriately address some or all of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our sales, business, results of operations and financial condition.

We will require significant capital to fund our expanding business. If we are unable to maintain sufficient levels of cash flow from our operations, we may not be able to execute or sustain our growth strategy or we may require additional financing, which may not be available to us on satisfactory terms or at all.

To support our expanding business and execute our growth strategy, we will need significant amounts of capital, including funds to pay our lease obligations, build out new stores and distribution centers, remodel our stores, purchase opportunistic inventory, pay employees and further invest in the business. Further, our plans to grow our store base may create cash flow pressure if new locations do not perform as projected.

We expect to primarily depend on cash flow from operations to fund our business and growth plans. We cannot assure you that cash generated by our operations will be sufficient to allow us to fund our growth plans. If

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we do not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, we may need to obtain additional funds through public or private financings, collaborative relationships or other arrangements. We cannot assure you that this additional funding, if needed, will be available on terms attractive to us, if at all. Any equity financing or debt financing that is convertible into equity that we may pursue could result in additional dilution to our existing stockholders. Tightening in the credit markets, low liquidity and volatility in the capital markets could result in diminished availability of credit, higher cost of borrowing and lack of confidence in the equity market, making it more difficult to obtain additional financing on terms that are favorable to us. Furthermore, any additional debt financing, if available, will increase our leverage and may involve restrictive covenants that could affect our ability to raise additional capital or operate our business. If such financing is not available to us, or is not available on satisfactory terms, our competitive position, business, financial condition and results of operations could be impeded and we may need to delay, limit or eliminate planned store openings or operations or other elements of our growth strategy. Such actions could harm our competitive position, business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to risks associated with leasing substantial amounts of space, including future increases in occupancy costs.

We currently lease substantially all of our store locations, primary distribution centers and administrative offices (including our headquarters in Emeryville, California), and a number of these leases expire or are up for renewal each year. Our operating leases typically have initial lease terms of ten years with renewal options for two or three successive five-year periods at our discretion.

Typically, the largest portion of a store's operating expense that we bear is the cost associated with leasing the location. Our lease payment obligations for all operating leases in existence as of December 28, 2019 are \$98.3 million for fiscal year 2020 and \$1.14 billion in aggregate for fiscal years 2021 through 2038. We are also generally responsible for property taxes, insurance and common area maintenance for our leased properties. We expect that many of the new stores we open will also be leased to us under operating leases, which will further increase our operating lease expenditures. If we are unable to make the required payments under our leases, the lenders or owners of the relevant stores, distribution centers or administrative offices may, among other things, repossess those assets, which could adversely affect our ability to conduct our operations. In addition, our failure to make payments under our operating leases could trigger defaults under other leases or under our First Lien Credit Agreement (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus), which could cause the counterparties under those agreements to accelerate the obligations due thereunder.

The operating leases for our store locations, distribution centers and administrative offices expire at various dates through 2038. When the lease term for our stores expire, we may be unable to negotiate renewals, either on commercially reasonable terms or at all, which could cause us to close stores or to relocate stores within a market on less favorable terms. Any of these factors could cause us to close stores in desirable locations, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

Over time, current store locations may not continue to be desirable because of changes in demographics within the surrounding area or a decline in shopping traffic. While we have the right to terminate some of our leases under specified conditions, we may not be able to terminate a particular lease if or when we would like to do so. If we decide to close stores, we are generally required to continue to perform obligations under the applicable leases, which generally include paying rent and operating expenses for the balance of the lease term. When we assign leases or sublease space to third parties, we can remain liable on the lease obligations if the assignee or sublessee does not perform.

Any failure to maintain the security of information we hold relating to personal information or payment card data of our customers, employees and suppliers, whether as a result of cybersecurity attacks or otherwise, could subject us to litigation, government enforcement actions and costly response measures, and could materially disrupt our operations and harm our reputation and sales.

In the ordinary course of business, we and the IOs collect, store, process, use and transmit confidential business information and certain personal information relating to customers, employees and suppliers. All customer payment data is encrypted, and we do not store such data in our systems. We rely in part on commercially available systems, software, hardware, services, tools and monitoring to provide security for collection, storage, processing and transmission of personal and/or confidential information. It is possible that cyber attackers might compromise our security measures and obtain the personal and/or confidential information of the customers, employees and suppliers that we hold or our business information. Cyber attacks are rapidly evolving and those threats and the means for obtaining access to information in digital and other storage media are becoming increasingly sophisticated and may not immediately produce signs of intrusion.

Moreover, an employee, contractor or third party with whom we work or to whom we outsource business operations may fail to monitor their or our systems effectively, may fail to maintain appropriate safeguards, may misuse the personal and/or confidential information to which they have access, may attempt to circumvent our security measures, may purposefully or inadvertently allow unauthorized access to our or their systems or to personal and/or confidential information or may otherwise disrupt our business operations. We and our customers could suffer harm if valuable business data or employee, customer and other proprietary information were corrupted, lost or accessed or misappropriated by third parties due to a security failure in our systems or those of our suppliers or service providers. It could require significant expenditures to remediate any such failure or breach, severely damage our reputation and our relationships with customers, result in unwanted media attention and lost sales and expose us to risks of litigation and liability. In addition, as a result of recent security breaches at a number of prominent retailers, the media and public scrutiny of information security and privacy has become more intense and the regulatory environment has become increasingly uncertain, rigorous and complex. As a result, we may incur significant costs to comply with laws regarding the protection and unauthorized disclosure of personal information and we may not be able to comply with new regulations.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, California and many other states have implemented rules attempting to mitigate the spread of the disease by restricting residents' movement. As a result, we have transitioned most of our corporate employees to remote work. This transition to a remote work environment may exacerbate certain risks to our business, including increasing the stress on, and our vulnerability to disruptions of, our technology infrastructure and systems, increased risk of phishing and other cybersecurity attacks, and increased risk of unauthorized dissemination of personal or confidential information. For more information on risks related to our information technology systems see *“—Any material disruption to our information technology systems as a result of external factors or challenges or difficulties in maintaining or updating our existing technology or developing or implementing new technology could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.”*

In addition, various federal, state and foreign legislative and regulatory bodies, or self-regulatory organizations, may expand current laws or regulations, enact new laws or regulations or issue revised rules or guidance regarding privacy, data protection, information security and consumer protection. For example, the California Consumer Privacy Act (“CCPA”), which became effective on January 1, 2020, establishes a new privacy framework for covered businesses such as ours, and requires us to modify our data processing practices and policies and incur compliance related costs and expenses. The CCPA provides new and enhanced data privacy rights to California residents, such as affording consumers the right to opt out of certain sales of personal information and prohibiting covered businesses from discriminating against consumers (e.g., charging more for services) for exercising any of their CCPA rights. The CCPA imposes a severe statutory damages framework and private rights of action for CCPA violations and failure to implement reasonable security procedures and practices that results in a data breach. Any failure to comply with the laws and regulations surrounding the

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protection of personal information, privacy and data security could subject us to legal and reputational risks and costs, including significant fines for non-compliance, any of which could have a negative impact on revenues and profits.

Because we and the IOs accept payments using a variety of methods, including cash and checks, credit and debit cards, Electronic Benefit Transfer (“EBT”) cards and gift cards, we may be subject to additional rules, regulations, compliance requirements and higher fraud losses. For certain payment methods, we or the IOs pay interchange and other related card acceptance fees, along with additional transaction processing fees. We and the IOs rely on third parties to provide payment transaction processing services, including the processing of credit cards, debit cards, EBT cards and gift cards, and it could disrupt our business if these companies become unwilling or unable to provide these services to us, experience a data security incident or fail to comply with applicable laws, rules and industry standards. We are also subject to payment card association operating rules, including data security rules, certification requirements and rules governing electronic funds transfers, which could change over time. For example, we and the IOs are subject to Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards, which contain compliance guidelines and standards with regard to our security surrounding the physical and electronic storage, processing and transmission of individual cardholder data. In addition, if our internal systems are breached or compromised, we and the IOs may be liable for card re-issuance costs, subject to fines and higher transaction fees and lose our ability to accept credit and/or debit card payments from our customers, and our business and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

We do not currently compete in the growing online retail marketplace and any online retail services or e-commerce activities that we may launch in the future may require substantial investment and may not be successful.

We do not currently provide online services or e-commerce. To the extent that we implement e-commerce selling operations, we would incur substantial expenses related to such activities, be exposed to additional cybersecurity risks and potentially be subject to additional data privacy regulations. Further, any development of an online retail marketplace is a complex undertaking, and there is no guarantee that any resources we apply to this effort will result in increased sales or operating performance. Our failure to successfully respond to these risks and uncertainties might materially adversely affect sales in any e-commerce business that we establish in the future and could damage our reputation and brand. Additionally, certain of our competitors and a number of pure online retailers have established robust online operations. Increased competition from online grocery retailers and our lack of an online retail presence may reduce our customers’ desire to purchase products from us and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Any material disruption to our information technology systems as a result of external factors or challenges or difficulties in maintaining or updating our existing technology or developing or implementing new technology could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

We rely on a variety of information technology systems for the efficient functioning of our business, including point of sale, inventory management, purchasing, financials, logistics, accounts payable and human resources information systems. We are dependent on the integrity, security and consistent operation of these systems and related back-up systems. Such systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, facility damage, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, cybersecurity breaches, cyber attacks (including malicious codes, worms, phishing and denial of service attacks and ransomware), software upgrade failures or code defects, natural disasters and human error. Damage or interruption to, or defects of design related to, these systems or the integration of such systems may require a significant investment to fix or replace, and we may suffer interruptions or disruptions in our operations in the interim, may experience loss or corruption of critical data and may receive negative publicity, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations. Although we have taken steps designed to reduce the risk of these events occurring, there can be no guarantee that we or a third party on which we rely will not suffer one of these events.

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We modify, update and replace our systems and infrastructure from time to time, including by adding new hardware, software and applications; maintaining, updating or replacing legacy programs; converting to global systems; integrating new service providers; and adding enhanced or new functionality, such as cloud computing technologies. In addition, we have a customized ERP system, components of which have been replaced and components of which we anticipate will be replaced this year and over the next several years. There is a risk of business disruption, liability and reputational damage associated with these actions, including from not accurately capturing and maintaining data, efficiently testing and implementing changes, realizing the expected benefit of the change and managing the potential disruption of the actions and diversion of internal teams' attention as the changes are implemented.

Further, potential issues associated with implementing technology initiatives and the time and resources required in seeking to optimize the benefits of new elements of our systems and its infrastructure could reduce the efficiency of our operations in the short term. The efficient operation and successful growth of our business depends upon our information systems, including our ability to operate, maintain and develop them effectively. A failure of those systems could disrupt our business, subject us to liability, damage our reputation, or otherwise impact our financial results.

Real or perceived concerns that products we and the IOs sell could cause unexpected side effects, illness, injury or death could expose us to lawsuits and harm our reputation, which could result in unexpected costs.

If our products do not meet applicable safety standards or our customers' expectations regarding safety, we could experience lost sales, increased costs, litigation or reputational harm. Any lost confidence on the part of our customers would be difficult and costly to reestablish. Issues regarding the quality or safety of any food items sold by us, regardless of the cause, could have a substantial and adverse effect on our sales and operating results.

There is increasing governmental scrutiny and regulation of and public awareness regarding food safety. Unexpected side effects, illness, injury or death caused by products we and the IOs sell or involving suppliers that supply us with products could result in the discontinuance of sales of these products or our relationship with such suppliers or prevent us from achieving market acceptance of the affected products. We cannot be sure that consumption or use of our products will not cause side effects, illness, injury or death in the future, as product deficiencies might not be identified before we sell such products to our customers.

We also may be subject to claims, lawsuits or government investigations relating to such matters resulting in costly product recalls and other liabilities that could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations. Even if a product liability claim is unsuccessful or is not fully pursued, negative publicity could materially adversely affect our reputation with existing and potential customers and our corporate and brand image, and these effects could persist over the long term. Any claims brought against us may exceed our existing or future insurance policy coverage or limits. Any judgment against us that is in excess of our policy limits would have to be paid from our cash reserves, which would reduce our capital resources. Further, we may not have sufficient capital resources to pay a judgment, in which case our creditors could levy against our assets.

We are subject to laws and regulations generally applicable to retailers. Compliance with, failure to comply with, or changes to such laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial performance.

Our business is subject to numerous and frequently changing federal, state and local laws and regulations. We routinely incur significant costs in complying with these regulations. The complexity of the regulatory environment in which we and the IOs operate and the related cost of compliance are increasing due to additional legal and regulatory requirements, our expanding operation and increased enforcement efforts. Further, uncertainties exist regarding the future application of certain of these legal requirements to our business. New or existing laws, regulations and policies, liabilities arising thereunder and the related interpretations and

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enforcement practices, particularly those dealing with environmental protection and compliance, taxation, zoning and land use, workplace safety, public health, community right-to-know, product safety or labeling, food safety, alcohol and beverage sales, vitamin and supplements, information security and privacy and labor and employment, among others, or changes in existing laws, regulations, policies and the related interpretations and enforcement practices, particularly those governing the sale of products, may result in significant added expenses or may require extensive system and operating changes that may be difficult to implement and/or could materially increase our cost of doing business. For example, we or the IOs have had to comply with recent new laws in many of the states or counties in which we operate regarding actions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, recycling, waste, minimum wages, sick time, vacation, plastic bag and straw bans and sugar taxes. In addition, we and the IOs are subject to environmental laws pursuant to which we and the IOs could be strictly and jointly and severally liable for any contamination at our current or former locations, or at third-party waste disposal sites, regardless of our knowledge of or responsibility for such contamination.

Approximately 8% of sales are in the form of EBT payments and a substantial portion of these payments may be related to benefits associated with the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program ("SNAP"). Accordingly, changes in EBT regulations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or in SNAP benefits by Congress could adversely affect our financial performance.

We cannot assure you that we or the IOs will comply promptly and fully with all laws, regulations, policies and the related interpretations that apply to our stores. Untimely compliance or noncompliance with applicable regulations or untimely or incomplete execution of a required product recall, can result in the imposition of penalties (including loss of licenses, eligibility to accept certain government benefits such as SNAP or significant fines or monetary penalties), civil or criminal liability, damages, class action litigation or other litigation, in addition to reputational damage, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Legal proceedings from customers, suppliers, employees, governments or competitors could materially impact our business, reputation, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

From time to time, we are subject to allegations, and may be party to legal claims and regulatory proceedings, relating to our business operations. Such allegations, claims and proceedings may be brought by third parties, including our customers, suppliers, employees, governmental or regulatory bodies or competitors, and may include class actions. The outcome of litigation, particularly class action lawsuits, is difficult to assess or quantify. Plaintiffs in these types of lawsuits may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts, and the magnitude of the potential loss relating to such lawsuits may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. While the IOs and suppliers will typically indemnify us for certain adverse outcomes, we may still bear significant expenses related to such proceedings. While we maintain insurance, insurance coverage may not be adequate, and the cost to defend against future litigation may be significant.

From time to time, our employees may bring lawsuits against us regarding discrimination, creating a hostile workplace, sexual harassment and other employment issues. The IOs may also experience similar lawsuits from their own employees. In recent years, companies have experienced an increase in the number of discrimination and harassment and wage and hour claims generally. Coupled with the expansion of social media platforms that allow individuals with access to a broad audience, these claims have had a significant negative impact on some businesses. Some companies that have faced employment- or harassment-related lawsuits have had to terminate management or other key personnel, and have suffered reputational harm. If we were to face any employment-related or other claims, our reputation and business could be negatively affected. In addition, such lawsuits brought against the IOs, even if we are not named or are ultimately not found liable, could adversely impact our reputation and business.

Our current insurance program may expose us to unexpected costs and negatively affect our financial performance, particularly if we incur losses not covered by our insurance or if claims differ from our estimates.

Our insurance coverage reflects deductibles, self-insured retentions, limits of liability and similar provisions that we believe are reasonable based on our operations. However, there are types of losses we may incur but against which we cannot be insured or which we believe are not economically reasonable to insure, such as losses due to acts of war, employee and certain other crime, certain wage and hour and other employment-related claims, including class actions, actions based on certain consumer protection laws, certain cyber events and some natural and other disasters or similar events. If we incur these losses and they are material, our business could suffer. Certain material events, such as earthquakes or the recent California wildfires, may result in sizable losses for the insurance industry and adversely impact the availability of adequate insurance coverage or result in excessive premium increases. Our retail stores located in California, and the inventory in those stores, are not currently insured against losses due to earthquakes. We have experienced significant challenges in renewing the insurance policies for our stores as insurers have incurred substantial losses related to property claims from fires, floods and other catastrophic events and are significantly increasing policy premiums, increasing their requirements around building engineering standards or cutting back capacity for coverage offerings to layered/quota share. To offset negative insurance market trends, we may elect to increase our self-insurance coverage, accept higher deductibles or reduce the amount of coverage.

In addition, we self-insure, or insure through captive insurance companies, a significant portion of expected losses under our workers' compensation, automobile liability and general liability insurance programs. Unanticipated changes in any applicable actuarial assumptions and management estimates underlying our recorded liabilities for these losses, including expected increases in medical and indemnity costs, could result in materially different expenses than expected under these programs, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. If we experience a greater number of these losses than we anticipate, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. IOs are required to maintain certain types and amounts of insurance coverage. If they fail to secure adequate insurance, injured parties may bring actions against us.

If we or the IOs are unable to attract, train and retain highly qualified employees, our financial performance may be negatively affected.

Our future growth, performance and positive customer experience depends on our and the IOs' ability to attract, train, retain and motivate qualified employees who understand and appreciate our culture and are able to represent our brand effectively and establish credibility with our business partners and customers. We and the IOs face intense competition for employees. If we and the IOs are unable to attract and retain adequate numbers of qualified employees, our operations, customer service levels and support functions could suffer. There is no assurance that we and the IOs will be able to attract or retain highly qualified employees to operate our business.

Labor relation difficulties could materially adversely affect our business.

Employees at two Company-operated stores are represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. Our employees and those of the IOs have the right at any time to form or affiliate with a union. As we continue to grow, enter different regions and operate distribution centers, unions may attempt to organize the employees of our different IOs or our distribution centers within certain regions. We cannot predict the adverse effects that any future organizational activities will have on our business, financial condition and operating results. If we or the IOs were to become subject to work stoppages, we could experience disruption in our operations and increases in our labor costs, either of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

Our success depends in part on our executive officers and other key personnel. If we lose key personnel or are unable to hire additional qualified personnel, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We believe that our success depends to a significant extent on the skills, experience and efforts of our executive officers and other key personnel. The unexpected loss of services of any of our executive officers or other key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations. In addition, any such departure could be viewed in a negative light by investors and analysts, which may cause our stock price to decline. We do not maintain key person insurance on any of our key personnel. There can be no assurance that our executive succession planning, retention or hiring efforts will be successful. Competition for skilled and experienced management in our industry is intense, and we may not be successful in attracting and retaining qualified personnel. Failure to attract and retain qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in accounting standards and subjective assumptions, estimates and judgments by management related to complex accounting matters may materially impact reporting of our financial condition and results of operations.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and related accounting pronouncements, implementation guidelines, and interpretations we apply to a wide range of matters that are relevant to our business, such as accounting for long-lived asset impairment, goodwill, variable interest entities and share-based compensation, are complex and involve subjective assumptions, estimates and judgments by our management. Changes in these rules or their interpretation or changes in underlying assumptions, estimates or judgments by our management could significantly change or add significant volatility to our reported or expected financial performance. For example, our adoption of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 842, Leases had a material impact on our financial statements. For more information see “Recently Adopted Accounting Standards” and “Recently Issued Accounting Standards” in “NOTE 1—Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” to our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Goodwill, other intangible assets and long-lived assets represent a significant portion of our total assets, and any impairment of these assets could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We monitor the recoverability of our long-lived assets, such as our store investments, and evaluate them annually to determine if impairment has occurred. Accounting rules require us to review the carrying value of our goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be fully recoverable. Such indicators are based on market conditions and the operational performance of our business. If the testing performed indicates that impairment has occurred, we are required to record a non-cash impairment charge for the difference between the carrying value of the intangible assets or goodwill and the fair value of the intangible assets and the implied fair value of the goodwill, respectively, in the period the determination is made. The testing of long-lived assets, intangible assets and goodwill for impairment requires us to make estimates that are subject to significant assumptions about our future sales, profitability, cash flow, fair value of assets and liabilities, weighted average cost of capital, as well as other assumptions. Changes in these estimates, or changes in actual performance compared with these estimates, may affect the fair value of intangible assets or goodwill, which may result in an impairment charge.

We may take impairment charges in the future based on such assumptions. We cannot accurately predict the amount or timing of any impairment of assets. If a significant amount of our goodwill and other intangible assets were deemed to be impaired, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

A significant decline in our operating profit and taxable income may impair our ability to realize the value of our deferred tax assets.

We are required by accounting rules to periodically assess our deferred tax assets for a valuation allowance, if necessary. In performing these assessments, we use our historical financial performance to determine whether we have potential valuation allowance concerns and as evidence to support our assumptions about future financial performance. A significant decline in our financial performance could negatively affect the results of our assessments of the recoverability of our deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets could be material and could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Tax matters could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to federal and state income and other taxes in the United States. We compute our income tax provision based on enacted federal and state tax rates. Additionally, changes in the enacted tax rates, adverse outcomes in tax audits, or any change in the pronouncements relating to accounting for income taxes could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2017, the U.S. Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 (the "Tax Act") significantly revised the current federal income tax code with significant changes to corporate taxation, including reducing the corporate tax rate, limiting certain tax deductions and modifying or repealing many business deductions and credits. While the Tax Act reduced the federal income tax rate for corporations, it created certain limits and potentially changes the timing of certain deductions which could reduce our cash flow in certain periods. Many aspects of the new law are uncertain and are subject to further guidance from U.S. regulators and significant judgments will need to be made in the interpretation of various provisions. In addition, it is uncertain if and to what extent various states will conform to the newly enacted federal tax law, which could also impact our tax obligations.

As of December 28, 2019, we had a tax-effected deferred tax asset of \$268.2 million. Our ability to use our deferred tax asset is dependent on our ability to generate future earnings within the operating loss carry-forward periods, which are generally 20 years. Some or all of our deferred tax asset could expire unused if we are unable to generate taxable income in the future sufficient to utilize the deferred tax asset, or we enter into transactions that limit our right to use it. If a material portion of our deferred tax asset expires unused, it could have a material adverse effect on our future business, results of operations, financial condition and the value of our common stock. Our ability to realize the deferred tax asset is periodically reviewed and any necessary valuation allowance is recorded or adjusted accordingly.

In addition, certain states and local jurisdictions have recently approved or proposed gross receipt tax measures. For example, effective January 1, 2020, Oregon enacted a gross receipts tax which establishes a new 0.57% gross receipts tax. Should these gross receipt tax measures succeed in other jurisdictions in which we operate, we anticipate an increase in our operating expenses.

Natural disasters and unusual weather conditions (whether or not caused by climate change), power outages, pandemic outbreaks, terrorist acts, global political events and other serious catastrophic events could disrupt business and result in lower sales and otherwise materially adversely affect our financial performance.

Natural disasters, such as fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, unusual weather conditions, power outages, pandemic outbreaks, terrorist acts or disruptive global political events, or similar disruptions could materially adversely affect our business and financial performance. For example, our store in Paradise, California was lost due to the fires in that area in November 2018. Uncharacteristic or significant weather conditions can affect consumer shopping patterns, which could lead to lost sales or greater than expected markdowns and materially adversely affect our short-term results of operations. To the extent these events result

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in the closure of one or more of our distribution centers, a significant number of stores, or our administrative offices or impact one or more of our key suppliers, our operations and financial performance could be materially adversely affected through an inability to make deliveries or provide other support functions to our stores and through lost sales. In addition, these events could result in increases in fuel (or other energy) prices or a fuel shortage, delays in opening new stores, the temporary lack of an adequate work force in a market, the temporary or long-term disruption in the supply of products from some domestic and overseas suppliers, the temporary disruption in the transport of goods from overseas, delay or increased transportation costs in the delivery of goods to our distribution centers or stores, the inability of customers to reach or have transportation to our stores directly affected by such events, the temporary reduction in the availability of products in our stores and disruption of our utility services or to our information systems. These events also can have indirect consequences such as increases in the costs of insurance if they result in significant loss of property or other insurable damage.

Major health epidemics, such as the outbreak caused by a coronavirus (COVID-19), and other outbreaks could disrupt and adversely affect our operations, financial condition and business.

The United States and other countries have experienced, and may experience in the future, major health epidemics related to viruses or other pathogens. For example, there was an outbreak of COVID-19, a novel coronavirus, in China in December 2019, which by March 2020 had spread to the United States and other countries and declared a global pandemic. As a result, most states where we have a significant number of stores have declared a state of emergency, closed schools and non-essential businesses and enacted limitations on the number of people allowed to gather at one time in the same space. We expect that our IOs may face staffing challenges so long as school closures and COVID-19-related concerns exist. In addition, certain inventory items such as water, beans and bread as well as key cleaning supplies and protective equipment have been, and may continue to be, in short supply. Supply for inventory, including opportunistic inventory, may be negatively impacted as overall demand for inventory has increased, which could negatively impact our margin. These factors could impact the ability of stores to operate normal hours of operation or have sufficient inventory at all times which may disrupt our business and negatively impact our financial results. Furthermore, we and our IOs will incur additional expenditures in connection with the spread of COVID-19 and legislation passed in response to COVID-19, including but not limited to costs for supplies, additional employee benefits and premium and/or hazard pay, which may negatively affect our financial results. Our planned construction and opening of new stores may be negatively impacted due to state or county shelter in place requirements and the closure of government offices in certain areas which could negatively impact our financial results. We have transitioned a significant subset of our employee population to a remote work environment in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which may exacerbate certain risks to our business, including an increased risk of phishing and other cybersecurity attacks. In the event that an employee, IO, or IO employee tests positive for COVID-19, we have had to, and may in the future have to, temporarily close one or more stores, offices or distribution centers for cleaning and/or quarantine one or more employees, which could negatively impact our financial results. In addition, if one of more of our employees, IOs, IOs' employees or customers becomes ill from COVID-19 and attributes their exposure to such illness to us or one of our stores, we and/or our IOs could be subject to allegations of failure to adequately mitigate the risk of such exposure. Such allegations could harm our reputation and sales and expose us to the risks of litigation and liability. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate adverse impact to us of COVID-19. We are continuing to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and related risks. The magnitude and duration of the pandemic and its impact on our business, results of operations, financial position, and cash flows are uncertain as this continues to evolve globally.

These epidemics, or the perception that such epidemics may occur, may cause people to avoid gathering in public places, which may adversely affect our customer traffic, our ability and that of our IOs to adequately staff our stores and operations, and our ability to transport product on a timely basis. Further, outbreaks of pathogens, such as COVID-19, may also impact our ability to access and ship product from impacted locations. To the extent that a pathogen is food-borne, or perceived to be food-borne, future outbreaks may adversely affect the price and availability of certain food products and cause our customers to eat less of such product.

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Additionally, a prolonged widespread epidemic, or the perception that such an epidemic may occur, could adversely impact global economies and financial markets resulting in an economic downturn that may impact demand for our products. For example, during March 2020, the United States saw a significant increase in unemployment claims and other indications of a significant economic slowdown believed to be related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such impacts could adversely affect our operations, profitability, cash flows and financial results. To the extent the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affects our business and financial results, it may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks described in this “Risk Factors” section, such as those relating to our substantial level of indebtedness, our need to generate sufficient cash flows to service our indebtedness and our ability to comply with the covenants contained in the agreements that govern our indebtedness.

The current geographic concentration of our stores creates an exposure to local or regional downturns, natural or man-made disasters or other catastrophic occurrences.

As of March 28, 2020, we operated 203 stores and distributed product from four distribution centers in California, making California our largest market, representing 57% of our total stores. As a result, our business is currently more susceptible to regional conditions than the operations of more geographically diversified competitors, and we are vulnerable to economic downturns in those regions. Any unforeseen events or circumstances that negatively affect these areas could materially adversely affect our sales and profitability. These factors include, among other things, changes in demographics, population and employee bases, wage increases, changes in economic conditions, severe weather conditions and climate change, property tax increases and other catastrophic occurrences, such as wildfires and flooding. Such conditions may result in reduced customer traffic and spending in our stores, physical damage to our stores, loss of inventory, closure of one or more of our stores, inadequate workforce in our markets, temporary disruption in the supply of products, delays in the delivery of goods to our stores, increased expenses and a reduction in the availability of products in our stores. Any of these factors may disrupt our business and materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We may be required to devote substantial time to complying with public company regulations, which could negatively impact our financial performance and cause our results of operations or financial condition to suffer.

As a newly public company, we have incurred and will incur additional legal, accounting, insurance, investor relations and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting requirements. We have incurred and will incur costs associated with the rules of Nasdaq, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and related rules implemented by the SEC. The expenses incurred by public companies generally for director and officer liability insurance and reporting and corporate governance purposes have been increasing and may continue to increase. The Exchange Act requires us to file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition within specified time periods and to prepare a proxy statement with respect to our annual meeting of stockholders. Our management and other personnel will need to devote substantial amounts of time to ensure that we comply with all of the reporting requirements, limiting time spent focused on revenue-producing activities. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. Nasdaq requires that we comply with various corporate governance requirements. These rules and regulations, and applicable case law, may increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time-consuming and costly, although we are currently unable to estimate these costs with any degree of certainty. These laws and regulations can also make it more difficult or costly for us to obtain certain types of insurance, including director and officer liability insurance, and we may be forced to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. For example, the cost of director and officer liability insurance for California-based companies has recently increased significantly. These laws and regulations can also make it more difficult for us

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to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board, our board committees or as our executive officers. Furthermore, if we are unable to satisfy our obligations as a public company, we could be subject to delisting of our common stock, fines, sanctions and other regulatory actions and potentially civil litigation.

Our management has limited experience managing a public company, and our current resources may not be sufficient to fulfill our public company obligations.

Following the completion of our initial public offering on June 24, 2019, we became subject to various regulatory requirements, including those of the SEC and Nasdaq. These requirements include record keeping, financial reporting and corporate governance rules and regulations. Our management team has limited experience in managing a public company. Our internal infrastructure may not be adequate to support our increased reporting obligations, and we may be unable to hire, train or retain necessary staff and may initially be reliant on engaging outside consultants or professionals to overcome our lack of experience. Our business could be adversely affected if our internal infrastructure is inadequate, we are unable to engage outside consultants, or are otherwise unable to fulfill our public company obligations.

Changes in accounting rules or interpretations thereof, changes to underlying legal agreements as well as other factors applicable to our analysis of the IO entities as variable interest entities could significantly impact our ability to issue our financial statements on a timely basis.

In accordance with the variable interest entities sub-section of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 810, Consolidation, we assess during each of our reporting periods whether we are considered the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity (“VIE”) and therefore are required to consolidate the VIE in our financial statements. We have concluded that the IO entities represent VIEs. However, we have concluded we are not such VIE’s primary beneficiary and, accordingly, we do not consolidate the IO entities’ financial information. Changes in accounting rules or interpretations thereof, changes to the underlying Operator Agreements (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus) as well as other factors that may impact the economic performance of the IO entities which may be relevant to our analysis of whether to consolidate the IO entities as VIEs could significantly impact our ability to issue our financial statements on a timely basis if, as a result, we are determined to be the primary beneficiary of the IO entities and should consolidate such entities. For example, collecting the requisite accounting data from certain of our IO entities in order to consolidate their financial information would involve substantial time, effort and cost. For more information see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Risks Related to Our IO Model

If the IOs are not successful in managing their business, our financial results and brand image could be negatively affected.

The financial health of the IOs is critical to their and our success. The IOs are business entities owned by entrepreneurs who generally live in the same community as the store that they operate as our independent contractor. IOs are responsible for operating their store consistent with our brand standards, hiring and supervising store-level employees, merchandising and selling products and managing and paying the expenses associated with their business. Although we select IOs through a rigorous vetting and training process, and continue to help IOs develop their business skills after they enter into an Operator Agreement with us, it is difficult to predict in advance whether a particular IO will be successful. If an IO is unable to successfully establish, manage and operate the store, their store's performance and quality of service could be materially adversely affected. In addition, any poor performance could negatively affect our financial results and our brand reputation.

Failure of the IOs to repay notes outstanding to us may materially adversely affect our financial performance.

We extend financing to IOs for their initial startup costs in the form of notes payable to us that bear interest at a rate of 9.95%. We lower the interest rate and delay repayment obligations on the notes outstanding for certain of the IOs participating in our Temporary Commission Adjustment Program ("TCAP"). The TCAP allows us to provide a greater commission to participating IOs who are struggling to meet their working capital needs for various reasons, such as entry into a new market or new competition. There can be no assurance that any IO, particularly those participating in TCAP, will achieve long-term store volumes or profitability that will allow them to repay any amounts due nor is there any assurance that any IO will be able to repay amounts due through other means.

The outstanding aggregate balance of notes receivable from IOs has increased over time as we have accelerated new store growth and initial IO capital and working capital requirements have increased. This balance may continue to increase as we open new stores. There were \$23.5 million and \$32.0 million of notes to IOs outstanding as of December 29, 2018 and December 28, 2019, respectively, and \$8.5 million and \$9.8 million reserved as of December 29, 2018 and December 28, 2019, respectively.

If we are unable to attract and retain qualified IOs, our financial performance may be negatively affected.

Our future growth and performance depend on our ability to attract, develop and retain qualified IOs who understand and appreciate our culture and are able to represent our brand effectively. A material decrease in profitability of the IOs may make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified IOs. While we use a variety of methods to attract and develop the IOs, including through our Aspiring Operators in Training ("AOT") program, there can be no assurance that we will continue to be able to recruit and retain a sufficient number of qualified AOTs and other candidates to open successful new locations in order to meet our growth targets. Our ability to maintain our current performance and achieve future growth additionally depends on the IOs' ability to meet their labor needs while controlling wage and labor-related costs.

If the IOs are unable to avoid excess inventory shrink, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.

The IOs order merchandise solely from us, which we, in turn, deliver to IOs on a consignment basis. As a result, we retain ownership of all merchandise until the point in time that merchandise is sold to a customer. The IOs, however, are responsible for inventory management at their stores. Any spoiled, damaged or stolen merchandise, markdowns or price changes impact gross margin and, therefore, IO commission. We generally

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split these losses equally with IOs, however, excessive levels of shrink are deducted from commissions paid to IOs. Excessive shrink generally indicates poor inventory management and the IO's failure to use due care to secure their store against theft. If IOs were to not effectively control or manage inventory in their stores, they could experience higher rates of inventory shrink which could have a material adverse effect on their financial health, which in turn, may materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our Operator Agreements may be terminated, and any loss or changeover of an IO may cause material business disruptions.

Each Operator Agreement is subject to termination by either party without cause upon 75 days' notice. We may also terminate immediately "for cause." The "for cause" termination triggers include, among other things, a failure to meet our brand standards, misuse of our trademarks and actions that in our reasonable business judgment threaten to harm our business reputation.

If we or an IO terminates the Operator Agreement then we must approve a new IO for that store. Any IO changeover consumes substantial time and resources. Often, a changeover will involve more than one transition, as an IO may move from an existing store, thereby creating an opening at the IO's previous store. A failure to transition a store successfully to another IO can negatively impact the customer experience or compromise our brand standards. Termination of an Operator Agreement could therefore result in the reduction of our sales and operating cash flow, and may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Legal proceedings initiated against the IOs could materially impact our business, reputation, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We and the IOs are subject to a variety of litigation risks, including, but not limited to, individual personal injury, product liability, intellectual property, employment-related actions, litigation with or involving our relationship with IOs and property disputes and other legal actions in the ordinary course of our respective businesses. If the IOs are unable to provide an adequate remedy in a legal action, the plaintiffs may attempt to hold us liable. We maintain that under current applicable laws and regulations we are not joint employers with the IOs, and should not be held liable for their actions. However, these types of claims may increase costs and affect the scope and terms of insurance or indemnifications we and the IOs may have.

Our Operator Agreements require each IO to maintain certain insurance types and levels. Losses arising from certain extraordinary hazards, employment matters or other matters, however, may not be covered, and insurance may not be available (or may be available only at prohibitively expensive rates) with respect to many other risks, or IOs may fail to procure the required insurance. Moreover, any loss incurred could exceed policy limits and policy payments made to IOs may not be made on a timely basis.

Any legal actions against the IOs may negatively affect the reputation of our brand, which could result in a reduction of our sales and operating cash flow, which could be material and which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In the past, certain business models that use independent contractors to sell directly to customers have been subject to challenge under various laws, including laws relating to franchising, misclassification and joint employment. If our business model is determined to be a franchise, if IOs are found not to be independent contractors, but our employees, or if we are found to be a joint employer of an IO's employees, our business and operations could be materially adversely affected.

The IOs are independent contractors. Independent contractors and the companies that engage their services have come under increased legal and regulatory scrutiny in recent years as courts have adopted new standards for these classifications and federal legislators continue to introduce legislation concerning the

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classification of independent contractors as employees, including legislation that proposes to increase the tax and labor penalties against employers who intentionally or unintentionally misclassify employees as independent contractors and are found to have violated employees' overtime or wage requirements. Federal and state tax and other regulatory authorities and courts apply a variety of standards in their determination of independent contractor status. For example, the California state legislature recently enacted AB-5, which became effective in California on January 1, 2020. AB-5 codifies a new test for determining worker classification that is much narrower than the traditional standard in defining the scope of who is classified as an independent contractor. Given AB-5's recent enactment, there has been limited guidance to date regarding interpretation or enforcement, and there is a significant degree of uncertainty regarding its application. In addition, AB-5 has been the subject of widespread national discussion and it is possible that other jurisdictions may enact similar laws. There is a risk that a governmental agency or court could disagree with our assessment that IOs are independent contractors or that other laws and regulations could change. If any IOs were determined to be our employees, we would incur additional exposure under federal and state tax, workers' compensation, unemployment benefits, labor, employment, environmental and tort laws, which could potentially include prior periods, as well as potential liability for employee benefits and tax withholdings.

Even if IOs are properly classified as independent contractors, there is a risk that a governmental agency or court might disagree with our assessment that each IO is the sole employer of its workers and seek to hold us jointly and separately responsible as a co-employer of an IO's workers. In this case, we would incur additional exposure under federal and state tax, workers' compensation, unemployment benefits, labor, employment and tort laws, which could potentially include prior periods, as well as potential liability for employee benefits and tax withholdings since joint employers are each separately responsible for their co-employees' benefits. A misclassification ruling would mean that both IOs and IOs' employees are our employees, it would also mean that an IOs' employees are also our employees.

We continue to observe and monitor our compliance with current applicable laws and regulations, but we cannot predict whether laws and regulations adopted in the future, or standards adopted by the courts, regarding the classification of independent contractors will materially adversely affect our business or operations. Further, if we were to become subject to franchise laws or regulations, it would require us to provide additional disclosures, register with state franchise agencies, impact our ability to terminate our Operator Agreements and may increase the expense of, or adversely impact our recruitment of new IOs.

Our success depends on our ability to maintain positive relationships with the IOs and any failure to maintain our relationships on positive terms could materially adversely affect our business, reputation, financial condition and results of operations.

The IOs develop and operate their stores under terms set forth in our Operator Agreements. These agreements give rise to relationships that involve a complex set of mutual obligations and depends on mutual cooperation and trust. We have a standard Operator Agreement that we use with the IOs, which contributes to uniformity of brand standards. We generally have positive relationships with the IOs, based in part on our common understanding of our mutual rights and obligations under the Operator Agreement. However, we and the IOs may not always maintain a positive relationship or always interpret the Operator Agreement in the same way. Our failure to maintain positive relationships with the IOs could individually or in the aggregate cause us to change or limit our business practices, which may make our business model less attractive to the IOs or stockholders or more costly to operate. Active and/or potential disputes with IOs could damage our brand image and reputation.

The success of our business depends in large part on our ability to maintain IOs in profitable stores. If we fail to maintain our IO relationships on acceptable terms, or if one or more of the more profitable IOs were to terminate their Operator Agreements, become insolvent or otherwise fail to comply with brand standards, our business, reputation, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The IOs could take actions that could harm our business.

The IOs are contractually obligated to operate their stores in accordance with the brand standards set forth in the Operator Agreements. However, IOs are independent contractors whom we do not control. The IOs operate and oversee the daily operations of their stores and have sole control over all of their employees and other workforce decisions. As a result, IOs make decisions independent of us that bear directly on the ultimate success and performance of their store. Nevertheless, the nature of the brand license creates a symbiotic relationship between our outcome and each IO. Indeed, because we and each of the IOs associate our separate businesses with the Grocery Outlet name and brand reputation, the failure of any IO to comply with our brand standards could potentially have repercussions that extend beyond that IO's own market area and materially adversely affect not only our business, but the business of other IOs and the general brand image and reputation of the Grocery Outlet name. This, in turn, could materially and adversely affect our business and operating results. If any particular IO operates a store in a manner inconsistent with our brand standards, we cannot assure you that we will be able to terminate the Operator Agreement of that IO without disruptions to the operations and sales of that IO's store or other stores.

Risks Associated with Our Indebtedness

Our substantial indebtedness could materially adversely affect our financial condition and our ability to operate our business, react to changes in the economy or industry or pay our debts and meet our obligations under our debt and could divert our cash flow from operations for debt payments.

As of December 28, 2019, we had a significant amount of indebtedness comprised of total borrowings under our First Lien Credit Agreement of \$460.2 million. In June 2019 we used substantially all of the proceeds from our initial public offering to repay a portion of our indebtedness, and we made an additional principal repayment of indebtedness in October 2019. In March 2020, we borrowed \$90.0 million under the revolving credit facility of our First Lien Credit Agreement, the proceeds of which are to be used as reserve funding for working capital needs as a precautionary measure in light of the economic uncertainty surrounding the current COVID-19 pandemic. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources" in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus. In addition, subject to restrictions in our First Lien Credit Agreement, we may incur additional debt.

Our substantial debt could have important consequences to you, including the following:

- it may be difficult for us to satisfy our obligations, including debt service requirements under our outstanding debt, resulting in possible defaults on and acceleration of such indebtedness;
- our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements or other general corporate purposes may be impaired;
- a substantial portion of cash flow from operations may be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our debt, therefore reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund our operations, capital expenditures, future business opportunities, acquisitions and other purposes;
- we are more vulnerable to economic downturns and adverse industry conditions and our flexibility to plan for, or react to, changes in our business or industry is more limited;
- our ability to capitalize on business opportunities and to react to competitive pressures, as compared to our competitors, may be compromised due to our high level of debt; and
- our ability to borrow additional funds or to refinance debt may be limited.

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Furthermore, all of our debt under our First Lien Credit Agreement bears interest at variable rates. If these rates were to increase significantly, whether because of an increase in market interest rates or a decrease in our creditworthiness, our ability to borrow additional funds may be reduced and the risks related to our substantial debt would intensify.

Servicing our debt requires a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate sufficient cash depends on numerous factors beyond our control, and we may be unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations.

Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities to service our debt obligations. Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our debt and to fund planned capital expenditures depends on our ability to generate cash in the future. To some extent, this is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to service our debt and meet our other commitments, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our debt, sell material assets or operations, delay capital expenditures or raise additional debt or equity capital. We may not be able to effect any of these actions on a timely basis, on commercially reasonable terms or at all, and these actions may not be sufficient to meet our capital requirements. In addition, the terms of our existing or future debt agreements may restrict us from pursuing any of these alternatives.

Restrictive covenants in our First Lien Credit Agreement may restrict our ability to pursue our business strategies, and failure to comply with any of these restrictions could result in acceleration of our debt.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our First Lien Credit Agreement may materially adversely affect our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage in other business activities. Such restrictions and covenants limit our ability, among other things, to:

- incur additional debt or issue certain preferred shares;
- pay dividends on or make distributions in respect of our common stock or make other restricted payments;
- make certain investments;
- sell certain assets;
- create liens on certain assets to secure debt;
- consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;
- make certain payments in respect of certain junior debt obligations;
- enter into certain transactions with our affiliates; and
- designate our subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default under our First Lien Credit Agreement. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under our First Lien Credit Agreement, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under our First Lien Credit Agreement to be immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit. If we were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders under our First Lien Credit Agreement could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure that indebtedness.

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We have pledged a significant portion of our assets as collateral to secure our First Lien Credit Agreement. Our future operating results may not be sufficient to enable compliance with the financial maintenance covenant in our First Lien Credit Agreement, or any other indebtedness and we may not have sufficient assets to repay amounts outstanding under our First Lien Credit Agreement. In addition, in the event of an acceleration of our debt upon a default, we may not have or be able to obtain sufficient funds to make any accelerated payments.

Furthermore, the terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could have further additional restrictive covenants. We may not be able to maintain compliance with these covenants in the future, and in the event that we are not able to maintain compliance, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain waivers from the lenders or amend the covenants.

Despite current debt levels, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial leverage.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional debt in the future. Although our First Lien Credit Agreement contains restrictions on the incurrence of additional debt, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and the debt incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. Additionally, we may successfully obtain waivers of these restrictions. If we incur additional debt above the levels currently in effect, the risks associated with our leverage, including those described above, would increase. Our First Lien Credit Agreement includes a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility under which we had \$6.4 million of availability as of March 28, 2020 after giving effect to outstanding letters of credit.

Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock

The market price of our common stock has been volatile and may continue to fluctuate substantially, which could result in substantial losses for purchasers of our common stock.

The trading price of our common stock has been and is likely to continue to be volatile. The stock market has experienced extreme volatility. This volatility often has been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of particular companies. Since shares of our common stock were sold in our initial public offering in June 2019 at a price of \$22.00 per share, our stock price has ranged from \$27.75 to \$47.57 through April 20, 2020. The market price of our common stock has been highly volatile and may continue to fluctuate substantially due to a number of factors such as those listed in “—Risks Related to Our Business” and the following:

- results of operations that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- results of operations that vary from those of our competitors;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates and investment recommendations by securities analysts and investors;
- declines in the market prices of stocks generally;
- strategic actions by us or our competitors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, new products, acquisitions, joint marketing relationships, joint ventures, other strategic relationships or capital commitments;
- changes in general economic or market conditions or trends in our industry or markets;
- changes in business or regulatory conditions;

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- additions or departures of key management personnel;
- future sales of our common stock or other securities by us or our existing stockholders, or the perception of such future sales;
- expiration of market standoff or lock-up agreements;
- investor perceptions of the investment opportunity associated with our common stock relative to other investment alternatives;
- the public's response to press releases or other public announcements by us or third parties, including our filings with the SEC;
- announcements relating to litigation;
- guidance, if any, that we provide to the public, any changes in this guidance or our failure to meet this guidance;
- the development and sustainability of an active trading market for our stock;
- changes in accounting principles; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from natural disasters, war, acts of terrorism or responses to these events.

These broad market and industry fluctuations may materially adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. In addition, price volatility may be greater if the public float and trading volume of our common stock are low.

In the past, following periods of market volatility, stockholders have instituted securities class action litigation. If we were involved in securities litigation, it could have a substantial cost and divert resources and the attention of executive management from our business regardless of the outcome of such litigation.

Our quarterly operating results fluctuate and may fall short of prior periods, our projections or the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which could materially adversely affect our stock price.

Our operating results have fluctuated from quarter to quarter at points in the past, and they may do so in the future. Therefore, results of any one fiscal quarter are not a reliable indication of results to be expected for any other fiscal quarter or for any year. If we fail to increase our results over prior periods, to achieve our projected results or to meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors, our stock price may decline, and the decrease in the stock price may be disproportionate to the shortfall in our financial performance. Results may be affected by various factors, including those described in these risk factors. We maintain a forecasting process that seeks to plan sales and align expenses. If we do not control costs or appropriately adjust costs to actual results, or if actual results differ significantly from our forecast, our financial performance could be materially adversely affected.

We are a holding company with no operations and rely on our operating subsidiaries to provide us with funds necessary to meet our financial obligations.

We are a holding company with no material direct operations. Our principal assets are the shares of common stock of Globe Intermediate Corp. that we hold. Globe Intermediate Corp. is the indirect parent of Grocery Outlet Inc. which, together with its subsidiaries, owns substantially all of our operating assets. As a

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result, we are dependent on loans, dividends and other payments from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our financial obligations. Our subsidiaries are legally distinct from us and may be prohibited or restricted from paying dividends or otherwise making funds available to us under certain conditions. If we are unable to obtain funds from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to meet our financial obligations.

We currently do not intend to declare dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future and, as a result, your only opportunity to achieve a return on your investment is if the price of our common stock appreciates.

We currently do not expect to declare any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we anticipate that all of our earnings in the foreseeable future will be used to provide working capital, to support our operations and to finance the growth and development of our business. Any determination to declare or pay dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors, subject to applicable laws and dependent upon a number of factors, including our earnings, capital requirements and overall financial conditions. In addition, our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is currently limited by the covenants of our First Lien Credit Agreement and may be further restricted by the terms of any future debt or preferred securities. Accordingly, your only opportunity to achieve a return on your investment in our company may be if the market price of our common stock appreciates and you sell your shares at a profit. The market price for our common stock may never exceed, and may fall below, the price that you pay for such common stock.

If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they downgrade our stock or our sector, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock relies in part on the research and reports that industry or financial analysts publish about us or our business or industry. We do not control these analysts. Furthermore, if one or more of the analysts who do cover us downgrade our stock or our industry, or the stock of any of our competitors, or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business or industry, the price of our stock could decline. If one or more of these analysts ceases coverage of us or fails to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the market, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

Future sales, or the perception of future sales, by us or our existing stockholders in the public market following this offering could cause the market price for our common stock to decline.

After this offering, the sale of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could harm the prevailing market price of shares of our common stock. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate.

In connection with this offering, the selling stockholders and each of our directors and executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements in connection with this offering, on substantially similar terms, which expire 30 days from the date of this prospectus. Upon completion of this offering, based on the number of shares outstanding on April 13, 2020, 23,714,555 shares of our common stock will be restricted from sale as a result of lock-up agreements with the underwriters through the date that is 30 days from the date of this prospectus.

After this offering, the holders of an aggregate of 24,832,952 shares of our outstanding common stock immediately following this offering (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares and without giving effect to the H&F Investor's expected distribution of up to 165,000 shares of common stock to its direct and indirect partners for the sole purpose of charitable giving and Mr. Lindberg's expected donation of up to 50,000 shares of common stock to a charitable organization), will have rights, subject to some conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering their shares or to include their shares in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or our stockholders. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in the shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act, except for shares held by our affiliates as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. See "Shares Eligible for Future Sale."

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As restrictions on resale end or if these stockholders exercise their registration rights, the market price of our shares of common stock could drop significantly if the holders of these shares sell them or are perceived by the market as intending to sell them. These factors could also make it more difficult for us to raise additional funds through future offerings of our shares of common stock or other securities.

In addition, the shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2014 Stock Plan (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus) and our 2019 Incentive Plan (as defined elsewhere in this prospectus) will become eligible for sale in the public market once those shares are issued, subject to provisions relating to various vesting agreements, lock-up agreements and Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as applicable. A total of 13,320,323 shares of common stock have been reserved for future issuance under our 2014 Stock Plan and our 2019 Incentive Plan.

In the future, we may also issue our securities in connection with investments or acquisitions. The amount of shares of our common stock issued in connection with an investment or acquisition could constitute a material portion of our then-outstanding shares of our common stock. Any issuance of additional securities in connection with investments or acquisitions may result in additional dilution to you.

Provisions in our organizational documents could delay or prevent a change of control.

Certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a merger, acquisition, tender offer, takeover attempt or other change of control transaction that a stockholder might consider to be in its best interest, including attempts that might result in a premium over the market price of our common stock. As of April 13, 2020, before giving effect to this offering, the H&F Investor owned approximately 30% of the voting power of our outstanding stock.

These provisions provide for, among other things:

- the division of our board of directors into three classes, as nearly equal in size as possible, which directors in each class serving three-year terms and with terms of the directors of only one class expiring in any given year;
- that at any time when the H&F Investor and certain of its affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, directors may only be removed for cause, and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class;
- the ability of our board of directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could have the effect of impeding the success of an attempt to acquire us or otherwise effect a change of control;
- advance notice for nominations of directors by stockholders and for stockholders to include matters to be considered at stockholder meetings;
- the right of the H&F Investor and certain of its affiliates to nominate a number of members of our board of directors proportionate to their collective ownership of our common stock and the obligation of certain of our other pre-initial public offering stockholders to support such nominees;
- the right of certain other pre-initial public offering investors to nominate one member of our board of directors and the obligation of the H&F Investor and certain of our other pre-initial public offering stockholders to support such nominee;
- certain limitations on convening special stockholder meetings; and

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- that certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may be amended only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, if the H&F Investor and certain of its affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, less than 40% in voting power of our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

These provisions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if the third-party's offer may be considered beneficial by many of our stockholders. As a result, our stockholders may be limited in their ability to obtain a premium for their shares. See "Description of Capital Stock."

The H&F Investor will continue to hold a significant percentage of our outstanding stock after this offering and its interests may be different than the interests of other holders of our securities.

Upon the completion of this offering, the H&F Investor will own approximately 18.8% of our outstanding common stock, or approximately 17.2% if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares. As a result, the H&F Investor is able to control or influence actions to be taken by us, including future issuances of our common stock or other securities, the payment of dividends, if any, on our common stock, amendments to our organizational documents and the approval of significant corporate transactions, including mergers, sales of substantially all of our assets, distributions of our assets, the incurrence of indebtedness and any incurrence of liens on our assets. As a result, certain governance provisions in our organizational documents will be affected.

The interests of the H&F Investor may be materially different than the interests of our other stakeholders. In addition, the H&F Investor may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures and other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance its investment, even though such transactions might involve risks to you. For example, the H&F Investor may cause us to take actions or pursue strategies that could impact our ability to make payments under our First Lien Credit Agreement or that cause a change of control. In addition, to the extent permitted by our First Lien Credit Agreement, the H&F Investor may cause us to pay dividends rather than make capital expenditures or repay debt. The H&F Investor is in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that none of the H&F Investor, any of its affiliates or any director who is not employed by us (including any non-employee director who serves as one of our officers in both his director and officer capacities) or his or her affiliates will have any duty to refrain from engaging, directly or indirectly, in the same business activities or similar business activities or lines of business in which we operate. The H&F Investor also may pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

So long as the H&F Investor continues to own a significant amount of our outstanding common stock, even though such amount is less than 50%, it will continue to be able to strongly influence or effectively control our decisions and, so long as the H&F Investor continues to own shares of our outstanding common stock, nominate individuals to our board of directors pursuant to the stockholders agreement we are parties to. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Stockholders Agreement." The concentration of ownership could deprive you of an opportunity to receive a premium for your shares of common stock as part of a sale of our company and ultimately might affect the market price of our common stock.

Failure to comply with requirements to design, implement and maintain effective internal controls could have a material adverse effect on our business and stock price.

As a privately-held company, we were not required to evaluate our internal control over financial reporting in a manner that meets the standards of publicly traded companies required by Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("Section 404"). As a public company, we have significant requirements for enhanced

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financial reporting and internal controls. The process of designing and implementing effective internal controls is a continuous effort that requires us to anticipate and react to changes in our business and the economic and regulatory environments and to expend significant resources to maintain a system of internal controls that is adequate to satisfy our reporting obligations as a public company. If we are unable to establish or maintain appropriate internal financial reporting controls and procedures, it could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations on a timely basis, result in material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements and harm our results of operations. In addition, we are required, pursuant to Section 404, to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report for the year ended January 2, 2021. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. The rules governing the standards that must be met for our management to assess our internal control over financial reporting are complex and require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation. Testing and maintaining internal controls may divert our management's attention from other matters that are important to our business. Our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to issue an attestation report on effectiveness of our internal controls in our annual report for the year ended January 2, 2021.

In connection with the implementation of the necessary procedures and practices related to internal control over financial reporting, we may identify deficiencies that we may not be able to remediate in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for compliance with the requirements of Section 404. In addition, we may encounter problems or delays in completing the remediation of any deficiencies identified by our independent registered public accounting firm in connection with the issuance of their attestation report.

Our testing, or the subsequent testing by our independent registered public accounting firm, may reveal deficiencies in our internal controls over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses. A material weakness in internal control could result in our failure to detect a material misstatement of our annual or quarterly consolidated financial statements or disclosures. We may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal control over financial reporting, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide, subject to limited exceptions, that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and, to the extent enforceable, the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the sole and exclusive forums for certain stockholder litigation matters, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or employees.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide, subject to limited exceptions, that unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any (i) derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of our company, (ii) action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of our company to the Company or our stockholders, (iii) action asserting a claim against the Company or any director, officer or other employee of the Company arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or (iv) action asserting a claim against the Company or any director, officer or other employee of the Company governed by the internal affairs doctrine. These provisions shall not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Unless we consent in writing to the selections of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act, subject to and contingent upon a final adjudication in the State of Delaware of the enforceability of such exclusive forum provision. Any person or

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entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our amended and restated bylaws.

These choice of forum provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a different judicial forum, including one that it may find favorable or convenient for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers or other employees which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of forum provisions that will be contained in our amended and restated bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable with respect to one or more of the specified types of actions or proceedings, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Our board of directors is authorized to issue and designate shares of our preferred stock in additional series without stockholder approval.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors, without the approval of our stockholders, to issue 50,000,000 shares of our preferred stock, subject to limitations prescribed by applicable law, rules and regulations and the provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as shares of preferred stock in series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The powers, preferences and rights of these additional series of preferred stock may be senior to or on parity with our common stock, which may reduce its value.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements (other than statements of historical facts) in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein regarding the prospects of the industry and our prospects, plans, financial position and business strategy may constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “may,” “should,” “expect,” “intend,” “will,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “predict,” “potential” or “continue” or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology. Forward-looking statements include our expectations regarding our financial and operational information as of and for the thirteen weeks ended March 28, 2020, which are subject to the completion of our closing procedures. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot provide any assurance that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements reflect the current views of our management with respect to our business, results of operations and future financial performance. The following factors are among those that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements:

- failure of suppliers to consistently supply us with opportunistic products at attractive pricing;
- inability to successfully identify trends and maintain a consistent level of opportunistic products;
- failure to maintain or increase comparable store sales;
- changes affecting the market prices of the products we sell;
- failure to open, relocate or remodel stores on schedule;
- risks associated with newly opened stores;
- risks associated with economic conditions;
- competition in the retail food industry;
- inability to retain the loyalty of our customers;
- costs and implementation difficulties associated with marketing, advertising and promotions;
- failure to maintain our reputation and the value of our brand, including protecting our intellectual property;
- any significant disruption to our distribution network, the operations of our distributions centers and our timely receipt of inventory;
- movement of consumer trends toward private labels and away from name-brand products;
- inability to maintain sufficient levels of cash flow from our operations;
- risks associated with leasing substantial amounts of space;
- failure to maintain the security of information we hold relating to personal information or payment card data of our customers, employees and suppliers;
- failure to participate effectively or at all in the growing online retail marketplace;
- material disruption to our information technology systems;
- risks associated with products we and the IOs sell;

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- risks associated with laws and regulations generally applicable to retailers;
- legal proceedings from customers, suppliers, employees, governments or competitors;
- unexpected costs and negative effects associated with our insurance program;
- inability to attract, train and retain highly qualified employees;
- difficulties associated with labor relations;
- loss of our key personnel or inability to hire additional qualified personnel;
- changes in accounting standards and subjective assumptions, estimates and judgments by management related to complex accounting matters;
- impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets;
- any significant decline in our operating profit and taxable income;
- risks associated with tax matters;
- natural disasters and unusual weather conditions (whether or not caused by climate change), power outages, pandemic outbreaks, terrorist acts, global political events and other serious catastrophic events;
- major health epidemics, such as the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19), and other outbreaks;
- economic downturns or natural or man-made disasters in geographies where our stores are located;
- time required to comply with public company regulations;
- management's limited experience managing a public company;
- risks associated with IOs being consolidated into our financial statements;
- failure of the IOs to successfully manage their business;
- failure of the IOs to repay notes outstanding to us;
- inability to attract and retain qualified IOs;
- inability of the IOs to avoid excess inventory shrink;
- any loss or changeover of an IO;
- legal proceedings initiated against the IOs;
- legal challenges to the independent contractor business model;
- failure to maintain positive relationships with the IOs;
- risks associated with actions the IOs could take that could harm our business;
- the significant influence of the H&F Investor over us;

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- our ability to generate cash flow to service our substantial debt obligations; and
- the other factors discussed under “Risk Factors.”

The preceding list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all of our forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of future performance, taking into account the information currently available to us. These statements are only predictions based upon our current expectations and projections about future events. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Other sections of this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein may include additional factors that could adversely impact our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time and it is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. Before investing in our common stock, investors should be aware that the occurrence of the events described under the caption “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus and under “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and future financial performance.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that the future results, levels of activity, performance and events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason after the date of this prospectus to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We are filing the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part to permit holders of the shares of our common stock included in the section entitled “Principal and Selling Stockholders” to resell such shares. The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock in this offering. We are not selling any shares of common stock under this prospectus and will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholders or if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We currently do not expect to declare any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we anticipate that all of our earnings in the foreseeable future will be used to provide working capital, to support our operations, to finance the growth and development of our business and to reduce our net debt. Any determination to declare dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors, subject to applicable laws, and will be dependent on a number of factors, including our earnings, capital requirements and overall financial condition. In addition, because we are a holding company, our ability to pay dividends on our common stock may be limited by restrictions on our ability to obtain sufficient funds through dividends from subsidiaries, including restrictions under our First Lien Credit Agreement, and may be further restricted by the terms of any future debt or preferred securities. See “NOTE 6—Long-term Debt” to our audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, for more information about our First Lien Credit Agreement.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 28, 2019.

You should read this table together with “Selected Consolidated Financial Data” included elsewhere in this prospectus, as well as “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included in our Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	As of December 28, 2019 (in thousands)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,101
Long-term debt, including current portion of long-term debt:	
First Lien Credit Agreement ⁽¹⁾	\$ 460,188
Notes Payable	246
Unamortized debt discount and debt issuance costs	(12,445)
Total debt	447,989
Stockholders’ equity:	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized, 89,005,062 shares issued and outstanding	89
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—
Additional paid-in capital	717,282
Retained earnings	28,013
Total stockholders’ equity	745,384
Total capitalization	\$ 1,193,373

- (1) As of December 28, 2019, we had a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility under our First Lien Credit Agreement under which we had \$96.4 million of availability thereunder after giving effect to outstanding letters of credit as of such date. See “Recent Developments—First Lien Credit Agreement” for a discussion of our \$90.0 million draw on March 19, 2020 under the revolving credit facility of our First Lien Credit Agreement.

MANAGEMENT

Executive Officers and Directors

The following table sets forth information about our directors and executive officers as of April 13, 2020:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	49	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	45	President
Charles C. Bracher	47	Chief Financial Officer
Andrea R. Bortner	58	Chief Human Resources Officer
Pamela B. Burke	52	Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary
Heather L. Mayo	56	Executive Vice President, Sales and Merchandising
Brian T. McAndrews	59	Senior Vice President, Store Development
Thomas H. McMahon	58	Executive Vice President, Sales and Merchandising
Steven K. Wilson	56	Senior Vice President, Purchasing
Erik D. Ragatz	47	Director, Chairman of the Board
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	49	Director, Vice Chairman of the Board
Kenneth W. Alterman	64	Director
John E. Bachman	64	Director
Matthew B. Eisen	32	Director
Thomas F. Herman	80	Director
Mary Kay Haben	64	Director
Norman S. Matthews	87	Director
Sameer Narang	36	Director
Jeffrey York	57	Director

Set forth below is a brief description of the business experience of the directors and executive officers. All of our officers serve at the discretion of our board of directors.

Eric J. Lindberg, Jr. has served as our Chief Executive Officer since January 2019 and as a director since January 2006. Previously, from January 2006 to December 2018, Mr. Lindberg served as our Co-Chief Executive Officer. Prior to being appointed Co-Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lindberg served in various positions with the Company since 1996. As our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lindberg brings to our board of directors significant senior leadership, and his detailed knowledge of our operations, finances, strategies and industry garnered over his 23-year tenure with us makes him well qualified to serve as our Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the board of directors. Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Read, a member of our board of directors, are cousins by marriage.

Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr. has served as our President since January 2019. Mr. Sheedy previously served as our Chief Merchandise, Marketing & Strategy Officer from April 2017 to December 2018, our Chief Merchandise & Strategy Officer from March 2014 to April 2017 and our Vice President, Strategy from April 2012 to February 2014. Before joining us, Mr. Sheedy served in various roles at Staples Inc., an office supply company, from 2005 to 2012, most recently as their Vice President, Strategy.

Charles C. Bracher has served as our Chief Financial Officer since August 2012. Before joining us, Mr. Bracher served in various roles at Bare Escentuals, Inc., a mineral cosmetics company, from 2005 to 2012, most recently as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Bracher began his career in the Investment Banking Division of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Andrea R. Bortner has served as our Chief Human Resources officer since March 2020. Before joining us, Ms. Bortner served as Chief Human Resources Officer at Maxar Technologies, Inc., a space technology

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company, from August 2016 to October 2019 and as Chief Human Resources Officer at Catalina, an advertising and marketing company, from August 2012 to June 2016.

Pamela B. Burke has served as our Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary since January 2019 and previously served as our General Counsel and Secretary from June 2015 to December 2018. Before joining us, Ms. Burke served in various management positions at CRC Health Group, Inc., a provider of specialized behavioral health services, most recently as Senior Vice President of Legal, HR and Risk from April 2010 to February 2015.

Heather L. Mayo has served as our Executive Vice President of Sales and Merchandising, East since October 2019. Before joining us, Ms. Mayo served as Chief Merchandising Officer of Boxed, a wholesale bulk retailer, from November 2016 to September 2017. Ms. Mayo served in various roles in merchandising and operations at Sam's Club, a division of Walmart, from 2004 to 2016, most recently as their Senior Vice President, Operations for the West Division from February 2015 to March 2016 and as Senior Vice President, Operations for the South Division from August 2014 to February 2015.

Brian T. McAndrews has served as our Senior Vice President of Store Development overseeing all company real estate functions since July 2018. Before joining us, Mr. McAndrews served as Chief Real Estate Officer at Conn's Home Plus, a furniture and appliance store chain, from June 2017 to June 2018 and as Senior Vice President, Global Real Estate & Construction at Dollar Financial Corporation from February 2010 to June 2017.

Thomas H. McMahon has served as our Executive Vice President of Sales and Merchandising since January 2017 and served as our Vice President of Sales and Merchandising from December 2008 to December 2016. Before joining us in 2008, Mr. McMahon was the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of T Street Incorporated, a retail specialty company.

Steven K. Wilson has served as our Senior Vice President of Purchasing since February 2018 and previously served as our Vice President of Purchasing from July 2006 to January 2018. Prior to being appointed Vice President of Purchasing, Mr. Wilson served in various positions with the Company since 1994.

Erik D. Ragatz has served as a director and as Chairman of our board of directors since October 2014. Mr. Ragatz has served as a Partner at H&F since January 2008. Mr. Ragatz currently serves on the boards of directors and audit and compensation committees of Crackle Holdings GP, LLC (d/b/a SnapAV), a manufacturer and distributor of audio/visual equipment, and Associated Materials Group, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of exterior building products, as well as the board of directors and compensation committee of Wand TopCo Inc. (d/b/a Caliber Collision), a chain of auto body repair and paint shops, each currently private H&F portfolio companies. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Ragatz brings his insight into the proper functioning and role of corporate boards of directors, gained through his years of service on the boards of directors of H&F's portfolio companies.

S. MacGregor Read, Jr. served as our Vice Chairman from January 2019 through April 2020 and has served as a director since January 2006. In April 2020, Mr. Read became the Vice Chairman of our board of directors. From January 2006 to December 2018, Mr. Read served as our Co-Chief Executive Officer. Prior to being appointed Co-Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Read served in various positions with the Company since 1996. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Read contributes his knowledge of our operations, finances, strategies and industry garnered over his 23-year tenure with us. Mr. Read and Mr. Lindberg are cousins by marriage.

Kenneth W. Alterman has served as a director since 2011. Mr. Alterman is an Executive Adviser to Savers, Inc., a retail thrift store chain, since January 2017. He previously served as the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Savers, Inc. from January 2004 to January 2017 and as the Vice President and General Manager from December 2002 to December 2003. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Alterman

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contributes his knowledge of the discount industry, as well as substantial experience developing corporate strategy and assessing emerging industry trends and business operations.

John E. Bachman has served as a director since November 2019. Mr. Bachman has been an outside director for various public companies since his retirement in 2015. From 1978 to 2015, Mr. Bachman was a certified public accountant at the accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, most recently as a partner. Mr. Bachman currently serves on the board of directors and as chair of the audit committee of The Children's Place, a children's clothing store, and serves on the board of directors and as a member of the audit and finance committees of WEX Inc., a global corporate payment solutions company. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Bachman contributes his extensive background in auditing, as well as his business strategy and oversight experience serving in the leadership of one of the world's largest accounting firms.

Matthew B. Eisen has served as a director since March 2019. Mr. Eisen has served as a Director at H&F since January 2020 and previously served as a Principal at H&F from July 2016 to January 2020 and as an Associate at H&F from July 2012 to July 2014. From June 2010 to July 2012, Mr. Eisen was an Analyst in the Media and Communications Group of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC. Mr. Eisen currently serves on the board of directors and as a member of the audit committee of Wand TopCo Inc. (d/b/a Caliber Collision), a chain of auto body repair and paint shops and a private H&F portfolio company. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Eisen contributes his financial and capital markets expertise and draws on his experience advising and serving on the boards of H&F's portfolio companies.

Mary Kay Haben has served as a director since November 2019. Ms. Haben has been an outside director for various public companies since her retirement in February 2011. From April 2007 to February 2011, Ms. Haben held various senior positions with Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, a confectionery company. Prior to that time, she held several key positions during her 27-year career with Kraft Foods, Inc., a grocery manufacturing and processing conglomerate. Ms. Haben currently serves on the board of directors of The Hershey Company, a confectionery company, and the board of trustees of Equity Residential, a publicly traded REIT. As a member of the board of directors, Ms. Haben contributes her substantial governance expertise and experience with consumer preferences as a senior executive for consumer packaged goods companies.

Thomas F. Herman has served as a director since 2004. Mr. Herman has been engaged in consulting since 2004. From 2003 to 2004, Mr. Herman was the president and chief operating officer of Good Guys, Inc., a consumer electronics retailer. Prior to that time, he served in various management positions, including at Oak Harbor Partners, a boutique financial services firm, Employment Law Learning Technologies, a distance learning company focused on employment law, Alamo Group, a real estate & operations business, American Copy Jewelry and the San Francisco Music Box Co. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Herman contributes significant retail experience and financial expertise based on his years of senior executive experience as well as his prior experience serving on the boards of public companies such as Crdientia Corp. and Good Guys, Inc.

Norman S. Matthews has served as a director since October 2014. From 1978 to 1988, Mr. Matthews served in various senior management positions for Federated Department Stores, Inc., including President from 1987 to 1988. Mr. Matthews currently serves on the boards of directors and compensation committees of The Children's Place Inc., a children's clothing store, Party City Holdco, Inc., a party goods supply store, and Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., a consumer products company, and previously has served as director of Henry Schein, Inc. and The Progressive Corporation. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Matthews contributes an extensive knowledge of the retail industry and strategic marketing and sales and corporate governance practices from his years as a senior executive and member of the boards of directors of several public companies.

Sameer Narang has served as a director since October 2014. Mr. Narang joined H&F in 2010 and has served as a Partner at H&F since January 2018 and served as a Director at H&F from January 2014 to December 2017. Mr. Narang currently serves as chairman of the board of directors and a member of the compensation committee of Arrow Holding Corp. (d/b/a Applied Systems, Inc.), a provider of cloud-based insurance software

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and a private H&F portfolio company. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Narang contributes his knowledge of corporate governance gained through his years of service on the boards of directors of H&F's portfolio companies.

Jeffrey York has served as a director since November 2010. Mr. York has served as Co-Chief Executive Officer and President of Farm Boy Inc., a grocery retailer, since November 2009. Mr. York currently serves as a member of the boards of directors and audit committee of Focus Graphite, an advanced exploration and mining company, Braille Energy Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of race car batteries and other energy storage devices and Stria Lithium, a lithium mining exploration company. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. York contributes an extensive knowledge of the grocery industry and corporate governance based on his experience as a senior executive and serving on public company boards of directors.

Board of Directors

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors. Our board of directors consists of eleven directors.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to the right of holders of any series of preferred stock, our board of directors will be divided into three classes of directors, with the classes to be as nearly equal in number as possible, and with the directors serving staggered three-year terms, with only one class of directors being elected at each annual meeting of stockholders. As a result, approximately one-third of our board of directors will be elected each year. Our Class I directors are Messrs. Ragatz, Alterman, Bachman and Herman (with their terms expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2020), our Class II directors are Mme. Haben and Messrs. Read, Narang and York (with their terms expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2021) and our Class III directors are Messrs. Lindberg, Eisen and Matthews (with their terms expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2022).

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that, subject to any rights of holders of preferred stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the number of directors will be fixed from time to time exclusively pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of directors; however, if at any time the H&F Investor owns at least 40% in voting power of the stock of our Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, the stockholders may also fix the number of directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by the stockholders. Subject to certain exceptions described below with respect to the amended and restated stockholders agreement we entered into in June 2019, newly created director positions resulting from an increase in size of the board of directors and vacancies may be filled by our board of directors or our stockholders; provided, however, that at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, such vacancies shall be filled by our board of directors (and not by the stockholders).

Our amended and restated stockholders agreement provides that the H&F Investor will have the right to nominate to our board of directors (such persons, the "H&F nominees") a number of nominees equal to: (x) the total number of directors comprising our board of directors at such time, multiplied by (y) the percentage of our outstanding common stock held from time to time by the H&F Investor. For purposes of calculating the number of directors that the H&F Investor will be entitled to nominate, any fractional amounts are rounded up to the nearest whole number. In addition the Executive Stockholders (as defined in the amended and restated stockholders agreement) and the Read Trust Rollover Stockholders (as defined in the amended and restated stockholders agreement), trusts controlled by Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Read or members of their immediate family, acting together by majority vote, will have the right to nominate one person (such person, the "Executive nominee") to our board of directors for so long as such stockholders collectively own at least 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock. The amended and restated stockholders agreement also provides that our Chief Executive Officer will be nominated to our board of directors. For so long as we have a classified board, the H&F nominees will be divided by the H&F Investor as evenly as possible among the classes of directors. The

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Executive nominee will initially be a Class II director and the Chief Executive Officer will initially be a Class III director.

Pursuant to the amended and restated stockholders agreement, we must include the H&F nominees, the Executive nominee and the Chief Executive Officer nominee on the slate that is included in our proxy statements relating to the election of directors of the class to which such persons belong and provide the highest level of support for the election of each such persons as we provide to any other individual standing for election as a director. In addition, each stockholder party to the amended and restated stockholders agreement agrees to vote in favor of the Company slate that is included in our proxy.

In the event that an H&F nominee or the Executive nominee ceases to serve as a director for any reason (other than the failure of our stockholders to elect such individual as a director), the persons entitled to designate such nominee director under the amended and restated stockholders agreement are entitled to appoint another nominee to fill the resulting vacancy.

Background and Experience of Directors

When considering whether directors and nominees have the experience, qualifications, attributes or skills, taken as a whole, to enable our board of directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively in light of our business and structure, the board of directors focused primarily on each person's background and experience as reflected in the information discussed in each of the directors' individual biographies set forth above. We believe that our directors provide an appropriate mix of experience and skills relevant to the size and nature of our business. Once appointed, directors serve until they resign or are terminated by the stockholders.

Role of Board of Directors in Risk Oversight

The board of directors has extensive involvement in the oversight of risk management related to us and our business and accomplishes this oversight through the regular reporting by the Audit and Risk Management Committee. The Audit and Risk Management Committee represents the board of directors by periodically reviewing our accounting, reporting and financial practices, including the integrity of our financial statements, the surveillance of administrative and financial controls and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Through its regular meetings with management, including the finance, legal and internal audit functions, the Audit and Risk Management Committee reviews and discusses all significant areas of our business and summarizes for the board of directors all areas of risk and the appropriate mitigating factors. In addition, our board of directors receives periodic detailed operating performance reviews from management.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The standing committees of our board of directors consist of an Audit and Risk Management Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Our Chief Executive Officer, President and other executive officers regularly report to the non-executive directors and the Audit and Risk Management, the Compensation and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees to ensure effective and efficient oversight of our activities and to assist in proper risk management and the ongoing evaluation of management controls. The internal audit finance function reports functionally and administratively to our Chief Financial Officer and directly to the Audit and Risk Management Committee. We believe that the leadership structure of our board of directors provides appropriate risk oversight of our activities given the controlling interests held by the H&F Investor.

Audit and Risk Management Committee

The members of our current Audit and Risk Management Committee are Mme. Haben and Messrs. Bachman, Eisen, Herman and York. Mme. Haben and Messrs. Bachman, Eisen, Herman and York all qualify as

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independent directors under the Nasdaq corporate governance standards, and Mme. Haben and Messrs. Bachman, Herman and York qualify as independent directors under the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act. Our board of directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bachman, Eisen, Herman and York qualify as an “audit committee financial expert” as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

The purpose of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is to prepare the audit committee report required by the SEC to be included in our proxy statement and to assist our board of directors in overseeing and monitoring (1) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, (2) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) our independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications and independence, (4) the performance of our internal audit function and (5) the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm.

Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit and Risk Management Committee, which is available on our website.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Compensation decisions are made by our Compensation Committee. None of our current or former executive officers or employees currently serves, or has served during our last completed fiscal year, as a member of our Compensation Committee and, during that period, none of our executive officers served as a member of the compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity whose executive officers served as a member of our board of directors.

We have entered into certain indemnification agreements with our directors and are party to certain transactions with the H&F Investor described in “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Indemnification of Directors and Officers” and “—Stockholders Agreement,” respectively.

Compensation Committee

The members of our current Compensation Committee are Messrs. Alterman, Ragatz, Matthews, Eisen and York. Our board of directors has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee is independent under applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and Nasdaq. In addition, each of Messrs. Alterman and York qualifies as a “non-employee director” within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The purpose of the Compensation Committee is to assist our board of directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to, among other things, (1) setting our compensation program and compensation of our executive officers and directors, (2) monitoring our incentive and equity-based compensation plans and (3) preparing the compensation committee report required to be included in our proxy statement under the rules and regulations of the SEC.

Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee, which is available on our website.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The members of our current Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Mme. Haben and Messrs. Ragatz, Matthews and Narang.

The purpose of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is to assist our board of directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to (1) identifying individuals qualified to become new board members, consistent with criteria approved by the board of directors, (2) reviewing the qualifications of incumbent

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directors to determine whether to recommend them for reelection and selecting, or recommending that the board of directors select, the director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders, (3) identifying board members qualified to fill vacancies on any board of directors committee and recommending that the board of directors appoint the identified member or members to the applicable committee, (4) reviewing and recommending to the board of directors corporate governance principles applicable to us, (5) overseeing the evaluation of the board of directors and management and (6) handling such other matters that are specifically delegated to the committee by the board of directors from time to time.

Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is available on our website.

Director Independence

Pursuant to the corporate governance listing standards of Nasdaq, a director employed by us cannot be deemed to be an “independent director.” Each other director will qualify as “independent” only if our board of directors affirmatively determines that he has no material relationship with us, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. Ownership of a significant amount of our stock, by itself, does not constitute a material relationship.

Our board of directors has determined that Mme. Haben and Messrs. Alterman, Bachman, Eisen, Herman, Matthews, Narang, Ragatz and York are “independent” in accordance with the Nasdaq rules.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the “Code of Ethics”) applicable to all employees, executive officers and directors that addresses legal and ethical issues that may be encountered in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, including the requirement to report any conduct they believe to be a violation of the Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics is available on the Corporate Governance page of our website, www.groceryoutlet.com. The information available on or through our website is not part of this prospectus. If we ever were to amend or waive any provision of our Code of Ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or any person performing similar functions, we intend to satisfy our disclosure obligations with respect to any such waiver or amendment by posting such information on our internet website set forth above rather than by filing a Form 8-K.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides an overview of our executive compensation philosophy, the overall objectives of our executive compensation program and each material element of compensation for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 that we provided to each person who served as our principal executive officer or principal financial officer during 2019 and our three most highly compensated executive officers employed at the end of 2019, all of whom we refer to collectively as our Named Executive Officers.

Our Named Executive Officers for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 were as follows:

- Eric J. Lindberg, Jr., *Chief Executive Officer*
- Charles C. Bracher, *Chief Financial Officer*
- S. MacGregor Read, Jr., *Vice Chairman of the Company**
- Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr., *President*
- Thomas H. McMahon, *Executive Vice President, Sales & Merchandising*

* Mr. Read served as our executive Vice Chairman from January 2019 to April 2020, at which time he transitioned to the non-executive role of Vice Chairman of our board of directors. In connection with this transition, we and Mr. Read entered into a transition letter agreement which is described below under “—Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control—Read Transition Agreement.”

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing, implementing and evaluating our employee compensation and benefit programs. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews and makes recommendations to our board of directors with respect to the adoption of, or amendments to, all equity-based incentive compensation plans for employees, and cash-based incentive plans for executive officers, and evaluates whether the relationship between the incentives associated with these plans and the level of risk-taking by executive officers in response to such incentives is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. The Compensation Committee annually evaluates the performance of our executive officers, establishes the annual salaries and annual cash incentive awards for our executive officers and approves all equity awards. The Compensation Committee’s objective is to ensure that the total compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers as well as our other senior officers is fair, competitive, performance based and financially efficient. Generally, the types of compensation and benefits provided to our Named Executive Officers are similar to those provided to other senior members of our management team.

Executive Compensation Objectives and Philosophy

The goal of our executive compensation program is to create long-term value for our investors while at the same time rewarding our executives for superior financial and operating performance and encouraging them to remain with us for long, productive careers. We believe the most effective way to achieve this objective is to design an executive compensation program rewarding the achievement of specific annual, long-term and strategic goals and aligning executives’ interests with those of our investors by further rewarding performance above established goals. We use this philosophy as the foundation for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of our executive pay program. The following are the core elements of our executive compensation philosophy:

- **Market Competitive:** Compensation levels and programs for executives, including the Named Executive Officers, should be competitive relative to the marketplace in which we operate. It is

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important for us to leverage an understanding of what constitutes competitive pay in our market and build unique strategies to attract the high caliber talent we require to manage and grow our company;

- **Performance-Based:** Most executive compensation should be performance-based pay that is “at risk,” based on short-term and long-term goals, which reward both organizational and individual performance;
- **Investor Aligned:** Incentives should be structured to create a strong alignment between executives and investors on both a short-term and a long-term basis; and
- **Financially Efficient:** Pay programs and features should attempt to minimize the impact on our earnings and maximize our tax benefits, all other things being equal.

By incorporating these elements, we believe our executive compensation program is responsive to our investors’ objectives and effective in attracting, motivating and retaining the level of talent necessary to grow and manage our business successfully.

Process for Determining Compensation

In 2019, the Compensation Committee reviewed the performance of our Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee tries to ensure that a substantial portion of the Chief Executive Officer’s compensation is directly linked to individual performance and the performance of our business. As discussed under “—Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers—Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement,” we entered into an employment agreement with our Chief Executive Officer, which addresses certain elements of his compensation and benefits package.

In determining the compensation of each of our Named Executive Officers (other than the Chief Executive Officer), the Compensation Committee seeks the input of the Chief Executive Officer. At the end of each year, the Chief Executive Officer reviews a self-assessment prepared by each Named Executive Officer and assesses the Named Executive Officer’s performance against the business unit (or area of responsibility) and individual goals and objectives. The Compensation Committee then considers the Chief Executive Officer’s assessment and reviews and approves the compensation for each Named Executive Officer.

Relationship of Compensation Practices to Risk Management and Governance

We have reviewed and considered our compensation plans and practices for all our employees and do not believe that our compensation policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. We utilize many design features that mitigate the possibility of encouraging excessive risk-taking behavior. Among these design features are: reasonable goals and objectives that are well-defined and communicated; and a balance of short- and long-term variable compensation tied to a mix of financial and operational objectives. Personal objectives are not built into our incentive design.

Considerations in Setting 2019 Compensation

The 2019 compensation of our Named Executive Officers was based on company-wide operating results for all incentives and individual performance objectives associated with base salary increases. The Compensation Committee believes that the total 2019 compensation opportunity for our Named Executive Officers was competitive while at the same time being responsible to our investors because a significant percentage of total compensation in 2019 was allocated to variable compensation, paid only upon achievement of both individual and Company performance objectives.

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The following is a summary of key considerations that affected the development of 2019 compensation targets and 2019 compensation decisions for our Named Executive Officers (and which the Compensation Committee believes will continue to affect its compensation decisions in future years):

Use of Market Data. We establish target compensation levels that are consistent with market practice and internal equity considerations (including position, responsibility and contribution) relative to base salaries, annual bonuses and long-term equity compensation, as well as the appropriate pay mix for a particular position. In order to gauge the competitiveness of our compensation programs, we may also review compensation practices and pay opportunities from retail and grocery industry survey data. We attempt to position ourselves to attract and retain qualified senior executives in the face of competitive pressures in our relevant labor markets.

Emphasis on Performance. Our compensation program provides increased pay opportunity correlated with superior performance over the long term. When evaluating base salary, individual performance is the primary driver that determines the Named Executive Officer's annual increase, if any. In our Annual Incentive Plan (the "AIP"), performance metrics are key drivers in determining the Named Executive Officer's non-equity incentive award. In addition, for fiscal 2020, the Compensation Committee has approved a long-term incentive program consisting of time-vesting restricted stock units ("RSUs") and performance-based restricted stock units ("PSUs"). Although individual grants have not yet been made to our Named Executive Officers for 2020, the Compensation Committee approved the mix of long-term equity incentive value should be split 70% PSUs and 30% RSUs for our Chief Executive Officer and 60% PSUs and 40% RSUs for the other Named Executive Officers.

The Importance of Organizational Results. The AIP uses the achievement of specific organizational metrics in determining approximately 50% to 100% of the Named Executive Officers' target annual cash incentive award to hold the Named Executive Officers accountable for both the results of their organization and overall company results. The AIP was designed to emphasize and reward the Named Executive Officers for corporate performance. In addition, for fiscal 2020, the PSUs granted in respect of our long-term incentive program will vest based on the achievement of cumulative operating goals after a three-year performance period.

Role of Compensation Consultant

In fiscal 2019, in connection with the Company's initial public offering, we engaged Korn Ferry, the Compensation Committee's independent advisor, to review the competitiveness of compensation provided to executives and provide the Compensation Committee with an executive compensation assessment, peer group analysis and related compensation advice. Korn Ferry provides analyses that inform the decisions of the Compensation Committee, but it does not decide or approve any compensation decisions. In 2019, Korn Ferry developed criteria used to identify and refine peer and other comparable companies for executive compensation and performance comparisons. Korn Ferry representatives met informally with the chairperson of the Compensation Committee and with certain members of our management team, and formally with our Compensation Committee as requested.

For fiscal 2020, the Compensation Committee retained Korn Ferry to provide the Compensation Committee with input and guidance on all components of our executive compensation program and advises the Compensation Committee with respect to market data for base salary, annual bonus and long-term equity compensation for similarly situated executives in our peer group.

Compensation Levels and Benchmarking

We benchmark our executive compensation against a peer group of companies with which we may compete for executive talent. Market pay data for the peer group for 2019 was gathered through publicly available information and compensation surveys conducted by Korn Ferry. When making compensation decisions, the Compensation Committee takes into consideration the value of total direct compensation ("TDC"),

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which consists of base salary, annual incentive bonus and long-term equity incentive compensation, provided to executives and where that value falls in relation to comparable companies (our peer group discussed below along with other market survey data). While the Compensation Committee does not target a specific percentile of comparable companies when making decisions regarding individual compensation components, the Compensation Committee generally looks to position the value of target TDC so as to be competitive with the 50th percentile of comparable companies, with exceptions made based on the Compensation Committee's analysis of key factors.

The peer group will be periodically evaluated and updated to ensure the companies in the group remain relevant to us based on our changing size and other factors. For 2019, our Compensation Committee reviewed the compensation of our executive officers and compared it with that of both our peer group companies and broader, composite global market survey data provided by our independent compensation consultant. In assessing the appropriateness of peer companies, the Compensation Committee considered the following criteria for our peer group in 2019: annual revenues, grocery and discount retail, as well as broader retail, talent market that represents the market for executive talent for our company, growth-oriented companies and the peer groups used by proxy advisory firms.

National Vision Holdings, Inc.	Weis Markets, Inc.
Floor & Décor Holdings, Inc.	Lululemon Athletica Inc.
Five Below, Inc.	Texas Roadhouse, Inc.
Ollies Bargain Market Holdings	RH
Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	Deckers Outdoor Corporation
Aaron's, Inc.	Sleep Number Corporation
Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc.	At Home Group Inc.
Boot Barn Holdings, Inc.	

Elements of 2019 Compensation Program

There are three key components of our executive compensation program for our Named Executive Officers:

- base salary;
- annual incentive bonus pursuant to the AIP; and
- long-term equity incentive compensation in the form of stock options.

In addition to these key compensation elements, our Named Executive Officers are provided certain other compensation. See “—Other Compensation.”

We believe that offering each of the components of our executive compensation program is necessary to remain competitive in attracting and retaining talented executives. Furthermore, the annual incentive bonus and long-term equity incentive compensation align the executive's goals with those of the organization and our stockholders. Collectively, these components are designed to reward and influence the executive's individual performance and our short-term and long-term performance. Base salaries and annual incentive bonuses are designed to reward executives for their performance and our short-term performance. We believe that providing long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options ensures that our executives have a continuing stake in our long-term success and have incentives to increase our equity value. Total compensation for each Named Executive Officer is reviewed annually to ensure that the proportions of the executive's short-term incentives and long-term incentives are properly balanced.

The components of incentive compensation (the annual incentive bonus and equity awards) are significantly “at risk,” as the degree to which the annual incentive bonuses are paid and the performance vesting

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and the intrinsic value of the equity awards all depend on the extent to which certain of our operating and financial goals are achieved. When reviewing compensation levels, each component of compensation is reviewed independently, and the total pay package is reviewed in the aggregate. However, the Compensation Committee believes that an important component of aligning the interests of investors and executives is to place a strong emphasis on “at risk” compensation linked to overall Company performance. In 2019, approximately 80% of the total target direct compensation for our Chief Executive Officer was “at risk.”

Base Salary

We pay our Named Executive Officers base salaries to compensate them for services rendered each year. Base salary is a regular, cash payment, the amount of which is based on position, experience and performance after considering the following primary factors: internal review of the executive’s compensation and the Compensation Committee’s assessment of the executive’s individual prior performance. Salary levels are typically considered annually as part of our performance review process but can be adjusted in connection with a promotion or other change in job responsibility. Merit-based increases to salaries of our Named Executive Officers are determined each December by the Compensation Committee after an assessment of the performance of each executive for that fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2019, the base salary of Mr. Lindberg was increased from \$584,298 to \$750,000, and the base salary of Mr. Sheedy was increased from \$489,250 to \$550,000, in each case reflecting our board of directors’ assessment of the executive’s individual contributions and performance during the 2019 fiscal year, and to provide a competitive salary within range of market median for the executive’s particular position and duties. None of our other Named Executive Officers received an additional base salary increase in the 2019 fiscal year.

The following table summarizes the annual base salaries as of December 28, 2019 of our Named Executive Officers.

	<u>2019 Salary (\$)</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	750,000
Charles C. Bracher	522,698
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	584,298
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	550,000
Thomas H. McMahan	358,217

Effective January 5, 2020, the base salary of each of our Named Executive Officers was increased by a certain percentage as shown in the following table, in order to provide a competitive salary for the executive’s particular position and duties.

	<u>Salary Increase from 2019 to 2020 (%)</u>	<u>2020 Salary (\$)</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	3.00	772,500
Charles C. Bracher	3.00	538,379
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	3.00	601,827
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	6.00	583,000
Thomas H. McMahan	11.67	400,021

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation

In addition to receiving base salaries, our Named Executive Officers and other senior members of our management team are eligible to receive an annual incentive bonus pursuant to the AIP each year. Our AIP is an annual cash incentive program designed to create a link between executive compensation and our performance.

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The AIP provides metrics for the calculation of annual incentive-based cash compensation after assessing the participant's performance against pre-determined quantitative and qualitative measures within the context of our overall performance. For each fiscal year, the participants' annual incentive bonuses are determined as a percentage of their base salaries, based on the achievement of the applicable Company-wide and individual goals established by the Compensation Committee on a sliding scale.

2019 Annual Incentive Plan

In February 2019, our board of directors adopted the 2019 Annual Incentive Plan (the "2019 AIP"), pursuant to which the Compensation Committee set the performance goals for the 2019 fiscal year. The following core corporate performance measures were used to calculate the annual bonus pool under the 2019 AIP: (i) 50% related to "FY19 Bonus EBITDA," which is our fiscal 2019 Adjusted EBITDA, calculated as set forth in our Annual Report which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus under the heading "Item 7—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition—Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures—EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income," adjusted to exclude public company costs and other items (with an annual target goal of \$170.1 million); (ii) 25% related to comparable store sales growth (with an annual target goal of 4.14% over the prior year); and (iii) 25% related to sales for stores opened in fiscal 2018 and 2019 (with an annual target goal of \$225.5 million for each fiscal year). Each of these metrics scale independently above 100% subject to the achievement of 95% of the FY19 Bonus EBITDA target and are not capped. Awards under the 2020 AIP (as defined below) will be capped at a maximum of 200% of a participant's bonus target.

Subject to the minimum achievement of a 3% year to date FY19 Bonus EBITDA growth from the prior fiscal year and 95% of target achievement, we made interim quarterly payments under the 2019 AIP based on FY19 Bonus EBITDA and comparable store sales growth metrics, and 25% of the calculated quarterly payouts were retained to be paid at year-end.

When establishing the foregoing performance targets, the Compensation Committee set targets that it believed (i) were challenging to achieve and reasonable and (ii) fairly incentivized participants. By setting the foregoing targets, the Compensation Committee established what it believed were stretch goals that would incentivize and reward exceptional employee performance without any guarantee that we would meet or exceed any such metrics in the prevailing business environment. Achievement of performance goals, which will determine the amount, if any, earned under the 2019 AIP, was determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion. Bonus amounts (including any interim quarterly payments thereof) are payable in a lump sum cash amount (or, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, in shares of our stock), and the payment with respect to any bonus amount under the 2019 AIP is subject to a participant's continued employment through the payment date.

Actual annual cash incentive awards were calculated by multiplying each Named Executive Officer's average base salary for fiscal 2019 by his target award potential, which were then adjusted by an overall achievement factor based on the combined weighted achievement of the performance measures.

For fiscal 2019, the percentage of target achievement for each core corporate performance measure described above was as follows: (i) FY19 Bonus EBITDA: 101.8%, resulting in a payout of 108.8%; (ii) 12 month comparable store sales growth: 126.4%, resulting in a payout of 126.4%; and (iii) sales for stores opened in fiscal 2019 and fiscal 2018: 102.6%, resulting in a payout of 112.9%.

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The following table summarizes the fiscal 2019 annual incentive awards earned based on actual performance, as compared to the target opportunity, for each of our Named Executive Officers:

	<u>2019 Base Salary (\$)</u>	<u>Target Bonus (%)</u>	<u>Target Bonus Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Overall Achievement Factor (%)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Actual Bonus Achieved (\$)</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr. ⁽²⁾	666,694	100	666,694	114.2612	761,772
Charles C. Bracher	522,698	60	313,619	114.2612	358,345
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	584,298	100	584,298	114.2612	667,626
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr. ⁽³⁾	519,458	75	389,593	114.2612	445,154
Thomas H. McMahon	358,217	50	179,109	114.2612	204,651

- (1) Effective July 1, 2019, the base salary of Mr. Lindberg was increased from \$584,298 to \$750,000, and his target bonus amount was 100% of his base salary paid for fiscal year 2019.
- (2) Effective July 1, 2019, the base salary of Mr. Sheedy was increased from \$489,250 to \$550,000, and his target bonus amount was 75% of his base salary paid for fiscal year 2019.

In February 2020, our board of directors adopted the 2020 Annual Incentive Plan (the “2020 AIP”), pursuant to which the Compensation Committee set the performance goals for the 2020 fiscal year. The following core corporate performance measures were used to calculate the annual bonus pool under the 2020 AIP: (i) 60% based on FY 2020 Adjusted EBITDA and (ii) 40% based on comparable store sales growth. Based on input from Korn Ferry and review of peer benchmarking and to better align the bonus payout with growth strategy performance, we revised the payout range to include a minimum (50% of bonus target) and maximum (200% of bonus target).

Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation

In addition to base salary and cash bonus compensation, each of our Named Executive Officers is provided long-term equity incentive compensation. The use of long-term equity incentives creates a link between executive compensation and our long-term performance, thereby creating alignment between executive and investor interests.

Equity awards granted to our Named Executive Officers under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2014 Stock Plan”) and 2019 Incentive Plan (the “2019 Incentive Plan”) were determined based on market competitiveness, criticality of position and individual performance (both historical and expected future performance). Historically, stock options have been a core element of long-term incentive opportunity for our Named Executive Officers. However, we have moved to time-vesting restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance-based stock units (PSUs) for 2020 grants.

For fiscal 2020, the Compensation Committee has approved a long-term incentive program consisting of time-vesting RSUs and performance-vesting PSUs. The RSUs will vest over a three-year period with one-third vesting each year, contingent on continued employment with the Company. The PSUs vest after a three-year performance period based on the achievement of cumulative operating goals and contingent on continued employment with the Company. Although individual grants have not yet been made to our Named Executive Officers for 2020, the Compensation Committee agreed that the mix of long-term equity incentive value should be split 70% PSUs and 30% RSUs for our Chief Executive Officer and 60% PSUs and 40% RSUs for the other Named Executive Officers.

Options Granted in 2019

In connection with the closing of our initial public offering, we granted equity awards to our Named Executive Officers under the 2019 Incentive Plan in order to (i) recognize such individuals’ efforts on our behalf in connection with our formation and our initial public offering, (ii) ensure their alignment with our stockholder’s interests and (iii) provide a retention element to their compensation.

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The Company granted each of our Named Executive Officers a time-vesting option to purchase shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$22.00, the price of a share of our common stock in the initial public offering, as shown in the following table. Such options will vest and become exercisable on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, subject to the executive's continued employment with us on the vesting date. If the executive undergoes a termination of employment without cause following a change in control (as such terms are defined in the 2019 Incentive Plan), such options will become fully vested and exercisable.

	Number of Options Granted	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)⁽¹⁾
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	210,450	1,643,387
Charles C. Bracher	91,195	712,134
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	210,450	1,643,387
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	91,195	712,134
Thomas H. McMahon	63,135	493,016

(1) The amounts included in this column represent the grant date fair value of options granted to our Named Executive Officers under the 2019 Incentive Plan, computed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The valuation assumptions used in determining such amounts are described in Note 7, Share-based Awards to the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report.

The options were granted to each of our Named Executive Officers pursuant to an option agreement which provides that if the executive engages in any "detrimental activity" (as defined in the 2019 Incentive Plan and provided below), our Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, take actions permitted under the 2019 Incentive Plan, including: (a) canceling the options, or (b) requiring that the executive forfeit any gain realized on the exercise of the options or the disposition of any shares of our common stock received upon exercise of the options, and repay such gain to us. Under the 2019 Incentive Plan, "detrimental activity" is generally defined as any of the following: (i) unauthorized disclosure of any of our confidential or proprietary information; (ii) any activity that would be grounds to terminate the executive's employment or service with us for cause; (iii) a breach by the executive of any restrictive covenant by which such executive is bound, including, without limitation, any covenant not to compete or not to solicit, in any agreement with us; or (iv) fraud or conduct contributing to any financial restatements or irregularities, as determined by our Compensation Committee in its sole discretion.

2016 and 2018 Dividends on Options

As described below, we declared cash dividends in respect of our outstanding common stock in 2016 and 2018. Pursuant to the terms of the 2014 Stock Plan, our board of directors was required to make an equitable adjustment to all outstanding options in connection with the payment of the extraordinary dividend.

In June 2016, our board of directors declared a cash dividend of \$1.23 per share of our outstanding common stock (the "2016 Dividend"). In connection with the 2016 Dividend, we treated the outstanding options held by each of our Named Executive Officers pursuant to the 2014 Stock Plan as follows:

- With respect to vested time-vesting options, the Named Executive Officer received a lump-sum cash payment in an amount equal to the number of shares underlying the vested option multiplied by the 2016 Dividend amount, less applicable tax withholdings, paid in June 2016.
- With respect to unvested time-vesting options, the Named Executive Officer received a right to cash payment in an amount equal to the number of shares underlying the option multiplied by the

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2016 Dividend amount, to be paid in part upon each vesting date under the unvested option (provided that the executive satisfied the vesting conditions applicable to the unvested option, for such vesting date).

- We reduced the per share exercise prices of any outstanding unvested performance-vesting options held by Named Executive Officers, by the per share 2016 Dividend amount.

In October 2018, our board of directors declared a cash dividend of \$2.10 per share of the company's outstanding common stock (the "2018 Dividend"). In connection with the 2018 Dividend, we treated the outstanding options held by each of our Named Executive Officers pursuant to the 2014 Stock Plan as follows:

- With respect to vested time-vesting options, the Named Executive Officer received a lump-sum cash payment in an amount equal to the number of shares underlying the vested option multiplied by the 2018 Dividend amount, less applicable tax withholdings, paid on October 26, 2018.
- With respect to unvested time-vesting options, the Named Executive Officer received a right to cash payment in an amount equal to the number of shares underlying the unvested option multiplied by the 2018 Dividend amount, to be paid in part upon each vesting date under the option (provided that the executive satisfied the vesting conditions applicable to the unvested option, for such vesting date).
- We reduced the per share exercise prices of any outstanding unvested performance-vesting options held by Named Executive Officers, by the per share 2018 Dividend amount.

Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers

Messrs. Lindberg and Read

On October 7, 2014, we entered into an amended and restated chief executive officer employment agreement with each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read, pursuant to which each executive agreed to serve as Co-Chief Executive Officers. As of January 2019, Mr. Lindberg has served as our Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Read has served as our executive Vice Chairman. Under their employment agreements, each of Messrs. Lindberg's and Read's initial annual base salary was \$504,000 (\$750,000 in 2019 for Mr. Lindberg and \$584,298 in 2019 for Mr. Read) and each executive's target AIP award is 100% of his base salary. Each employment agreement provides that in the event of a termination of employment without cause or resignation for good reason (as such terms are defined in the employment agreement), each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read is entitled to (i) payment of his base salary, payable in equal installments in accordance with our regular payroll practices for a period of 24 months following the termination date; (ii) an amount equal to two times his target bonus for the year in which the termination date occurs, payable in equal installments for a period of 24 months following the termination date; and (iii) payment for up to 18 months of medical and dental benefits for the executive and his dependents which are substantially the same as the benefits provided immediately prior to the termination date (including, in our discretion, payment for the costs associated with continuation coverage pursuant to COBRA). Each employment agreement further provides that if the executive's employment is terminated by reason of his death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump sum amount equal to his target annual bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, prorated based on the ratio of the number of days during such year that the executive was employed to 365. Each employment agreement contains non-competition covenants during the term of the agreement as well as confidentiality and employee non-solicitation covenants.

Messrs. Bracher, Sheedy and McMahon

On October 7, 2014, we entered into an employment agreement with each of Messrs. Bracher, Sheedy and McMahon, pursuant to which each executive serves as Chief Financial Officer, President and Executive Vice

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President of Sales & Merchandising, respectively. Under each employment agreement, Mr. Bracher's initial annual base salary was \$450,883 (\$522,698 in 2019), Mr. Sheedy's initial annual base salary was \$350,000 (\$550,000 in 2019) and Mr. McMahon's initial annual base salary was \$309,000 (\$358,217 in 2019). Each employment agreement contains non-competition covenants during the term of the agreement as well as confidentiality and employee non-solicitation covenants.

Other Compensation

Benefits

We provide various employee benefit programs to our Named Executive Officers, including medical, vision, dental, life insurance, accidental death & dismemberment, long-term disability, short-term disability, health savings accounts and wellness programs. These benefit programs are generally available to all of our U.S.-based employees. These benefits are provided to our Named Executive Officers to eliminate potential distractions from performing their regular job duties. We believe the cost of these programs is counterbalanced by an increase in productivity by the executives receiving access to them.

Profit Sharing Contributions

We maintain a defined contribution pension plan (the "401(k) Plan") for all full-time employees, including our Named Executive Officers, with at least three months of service. The 401(k) Plan is intended to qualify as a tax-qualified plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The 401(k) Plan provides that each participant may contribute up to 60% of such participant's compensation subject to certain restrictions. The 401(k) Plan allows for discretionary employer contributions, and the amount of these contributions paid to the Named Executive Officers are disclosed in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table.

Tax and Accounting Implications

The Compensation Committee operates its compensation programs with the good faith intention of complying with Section 409A of the Code. We account for equity-based payments with respect to our long-term equity incentive award programs in accordance with the requirements of FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, or FASB ASC Topic 718.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the total compensation earned in 2019 by our Named Executive Officers during fiscal years 2018 and 2019. We have omitted from this table the columns for Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings, because no Named Executive Officer received such types of compensation during fiscal years covered.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

<u>Name and Principal Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary (\$)(1)</u>	<u>Option Awards (\$)(2)</u>	<u>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)</u>	<u>All Other Compensation (\$)(4)</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr. <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	2019	666,694	1,643,387	761,772	934,422	4,006,275
	2018	567,279	—	440,042	2,638,485	3,645,806
Charles C. Bracher <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2019	522,698	712,134	358,345	271,365	1,864,542
	2018	507,473	—	262,747	725,402	1,495,622
S. MacGregor Read, Jr. <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2019	584,298	1,643,387	667,626	934,422	3,829,733
	2018	567,279	—	440,042	2,638,485	3,645,806
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr. <i>President</i>	2019	519,458	712,134	445,154	271,365	1,948,111
	2018	475,000	—	245,934	725,376	1,446,310
Thomas H. McMahon <i>Executive Vice President, Sales & Merchandising</i>	2019	358,217	493,016	204,651	190,992	1,246,876
	2018	347,783	—	180,066	494,269	1,022,118

- (1) Amounts reported in the “Salary” column represent the base salary earned by each Named Executive Officer during the fiscal year covered. Effective July 1, 2019, the base salary of Mr. Lindberg was increased from \$584,298 to \$750,000 and the base salary of Mr. Sheedy was increased from \$489,250 to \$550,000.
- (2) Amounts reported in the “Option Awards” column represent the grant date fair value of the options granted during the fiscal year covered to our Named Executive Officers, computed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The valuation assumptions used in determining such amounts are described in “NOTE 7—Share-based Awards” to our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.
- (3) Amounts reported in the “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” column represent the annual incentive bonus amounts earned by each Named Executive Officer pursuant to the AIP during the fiscal year covered.
- (4) Amounts reported in the “All Other Compensation” column represent the following with respect to each Named Executive Officer in fiscal year 2019:
 - Mr. Lindberg: profit sharing contribution amount of \$30,250 under our 401(k) Plan; and a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$904,172 in connection with the payment of the 2016 and 2018 Dividends relating to the vesting of the last tranche of Mr. Lindberg’s time-based options.
 - Mr. Bracher: profit sharing contribution amount of \$30,250 under the 401(k) Plan; and a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$241,115 in connection with the payment of the 2016 and 2018 Dividends relating to the vesting of the last tranche of Mr. Bracher’s time-based options.
 - Mr. Read: profit sharing contribution amount of \$30,250 under the 401(k) Plan; and a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$904,172 in connection with the payment of the 2016 and 2018 Dividends relating to the vesting of the last tranche of Mr. Read’s time-based options.

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- Mr. Sheedy: profit sharing contribution amount of \$30,250 under the 401(k) Plan; and a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$241,115 in connection with the payment of the 2016 and 2018 Dividends relating to the vesting of the last tranche of Mr. Sheedy's time-based options.
- Mr. McMahon: profit sharing contribution amount of \$30,250 under the 401(k) Plan; and a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$160,742 in connection with the payment of the 2016 and 2018 Dividends relating to the vesting of the last tranche of Mr. McMahon's time-based options.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2019

The following table provides information with respect to grants of plan-based awards to our Named Executive Officers in 2019.

GRANTS OF PLAN BASED AWARDS

Name	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$ / share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Grant Date of Stock Option Awards
	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)					
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	—	667,149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charles C. Bracher	—	313,619	—	—	—	—	—	210,450	22.00	1,643,387	6/19/2019
S. MacGregor Read, Jr	—	584,298	—	—	—	—	—	91,195	22.00	712,134	6/19/2019
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	—	389,719	—	—	—	—	—	210,450	22.00	1,643,387	6/19/2019
Thomas H. McMahon	—	179,109	—	—	—	—	—	91,195	22.00	712,134	6/19/2019
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63,135	22.00	493,016	6/19/2019

(1) See "Annual Cash Incentive Compensation—2019 Annual Incentive Plan" for a description of our annual performance-based cash bonus plan. The amounts in the "Target" column represent the target amounts available under the 2019 AIP for our 2019 fiscal year with respect to each Named Executive Officer. The calculation uses each Named Executive Officer's base salary as of January 7, 2019. For purposes of this table, the "Threshold" amount shown represents an assumption that the Company achieves the threshold level of adjusted EBITDA performance and individual performance attainment that is slightly greater than 0%, which would result in a de minimis AIP payout. There is no maximum level with respect to awards under the 2019 AIP.

(2) The amounts included in this column represent the grant date fair value of options granted to our Named Executive Officers under the 2019 Incentive Plan, computed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The valuation assumptions used in determining such amounts are described in "NOTE 7—Share-based Awards" to the audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2019 Year End

The following table includes certain information with respect to stock options held by our Named Executive Officers as of December 28, 2019.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END

Name	Original Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)(2)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options(#)(3)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	10/21/14	1,357,614			7.13	10/21/24
	10/21/14			1,357,614	3.81	10/21/24
	6/19/19		210,450		22.00	6/19/29
Charles C. Bracher	11/25/14	362,030			7.13	11/25/24
	11/25/14			362,030	3.81	11/25/24
	6/19/19		91,195		22.00	6/19/29
S. MacGregor Read, Jr	10/21/14	1,357,614			7.13	10/21/24
	10/21/14			1,357,614	3.81	10/21/24
	6/19/19		210,450		22.00	6/19/29
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr	11/25/14	362,031			7.13	11/25/24
	11/25/14			362,030	3.81	11/25/24
	6/19/19		91,195		22.00	6/19/29
Thomas H. McMahon	11/25/14	241,352			7.13	11/25/24
	11/25/14			241,353	3.81	11/25/24
	6/19/19		63,135		22.00	6/19/29

- (1) The numbers in this column represent vested time-vesting options granted under the 2014 Stock Plan in 2014, which vest as follows: 20% of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date, subject to continued employment on each applicable vesting date.
- (2) The numbers in this column represent unvested time-vesting options granted under the 2014 Stock Plan in 2014, which vest as follows: 20% of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date, subject to continued employment on each applicable vesting date. In addition, the numbers in this column represent unvested time-vesting options granted under the 2019 Incentive Plan in 2019, which vest as follows: 100% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued employment on the vesting date. If the executive undergoes a termination of employment without cause following a change in control (as such terms are defined in the 2019 Incentive Plan), the option will become fully vested and exercisable.
- (3) The numbers in this column represent unvested performance-vesting options granted under the 2014 Stock Plan in 2014, which vest as follows: the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on each “measurement date” (generally defined as the date on which the H&F Investor receives proceeds prior to the occurrence of a change in control (as defined in the 2014 Stock Plan)) based on the achievement of certain IRR performance hurdles. Upon the occurrence of the “final measurement date” (generally defined as a change in control or in the case of an initial public offering at such time that the H&F Investor holds less than 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock for a period of 30 consecutive trading days), the IRR will be measured for the final time and any portion of the option that does not vest at such time will be forfeited without consideration to the executive.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested During Fiscal Year 2019

The following table includes certain information with respect to stock options exercised by the Named Executive Officers during the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Option Awards⁽¹⁾</u>		<u>Stock Awards</u>	
	<u>Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)</u>	<u>Value Realized on Exercise (\$)</u>	<u>Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)</u>	<u>Value Realized on Vesting (\$)</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	25,000	665,500	—	—
Charles C. Bracher	—	—	—	—
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	350,000	9,317,000	—	—
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr	—	—	—	—
Thomas H. McMahon	50,000	1,331,000	—	—

- (1) On October 21, 2014, Mr. Lindberg was granted a time-vesting option to purchase 1,357,614 shares of our common stock under the 2014 Stock Plan; on October 8, 2019, he exercised 25,000 of the shares subject to the option. On October 21, 2014, Mr. Read was granted a time-vesting option to purchase 1,357,614 shares of our common stock under the 2014 Stock Plan; on October 8, 2019, he exercised 350,000 of the shares subject to the option. On November 25, 2014, Mr. McMahon was granted a time-vesting option to purchase 241,352 shares of our common stock under the 2014 Stock Plan; on October 8, 2019, he exercised 50,000 of the shares subject to the option. On the date of exercise for each Named Executive Officer, the market value of the shares underlying the options was \$33.75 per share.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

The information below describes and estimates certain compensation that would have been payable to our Named Executive Officers under existing plans and arrangements if a qualifying termination or change in control occurred on December 28, 2019, the last business day of our 2019 fiscal year. These benefits are in addition to benefits available generally to salaried employees. Due to the number of factors that affect the nature and amount of any benefits provided upon the events discussed below, any actual amounts paid or distributed may be different from those estimated below. Factors that could affect these amounts include the timing during the year of any such event and our valuation at that time. There can be no assurance that a termination or change in control would produce the same or similar results as those described below if any assumption used to prepare this information is not correct in fact.

Severance Benefits upon Termination

The employment agreement for each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read provides that in the event of a termination of employment without cause or resignation for good reason, the executive is entitled to (i) payment of his base salary, payable in equal installments in accordance with our regular payroll practices for a period of 24 months following the termination date; (ii) an amount equal to two times his target bonus for the year in which the termination date occurs, payable in equal installments for a period of 24 months following the termination date; and (iii) payment for up to 18 months of medical and dental benefits for the executive and his dependents which are substantially the same as the benefits provided immediately prior to the termination date (including, in our discretion, payment for the costs associated with continuation coverage pursuant to COBRA). Each employment agreement further provides that if his employment is terminated by reason of his death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump sum amount equal to his target annual bonus for the year in which the

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termination occurs, prorated based on the ratio of the number of days during such year that the executive was employed to 365.

Accelerated Vesting of Options upon Change in Control or Termination following Change in Control

Each of our Named Executive Officers were granted performance-vesting options under the 2014 Stock Plan in 2014, which vest as follows: the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on each “measurement date” (generally defined as the date on which the H&F Investor receives proceeds prior to the occurrence of a change in control, as defined in the 2014 Stock Plan) based on the achievement of certain IRR performance hurdles. Upon the occurrence of the “final measurement date” (generally defined as a change in control or in the case of an initial public offering at such time that the H&F Investor holds less than 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock for a period of 30 consecutive trading days), the IRR will be measured for the final time and any portion of the option that does not vest at such time will be forfeited without consideration to the executive. In addition, each of our Named Executive Officers were granted time-vesting options under the 2019 Incentive Plan in 2019, which provide that if the executive undergoes a termination of employment without cause following a change in control, such options will become fully vested and exercisable.

The following tables describe the potential payments and benefits that would have been payable to our Named Executive Officers under existing plans and arrangements if a qualifying termination or change in control occurred on December 28, 2019, the last business day of our 2019 fiscal year. The amounts shown in the tables do not include payments and benefits to the extent they are provided generally to all salaried employees upon termination of employment and do not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of our Named Executive Officers. The amounts reported assume that the performance-vesting options granted to each Named Executive Officer in 2014 would not vest in connection with a change in control because the performance hurdles would not be met at the year-end value of our common stock.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control to Messrs. Lindberg and Read

<u>Name</u>	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason (\$)(1)</u>	<u>Termination due to Death or Disability (\$)(2)</u>	<u>Termination Without Cause after Change in Control (\$)(3)</u>
Eric Lindberg, Jr.	Base Salary	1,500,000	—	—
	Bonus	1,334,298	667,149	—
	Medical/Dental/COBRA	81,954	—	—
	Accelerated Vesting of Option	—	—	2,413,862
	Total	2,916,252	667,149	2,413,862
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.	Base Salary	1,168,596	—	—
	Bonus	1,168,596	584,298	—
	Medical/Dental/COBRA	81,594	—	—
	Accelerated Vesting of Option	—	—	2,413,862
	Total	2,418,786	584,298	2,413,862

- (1) The employment agreement for each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read provides that in the event of a termination of employment without cause or resignation for good reason, the executive is entitled to (i) payment of his base salary (\$750,000 for Mr. Lindberg and \$584,298 for Mr. Read), payable in equal installments in accordance with our regular payroll practices for a period of 24 months following the termination date; (ii) an amount equal to two times his target bonus (\$667,149 for Mr. Lindberg and \$584,298 for Mr. Read) for the year in which the termination date occurs, payable in equal installments for a period of 24 months following the termination date; and (iii) medical and dental benefit payments (\$2,098 monthly for Mr. Lindberg and \$2,097 monthly for Mr. Read) and COBRA premium payments (\$2,455 monthly for Mr. Lindberg and \$2,436 monthly for Mr. Read) for a period of 18 months for the executive

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and his dependents, which benefits are substantially the same as the benefits provided immediately prior to the termination date.

- (2) The employment agreement for each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read provides that if the executive's employment is terminated by reason of his death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump sum amount equal to his target annual bonus (\$667,149 for Mr. Lindberg and \$584,298 for Mr. Read) for the year in which the termination occurs, prorated based on the ratio of the number of days during such year that the executive was employed to 365.
- (3) On June 19, 2019, the Company granted each of Messrs. Lindberg and Read a time-vesting option to purchase 210,450 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$22.00. As of December 28, 2019, all shares subject to the option held by each of the executives are unvested. The option provides that if the executive undergoes a termination of employment without cause following a change in control, the option will become fully vested and exercisable. The amounts above represent the value associated with the accelerated vesting of the unvested shares subject to the option held by the executive upon a change in control, which is the product of (i) the difference between (A) the closing price of our common stock as of December 28, 2019 (\$33.47) and (B) the exercise price (\$22.00); and (ii) the number of unvested shares subject to the option as of December 28, 2019.

Potential Payments Upon Change in Control to Messrs. Bracher, Sheedy and McMahon

<u>Name</u>	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Termination Without Cause after Change in Control (\$)(1)</u>
Charles C. Bracher	Accelerated Vesting of Options	1,046,007
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	Accelerated Vesting of Options	1,046,007
Thomas H. McMahon	Accelerated Vesting of Options	724,158

- (1) On June 19, 2019, the Company granted each of Messrs. Bracher, Sheedy and McMahon a time-vesting option to purchase 91,195, 91,195 and 63,135 shares of our common stock, respectively, at an exercise price of \$22.00. As of December 28, 2019, all shares subject to the option held by each of the executives are unvested. If the executive undergoes a termination of employment without cause following a change in control, the option will become fully vested and exercisable. The amounts above represent the value associated with the accelerated vesting of the unvested shares subject to each option held by the executive upon a change in control, which is the product of (i) the difference between (A) the closing price of our common stock as of December 28, 2019 (\$33.47) and (B) the exercise price (\$22.00); and (ii) the number of unvested shares subject to the option as of December 28, 2019.

Read Transition Agreement

On January 6, 2020, Mr. Read informed us of his decision to transition to the newly created non-executive role of Vice Chairman of our board of directors, effective as of April 1, 2020. In connection with this transition, Mr. Read and the Company entered into a transition letter agreement

Following his transition to the non-executive role of Vice Chairman of our board of directors and effective as of April 1, 2020, Mr. Read is compensated in the same manner as other non-employee members of the board pursuant to our non-employee director compensation policy for his service as a member of our board of directors (including, as applicable, his service as a member of any committee of our board of directors). In addition, while Mr. Read remains non-executive Vice Chairman of our board of directors, Mr. Read will receive an annual cash retainer of \$100,000 for such service. For purposes of fiscal 2020, Mr. Read's compensation for service as a member of our board of directors will be calculated without proration so as to include service as a member of our board of directors in fiscal 2020 prior to April 1, 2020.

For purposes of Mr. Read's outstanding option award agreements, Mr. Read's transition to Vice Chairman of our board of directors shall not constitute a Termination (as defined in the 2019 Incentive Plan) or a termination of Employment (as defined in the 2014 Stock Plan). Mr. Read's outstanding options shall continue to

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vest based on his continued service as a member of our board of directors, with such Termination, or termination of Employment, as applicable, occurring upon cessation of Mr. Read's service on our board of directors. In the event of a termination of Mr. Read's service as a director as a result of his not being re-elected to our board of directors, or his death or disability, (i) all of Mr. Read's (A) outstanding unvested time-based options shall become fully vested upon the date of such termination of service and (B) outstanding unvested performance-based options shall remain outstanding and eligible to vest pursuant to the terms of the applicable option agreement and (ii) the options will remain outstanding through the applicable option expiration date. In respect of our 2020 fiscal year, subject to Mr. Read's continued employment through April 1, 2020, Mr. Read will be eligible to receive a pro rata portion of his bonus, based on target performance, under the 2020 AIP.

Director Compensation

Pursuant to our non-employee director compensation policy, cash and equity compensation is paid or made, as applicable, to each member of our board of directors who is not either (i) an employee of us or any parent or subsidiary of us, or (ii) an employee of H&F or its affiliates (excluding portfolio companies) (each, a "Non-Employee Director").

In connection with our initial public offering, our board adopted a new non-employee director compensation policy. Under both our prior and new non-employee director compensation policies, each Non-Employee Director is entitled to receive an annual retainer of \$75,000 and a Non-Employee Director serving as chairperson of our board of directors is entitled to receive an additional annual retainer of \$100,000 for such service. Effective fiscal year 2020, the Non-Employee Directors may elect to receive the annual retainer in cash or a grant of restricted stock units with respect to a number of shares of our common stock having a grant date fair market value equal to the applicable annual retainer. In addition, the new non-employee director compensation policy provides that each Non-Employee Director is entitled to receive additional annual retainers shown in the following table, as applicable. The prior non-employee director compensation policy provided for the same additional committee retainers, except that it did not cover the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee because we did not have such a committee prior to our initial public offering. The annual retainers are earned on a quarterly basis based on a calendar quarter and paid by us in arrears prior to the fifth business day following the end of each calendar quarter.

	Member	Chair
Audit and Risk Management Committee	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000
Compensation Committee	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000

In addition to cash compensation, both the prior and new non-employee director compensation policies provide that each Non-Employee Director will be granted an annual restricted stock unit award with respect to a number of shares of our common stock having a grant date fair market value of \$100,000. Prior to the adoption of the 2019 Incentive Plan, restricted stock unit awards were granted to Non-Employee Directors under our 2014 Stock Plan on a date determined by our board of directors. Following the adoption of the 2019 Incentive Plan, restricted stock unit awards will be granted to Non-Employee Directors under our 2019 Incentive Plan annually subject to the Non-Employee Director's continued service immediately following such annual meeting. Subject to the Non-Employee Director's continued service to us on each applicable vesting date, the annual restricted stock unit awards granted under the prior policy vest in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries of December 31 of each year and will vest in full upon a change in control. Under the new non-employee director compensation policy, subject to the Non-Employee Director's continued service with us on the applicable vesting date, the annual restricted stock unit awards will generally vest over 12 months or in full upon a change in control. Under both our prior and new non-employee director compensation policies, upon each vesting event, the annual restricted stock unit grant, or the relevant portion thereof, will be settled in our shares of common stock within 30 days of the date on which the relevant vesting date occurs. The number of shares underlying the annual restricted stock unit grant will be calculated by dividing \$100,000 by the fair market

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value as of the date the annual restricted stock unit grant is granted (which, following the public trading date, will be the closing price of a share of our common stock on the principal stock exchange on which such shares are listed).

Under both our prior and new non-employee director compensation policies, none of our directors receive separate compensation for attending meetings of our board of directors or any committees thereof. All directors are reimbursed for travel and other expenses directly related to director activities and responsibilities.

With respect to fiscal year 2019, Mme. Haben and Messrs. Alterman, Bachman, Herman, Matthews and York were our Non-Employee Directors and were entitled to separate compensation for their service on our board of directors, while none of our other directors (including our employee-directors, Messrs. Lindberg and Read) were entitled to such compensation.

The following table summarizes the compensation paid to or earned by our directors in 2019.

2019 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(9)(10)</u>	<u>Equity Awards (\$)(11)</u>	<u>All Other Compensation (\$)(12)</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Kenneth W. Alterman ⁽¹⁾	85,685	100,000	26,994	212,679
John E. (Jeb) Bachman ⁽²⁾	13,699	—	—	13,699
Mary Kay Haben ⁽³⁾	13,356	—	—	13,356
Thomas F. Herman ⁽⁴⁾	100,000	100,000	26,994	226,994
Norman S. Matthews ⁽⁵⁾	86,027	100,000	26,994	213,021
Jeffrey York ⁽⁶⁾	83,542	100,000	26,994	210,564
Matthew B. Eisen ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾	—	—	—	—
Philip Hammarskjold ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	—	—	—	—
Sameer Narang ⁽⁸⁾	—	—	—	—
Erik D. Ragatz ⁽⁸⁾	—	—	—	—

(1) Mr. Alterman received \$10,685 in cash as committee fees.

(2) Mr. Bachman joined our board of directors on November 12, 2019 and received \$3,425 in cash as committee fees.

(3) Ms. Haben joined our board of directors on November 13, 2019 and received \$3,082 in cash as committee fees.

(4) Mr. Herman received \$25,000 in cash as committee fees.

(5) Mr. Matthews received \$11,027 in cash as committee fees.

(6) Mr. York received \$8,542 in cash as committee fees.

(7) Mr. Eisen joined our board of directors on March 22, 2019.

(8) Messrs. Eisen, Hammarskjold, Narang and Ragatz did not receive any compensation for their service on our board of directors.

(9) Mr. Hammarskjold resigned as a director on March 22, 2019.

(10) Each of Messrs. Alterman, Herman, Matthews and York received an annual retainer of \$75,000 in cash for service on our board of directors. Each of

Mme. Haben and Mr. Bachman received a pro-rated annual retainer of \$10,274 in cash for service on our board of directors as of November 2019.

(11) Each of Messrs. Alterman, Herman, Matthews and York was granted a restricted stock unit award on March 30, 2019 with respect to 7,984 shares of our common stock, pursuant to the terms of the 2014 Stock Plan. Each of Messrs. Alterman, Herman, Matthews and York was granted a restricted stock unit award on June 24, 2019 with respect to 5,612 shares of our common stock, pursuant to the terms of the 2019 Incentive Plan.

(12) In connection with the 2016 Dividend and the 2018 Dividend, we made cash payments in the amount of \$26,994 on January 4, 2019 to each of Messrs. Alterman, Herman, Matthews and York, in respect of restricted stock units each such person held that vested on December 31, 2018.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stockholders Agreement

On October 7, 2014, we entered into a stockholders agreement with the H&F Investor, certain executive officers and their family trusts, including Messrs. Lindberg, Read, Bracher and Wilson, and certain of our directors and their family trusts, including Messrs. Herman, Mathews and York. We amended and restated this stockholders agreement on June 19, 2019 in connection with our initial public offering.

The amended and restated stockholders agreement provides that the H&F Investor has the right to nominate to our board of directors (such persons, the “H&F nominees”) a number of nominees equal to: (x) the total number of directors comprising our board of directors at such time, *multiplied* by (y) the percentage of our outstanding common stock held from time to time by the H&F Investor. For purposes of calculating the number of directors that the H&F Investor is entitled to nominate, any fractional amounts are rounded up to the nearest whole number. In addition, the Executive Stockholders (as defined in the amended and restated stockholders agreement) and the Read Trust Rollover Stockholders (as defined in the amended and restated stockholders agreement), trusts controlled by Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Read or members of their immediate family, acting together by majority vote, have the right to nominate one person (such person, the “Executive nominee”) to our board of directors for so long as such stockholders collectively own at least 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock. The amended and restated stockholders agreement also provides that our Chief Executive Officer will be nominated to our board of directors. For so long as we have a classified board, the H&F nominees will be divided by the H&F Investor as evenly as possible among the classes of directors. The Executive nominee is initially a Class II director and the Chief Executive Officer is initially a Class III director.

Pursuant to the amended and restated stockholders agreement, we will include the H&F nominees, the Executive nominee and the Chief Executive Officer nominee on the slate that is included in our proxy statement relating to the election of directors of the class to which such persons belong and provide the highest level of support for the election of each such person as we provide to any other individual standing for election as a director. In addition, each stockholder party to the amended and restated stockholders agreement agrees to vote in favor of the Company slate that is included in our proxy statement.

In the event that an H&F nominee or the Executive nominee ceases to serve as a director for any reason (other than the failure of our stockholders to elect such individual as a director), the persons entitled to designate such nominee director under the amended and restated stockholders agreement are entitled to appoint another nominee to fill the resulting vacancy.

The amended and restated stockholders agreement contains provisions that entitle the H&F Investor, the Executive Stockholders and the Read Trust Rollover Stockholders to certain rights to have their securities registered by us under the Securities Act. The H&F Investor is entitled to an unlimited number of “demand” registrations and the Executive Stockholders and Read Trust Rollover Stockholders collectively are entitled to three “demand” registrations, subject in each case to certain limitations. Every stockholder party to the amended and restated stockholders agreement is also entitled to customary “piggyback” registration rights. In addition, the amended and restated stockholders agreement provides that we will pay certain expenses of the stockholder parties relating to such registrations and indemnify them against certain liabilities which may arise under the Securities Act. Through April 1, 2020, we have incurred approximately \$2.2 million in expenses associated with registered securities offerings conducted by persons with registration rights under the amended and restated stockholders agreement.

Company Use of Private Aircraft

In April 2020, we entered into an aircraft dry lease agreement with an entity controlled by Mr. Lindberg to lease a Pilatus PC-12 airplane. We believe that this will allow us better access to visit our stores, many of which are in remote areas or are not easily accessible by car or regular commercial airplane service, and to visit

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prospective real estate sites. The lease will give us the ability to use the aircraft in the course of our operations on an as-needed, non-exclusive basis. The lease provides that we will pay an hourly lease rate and we will bear all direct operating costs associated with our use of the aircraft, and the lessor will bear all fixed costs (e.g. maintenance, hangar, insurance). Mr. Lindberg, to the extent that he operates the aircraft for his personal use, will bear all costs associated with his operation of the aircraft.

We believe that the terms of the aircraft dry lease agreement are no less favorable than could be obtained from an unrelated third party and we believe that the foregoing arrangement, including related direct operating costs, insurance and crew costs, will reduce the average hourly cost to the Company for use of private aircraft, which previously had been primarily conducted through charter arrangements.

Indemnification of Directors and Officers

We have entered into an indemnification agreement with each of our directors and executive officers. The indemnification agreements, together with our amended and restated bylaws, provide that we will jointly and severally indemnify each indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware general corporation law from and against all loss and liability suffered and expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the indemnitee in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding. Additionally, we agree to advance to the indemnitee all out-of-pocket costs of any type or nature whatsoever incurred in connection therewith. See “Description of Capital Stock—Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors.”

Lease Arrangements

As of March 28, 2020, we leased fifteen store properties and one distribution center from entities in which Messrs. Lindberg and Read, or their respective families, had a direct or indirect material interest. These entities received aggregate annual lease payments in fiscal year 2019 of approximately \$6.1 million and of approximately \$1.5 million in the 13 weeks ended March 28, 2020. The leases for seven of these stores expire in August 2024. The leases on the nine remaining properties expire on various dates between December 2020 and December 2032.

Related Persons Transaction Policy

We have a written policy on transactions with related persons, which we refer to as our “related person policy.” Our related person policy requires that all “related persons” (as defined in paragraph (a) of Item 404 of Regulation S-K) must promptly disclose to our general counsel any “related person transaction” (defined as any transaction that is anticipated would be reportable by us under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in which we were or are to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest) and all material facts with respect thereto. Our general counsel will communicate that information to our board of directors or to a duly authorized committee thereof. Our related person policy provides that no related person transaction entered into following the completion of our initial public offering will be executed without the approval or ratification of our board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. It is our policy that any directors interested in a related person transaction must recuse themselves from any vote on a related person transaction in which they have an interest.

PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table and accompanying footnotes set forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the common stock of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. as of April 13, 2020 by:

- each person known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock;
- each of our directors;
- each of our named executive officers;
- our directors and executive officers as a group; and
- all selling stockholders.

The number of shares and percentages of beneficial ownership prior to this offering set forth below are based on the number of shares of our common stock to be issued and outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of this offering. The number of shares and percentages of beneficial ownership after this offering set forth below are based on the number of shares of our common stock to be issued and outstanding immediately after the consummation of this offering.

Beneficial ownership for the purposes of the following table is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. A person is a “beneficial owner” of a security if that person has or shares “voting power,” which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of the security, or “investment power,” which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the security or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days.

Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes to the following table, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to their beneficially owned common stock.

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Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes below, the address of each beneficial owner is c/o Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., 5650 Hollis Street, Emeryville, California 94608.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares to be Sold in this Offering						Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering			
	Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering		If Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares is Not Exercised		If Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares is Exercised in Full		If Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares is Not Exercised		If Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares is Exercised in Full	
	Shares	%	Shares	%	Shares	%	Shares	%	Shares	%
5% Stockholders:										
H&F Globe Investor LP(1)	26,543,362	29.5%	9,550,000	10.6%	11,050,000	12.3%	16,993,362	18.8%	15,493,362	17.2%
Executive Officers and Directors:										
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.(2)	6,009,563	6.5	250,000	*	250,000	*	5,759,563	6.2	5,813,868	6.3
S. MacGregor Read, Jr.(3)	6,926,873	7.5	—	—	—	—	6,926,873	7.5	6,981,178	7.5
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.(4)	627,506	*	50,000	*	50,000	*	577,506	*	591,988	*
Charles C. Bracher(5)	687,454	*	—	—	—	—	687,454	*	701,936	*
Thomas H. McMahon(6)	464,245	*	50,000	*	50,000	*	414,245	*	423,900	*
Erik D. Ragatz(7)	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kenneth W. Alterman(8)	48,992	*	—	—	—	—	48,992	*	48,992	*
John E. Bachman	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matthew B. Eisen(7)	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thomas F. Herman(9)	85,082	*	—	—	—	—	85,082	*	85,082	*
Mary Kay Haben	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norman S. Matthews	90,428	*	—	—	—	—	90,428	*	90,428	*
Sameer Narang(7)	—	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jeffrey York	156,488	*	25,000	*	25,000	*	131,488	*	131,488	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (19 persons)(10)(11)	15,951,229	16.4%	450,000	*	450,000	*	15,501,229	15.9%	15,668,189	16.1%
Other Selling Stockholders:										
Additional selling stockholder (1 person)(12)	547,058	*	75,000	*	75,000	*	472,058	*	481,713	*

* Indicates beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

- (1) Reflects shares directly held by the H&F Investor. The general partner of the H&F Investor is H&F Globe Investor GP LLC (“Globe Investor GP”). Hellman & Friedman Capital Partners VII (Parallel), L.P. (“HFPC VII”) is the managing member of Globe Investor GP. Hellman & Friedman Investors VII, L.P. (“H&F Investors VII”) is the general partner of HFPC VII. H&F Corporate Investors VII, Ltd. (“H&F VII”) is the general partner of H&F Investors VII. As the general partner of H&F Investors VII, H&F VII may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by the H&F Investor. The board of directors of H&F VII consists of Philip U. Hammarskjold, David R. Tunnell and Allen Thorpe. Each of the members of the board of directors of H&F VII disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of our common stock. Promptly following the closing of this offering, it is expected that the H&F Investor will distribute 165,000 shares to certain of its direct and indirect partners for the sole purpose of charitable giving. The address of each entity named in this footnote is c/o Hellman & Friedman LLC, 415 Mission Street, Suite 5700, San Francisco, California 94105.
- (2) Consists of 2,635,923 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor’s expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares (or 2,690,228 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares), directly held by Mr. Lindberg, 460 shares directly held by Mr. Lindberg’s wife and 460 shares directly held by Mr. Lindberg’s child, 2,376,670 shares directly held by The Lindberg Family Revocable Trust u/a/d 2/14/2006 of which Mr. Lindberg is a Trustee, 701,500 shares directly held by The Lindberg Family Irrevocable Trust u/a/d 5/12/2017 of which Mr. Lindberg is a Trustee and 294,550 shares directly held by The Tuckernuck Limited Partnership of which The Read Family 2014 Irrevocable Trust, f/b/o Brady Read and The Read Family 2014 Irrevocable Trust, f/b/o Charlotte Read are the general partners. Mr. Lindberg is a Trustee of each of the general partners of The Tuckernuck Limited Partnership. Not included in the table above are 210,450 shares issuable upon the exercise of time-based options held by Mr. Lindberg that vest more than 60 days following April 13, 2020 and 54,304 shares, assuming no exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares, issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options held by Mr. Lindberg that may vest in the future when the H&F Investor has satisfied additional specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company. Promptly following the closing of this offering, it is expected that the Lindberg Family Revocable Trust will make a donation of 50,000 shares to a charitable organization.
- (3) Consists of 2,310,923 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor’s expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares (or 2,365,228 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares), directly held by Mr. Read, 2,307,975 shares directly held by The Nordlingen Trust dated 1/23/2012, as amended and restated, 9/17/2014 of which Mr. Read is a Trustee and 2,307,975 shares directly held by The Redmond Trust dated 10/19/2003, as amended and restated, 9/17/2014 of which Mr. Read is a Trustee. Not included in the table above are 210,450 shares issuable

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- upon the exercise of time-based options held by Mr. Read that vest more than 60 days following April 13, 2020 and 54,304 shares issuable, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, upon the exercise of performance-based options held by Mr. Read that may vest in the future when the H&F Investor has satisfied additional specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company.
- (4) Consists of 617,506 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor's expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares (or 631,988 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), and 10,000 shares held directly by Mr. Sheedy. Not included in the table above are 14,482 shares issuable, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, upon the exercise of performance-based options held by Mr. Sheedy that may vest in the future when the H&F Investor has satisfied additional specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company.
 - (5) Consists of 643,954 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor's expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares (or 658,436 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), 42,090 shares held directly by Mr. Bracher and 1,410 shares directly held by Mr. Bracher's wife. Not included in the table above are 14,482 shares issuable, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, upon the exercise of performance-based options held by Mr. Bracher that may vest in the future when the H&F Investor has satisfied additional specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company or 1,200 shares held in trusts for Mr. Bracher's children over which Mr. Bracher has no voting or investment power.
 - (6) Consists of 373,050 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor's expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares (or 382,705 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), and 91,195 shares held directly by Mr. McMahon. Not included in the table above are 9,655 shares issuable, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, upon the exercise of performance-based options held by Mr. McMahon that may vest in the future when the H&F Investor has satisfied additional specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company.
 - (7) The address of each of Messrs. Ragatz, Eisen and Narang is c/o Hellman & Friedman LLC, 415 Mission Street, Suite 5700, San Francisco, California 94105.
 - (8) Includes shares directly held by the Alterman Revocable Trust of which Mr. Alterman is a Trustee.
 - (9) Includes shares directly held by the Thomas F. Herman Separate Property Trust of which Mr. Herman is a Trustee.
 - (10) Consists of 7,290,036 shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days following April 13, 2020, including shares issuable upon the exercise of performance-based options that are expected to vest within 60 days following April 13, 2020 due to the H&F Investor's expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares (or 7,456,996 shares assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), and 8,661,193 shares held by our current executive officers and directors.
 - (11) The actual number of performance-based options that are expected to vest due to the H&F Investor's expected achievement of specified internal rates of return following this offering may vary from those included in the table above, as such amount is dependent on the H&F Investor's achievement of specified internal rates of return with respect to its investment in the Company.
 - (12) The additional selling stockholder is one executive officer of the Company whose beneficial ownership and sales are also included in the aggregate information above with respect to all directors and executive officers as a group.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

General

The following description summarizes the material terms of, and is qualified in its entirety by, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. For a complete description of our capital stock, you should refer to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated bylaws and the applicable provisions of Delaware laws. Under “Description of Capital Stock,” “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Company” and “our Company” refer to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

Our purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may now or hereafter be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “DGCL”). Our authorized capital stock consists of 500,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. No shares of preferred stock will be issued or outstanding immediately after the offering contemplated by this prospectus. Unless our board of directors determines otherwise, we will issue all shares of our capital stock in uncertificated form.

Common Stock

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote generally, including the election or removal of directors. The holders of our common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up and after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and subject to the rights of the holders of one or more outstanding series of preferred stock having liquidation preferences, if any, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets available for distribution. Holders of our common stock do not have preemptive, subscription, redemption sinking fund or conversion rights. The common stock is not subject to further calls or assessment by us. All shares of our common stock that will be outstanding at the time of the completion of the offering will be fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, powers, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to those of the holders of any shares of our preferred stock or any series or class of stock we may authorize and issue in the future.

Preferred Stock

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock (including convertible preferred stock). Unless required by law or by the Nasdaq rules, the authorized shares of preferred stock are available for issuance without further action by you, and holders of our common stock are not entitled to vote on any amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation that relates solely to the terms of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, if the holders of such shares of preferred stock are entitled to vote thereon. Our board of directors is authorized to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the powers (including voting powers), preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including, without limitation:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares of the series, which our board of directors may, except where otherwise provided in the preferred stock designation, increase (but not above the total number of authorized shares of the class of stock) or decrease (but not below the number of shares then outstanding);
- whether dividends, if any, will be cumulative or non-cumulative and the dividend rate of the series;

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- the dates at which dividends, if any, will be payable;
- redemption rights and price or prices, if any, for shares of the series;
- the terms and amounts of any sinking fund provided for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series;
- the amounts payable on shares of the series in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the affairs of our company;
- whether the shares of the series will be convertible into shares of any other class or series of the stock of our company, or any other security of our company or any other entity, and, if so, the specification of the other class or series or other security, the conversion price or prices or rate or rates, any rate adjustments, the date or dates as of which the shares will be convertible and all other terms and conditions upon which the conversion may be made;
- restrictions on the issuance of shares of the same series or of any other class or series of our capital stock; and
- the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

We could issue a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of the series, impede or discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of the holders of our common stock might believe to be in their best interests or in which the holders of our common stock might receive a premium for their common stock over the market price of the common stock. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may adversely affect the holders of our common stock, including, without limitation, by restricting dividends on the common stock, diluting the voting power of the common stock or subordinating the liquidation rights of the common stock. As a result of these or other factors, the issuance of preferred stock could have an adverse impact on the market price of our common stock.

Dividends

Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available therefor, subject to any statutory or contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends and to the rights of the holders or one or more outstanding series of our preferred stock.

The DGCL permits a corporation to declare and pay dividends out of “surplus” or, if there is no “surplus,” out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year. “Surplus” is defined as the excess of the net assets of the corporation over the amount determined to be the capital of the corporation by the board of directors. The capital of the corporation is typically calculated to be (and cannot be less than) the aggregate par value of all issued shares of capital stock. Net assets equals the fair value of the total assets minus total liabilities. The DGCL also provides that dividends may not be paid out of net profits if, after the payment of the dividend, remaining capital would be less than the capital represented by the outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets.

Declaration and payment of any dividend is subject to the discretion of our board of directors. The time and amount of such dividends, if any, will be dependent upon our financial condition, operations, compliance with applicable law, cash requirements and availability, debt repayment obligations, capital expenditure needs and restrictions in our debt instruments, contractual restrictions, business prospects, industry trends, the provisions of Delaware law affecting the payment of distributions to stockholders and any other factors our board of directors may consider relevant.

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We do not expect to declare or pay any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. In addition, our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is limited by the covenants of our credit facilities and may be further restricted by the terms of any future debt or preferred securities. See “Dividend Policy” included in this prospectus and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources” in our Annual Report, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Annual Stockholder Meetings

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that annual stockholder meetings will be held at a date, time and place, if any, as exclusively selected by our board of directors. To the extent permitted under applicable law, we may conduct meetings by remote communications, including by webcast.

Effects of Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws and Certain Provisions of Delaware Law

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and the DGCL contain provisions, which are summarized in the following paragraphs, that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, reduce our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize stockholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these provisions may have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a merger or acquisition of our company by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or other takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider in its best interest, including attempts that might result in a premium over the prevailing market price for the shares of common stock held by stockholders.

Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

Delaware law does not require stockholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of Nasdaq, which apply so long as our common stock remains listed on Nasdaq, require stockholder approval of certain issuances equal to or exceeding 20% of the then outstanding voting power or then outstanding number of shares of common stock. Additional shares that may be used in the future may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

Our board of directors may generally issue one or more series of preferred shares on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or the removal of our management. Moreover, our authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock are available for future issuances in one or more series without stockholder approval and could be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, to facilitate acquisitions and employee benefit plans.

One of the effects of the existence of authorized and unissued and unreserved common stock or preferred stock may be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive our stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares of common stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

Classified Board of Directors

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to the right of holders of any series of preferred stock, our board of directors will be divided into three classes of directors, with the classes to

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be as nearly equal in number as possible, and with the directors serving staggered three-year terms, with only one class of directors being elected at each annual meeting of stockholders. As a result, approximately one-third of our board of directors will be elected each year. The classification of directors has the effect of making it more difficult for stockholders to change the composition of our board of directors. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that, subject to any rights of holders of preferred stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the number of directors will be fixed from time to time exclusively pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of directors; however, if at any time the H&F Investor owns at least 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, the stockholders may also fix the number of directors. As of April 13, 2020, before giving effect to this offering, the H&F Investor owned approximately 30% of the voting power of our outstanding stock.

Business Combinations

We have opted out of Section 203 of the DGCL; however, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains similar provisions providing that we may not engage in certain “business combinations” with any “interested stockholder” for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to such time, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding certain shares;
- at or subsequent to that time, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the stockholder became an interested stockholder inadvertently and (i) as soon as practicable divested itself of sufficient ownership to cease to be an interested stockholder and (ii) had not been an interested stockholder but for the inadvertent acquisition of ownership within three years of the business combination.

Generally, a “business combination” includes a merger, asset or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an “interested stockholder” is a person who, together with that person’s affiliates and associates, owns, or within the previous three years owned, 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock. For purposes of this section only, “voting stock” has the meaning given to it in Section 203 of the DGCL.

Under certain circumstances, this provision will make it more difficult for a person who would be an “interested stockholder” to effect various business combinations with our company for a three-year period. This provision may encourage companies interested in acquiring our company to negotiate in advance with our board of directors because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our board of directors and may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the H&F Investor, and any of its respective direct or indirect transferees and any group as to which such persons or entities are a party, does not constitute an “interested stockholder” for purposes of this provision.

Removal of Directors; Vacancies

Under the DGCL, unless otherwise provided in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, directors serving on a classified board may be removed by the stockholders only for cause. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, other than directors elected by holders of our preferred stock, if any, directors may be removed with or without cause upon the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class; provided, however, at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, directors may only be removed for cause, and only by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of stock of our company entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class. In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to the rights granted to one or more series of preferred stock then outstanding, any newly created directorship on the board of directors that results from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancies on our board of directors will be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director or by the stockholders; provided, however, at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any newly created directorship on the board of directors that results from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancy occurring in the board of directors may only be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director (and not by the stockholders). Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the board of directors may increase the number of directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors or, at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns at least 40% of the voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, of the stockholders.

No Cumulative Voting

Under Delaware law, the right to vote cumulatively does not exist unless the certificate of incorporation specifically authorizes cumulative voting. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not authorize cumulative voting. Therefore, stockholders holding a majority in voting power of the shares of our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors are able to elect all of our directors.

Special Stockholder Meetings

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that special meetings of our stockholders may be called at any time only by or at the direction of the board of directors or the chairman of the board of directors; provided, however, at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns, in the aggregate, at least 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, special meetings of our stockholders shall also be called by the board of directors or the chairman of the board of directors at the request of the H&F Investor. Our amended and restated bylaws prohibit the conduct of any business at a special meeting other than as specified in the notice for such meeting. These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers, or changes in control or management of our company.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Director Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

Our amended and restated bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors. In order for any matter to be properly brought before a meeting of our stockholders, a stockholder will have to comply with advance notice requirements and provide us with certain information. Generally, to be timely, a stockholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first

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anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Our amended and restated bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. Our amended and restated bylaws allow the chairman of the meeting at a meeting of the stockholders to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings, which may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the rules and regulations are not followed. These provisions may also deter, delay or discourage a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to influence or obtain control of our company.

Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, unless our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation precludes stockholder action by written consent at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, other than certain rights that holders of our preferred stock may have to act by written consent.

Supermajority Provisions

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend, change, add to, rescind or repeal, in whole or in part, our bylaws without a stockholder vote in any matter not inconsistent with Delaware law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. In addition, for as long as the H&F Investor beneficially owns at least 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any amendment, alteration, rescission or repeal of our bylaws by our stockholders requires the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of our stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting of stockholders and entitled to vote on such amendment, alteration, change, addition, rescission, change, addition or repeal. At any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of all outstanding shares of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any amendment, alteration, rescission, change, addition or repeal of our bylaws by our stockholders will require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of stock of our company entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class.

The DGCL provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation, unless the certificate of incorporation requires a greater percentage.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that at any time when the H&F Investor beneficially owns less than 40% in voting power of the stock of our company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, the following provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be amended, altered, repealed or rescinded only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of stock of our company entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class:

- the provision requiring a 66 2/3% supermajority vote for stockholders to amend our amended and restated bylaws;
- the provisions providing for a classified board of directors (the election and term of our directors);
- the provisions regarding resignation and removal of directors;

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- the provisions regarding competition and corporate opportunities;
- the provisions regarding Section 203 of the DGCL and entering into business combinations with interested stockholders;
- the provisions regarding stockholder action by written consent;
- the provisions regarding calling annual or special meetings of stockholders;
- the provisions regarding filling vacancies on our board of directors and newly created directorships;
- the provisions eliminating monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duty by a director; and
- the amendment provision requiring that the above provisions be amended only with a 66 2/3% supermajority vote.

The combination of the classification of our board of directors, the lack of cumulative voting and the supermajority voting requirements will make it more difficult for our existing stockholders to replace our board of directors as well as for another party to obtain control of us by replacing our board of directors. Because our board of directors has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management.

These provisions may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying or preventing changes in control of our management or our company, such as a merger, reorganization or tender offer. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board of directors and its policies and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition of our company. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal. These provisions are also intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts. Such provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in management of our company.

Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment

Under the DGCL, with certain exceptions, our stockholders will have appraisal rights in connection with a merger or consolidation of us. Pursuant to the DGCL, stockholders who properly request and perfect appraisal rights in connection with such merger or consolidation will have the right to receive payment of the fair value of their shares as determined by the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Stockholders' Derivative Actions

Under the DGCL, any of our stockholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the stockholder bringing the action is a holder of our shares at the time of the incident to which the action relates or such stockholder's stock thereafter devolved by operation of law.

Exclusive Forum

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any (i) derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of our company,

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(ii) action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of our company to our company or our company's stockholders, (iii) action asserting a claim against our company or any director, officer or other employee of our company arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or (iv) action asserting a claim against our company or any director, officer or other employee of our company governed by the internal affairs doctrine. These provisions shall not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Unless the Company consents in writing to the selections of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act, subject to and contingent upon a final adjudication in the State of Delaware of the enforceability of such exclusive forum provision. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of our company shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our amended and restated bylaws. However, it is possible that a court could find our forum selection provisions to be inapplicable or unenforceable.

Conflicts of Interest

Delaware law permits corporations to adopt provisions renouncing any interest or expectancy in certain opportunities that are presented to the corporation or its officers, directors or stockholders. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, to the maximum extent permitted from time to time by Delaware law, renounces any interest or expectancy that we have in, or right to be offered an opportunity to participate in, any business opportunities that are from time to time presented to our officers, directors or stockholders or their respective affiliates, other than those officers, directors, stockholders or affiliates who are our or our subsidiaries' employees. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the H&F Investor or any director who is not employed by us (including any non-employee director who serves as one of our officers in both his director and officer capacities) or his or her affiliates will have any duty to refrain from (i) engaging in a corporate opportunity in the same or similar business activities or lines of business in which we or our affiliates now engage or propose to engage or (ii) otherwise competing with us or our affiliates. In addition, to the fullest extent permitted by law, in the event that the H&F Investor or any non-employee director acquires knowledge of a potential transaction or other business opportunity which may be a corporate opportunity for itself or himself, or herself, or its or his, or her, affiliates or for us or our affiliates, such person will have no duty to communicate or offer such transaction or business opportunity to us or any of our affiliates and they may take any such opportunity for themselves or offer it to another person or entity. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not renounce our interest in any business opportunity that is expressly offered to a non-employee director solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of our company. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no business opportunity will be deemed to be a potential corporate opportunity for us unless we would be permitted to undertake the opportunity under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we have sufficient financial resources to undertake the opportunity and the opportunity would be in line with our business.

Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties, subject to certain exceptions. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the DGCL. The effect of these provisions is to eliminate the rights of us and our stockholders, through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf, to recover monetary damages from a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior. However, exculpation does not apply to any director if the director has acted in bad faith, knowingly or intentionally violated a law during the performance of his or her

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duties, fiduciary or otherwise, owed to us, authorized illegal dividends, repurchases or redemptions or derived an improper benefit from his or her actions as a director.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify and advance expenses to our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. We also are expressly authorized to carry directors' and officers' liability insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification and advancement provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability, indemnification and advancement provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, any investment in our common stock may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

We have entered into an indemnification agreement with each of our directors and officers. These agreements require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to us, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "GO."

SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

General

We cannot predict what effect, if any, market sales of shares of common stock or the availability of shares of common stock for sale will have on the market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. Nevertheless, sales of substantial amounts of common stock, including shares issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock and could impair our future ability to raise capital through the sale of our equity or equity-related securities at a time and price that we deem appropriate. See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock—Future sales, or the perception of future sales, by us or our existing stockholders in the public market following this offering could cause the market price for our common stock to decline.”

As of December 28, 2019, we had a total of 89,005,062 shares of our common stock outstanding. Except in connection with the exercise of outstanding options in connection with this offering, the number of shares of common stock outstanding will not change as a result of this offering. All shares sold in this offering will be freely tradable without registration under the Securities Act and without restriction, except for shares held by our “affiliates” (as defined under Rule 144). The shares of common stock held by the H&F Investor and certain of our directors, officers and employees after this offering will be “restricted” securities under the meaning of Rule 144 and may not be sold in the absence of registration under the Securities Act, unless an exemption from registration is available, including the exemptions pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to Rule 144, the restricted shares held by our affiliates will be available for sale in the public market at various times after the date of this prospectus following the expiration of the applicable lock-up period.

In addition, a total of 14,231,355 shares of our common stock has been reserved for issuance under our 2014 Stock Plan and 2019 Incentive Plan (subject to adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and similar events), which will equal approximately 15.8% of the shares of our common stock outstanding immediately following this offering. We filed a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register common stock issued or reserved for issuance under our 2014 Stock Plan and 2019 Incentive Plan, which automatically became effective upon filing. Accordingly, shares registered under such registration statement are available for sale in the open market, unless such shares are subject to vesting restrictions or the lock-up restrictions described below.

Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, as currently in effect, a person (or persons whose shares are deemed aggregated) who is not deemed to be or have been one of our affiliates for purposes of the Securities Act at any time during 90 days preceding a sale and who has beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least six months, including the holding period of any prior owner other than an affiliate, is entitled to sell such shares without registration, subject to compliance with the public information requirements of Rule 144. If such a person has beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least one year, including the holding period of a prior owner other than an affiliate, then such person is entitled to sell such shares without complying with any of the requirements of Rule 144.

Under Rule 144, our affiliates or persons selling shares on behalf of our affiliates, who have met the six-month holding period for beneficial ownership of “restricted shares” of our common stock, are entitled to sell within any three-month period, a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the number of shares of our common stock then outstanding, which will equal approximately 902,316 shares immediately after this offering; or

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- the average reported weekly trading volume of our common stock on Nasdaq during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to such sale.

Sales under Rule 144 by our affiliates or persons selling shares on behalf of our affiliates are also subject to certain manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us. The sale of these shares, or the perception that sales will be made, could adversely affect the price of our common stock after this offering because a great supply of shares would be, or would be perceived to be, available for sale in the public market.

Rule 701

In general, under Rule 701 of the Securities Act as currently in effect, any of our employees, consultants or advisors who received shares from us in connection with a compensatory stock or option plan or other written agreement in a transaction in reliance on Rule 701 that was completed before the effective date of the registration statement on Form S-1 for our initial public offering are now eligible to resell such shares in reliance on Rule 144, but without compliance with certain restrictions, including the holding period, contained in Rule 144. Such sales may, however, remain subject to the restrictions related to the lock-up agreements discussed immediately below.

Lock-Up Agreements

In connection with this offering, we, our executive officers, directors and the selling stockholders identified herein agreed with the underwriters, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell, dispose of or hedge any shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock during the period ending 30 days after the date of this prospectus, except with the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and BofA Securities, Inc. See “Underwriting” for additional information.

CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME AND ESTATE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a summary of certain United States federal income and estate tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock as of the date hereof. Except where noted, this summary deals only with common stock that is held as a capital asset by a non-U.S. holder (as defined below).

A “non-U.S. holder” means a beneficial owner of our common stock (other than an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) that is not, for United States federal income tax purposes, any of the following:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

This summary is based upon provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions as of the date hereof. Those authorities may be changed, perhaps retroactively, so as to result in United States federal income and estate tax consequences different from those summarized below. This summary does not address all aspects of United States federal income and estate taxes and does not deal with foreign, state, local or other tax considerations that may be relevant to non-U.S. holders in light of their particular circumstances. In addition, it does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income and estate tax consequences applicable to you if you are subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws (including if you are a United States expatriate, foreign pension fund, “controlled foreign corporation,” “passive foreign investment company” or a partnership or other pass-through entity for United States federal income tax purposes). We cannot assure you that a change in law will not alter significantly the tax considerations that we describe in this summary.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our common stock, you should consult your tax advisors.

If you are considering the purchase of our common stock, you should consult your own tax advisors concerning the particular United States federal income and estate tax consequences to you of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock, as well as the consequences to you arising under other United States federal tax laws and the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

Dividends

In the event that we make a distribution of cash or other property (other than certain pro rata distributions of our stock) in respect of our common stock, the distribution generally will be treated as a dividend for United States federal income tax purposes to the extent it is paid from our current or accumulated earnings

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and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Any portion of a distribution that exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits generally will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital, causing a reduction in the adjusted tax basis of a non-U.S. holder's common stock, and to the extent the amount of the distribution exceeds a non-U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in our common stock, the excess will be treated as gain from the disposition of our common stock (the tax treatment of which is discussed below under "—Gain on Disposition of Common Stock").

Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to withholding of United States federal income tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the non-U.S. holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a United States permanent establishment) are not subject to the withholding tax, provided certain certification and disclosure requirements are satisfied. Instead, such dividends are subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder who wishes to claim the benefit of an applicable treaty rate and avoid backup withholding, as discussed below, for dividends will be required (a) to provide the applicable withholding agent with a properly executed Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, Form W-BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form) certifying under penalty of perjury that such holder is not a United States person as defined under the Code and is eligible for treaty benefits or (b) if our common stock is held through certain foreign intermediaries, to satisfy the relevant certification requirements of applicable United States Treasury regulations. Special certification and other requirements apply to certain non-U.S. holders that are pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

A non-U.S. holder eligible for a reduced rate of United States federal withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

Gain on Disposition of Common Stock

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA below, any gain realized by a non-U.S. holder on the sale or other disposition of our common stock generally will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder);
- the non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or
- we are or have been a "United States real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes and certain other conditions are met.

A non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will be subject to tax on the gain derived from the sale or other disposition in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. In addition, if any non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point immediately above is a foreign corporation, the gain realized by such non-U.S. holder may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. An individual non-U.S. holder described in the second bullet point immediately above will be subject to a

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30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty) tax on the gain derived from the sale or other disposition, which gain may be offset by United States source capital losses even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States.

Generally, a corporation is a “United States real property holding corporation” if the fair market value of its United States real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests and its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business (all as determined for United States federal income tax purposes). We believe we are not and do not anticipate becoming a “United States real property holding corporation” for United States federal income tax purposes.

Federal Estate Tax

Common stock held by an individual non-U.S. holder at the time of death will be included in such holder’s gross estate for United States federal estate tax purposes, unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Distributions paid to a non-U.S. holder and the amount of any tax withheld with respect to such distributions generally will be reported to the IRS. Copies of the information returns reporting such distributions and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder will not be subject to backup withholding on dividends received if such holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Information reporting and, depending on the circumstances, backup withholding will apply to the proceeds of a sale or other disposition of our common stock made within the United States or conducted through certain United States-related financial intermediaries, unless the beneficial owner certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such owner otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. holder’s United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Additional Withholding Requirements

Under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (such Sections commonly referred to as “FATCA”), a 30% United States federal withholding tax may apply to any dividends paid on our common stock to (i) a “foreign financial institution” (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) its compliance (or deemed compliance) with FATCA (which may alternatively be in the form of compliance with an intergovernmental agreement with the United States) in a manner which avoids withholding, or (ii) a “non-financial foreign entity” (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) adequate information regarding certain substantial United States beneficial owners of such entity (if any). If a dividend payment is both subject to withholding under FATCA and subject to the withholding tax discussed above under “—Dividends,” the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore reduce, such

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other withholding tax. FATCA withholding may also apply to payments of gross proceeds of dispositions of our common stock, although under proposed regulations (the preamble to which specifies that taxpayers are permitted to rely on them pending finalization), no withholding will apply on payments of gross proceeds. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding these requirements and whether they may be relevant to your ownership and disposition of our common stock.

UNDERWRITING

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and BofA Securities, Inc. are acting as representatives of each of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement among us, the selling stockholders and the underwriters, the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the selling stockholders, the number of shares of common stock set forth opposite its name below.

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	
BofA Securities, Inc.	
Total	<u>10,000,000</u>

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the shares sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these shares are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the shares, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the shares, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Commissions and Discounts

The representatives have advised us and the selling stockholders that the underwriters propose initially to offer the shares to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ _____ per share. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The following table shows the public offering price, underwriting discount and proceeds before expenses to the selling stockholders. The information assumes either no exercise or full exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

	<u>Per Share</u>	<u>Without Option</u>	<u>With Option</u>
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$	\$

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$1.1 million and are payable by us. We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for expenses relating to clearance of this

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offering with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority up to \$25,000. The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for certain expenses incurred in connection with this offering.

Option to Purchase Additional Shares

The selling stockholders have granted an option to the underwriters, exercisable for 30 days after the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional shares at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, from the H&F Investor. If the underwriters exercise this option, each will be obligated, subject to conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, to purchase a number of additional shares proportionate to that underwriter's initial amount reflected in the above table.

No Sales of Similar Securities

We, our executive officers and directors and the selling stockholders have agreed with the underwriters, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell or transfer any common stock or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for, or repayable with common stock, for 30 days after the date of this prospectus without first obtaining the written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and BofA Securities, Inc. Specifically, we and these other persons have agreed, with certain limited exceptions, not to directly or indirectly:

- offer, pledge, sell or contract to sell any common stock,
- sell any option or contract to purchase any common stock,
- purchase any option or contract to sell any common stock,
- grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of any common stock,
- lend or otherwise dispose of or transfer any common stock,
- request or demand that we file or make a confidential submission of a registration statement related to the common stock, or
- enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

This lock-up provision applies to common stock and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with common stock. It also applies to common stock owned now or acquired later by the person executing the agreement or for which the person executing the agreement later acquires the power of disposition. The restrictions described in the immediately preceding paragraph are subject to specified exceptions, including, without limitation, (1) transfers of up to 1,032,363 shares of our common stock pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plans that were established prior to the date of this prospectus, (2) the distribution of 165,000 shares of our common stock held by the H&F Investor to its direct and indirect partners for the sole purpose of charitable giving and the bona fide gift by such partners of such shares to one or more charitable organizations, family foundations or donor-advised funds at sponsoring organizations on or about the date of the closing of this offering and (3) the donation of 50,000 shares of our common stock that are held by an entity affiliated with our CEO, Eric Lindberg, to charity.

In addition, notwithstanding the restrictions described in the immediately preceding paragraph, the lock-up signatory may transfer any shares of common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and BofA Securities, Inc., provided that (1) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (i) through (v) below, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and BofA Securities, Inc. receive a signed lock-up agreement for the balance of the restricted period from each donee, trustee, distributee, or transferee, as the case may be, (2) in the case of any transfer

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described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) below, any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, provided that in no event shall any transfer pursuant to such clauses in respect of any carry, distribution or dividend or any Company reorganization, merger or conversion be deemed to involve a disposition for value, (3) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (ii), (iii), (ix) and (x) below, such transfers are not required to be reported with the SEC on Form 4 in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act during the restricted period, and (4) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (i) through (v), (ix) and (xii) below, the lock-up signatory does not otherwise voluntarily effect any public filing or public report regarding such transfer during the restricted period:

- i. as a bona fide gift or gifts or by will, by intestate succession or pursuant to a so-called “living trust” or other revocable trust established to provide for the disposition of property on the lock-up signatory’s death, in each case to any member of the immediate family of the lock-up signatory, or as a bona fide gift or gifts to a charity or educational institution; provided that if the lock-up signatory is required to report such transfer with the SEC on Form 4 in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act during the restricted period, the lock-up signatory shall include a statement in such report to the effect that such transfer is not a transfer for value and that such transfer is being made as a gift, by will or intestate succession or pursuant to a so-called “living trust” or other revocable trust established to provide for the disposition of property on the lock-up signatory’s death, as the case may be;
- ii. to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the lock-up signatory or the immediate family of the lock-up signatory;
- iii. to partners, members, stockholders or holders of another equity interest of the lock-up signatory (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any divided or distribution-in-kind of shares of common stock to such persons or entities);
- iv. to the lock-up signatory’s direct or indirect affiliates or to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the lock-up signatory; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of common stock did not involve a disposition for value;
- v. to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a disposition or transfer would be permissible under clauses (i) through (iv);
- vi. to us (a) pursuant to the exercise, in each case on a “cashless” or “net exercise” basis, of any option to purchase shares of common stock granted by us pursuant to any employee benefit plans or arrangements described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to this offering, where any shares of common stock received by the lock-up signatory upon any such exercise will be subject to the terms of the lock-up agreement, or (b) for the purpose of satisfying any withholding taxes (including estimated taxes) due as a result of the exercise of any option to purchase shares of common stock or the vesting of any restricted stock or restricted stock unit awards granted by us pursuant to employee benefit plans or arrangements described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to this offering, in each case on a “cashless” or “net exercise” basis, where any shares of common stock received by the lock-up signatory upon any such exercise or vesting will be subject to the terms of the lock-up agreement; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of common stock was solely to us;
- vii. by operation of law pursuant to an order of a court or regulatory agency or pursuant to a domestic order in connection with a divorce settlement; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate that such transfer is by operation of law pursuant to an order of court or regulatory agency or divorce settlement;

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- viii. to us pursuant to any put or call provisions of existing employment agreements and equity grant documents described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to this offering; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of common stock or capital stock was solely to us;
- iv. acquired in open-market transactions after the completion of this offering;
- ix. acquired from us pursuant to any of our employee stock purchase plans described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to this offering;
- x. in response to a bona fide third party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction made to or with all holders of capital stock involving a “change of control,” that has been approved by our board of directors, provided that in the event that the tender offer, merger, consolidation or other such transaction is not completed, the lock-up signatory’s shares of common stock shall remain subject to the terms of the lock-up agreement;
- xii. the entry into a trading plan established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, provided that, (a) sales under any such plan may not occur during the restricted period and (b) to the extent a public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act, if any, is required of or voluntarily made regarding the establishment or amendment of such plan, such announcement or filing shall include a statement to the effect that no transfer of shares of common stock may be made under such plan during the restricted period; or
- xiii. the sale of shares to the underwriters.

Nasdaq Global Select Market Listing

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “GO.”

Price Stabilization and Short Positions

Until the distribution of the shares is completed, SEC rules may limit underwriters and selling group members from bidding for and purchasing our common stock. However, the representatives may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the common stock, such as bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain that price.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering. “Covered” short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares described above. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option granted to them. “Naked” short sales are sales in excess of such option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of various bids for or purchases of shares of common stock made by the underwriters in the open market prior to the completion of the offering.

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Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on Nasdaq, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Passive Market Making

In connection with this offering, underwriters and selling group members may engage in passive market making transactions in the common stock on The Nasdaq Global Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of common stock and extending through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of those transactions. The underwriters and dealers are not required to engage in passive market making and may end passive market making activities at any time.

Electronic Distribution

In connection with the offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as e-mail.

Other Relationships

Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates, including as lenders under the revolving credit facility and term loans under the First Lien Credit Agreement. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Selling Restrictions

European Economic Area and United Kingdom

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area and United Kingdom (each a "Relevant State"), no shares of common stock have been offered or will be offered pursuant to the offering to the public in that Relevant State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the shares of common stock which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant State or, where appropriate, approved in

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another Relevant State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation), except that offers of shares of common stock may be made to the public in that Relevant State at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Regulation:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the Prospectus Regulation;
- (b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined under the Prospectus Regulation), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for any such offer;
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation;

provided that no such offer of shares of common stock shall require the Issuer or any Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.

Each person in a Relevant State who initially acquires any shares of common stock or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed to and with the Company and the Managers that it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the Prospectus Regulation.

In the case of any shares of common stock being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 5(1) of the Prospectus Regulation, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares of common stock acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant State to qualified investors, in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

The Company, the representatives and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “offer to the public” in relation to any shares of common stock in any Relevant State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and any shares of common stock to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for any shares of common stock, and the expression “Prospectus Regulation” means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

The above selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restrictions set out below.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are “qualified investors” (as defined in the Prospectus Regulation) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the “Order”) and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as “relevant persons”). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

The shares may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (“SIX”) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the shares or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, us, the shares have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this document will not be filed with, and the offer of shares will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA (FINMA), and the offer of shares has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (“CISA”). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of shares.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre

This prospectus relates to an Exempt Offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority (“DFSA”). This prospectus is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for the prospectus. The shares to which this prospectus relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the shares offered should conduct their own due diligence on the shares. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia

No placement document, prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (“ASIC”), in relation to the offering. This prospectus does not constitute a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act 2001 (the “Corporations Act”), and does not purport to include the information required for a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act.

Any offer in Australia of the shares may only be made to persons (the “Exempt Investors”) who are “sophisticated investors” (within the meaning of section 708(8) of the Corporations Act), “professional investors” (within the meaning of section 708(11) of the Corporations Act) or otherwise pursuant to one or more exemptions contained in section 708 of the Corporations Act so that it is lawful to offer the shares without disclosure to investors under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act.

The shares applied for by Exempt Investors in Australia must not be offered for sale in Australia in the period of 12 months after the date of allotment under the offering, except in circumstances where disclosure to investors under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act would not be required pursuant to an exemption under section 708 of the Corporations Act or otherwise or where the offer is pursuant to a disclosure document which complies with Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act. Any person acquiring shares must observe such Australian on-sale restrictions.

This prospectus contains general information only and does not take account of the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person. It does not contain any securities

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recommendations or financial product advice. Before making an investment decision, investors need to consider whether the information in this prospectus is appropriate to their needs, objectives and circumstances, and, if necessary, seek expert advice on those matters.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The shares have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares has been or may be issued or has been or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) and, accordingly, will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or for the benefit of any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any Japanese Person, except in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines promulgated by relevant Japanese governmental or regulatory authorities in effect at the relevant time.

For the purposes of this paragraph, “Japanese Person” shall mean any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, the shares were not offered or sold or caused to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not be offered or sold or caused to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and this prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares, has not been circulated or distributed, nor will it be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the “SFA”)) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

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securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (a) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (b) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (c) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (d) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada

The shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. Any resale of the shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 (or, in the case of securities issued or guaranteed by the government of a non-Canadian jurisdiction, section 3A.4) of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Palo Alto, California. Certain legal matters relating to this offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Menlo Park, California.

EXPERTS

The financial statements, and the related financial statement schedule, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2019 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte"), an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Deloitte advised the Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Company's board of directors that in 2017 and 2018 a different member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited had performed certain non-audit services (i.e., a loan staff arrangement to support accounting, bookkeeping, human resource, and certain administrative functions) for a foreign subsidiary of another company owned by funds affiliated with H&F (the "H&F Funds"). These non-audit services were deemed to be prohibited management functions under the SEC's auditor independence rules.

Deloitte informed the Audit and Risk Management Committee that Deloitte maintained objectivity and impartiality on all issues encompassed within its audits of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, December 30, 2017 and December 29, 2018 because:

- the impermissible non-audit services had no impact on the Company's financial statements and were not subject to Deloitte's audits;
- Deloitte's audit team for the Company had not been previously aware of the impermissible non-audit services and was not involved in the provision of such services;
- the impermissible non-audit services have been terminated; and
- the impermissible non-audit services had been performed for a subsidiary of a H&F Funds portfolio company that is immaterial to the H&F Funds and unrelated to the Company (other than the common ownership of the H&F Funds).

After considering the facts and circumstances, the Audit and Risk Management Committee concurred with Deloitte's conclusion that, for the reasons described above, the impermissible services did not impair Deloitte's objectivity and impartiality with respect to the planning and execution of the audits of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, December 30, 2017 and December 29, 2018.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules, portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and our common stock, you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules.

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We file annual, quarterly and special reports and other information with the SEC. Our filings with the SEC, including the filings that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, are available to the public on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Those filings are also available to the public on, or accessible through, our website under the heading "Investor Relations" at www.groceryoutlet.com. The information we file with the SEC or contained on or accessible through our corporate website or any other website that we may maintain is not part of this prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC. This means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring to other documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information contained directly in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below (other than any portions thereof, which under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and applicable SEC rules, are not deemed "filed" under the Exchange Act):

- our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, filed on March 25, 2020;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on [January 7, 2020](#), [January 24, 2020](#) and [January 27, 2020](#) (other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K, unless expressly stated otherwise therein); and
- the description of our common stock contained in [Exhibit 4.3](#) to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, filed on March 25, 2020.

If we have incorporated by reference any statement or information in this prospectus and we subsequently modify that statement or information with information contained in this prospectus, the statement or information previously incorporated in this prospectus is also modified or superseded in the same manner.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should direct requests for those documents to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., 5650 Hollis Street, Emeryville, California 94608; Attention: Corporate Secretary (telephone: 510-845-1999).

Exhibits to any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have been specifically referenced in this prospectus.

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PART II**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than the underwriting discount, payable by the registrant and the selling stockholders in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered. All amounts are estimated except the SEC registration fee, the FINRA filing fee and Nasdaq listing fee.

	<u>Amount to be paid</u>
SEC Registration Fee	\$ 49,946
FINRA Filing Fee	56,219
Legal Fees and Expenses	550,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	175,000
Printing Fees and Expenses	125,000
Transfer Agent and Registrar Fees	9,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	129,835
Total	\$ 1,095,000

Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached the duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for this limitation of liability.

Section 145 of the DGCL, provides, among other things, that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made, party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who were or are a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, provided further that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer, director, employee or agent is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him or her against the expenses (including attorneys' fees) which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred.

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Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify such person under Section 145.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify and advance expenses to our directors and officers to the full extent authorized by the DGCL.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Such agreements may require us, among other things, to advance expenses and otherwise indemnify our executive officers and directors against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as executive officers or directors, to the fullest extent permitted by law. We intend to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future.

The indemnification rights set forth above shall not be exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, any provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we shall not be obligated to indemnify a director or officer in respect of a proceeding (or part thereof) instituted by such director or officer, unless such proceeding (or part thereof) has been authorized by the board of directors pursuant to the applicable procedure outlined in the amended and restated bylaws.

Section 174 of the DGCL provides, among other things, that a director, who willfully or negligently approves of an unlawful payment of dividends or an unlawful stock purchase or redemption, may be held jointly and severally liable for such actions. A director who was either absent when the unlawful actions were approved or dissented at the time may avoid liability by causing his or her dissent to such actions to be entered in the books containing the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors at the time such action occurred or immediately after such absent director receives notice of the unlawful acts.

We maintain and expect to maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

The underwriting agreement provides for indemnification by the underwriters of us and our officers and directors, and by us of the underwriters, for certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act or otherwise in connection with this offering.

Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

Since April 12, 2017, we have granted stock options and restricted stock units to purchase or acquire, as applicable, an aggregate of 1,031,918 shares of our common stock to employees and directors under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. These options had exercise prices ranging between \$9.24 and \$13.16 when such options were issued. On June 4, 2019, we granted options to purchase 1,364,348 shares of our common stock to employees effective as of the pricing of our initial public offering. These options have an exercise price per share of common stock equal to the initial public offering price of our common stock. The issuances of these stock options and restricted stock units were deemed to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act in reliance upon Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or Regulation D promulgated thereunder, or Rule 701 promulgated under Section 3(b) of the Securities Act, as transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering or pursuant to benefit plans and contracts relating to compensation as provided under Rule 701. None of the foregoing transactions involved any underwriters, underwriting discounts or commissions or any public offering.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) *Exhibits*. See Exhibit Index immediately preceding the signature page hereto, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

(b) *Financial Statement Schedules*. Schedule I—Condensed Financial Information of the Registrant (Parent Company Only), incorporated by reference to Schedule I as filed in Part IV, Item 15 of the Registrant's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

Item 17. Undertakings

(1) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(2) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(a) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus as filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 filed with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-232318) filed with the SEC on June 24, 2019)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 filed with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-232318) filed with the SEC on June 24, 2019)
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate for Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)
4.2	Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement by and among Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. and the other parties named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)
4.3	Description of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.'s Securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 filed with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38950) filed with the SEC on March 25, 2020)
5.1	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
10.1	Incremental Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2020, among GOBP Holdings, Inc., Globe Intermediate Corp., certain subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38950) filed with the SEC on January 24, 2020)
10.2	Incremental Agreement, dated as of July 23, 2019, among GOBP Holdings, Inc., Globe Intermediate Corp., certain subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38950) filed with the SEC on July 25, 2019)
10.3	First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, among Globe Intermediate Corp., GOBP Holdings, Inc., Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, the lenders from time to time party thereto and the letter of credit issuers from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)
10.4	First Lien Security Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, among Globe Intermediate Corp., GOBP Holdings, Inc., the subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc. from time to time party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)
10.5	First Lien Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, among Globe Intermediate Corp., GOBP Holdings, Inc., the subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc. from time to time party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.6	<u>First Lien Copyright Security Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, between Grocery Outlet, Inc. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.7	<u>First Lien Trademark Security Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, between Grocery Outlet, Inc. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.8	<u>First Lien Guarantee, dated as of October 22, 2018, among Globe Intermediate Corp., GOBP Holdings, Inc., the subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc. from time to time party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.9*	<u>Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.10*	<u>Amended and Restated Performance Vesting Stock Option Grant Notice and Agreement (Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (Eric J. Lindberg, Jr., S. MacGregor Read, Jr.), dated October 21, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.11*	<u>Amended and Restated Time Vesting Stock Option Grant Notice and Agreement (Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (Eric J. Lindberg, Jr., S. MacGregor Read, Jr.), dated October 21, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.12*	<u>Form of Performance Vesting Stock Option Grant Notice and Agreement (Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (Charles C. Bracher, Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr., Thomas H. McMahon, Steven K. Wilson) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.13*	<u>Form of Time Vesting Stock Option Grant Notice and Agreement (Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (Charles C. Bracher, Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr., Thomas H. McMahon, Steven K. Wilson) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to Amendment No. 17 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.14*	<u>Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. 2019 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>
10.15*	<u>Form of Nonqualified Option Grant and Award Agreement (Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. 2019 Incentive Plan) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>
10.16*	<u>Form of Restricted Stock Unit Grant and Award Agreement (Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. 2019 Incentive Plan) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.17*	<u>Grocery Outlet Inc. 2019 Annual Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>
10.18*	<u>Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement by and between Eric J. Lindberg, Jr., Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.19*	<u>Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement by and between S. MacGregor Read, Jr., Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.20*	<u>Restrictive Covenant Agreement, by and between Eric J. Lindberg, Jr. and Globe Holding Corp., dated September 13, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.21*	<u>Restrictive Covenant Agreement, by and between S. MacGregor Read, Jr. and Globe Holding Corp., dated September 13, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.22*	<u>Grocery Outlet Inc. Executive Change in Control Agreement, by and between Charles C. Bracher, Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.23*	<u>Grocery Outlet Inc. Executive Change in Control Agreement, by and between Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr., Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.24*	<u>Grocery Outlet Inc. Executive Change in Control Agreement, by and between Thomas H. McMahon, Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.25*	<u>Grocery Outlet Inc. Executive Change in Control Agreement, by and between Steven K. Wilson, Grocery Outlet Inc. and Globe Holding Corp., dated October 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019)</u>
10.26*	<u>Form of Globe Holding Corp. Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>
10.27*	<u>Form of Indemnification Agreement between Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. and directors and executive officers of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on June 10, 2019)</u>
10.28*	<u>Transition Agreement, dated January 7, 2020, by and between Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. and S. MacGregor Read, Jr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38950) filed with the SEC on January 6, 2020)</u>

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.29*	Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2020, by and between Grocery Outlet Inc. and GO Air, LLC
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-231428) filed with the SEC on May 22, 2019).
23.1	Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.3	Consent of eSite Inc.
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in the signature page to this Registration Statement)

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, we have duly caused this registration statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Emeryville, State of California, on April 20, 2020.

Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.

By: /s/ Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.
Name: Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.
Title: Chief Executive Officer

The undersigned directors and officers of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. hereby constitute and appoint Eric J. Lindberg, Jr., Charles C. Bracher and Pamela B. Burke and each of them, any of whom may act without joinder of the other, the individual's true and lawful attorneys in fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the person and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this registration statement and any or all amendments, including post effective amendments to this registration statement, including a prospectus or an amended prospectus therein and any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and all other documents in connection therewith to be filed with the SEC, granting unto said attorneys in fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys in fact as agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on April 20, 2020.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.</u> Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Charles C. Bracher</u> Charles C. Bracher	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)
<u>/s/ Lindsay E. Gray</u> Lindsay E. Gray	Vice President Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Erik D. Ragatz</u> Erik D. Ragatz	Director, Chairman of the Board
<u>/s/ Kenneth W. Alterman</u> Kenneth W. Alterman	Director
<u>/s/ John E. Bachman</u> John E. Bachman	Director
<u>/s/ Matthew B. Eisen</u> Matthew B. Eisen	Director
<u>/s/ Mary Kay Haben</u> Mary Kay Haben	Director

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Signature

Title

/s/ Thomas F. Herman

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Director

/s/ S. MacGregor Read, Jr.

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/s/ Norman S. Matthews

Norman S. Matthews

Director

/s/ Sameer Narang

Sameer Narang

Director

/s/ Jeffrey York

Jeffrey York

Director

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Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
BofA Securities, Inc.

as Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and the persons listed in Schedules B-1 and B-2 hereto (the “Selling Shareholders”) confirm their respective agreements with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (“Morgan Stanley”) and BofA Securities, Inc. (“BofA”) and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the “Underwriters,” which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 11 hereof), for whom Morgan Stanley and BofA are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the “Representatives”), with respect to (i) the sale by the Selling Shareholders, acting severally and not jointly, and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), of the Company set forth in Schedules A and B hereto and (ii) the grant by H&F Globe Investor LP to the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the option described in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any part of [·] additional shares of Common Stock. The aforesaid [·] shares of Common Stock (the “Initial Securities”) to be purchased by the Underwriters and all or any part of the [·] shares of Common Stock subject to the option described in Section 2(b) hereof (the “Option Securities”) are herein called, collectively, the “Securities.”

The Company and the Selling Shareholders understand that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a registration statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-[·]), including the related preliminary prospectus or prospectuses, covering the registration of the sale of the Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”). Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a prospectus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 430A (“Rule 430A”) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the “1933 Act Regulations”) and Rule 424(b) (“Rule 424(b)”) of the 1933 Act Regulations. The information included in such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed to be part of such registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to Rule 430A(b) is herein called the “Rule 430A Information.” Such registration statement, including the amendments thereto, the exhibits thereto and any schedules thereto, and the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-1 under the 1933 Act, at the time it became effective, and including the Rule 430A Information, is herein called the “Registration Statement.” Any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations is herein called the “Rule 462(b) Registration Statement” and, after such filing, the term “Registration Statement” shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. Each prospectus used prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and each prospectus that omitted the Rule 430A Information that was used after such effectiveness and prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, including the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-1 under the 1933 Act, is herein called a “preliminary prospectus.” The final prospectus, in the form first furnished to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Securities, including the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-1 under the 1933 Act, is herein called the “Prospectus.” For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system or any successor system (“EDGAR”).

As used in this Agreement:

“Applicable Time” means [-] P.M., New York City time, on [-], 2020 or such other time as agreed by the Company and the Representatives.

“General Disclosure Package” means any Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the most recent preliminary prospectus (including any documents incorporated therein by reference) that is distributed to investors prior to the Applicable Time and the information included on Schedule C-1 hereto, all considered together.

“Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” means any “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations (“Rule 433”), including without limitation any “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations (“Rule 405”)) relating to the Securities that is (i) required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) a “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (iii) exempt from filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company’s records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

“Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors (other than a “*bona fide* electronic road show,” as defined in Rule 433 (the “Bona Fide Electronic Road Show”)), as evidenced by its being specified in Schedule C-2 hereto.

“Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

“Testing-the-Waters Communication” means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Section 5(d) or Rule 163B of the 1933 Act Regulations.

“Written Testing-the-Waters Communication” means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is “contained,” “included” or “stated” in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or other references of like import) shall include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by 1933 Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by 1933 Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, at or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

(a) *Representations and Warranties by the Company.* The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time (as defined below) and any Date of Delivery (as defined below), and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:

(i) Registration Statement and Prospectuses. Each of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto has become effective under the 1933 Act. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company’s knowledge, contemplated. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information.

Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time it became effective, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. Each preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the time each was filed with the Commission, and, in each case, at the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. Each preliminary prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering and the Prospectus was or will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act (the “1934 Act Regulations”).

(ii) Accurate Disclosure. Neither the Registration Statement nor any amendment thereto, at its effective time, on the date hereof, at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, contained, contains or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. At the Applicable Time and any Date of Delivery, none of (A) the General Disclosure Package, (B) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package and (C) any individual Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of its issue date, at the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective or when such documents incorporated by reference were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the only information so furnished shall be the information in the first paragraph under the heading “Underwriting–Commissions and Discounts,” the information in the second paragraph and the last sentence of the third paragraph under the heading “Underwriting–Price Stabilization and Short Positions,” the information under the heading “Underwriting–Passive Market Making” and the information under the heading “Underwriting–Electronic Distribution,” in each case contained in the most recent preliminary prospectus delivered to investors prior to the Applicable Time and in the Prospectus (collectively, the “Underwriter Information”).

(iii) Incorporation of Documents by Reference. The Company meets the requirements to incorporate documents by reference in the Registration Statement pursuant to General Instruction VII to Form S-1 under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(iv) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. No Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, when used, conflicted with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, that has not been superseded or modified at that time. The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information. The Company has made available a Bona Fide Electronic Road Show in compliance with Rule 433(d)(8)(ii) such that no filing of any “road show” (as defined in Rule 433(h)) is required in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(v) Company Not Ineligible Issuer. At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Securities and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405, without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer.

(vi) Independent Accountants. Subject to the disclosure included under “Experts” in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are independent public accountants with respect to the Company as required by the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act, the 1934 Act Regulations (as defined in Section 1(a)(i) hereof) and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

(vii) Financial Statements; Non-GAAP Financial Measures. The financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods specified; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved except, in the case of unaudited interim financial statements, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the exclusion of certain footnotes as permitted by the applicable rules of the Commission. The supporting schedules, if any, present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included therein. Except as included therein, no historical or pro forma financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act or the 1934 Act Regulations. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or incorporated by reference therein, regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply in all material respects with Regulation G of the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(viii) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Except as otherwise stated therein, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock.

(ix) Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each other jurisdiction (to the extent the concept of "good standing" is applicable in each such jurisdiction) in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(x) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each “significant subsidiary” of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) (each, a “Subsidiary” and, collectively, the “Subsidiaries”) has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, has corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction (to the extent the concept of “good standing” is applicable in each such jurisdiction) in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to have such power and authority or to so qualify or to be in good standing would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary were issued in violation of the preemptive or similar rights of any securityholder of such Subsidiary. The only subsidiaries of the Company are (A) the subsidiaries listed on Exhibit 21 to the Registration Statement and (B) certain other subsidiaries which, considered in the aggregate as a single subsidiary, do not constitute a “significant subsidiary” as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X.

(xi) Capitalization. The authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Capitalization” (except for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to reservations, agreements, employee benefit or equity incentive plans referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or pursuant to the exercise of options referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus). The outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company, including the Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders, have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable (or, in the case of Securities that will be issued pursuant to the exercise of outstanding options subsequent to the execution of this Agreement but prior to the Closing Time, such Securities will be duly authorized and validly issued and will be fully paid and non-assessable at the Closing Time). None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company, including the Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders, were issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company (or, in the case of Securities that will be issued pursuant to the exercise of outstanding options subsequent to the execution of this Agreement but prior to the Closing Time, such Securities will not be issued in violation of such preemptive or other similar rights).

(xii) Authorization of Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xiii) Description of Securities. The Common Stock conforms in all material respects to all statements relating thereto contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and such descriptions conform in all material respects to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. No holder of Securities will be subject to personal liability solely by reason of being such a holder.

(xiv) Registration Rights. There are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered for sale pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise registered for sale or sold by the Company under the 1933 Act pursuant to this Agreement, other than those rights that have been disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and have been waived.

(xv) Absence of Violations, Defaults and Conflicts. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (A) in violation of its charter, by-laws or similar organizational document, except, solely with respect to the Company's subsidiaries that are not Subsidiaries, for such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (B) in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound or to which any of the properties or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments"), except for such defaults that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (C) in violation of any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any arbitrator, court, governmental body, regulatory body, administrative agency or other authority, body or agency having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, assets or operations (each, a "Governmental Entity"), except for such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any properties or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to, the Agreements and Instruments (except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of (1) the provisions of the charter, by-laws or similar organizational document of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (2) any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any Governmental Entity, except, with, respect to (1), solely with respect to the subsidiaries of the Company, such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect and, with respect to respect to (2), such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(xvi) Absence of Labor Dispute. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or any subsidiary's principal suppliers, manufacturers, customers or contractors, which, in either case, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xvii) Absence of Proceedings. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any Governmental Entity now pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries, which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect their respective properties or assets or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any such subsidiary is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xviii) Accuracy of Exhibits. There are no contracts or documents which are required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which have not been so described and filed as required.

(xix) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Governmental Entity is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market, state securities laws or the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

(xx) Possession of Licenses and Permits. The Company and its subsidiaries possess such permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (collectively, "Governmental Licenses") issued by the appropriate Governmental Entities necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, except where the failure so to possess would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. All of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except when the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any written notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Governmental Licenses which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxi) Title to Property. The Company and its subsidiaries do not own any real property. All of the leases and subleases material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, and under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries holds properties described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, are in full force and effect, and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has any notice of any material claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or any subsidiary under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or such subsidiary to the continued possession of the leased or subleased premises under any such lease or sublease, except where such failure to be in effect or such claim would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxii) Possession of Intellectual Property. The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks, trade names or other intellectual property (collectively, "Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on the business now operated by them, except where the failure to own, possess or acquire would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of or is otherwise aware of any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any Intellectual Property or of any facts or circumstances which would form a reasonable basis to render any Intellectual Property invalid, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity, singly or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxiii) Environmental Laws. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any applicable federal, state, local or, to the Company's knowledge, foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code or rule of common law or any legally binding policy, or judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products, asbestos-containing materials or mold (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of, or exposure to, Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) the Company and its subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required for their respective operations under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigations or proceedings, and neither the Company nor its subsidiaries is subject to any costs or liabilities, in each case relating to any Hazardous Materials or Environmental Law against or relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries and (D) to the Company's knowledge, there are no events or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to result in an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or Governmental Entity, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (A) there are no facts or circumstances regarding compliance with Environmental Laws that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position of the Company and its subsidiaries, and (B) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries (1) is subject to any pending administrative or judicial proceeding pursuant to any Environmental Law in which any governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceedings regarding which the Company reasonably believed no monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more will be imposed, nor does the Company or any of its subsidiaries know of any such proceeding being contemplated, by any Governmental Entity, or (2) anticipates any material capital expenditures relating to any Environmental Laws.

(xxiv) Accounting Controls. To the extent required by Rule 13a-15 under the 1934 Act Regulations (as defined in Section 1(a)(i) herein), the Company and each of its consolidated subsidiaries maintain effective internal control over financial reporting (as defined under Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act Regulations) and a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide reasonable assurances that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (E) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (1) no material weakness (as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X of the 1933 Act Regulations) in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (2) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially adversely affected, or is reasonably likely to materially adversely affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(xxv) Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any applicable provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications, to the extent compliance is required as of the date of this Agreement.

(xxvi) Payment of Taxes. All United States federal income tax returns of the Company and its subsidiaries required by law to be filed have been filed and all taxes shown by such returns or otherwise assessed, which are due and payable, have been paid, except assessments against which appeals have been or will be promptly taken and as to which adequate reserves have been provided or any assessments that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all tax returns that are required to have been filed by them pursuant to applicable state or local law, and to the Company's knowledge, foreign or other law, except insofar as the failure to file such returns would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company and its subsidiaries, except for such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith and as to which adequate reserves have been established by the Company or any assessments that would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company in respect of any income and corporation tax liability for any years not finally determined are adequate to meet any assessments or re-assessments for additional income tax for any years not finally determined, except to the extent of any inadequacy that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxvii) Insurance. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its Subsidiaries carry or are entitled to the benefits of insurance, with financially sound and reputable insurers, or self-insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as the Company believes is generally maintained by companies of established repute and comparable size engaged in the same or similar business, and all such insurance is in full force and effect. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company has no reason to believe that it or any of its Subsidiaries will not be able (A) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (B) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxviii) Investment Company Act. The Company is not required to register as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(xxix) Absence of Manipulation. Neither the Company nor any affiliate of the Company has taken, nor will the Company or any affiliate take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed, or would reasonably be expected, to cause or result in, or which constitutes, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities or to result in a violation of Regulation M under the 1934 Act.

(xxx) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the “FCPA”), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any “foreign official” (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA and the Company and, to the knowledge of the Company, its controlled affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(xxxi) Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Entity (collectively, the “Money Laundering Laws”); and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any Governmental Entity involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(xxxii) OFAC. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is an individual or entity (“Person”) currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty’s Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, “Sanctions”), nor is the Company located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions.

(xxxiii) Lending Relationship. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company does not have any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of any Underwriter.

(xxxiv) Statistical and Market-Related Data. Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes, after reasonable inquiry, to be reliable and accurate and, to the extent required, the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources.

(xxxv) No Rated Debt. No securities issued or guaranteed by, or loans to, the Company are rated by any “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” (as defined by the Commission in Section 3(a)(62) of the 1934 Act).

(xxxvi) Cybersecurity. (A) To the knowledge of the Company, and except where the impact of which would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, there has been no security breach or attack, or other compromise of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its subsidiaries, and any such data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, “IT Systems and Data”) and (B) neither the Company nor its subsidiaries have been notified of, and each of them have no knowledge of any event or condition that could reasonably be expected to result in, any security breach or attack or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except where the failure to maintain such compliance would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxvii) Applicable Laws. The Company and each of its subsidiaries have conducted and are conducting their business, operations and facilities in material compliance with the applicable provisions of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, as amended, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended, the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914, as amended, the Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Consumer Protection Act of 2006, as amended, the Dietary Supplement Safety Act of 2010, as amended, and any consent decrees to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries are a party; to the knowledge of the Company and except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, there are no facts that are reasonably likely to cause any federal, state, or local regulatory authority to (A) initiate a regulatory action, including but not limited to a warning letter, field notification, field correction, safety alert, recall, or withdrawal relating to any product manufactured or sold by or for the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (B) take an action or make a decision that would cause a change in the marketing classification or labeling on any product manufactured, marketed or sold by or for the Company or any of its subsidiaries, except in the case of clause (A) and (B) above, for any such action or decision as would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxviii) Marketing. The Company and each of its subsidiaries are in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Federal Trade Commission rules governing advertising, product promotion and other applicable provisions of federal, state, local and other U.S. laws or regulations relating to advertising and product promotion, except where such non-compliance would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxix) Credit Cards. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are, and have at all times been, conducted in compliance in all material respects with all provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the “Credit Card Laws”); no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Credit Card Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, except for any such action, suit or proceeding as would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xl) Testing-the-Waters Materials. The Company (A) has not alone engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communication other than Testing-the-Waters Communications with the consent of the Representatives with entities that are qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A of the 1933 Act Regulations or institutions that are accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501 of the 1933 Act Regulations and (B) has not authorized anyone other than the Representatives to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company reconfirms that the Representatives have been authorized to act on its behalf in undertaking Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company has not distributed any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications.

(b) *Representations and Warranties by the Selling Shareholders*. Each Selling Shareholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, as of the Applicable Time, as of the Closing Time and, if such Selling Shareholder is selling Option Securities on a Date of Delivery, as of each such Date of Delivery, and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:

(i) Accurate Disclosure. To the extent that any statements or omissions made in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto are made in reliance on the Selling Shareholders Information (as defined below) of such Selling Shareholder, such Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package, Prospectus and amendments or supplements thereto are, and at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery will be, true, correct and complete in all material respects, and did not, as of the date hereof, and at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery will not, include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; it being understood and agreed that the “Selling Shareholders Information” of such Selling Shareholder shall consist of the following information with respect to such Selling Shareholder in the beneficial ownership table under the caption “Principal and Selling Stockholders” in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto: the name and number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned prior to the Offering by such Selling Shareholder and the information contained in the respective footnote related to such Selling Shareholder.

(ii) Material Information. As of the date hereof, at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, as the case may be, the sale of the Securities by such Selling Shareholder (other than any Selling Shareholder that is not a director or executive officer of the Company, as to which no representation or warranty is given) is not and will not be prompted by any material information concerning the Company which is not set forth in the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto.

(iii) Authorization of this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Shareholder.

(iv) Authorization of Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement. In the case of all Selling Shareholders other than H&F Globe Investor LP, the Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement entered into by such Selling Shareholder, in the form heretofore furnished to the Representatives (the "Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement"), has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Shareholder and is the valid and binding agreement of such Selling Shareholder.

(v) Noncontravention. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement, as applicable, and the sale and delivery of the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by such Selling Shareholder with its obligations hereunder do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder or any property or assets of such Selling Shareholder pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, license, lease or other agreement or instrument to which such Selling Shareholder is a party or by which such Selling Shareholder may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of such Selling Shareholder is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the limited partnership agreement, trust agreement or other organizational instrument of such Selling Shareholder, if applicable, or any applicable treaty, law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over such Selling Shareholder or any of its properties.

(vi) Valid Title. Such Selling Shareholder has the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to enter into this Agreement and, if applicable, the Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement of such Selling Shareholder. At the Closing Time and, if such Selling Shareholder is selling Option Securities on a Date of Delivery, as of each such Date of Delivery, such Selling Shareholder will have valid title to the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens, equities or other encumbrances and to sell, transfer and deliver the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder or a valid security entitlement in respect of such Securities. In the case such Selling Shareholder is an Exercising Selling Shareholder (as defined below), to the extent the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder are not obtained by such Selling Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of outstanding options subsequent to the execution of this Agreement but prior to the Closing Time, or in the case such Selling Shareholder is not an Exercising Selling Shareholder, such Selling Shareholder has valid title to such Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens, equities or other encumbrances and the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to sell, transfer and deliver such Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder or a valid security entitlement in respect of such Securities. An "Exercising Selling Shareholder" is a Selling Shareholder that is exercising outstanding options subsequent to the execution of this Agreement but prior to the Closing Time in connection with delivering Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder under this Agreement.

(vii) Delivery of Securities. Upon payment of the purchase price for the Securities to be sold by such Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement, delivery of such Securities, as directed by the Underwriters, to Cede & Co. (“Cede”) or such other nominee as may be designated by The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) (unless delivery of such Securities is unnecessary because such Securities are already in possession of Cede or such nominee), registration of such Securities in the name of Cede or such other nominee (unless registration of such Securities is unnecessary because such Securities are already registered in the name of Cede or such nominee), and the crediting of such Securities on the books of DTC to securities accounts (within the meaning of Section 8-501(a) of the UCC) of the Underwriters (assuming that neither DTC nor any such Underwriter has notice of any “adverse claim,” within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the Uniform Commercial Code then in effect in the State of New York (“UCC”), to such Securities), (A) under Section 8-501 of the UCC, the Underwriters will acquire a valid “security entitlement” in respect of such Securities and (B) no action (whether framed in conversion, replevin, constructive trust, equitable lien, or other theory) based on any “adverse claim,” within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, to such Securities may be asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlement; for purposes of this representation, such Selling Shareholder may assume that when such payment, delivery (if necessary) and crediting occur, (I) such Securities will have been registered in the name of Cede or another nominee designated by DTC, in each case on the Company’s share registry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, bylaws and applicable law, (II) DTC will be registered as a “clearing corporation,” within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, (III) appropriate entries to the accounts of the several Underwriters on the records of DTC will have been made pursuant to the UCC, (IV) to the extent DTC, or any other securities intermediary which acts as “clearing corporation” with respect to the Securities, maintains any “financial asset” (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC) in a clearing corporation pursuant to Section 8-111 of the UCC, the rules of such clearing corporation may affect the rights of DTC or such securities intermediaries and the ownership interest of the Underwriters, (V) claims of creditors of DTC or any other securities intermediary or clearing corporation may be given priority to the extent set forth in Section 8-511(b) and 8-511(c) of the UCC and (VI) if at any time DTC or other securities intermediary does not have sufficient Securities to satisfy claims of all of its entitlement holders with respect thereto then all holders will share pro rata in the Securities then held by DTC or such securities intermediary.

(viii) Absence of Manipulation. Such Selling Shareholder has not taken, and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed to or which constituted or would reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(ix) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, order, registration, qualification or decree of any arbitrator, court, governmental body, regulatory body, administrative agency or other authority, body or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the performance by such Selling Shareholder of its obligations hereunder or, as applicable, in the Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement of such Selling Shareholder, or in connection with the sale and delivery of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market, state securities laws or the rules of FINRA.

(x) No Registration or Other Similar Rights. Such Selling Shareholder does not have any registration or other similar rights to have any equity or debt securities registered for sale by the Company under the Registration Statement or included in the offering contemplated by this Agreement other than those rights that have been disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or have been complied with.

(xi) No Free Writing Prospectuses. Such Selling Shareholder has not prepared or had prepared on its behalf or used or referred to, any “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405), and has not distributed any written materials in connection with the offer or sale of the Securities.

(c) Officer’s Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby; and any certificate signed by or on behalf of any Selling Shareholder as such and delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by such Selling Shareholder to the Underwriters as to the matters covered thereby.

(d) Representations and Warranties by the Underwriters. Each Underwriter represents and warrants to the Company as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery, and agrees with the Company that unless such Underwriter obtains the prior written consent of the Company, neither it nor any person acting on its behalf will make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute a “free writing prospectus,” or a portion thereof, in connection with the offering of the Securities, except a “free writing prospectus” that contains no “issuer information” (as defined in Rule 433(h)(2) under the 1933 Act) that was not included (including through incorporation by reference) in any preliminary prospectus or a previously filed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus; provided that the Company will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule C-2 hereto and any “road show that is a written communication” that has been reviewed by the Company.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing.

(a) Initial Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, each Selling Shareholder, severally and not jointly, agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from each Selling Shareholder, at the price per share set forth in Schedule A, that proportion of the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule B opposite the name of such Selling Shareholder which the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional number of Initial Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 hereof, bears to the total number of Initial Securities, subject, in each case, to such adjustments among the Underwriters as the Representatives in their sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.

(b) Option Securities. In addition, on the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, H&F Globe Investor LP hereby grants an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional [·] shares of Common Stock, as set forth in Schedule B, at the price per share set forth in Schedule A, less an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities. The option hereby granted may be exercised for 30 days after the date hereof and may be exercised in whole or in part at any time from time to time upon notice by the Representatives to the Company and H&F Globe Investor LP setting forth the number of Option Securities as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time and date of payment and delivery for such Option Securities. Any such time and date of delivery (a “Date of Delivery”) shall be determined by the Representatives, but shall not, without the consent of the Company, be earlier than 36 hours or later than seven full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time; provided that notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the Underwriters exercise the option hereby granted at any time prior to the Closing Time, the Date of Delivery for such Option Securities shall be the Closing Time. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option Securities, each of the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, will purchase that proportion of the total number of Option Securities then being purchased which the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Initial Securities, subject, in each case, to such adjustments as the Representatives in their sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.

(c) *Payment.* Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, the Initial Securities shall be made at the offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 1600 El Camino Real, Menlo Park CA 94025, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Company and the Selling Shareholders, at 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second (third, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 P.M. (New York City time) on any given day) business day after the date hereof (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 hereof), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Company and the Selling Shareholders (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called the “Closing Time”).

In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Securities are purchased by the Underwriters, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, such Option Securities shall be made at the above-mentioned offices, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Company and H&F Globe Investor LP, on each Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from the Representatives to the Company and H&F Globe Investor LP.

Payment shall be made to the Selling Shareholders by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the bank accounts designated by H&F Globe Investor LP, on behalf of itself, and the Custodian pursuant to each Selling Shareholder’s Power of Attorney and Custody Agreement, in the case of the other Selling Shareholders, against delivery to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representatives, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, which it has agreed to purchase. Any or each of the Representatives, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Initial Securities or the Option Securities, if any, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) *Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests.* The Company, subject to Section 3(b) hereof, will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A, and will notify the Representatives promptly, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall become effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein or for additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the 1933 Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company will effect all filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order, prevention or suspension and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof as soon as practicable.

(b) *Continued Compliance with Securities Laws.* The Company will comply with the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. If at any time prior to the earlier of (1) the completion of the distribution of all of the Securities by the Underwriters and (2) the expiration of nine months after the date of the Prospectus, a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations (“Rule 172”), would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to (i) amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order that the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser or (iii) amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly (A) give the Representatives notice of such event, (B) prepare any amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with such requirements and, a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing or use, furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment or supplement and (C) file with the Commission any such amendment or supplement; provided that the Company shall not file or use any such amendment or supplement to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object promptly after receipt thereof, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request. The Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to make any filing pursuant to the 1934 Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act Regulations from the Applicable Time to the Closing Time and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object. In the event that any Underwriter is required to deliver a prospectus (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) by the applicable law in connection with sales of the Securities at any time nine months or more after the date of the Prospectus, upon such Underwriter’s request but at the expense of such Underwriter, the Company shall prepare and deliver to such Underwriter as many written and electronic copies as such Underwriter may request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act.

(c) *Delivery of Registration Statements.* The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, if requested, without charge, conformed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and conformed copies of all consents and certificates of experts. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(d) *Delivery of Prospectuses.* The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. Until the earlier of (1) the completion of the distribution of all of the Securities by the Underwriters and (2) the expiration of nine months after the date of the Prospectus, during any period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, the Company shall deliver, without charge, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. Following the earlier of (1) the completion of the distribution of all of the Securities by the Underwriters and (2) the expiration of nine months after the date of the Prospectus, during any period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, the Company shall deliver, at the expense of the requesting Underwriter, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as requested by such Underwriters. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e) *Blue Sky Qualifications.* The Company will use its commercially reasonable best efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Representatives may reasonably designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required to complete the distribution of the Securities; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject.

(f) *Rule 158.* The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available (which may be satisfied by filing with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR) to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to the Underwriters the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(g) *Listing.* The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to maintain the listing of the Securities on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

(h) *Restriction on Sale of Securities.* During a period of 30 days from the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley and BofA, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or file or confidentially submit any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (A) the Securities to be sold hereunder, (B) any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof and referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (C) any shares of Common Stock issued, options to purchase Common Stock or other equity incentive awards granted pursuant to employee benefit, equity incentive or employee stock purchase plans of the Company referred to in the Registration Statement the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (D) any shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to any non-employee director stock plan or any dividend reinvestment plan referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (E) the filing of any registration statement on Form S-8 or any successor form thereto with respect to the registration of securities to be offered under any employee benefit, equity incentive or employee stock purchase plans of the Company referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (F) the issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the acquisition by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the securities, business, property or other assets of another person or business entity or pursuant to any employee benefit plan assumed by the Company in connection with any such acquisition, or (G) the issuance of shares of Common Stock, of restricted stock awards or of options to purchase shares of Common Stock, in each case, in connection with joint ventures, commercial relationships or other strategic transactions, provided, however, that in the case of any issuance described in (F) or (G) above, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock issued in connection with, or issuable pursuant to the exercise of any options or equity incentive awards issued in connection with, all such acquisitions and other transactions does not exceed 5% of the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately following the consummation of the offering of the Securities and it shall be a condition to such issuance that each recipient executes and delivers to Morgan Stanley and BofA, acting on behalf of the Underwriters, a written agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit B to this Agreement.

(i) *Reporting Requirements.* The Company, during the period when a Prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and 1934 Act Regulations. Additionally, the Company shall report the use of proceeds from the issuance of the Securities as may be required under Rule 463 under the 1933 Act.

(j) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.* The Company agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus,” or a portion thereof, required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the Representatives will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule C-2 hereto and any “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) that has been reviewed by the Representatives. The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each such free writing prospectus consented to, or deemed consented to, by the Representatives as an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, and that it has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 with respect thereto, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and prior to the later of (1) the completion of the distribution of the Securities and (2) the date that is nine months after the date of the Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(k) *Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners.* The Company will deliver to the Representatives, on the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers, together with copies of identifying documentation, and the Company undertakes to provide such additional supporting documentation as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the verification of the foregoing certification.

(l) *Testing-the-Waters Materials.* If at any time following the distribution of any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission; *provided, however,* that this covenant shall not apply to any statements or omissions in a Written Testing-the-Waters Communication made in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

SECTION 4. Covenants of the Selling Shareholders. Each Selling Shareholder covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.* Such Selling Shareholder agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus,” or a portion thereof, required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the Representatives will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule C-2 hereto and any “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) that has been reviewed by the Representatives. Such Selling Shareholder represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each such free writing prospectus consented to, or deemed consented to, by the Representatives as an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, and that it has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 with respect thereto, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. Such Selling Shareholder will advise the Representatives promptly, and if requested by the Representatives, will confirm such advice in writing, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 under the 1933 Act or any similar rule), of any change in the Selling Shareholders Information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto relating to such Selling Shareholder.

(b) *Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners.* To the extent applicable, each Selling Shareholder will deliver to the Representatives, on the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers, together with copies of identifying documentation, and any such Selling Shareholder undertakes to provide such additional supporting documentation as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the verification of the foregoing certification.

(c) *Tax Forms.* Each Selling Shareholder will deliver to the Representatives, prior to the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or W-8, as appropriate, together with all required attachments to such form.

SECTION 5. Payment of Expenses.

(a) *Expenses.* The Company will pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its and the Selling Shareholders' obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any reasonable costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to the Underwriters, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's and H&F Globe Investor LP's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (v) the qualification of the Securities under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(e) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto, subject to the limitation described in Section 5(a)(viii) below, (vi) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or registrar for the Securities, (vii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Securities, including without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged with the Company's consent in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and 50% of the cost of aircraft chartered to be used in connection with the road show by both the Underwriters and the Company; provided, however, that the Underwriters and the Company agree that the Underwriters shall pay for the travel and lodging expenses of the Underwriters, (viii) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with the review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Securities; provided that in no case shall the Company be required to pay or cause to be paid an amount in connection with such fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters, together with the fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters described in Section 5(a)(v) above, in excess of \$25,000, (ix) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Securities on The Nasdaq Global Select Market and (x) the costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Securities made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the third sentence of Section 1(a)(ii).

(b) *Expenses of the Selling Shareholders.* For the avoidance of doubt, it is understood that the Selling Shareholders will pay all of their own underwriting discounts, commissions, stock transfer taxes, stamp duties and other similar taxes, if any, payable upon the sale or delivery of their Securities pursuant to this Agreement, as well as all other fees and disbursements of counsel for the Selling Shareholders not paid by the Company pursuant to Section 5(a).

(c) *Termination of Agreement.* If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, Section 10(a)(i) or (iii) or Section 11 or Section 12 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the non-defaulting Underwriters for all of their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses that were actually incurred, including the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of termination by the Underwriters in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 hereof, the Company shall have no obligation to reimburse any defaulting Underwriter pursuant to this Section 5(b).

(d) *Allocation of Expenses.* The provisions of this Section shall not affect any separate, valid agreement that the Company and the Selling Shareholders may make for the sharing of such costs and expenses.

SECTION 6. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy, when made and on each Date of Delivery, of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Shareholders contained herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or on behalf of any Selling Shareholder delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company and each Selling Shareholder of their respective covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Rule 430A Information.* The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has become effective and, at the Closing Time, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, are contemplated; and the Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. A prospectus containing the Rule 430A Information shall have been filed with the Commission in the manner and within the time frame required by Rule 424(b) without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8) or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed with, and declared effective by, the Commission in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A.

(b) *Opinion and Negative Assurance Letter of Counsel for Company and H&F Globe Investor LP.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Closing Time, of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Company and H&F Globe Investor LP, to the effect set forth in Exhibits A-1 and A-2 hereto and in form reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with reproduced copies of such opinion and letter for each of the other Underwriters.

(c) *Opinion of Counsel for certain Selling Shareholders.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received opinions, dated the Closing Time, of counsel for certain of the Selling Shareholders in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with reproduced copies of such opinion for each of the other Underwriters.

(d) *Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated the Closing Time, of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to certain of the matters set forth in Exhibits A-1 and A-2 hereto and other related matters as the Representatives may require. In giving such opinion such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal securities laws of the United States, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Representatives. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(e) *Officer's Certificate.* At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate of the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, dated the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) the Company has complied in all material respects with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the 1933 Act has been issued, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to their knowledge, contemplated by the Commission.

(f) *Certificate of Selling Shareholders.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received a certificate of a representative or an Attorney-in-Fact on behalf of each Selling Shareholder, dated the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) the representations and warranties of such Selling Shareholder in this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time and (ii) such Selling Shareholder has complied with all agreements and all conditions on its part to be performed under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing Time.

(g) *Chief Financial Officer's Certificate.* At the time of the execution of this Agreement and at the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from the chief financial officer of the Company a certificate, dated the date hereof or the Closing Time, respectively, as to the accuracy of certain financial and other information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives;

(h) *Accountant's Comfort Letter.* At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP a letter, dated such date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, together with reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(i) *Bring-down Comfort Letter.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP a letter, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to the Closing Time.

(j) *Approval of Listing.* At the Closing Time, the Securities shall have been approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Select Market, subject only to official notice of issuance.

(k) *No Objection.* FINRA shall have confirmed that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements relating to the offering of the Securities.

(l) *Lock-up Agreements.* At the date of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto signed by the persons listed on Schedule D hereto.

(m) *Conditions to Purchase of Option Securities.* In the event that the Underwriters exercise their option provided in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any portion of the Option Securities, the representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Shareholders contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company and the Selling Shareholders hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery and, at the relevant Date of Delivery, the Representatives shall have received:

(i) Officer's Certificate. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Chief Financial Officer of the Company confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time pursuant to Section 6(e) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(ii) Certificate of H&F Globe Investor LP. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of a representative of H&F Globe Investor LP confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time by H&F Globe Investor LP pursuant to Section 6(f) remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(iii) Opinions of Counsel for Company and H&F Globe Investor LP. If requested by the Representatives, the opinion and negative assurance letter of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Company and H&F Globe Investor LP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion and letter required by Section 6(b) hereof.

(iv) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. If requested by the Representatives, the favorable opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 6(d) hereof.

(v) Chief Financial Officer's Certificate. If requested by the Representatives, a certificate from the chief financial officer of the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the certificate furnished to the Representatives pursuant to Section 6(g) hereof.

(vi) Bring-down Comfort Letter. If requested by the Representatives, a letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives and dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the letter furnished to the Representatives pursuant to Section 6(h) hereof, except that the "specified date" in the letter furnished pursuant to this paragraph shall be a date not more than three business days prior to such Date of Delivery.

(n) Additional Documents. At the Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery (if any) counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such customary documents as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company and the Selling Shareholders in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters.

(o) Termination of Agreement. If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement, or, in the case of any condition to the purchase of Option Securities on a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase the relevant Option Securities, may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company and the Selling Shareholders at any time at or prior to Closing Time or such Date of Delivery, as the case may be, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 5 and except that Sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification of Underwriters.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) under the 1933 Act (each, an “Affiliate”)), its selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included (A) in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities (“Marketing Materials”), including any road show or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically), or the omission or alleged omission in any preliminary prospectus, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, Prospectus or in any Marketing Materials of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Entity, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 7(e) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company and the Selling Shareholders;

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Entity, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, the General Disclosure Package, any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, Prospectus or in any Marketing Materials (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(b) *Indemnification of Underwriters by Selling Shareholders.* Each Selling Shareholder, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its Affiliates and selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act to the extent and in the manner set forth in clauses (a)(i), (ii) and (iii) above; provided, that any Selling Shareholder shall be liable only to the extent that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission has been made in the Registration Statement, or in any preliminary prospectus, or the Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or any roadshow or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with the Selling Shareholders Information provided by such Selling Shareholder; provided, further, that the liability under this subsection of such Selling Shareholder shall be limited to an amount equal to the aggregate gross proceeds after underwriting commissions and discounts, but before expenses, to such Selling Shareholder from the sale of Securities sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder.

(c) *Indemnification of Company, Directors, Officers and Selling Shareholders.* Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, and each Selling Shareholder and each person, if any, who controls any Selling Shareholder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, the General Disclosure Package, any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, Prospectus or in any Marketing Materials (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(d) *Actions against Parties; Notification.* Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(a) and 7(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Representatives, which counsel shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Company, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(c) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Entity commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 7 or Section 8 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(e) *Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse.* If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this Section 7, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 7(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

(f) *Other Agreements with Respect to Indemnification.* The provisions of this Section shall not affect any separate, valid agreement among the Company and the Selling Shareholders with respect to indemnification.

SECTION 8. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 7 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, on the one hand, and of the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions, or in connection with any violation of the nature referred to in Section 7(f) hereof, which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions but before deducting expenses) received by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, on the other hand, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 8. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 8 shall be deemed to include any documented legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Entity, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, each Selling Shareholder's obligations to contribute any amount under this paragraph is limited in the manner and to the extent set forth in Section 7(b) hereof and in no event shall the aggregate liability of such Selling Shareholder under this Section 8 and Section 7 hereof exceed the limit set forth in Section 7(b) hereof.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commissions received by such Underwriter in connection with the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 8, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Underwriter's Affiliates and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Selling Shareholder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company or such Selling Shareholder, as the case may be. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8 are several in proportion to the number of Initial Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

The provisions of this Section shall not affect any separate, valid agreement among the Company and the Selling Shareholder(s) with respect to contribution.

SECTION 9. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the Selling Shareholders submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors, any person controlling the Company or any person controlling any Selling Shareholder and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities.

SECTION 10. Termination of Agreement.

(a) *Termination.* The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company and the Selling Shareholders, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time or any Date of Delivery (i) if there has been, in the judgment of the Representatives, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the completion of the offering contemplated hereby or to enforce contracts for sales of the Securities, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the completion of the offering or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or The Nasdaq Global Select Market, or (iv) if trading generally on The Nasdaq Global Select Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (v) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (vi) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

(b) *Liabilities.* If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 5 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 hereof shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Default by One or More of the Underwriters. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time or a Date of Delivery to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the “Defaulted Securities”), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

(i) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(ii) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, this Agreement or, with respect to any Date of Delivery which occurs after the Closing Time, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase, and the Company to sell, the Option Securities to be purchased and sold on such Date of Delivery shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement or, in the case of a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, which does not result in a termination of the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and the Company to sell the relevant Option Securities, as the case may be, either (i) the Representatives or (ii) the Company and any Selling Shareholder shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term “Underwriter” includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section 11.

SECTION 12. Default by one or more of the Selling Shareholders. If a Selling Shareholder shall fail at the Closing Time or a Date of Delivery, as the case may be, to sell and deliver the number of Securities which such Selling Shareholder or Selling Shareholders are obligated to sell hereunder, and the remaining Selling Shareholders do not exercise the right hereby granted to increase, pro rata or otherwise, the number of Securities to be sold by them hereunder to the total number to be sold by all Selling Shareholders as set forth in Schedule B hereto, then the Underwriters may, at option of the Representatives, by notice from the Representatives to the Company and the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders, either (i) terminate this Agreement without any liability on the fault of any non-defaulting party except that the provisions of Sections 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 hereof shall remain in full force and effect or (ii) elect to purchase the Securities which the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders have agreed to sell hereunder. No action taken pursuant to this Section 12 shall relieve any Selling Shareholder so defaulting from liability, if any, in respect of such default.

In the event of a default by any Selling Shareholder as referred to in this Section 12, each of the Representatives, the Company and the non-defaulting Selling Shareholders shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time or any Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required change in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

SECTION 13. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to Morgan Stanley at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk, with a copy to the Legal Department; and to BofA at One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, attention of Syndicate Department (facsimile: (646) 855-3073), with a copy to ECM Legal (facsimile: (212) 230-8730); notices to the Company shall be directed to it at 5650 Hollis Street Emeryville, CA 94608, Attention: General Counsel (facsimile: (510) 644-9994); and notices to the Selling Shareholders shall be directed to, in the case of H&F Globe Investor LP, to c/o Hellman & Friedman LLC, 415 Mission Street, Suite 5700, San Francisco, CA 94105, Attention: Arrie Park (facsimile: (415) 835-5408) and, in the case of all other Selling Shareholders, to the Attorney-in-Fact at Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. 5650 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Attention: Charles Bracher (facsimile: (510) 644-9994).

SECTION 14. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. Each of the Company and each Selling Shareholder acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Selling Shareholder, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering of the Securities and the process leading thereto, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any Selling Shareholder, or its respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company or any Selling Shareholder with respect to the offering of the Securities or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any Selling Shareholder on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company or any Selling Shareholder with respect to the offering of the Securities except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of each of the Company and each Selling Shareholder, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering of the Securities and the Company and each of the Selling Shareholders has consulted its own respective legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

SECTION 15. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For purposes of this Section 15, a “BHC Act Affiliate” has the meaning assigned to the term “affiliate” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). “Covered Entity” means any of the following: (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). “Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. “U.S. Special Resolution Regime” means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 16. Parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Shareholders and each of their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Shareholders and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 7 and 8 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Shareholders and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 17. Trial by Jury. The Company, each of the Selling Shareholders and each of the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 18. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF, THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS.

SECTION 19. Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Immunity. Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be instituted in (i) the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan or (ii) the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan (collectively, the “Specified Courts”), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court, as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail to such party’s address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 20. TIME. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 21. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, e.g., www.docusign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

SECTION 22. Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Shareholders in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

GROCERY OUTLET HOLDING CORP.

By _____
Name:
Title:

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company and the representative or the Attorney-in-Fact for the Selling Shareholders a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Shareholders in accordance with its terms.

H&F GLOBE INVESTOR LP

By: H&F GLOBE INVESTOR GP, LLC,
its general partner

By: HELLMAN & FRIEDMAN CAPITAL
PARTNERS VII (PARALLEL), L.P.,
its managing member

By: HELLMAN & FRIEDMAN INVESTORS VII, L.P.,
its general partner

By: H&F CORPORATE INVESTORS VII, LTD.,
its general partner

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By _____
As Attorney-in-Fact acting on behalf of the Selling
Shareholders (other than H&F Globe Investor LP)
named in Schedule B hereto

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED,
as of the date first above written:

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

By _____
Authorized Signatory

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

By _____
Authorized Signatory

For themselves and as Representatives of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto.

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE A

The initial public offering price per share for the Securities shall be \$[·].

The purchase price per share for the Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$[·], being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above less \$[·] per share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 2(b) for dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities.

Name of Underwriter	Number of <u>Initial Securities</u>
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	[·]
BofA Securities, Inc.	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
[·]	[·]
Total	<u>[·]</u>

SCHEDULE B-1

	<u>Number of Initial Securities to be Sold</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Option Securities to be Sold</u>
Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.	[·]	0
The Lindberg Family Revocable Trust u/a/d 2/14/2006.	[·]	0
Robert Joseph Sheedy, Jr.	[·]	0
Thomas H. McMahon	[·]	0
Steven K. Wilson	[·]	0
Jeffrey York	[·]	0

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SCHEDULE B-2

	<u>Number of Initial Securities to be Sold</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Option Securities to be Sold</u>
H&F Globe Investor LP	[·]	[·]

Sch B- 2

SCHEDULE C-1

Pricing Terms

1. The Selling Shareholders are selling [·] shares of Common Stock.
2. H&F Globe Investor LP has granted an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional [·] shares of Common Stock.
3. The initial public offering price per share for the Securities shall be \$[·].

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SCHEDULE C-2

Free Writing Prospectuses

None.

Sch C- 2

SCHEDULE D

List of Persons and Entities Subject to Lock-up

[To come.]

Sch D- 1

FORM OF OPINION OF COMPANY'S COUNSEL
TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6(b)

April [·], 2020

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
BofA Securities, Inc.
and the other several Underwriters
named in Schedule A to the
Underwriting Agreement
referred to below

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and H&F Globe Investor LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "H&F Selling Stockholder"), in connection with the purchase by you of an aggregate of [·] shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company from the H&F Selling Stockholder, the management selling stockholders listed in Schedule B-1 to the Underwriting Agreement (as defined below) (the "Management Stockholders" and, together with the H&F Selling Stockholder, the "Selling Stockholders"), pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, dated April [·], 2020 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company, the Selling Stockholders and you (the "Underwriters").

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-[·]) (the "[Initial] Registration Statement") filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and the related Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-[·]) filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (together with the Initial Registration Statement, the "Registration Statement"); the preliminary prospectus dated April [·], 2020 relating to the Shares (the "Preliminary Prospectus") included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to the time the Registration Statement became effective under the Securities Act and the prospectus dated April [·], 2020 relating to the Shares (the "Prospectus") filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act, in each case, including the documents filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are incorporated by reference in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, as the case may be; the Underwriting Agreement; and each custody agreement and power of attorney (collectively, the "Custody Agreements") between each of the Management Stockholders and the Other Selling Stockholders, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as custodian (the "Custodian"), and the attorneys-in-fact named therein, relating to the Shares to be sold to the Underwriters by such Management Stockholders and Other Selling Stockholders. We also have examined a specimen certificate representing the Common Stock. We have relied as to matters of fact upon the representations and warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement and each of the Custody Agreements. In addition, we have examined, and have relied as to matters of fact upon, the documents delivered to you at the closing and upon originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and the H&F Selling Stockholder and have made such other investigations, as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In rendering the opinions set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

In addition, in connection with our opinion set forth in paragraph 5 below, we have assumed that (i) The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) is a “securities intermediary” as defined in Section 8-102 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York (the “New York UCC”), and the State of New York is the “securities intermediary’s jurisdiction” of DTC for purposes of Section 8-110 of the New York UCC, (ii) the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders are registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, (iii) DTC indicates by book entries on its books that security entitlements with respect to [·] shares of Common Stock have been credited to the Underwriters’ securities account and (iv) the Underwriters are purchasing such security entitlements without notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of the New York UCC).

In rendering the opinions set forth below, we have assumed that (1) each of the Other Selling Stockholders is validly existing and in good standing under the law of the jurisdiction in which it is organized and has validly authorized, executed and delivered its Custody Agreement in accordance with its organizational documents and the law of the jurisdiction in which it is organized and (2) the execution, delivery, and performance by the Company and each Selling Stockholder of the Underwriting Agreement and its Custody Agreement, as applicable, (a) do not constitute a breach or default under any agreement or instrument which is binding upon the Company or any such Selling Stockholder (except that no such assumption is made with respect to the agreements and instruments listed on Schedule I hereto), and (b) do not constitute a breach or other violation of the organizational documents of any Other Selling Stockholder or violate the law of the jurisdiction in which any Selling Stockholder is organized or any other jurisdiction (except that no such assumption is made with respect to the federal law of the United States, the law of the State of New York or, with respect to the Company, the Delaware General Corporation Law, or, with respect to the H&F Selling Stockholder, the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act).

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company is validly existing and in good standing as a corporation under the law of the State of Delaware. The Company has full corporate power and authority to conduct its business as described in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus.
2. The H&F Selling Stockholder is validly existing and in good standing as a limited partnership under the law of the State of Delaware and has full partnership power and authority to sell the Shares to be sold by the H&F Selling Stockholder.
3. The Company has the authorized Common Stock and preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, set forth in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus under the heading “Capitalization.”

4. The Shares have been duly authorized by the Company and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
5. Upon payment and transfer in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, the Underwriters will acquire security entitlements with respect to [·] shares of Common Stock and no action based on an adverse claim may be asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlements to the extent that the Underwriters' rights are governed by Article 8 of the New York UCC.
6. The statements made in each of the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Capital Stock," insofar as they purport to constitute summaries of certain terms of the capital stock (including the Shares) of the Company, constitute accurate summaries of such terms in all material respects.
7. The statements made in each of the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus under the caption "Certain United States Federal Income and Estate Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders," insofar as they purport to constitute summaries of certain provisions of U.S. federal income tax law and regulations or legal conclusions with respect thereto, constitute accurate summaries of such matters in all material respects.
8. The Underwriting Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or for each of the Company and the H&F Selling Stockholder.
9. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement will not breach or result in a default under any loan agreement or other agreement or instrument identified on Schedule I hereto, nor will such action violate the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company or any federal or New York State statute or the Delaware General Corporation Law or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any federal or New York State statute or the Delaware General Corporation Law, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph 9 with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law.
10. The sale of the Shares by the H&F Selling Stockholder and the execution, delivery and performance by the H&F Selling Stockholder of the Underwriting Agreement will not violate the Certificate of Formation or the Limited Partnership Agreement of the H&F Selling Stockholder or any U.S. federal or New York State statute or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any U.S. federal or New York State statute or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph 10 with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law.
11. No consent, approval, authorization or order of, or registration or qualification with any federal or New York State governmental agency or body or any Delaware State governmental agency or body acting pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law or, to our knowledge, any federal or New York State court or any Delaware State court acting pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph 11 with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law.

12. No consent, approval, authorization or order of, or registration or qualification with any federal or New York State governmental agency or body or any Delaware State governmental agency or body acting pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or, to our knowledge, any federal or New York State court or any Delaware State court acting pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act is required for the sale of the Shares sold by the H&F Selling Stockholder and the execution, delivery and performance by the H&F Selling Stockholder of the Underwriting Agreement, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph 12 with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law

13. The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and the Prospectus was filed on April [-], 2020 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act and, to our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued or proceeding for that purpose has been instituted or threatened by the Commission.

14. There are no preemptive rights under federal or New York State law or under the Delaware General Corporation Law to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Common Stock. Except as disclosed in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, there are no preemptive or other rights to subscribe for or purchase, nor any restriction upon the voting or transfer of, the Shares pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or Amended and Restated Bylaws or any agreement or other instrument identified on Schedule I hereto.

15. There are no contracts or agreements identified on Schedule I hereto between the Company and any other person granting such person the right (other than rights which have been waived or satisfied) to require the Company to include any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

16. The Company is not an "investment company" within the meaning of and subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

17. Each Custody Agreement to which any of the Management Stockholders is a party has been executed and delivered by such Management Stockholder in accordance with the law of the State of New York.

Our opinions set forth in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 above are limited to our review of only the statutes, rules and regulations that, in our experience, are customarily applicable to transactions of the type provided for in the Underwriting Agreement and exclude statutes, rules and regulations that are part of a regulatory scheme applicable to any party or any of their affiliates due to the specific assets or business of such party or such affiliates. No opinion is expressed in paragraph 9 above as to compliance with any financial or accounting test, or any limitation or restriction expressed as a dollar (or other currency) amount, or based in whole or in part, on a ratio or percentage in any of the agreements or instruments identified on Schedule I hereto.

Insofar as our opinions relate to the valid existence and good standing of the Company and the H&F Selling Stockholder, such opinions are based solely on confirmation from public officials and certificates of officers of the Company and the H&F Selling Stockholder.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the law of the State of New York, the federal law of the United States, the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act. We expressly disclaim coverage of any other Delaware law, except judicial decisions interpreting the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act. This opinion letter is rendered to you in connection with the above-described transaction. This opinion letter may not be relied upon by you for any other purpose, or relied upon by, or furnished to, any other person, firm or corporation without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

List of Agreements and Instruments

1. First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2018, among Globe Intermediate Corp., GOBP Holdings, Inc., Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, the lenders from time to time party thereto and the letter of credit issuers from time to time party thereto
2. Incremental Agreement, dated as of July 23, 2019, among GOBP Holdings, Inc., Globe Intermediate Corp., certain subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent
3. Incremental Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2020, among GOBP Holdings, Inc., Globe Intermediate Corp., certain subsidiaries of GOBP Holdings, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent

FORM OF NEGATIVE ASSURANCE LETTER OF COMPANY'S COUNSEL
TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6(b)

April [·], 2020

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
BofA Securities, Inc.
and the other several Underwriters
named in Schedule A to the
Underwriting Agreement
referred to below

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and H&F Globe Investor LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "H&F Selling Stockholder"), in connection with the purchase by you of an aggregate of [·] shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company from the H&F Selling Stockholder, the management selling stockholders listed in Schedule B-1 to the Underwriting Agreement (as defined below) (the "Management Stockholders" and, together with the H&F Selling Stockholder, the "Selling Stockholders"), pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, dated April [·], 2020 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company, the Selling Stockholders and you.

We have not independently verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements made or included in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-[·]) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"); the preliminary prospectus dated April [·], 2020 relating to the Shares (the "Preliminary Prospectus") included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to the time the Registration Statement became effective under the Securities Act; the prospectus dated April [·], 2020 relating to the Shares (the "Prospectus") filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act; the information listed on Schedule C-1 to the Underwriting Agreement (such information, together with the Preliminary Prospectus, the "Pricing Disclosure Package"); or the documents filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are incorporated by reference in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus (the "Exchange Act Documents"), and we take no responsibility therefor, except as and to the extent set forth in numbered paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of our opinion letter to you dated the date hereof.

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

In connection with, and under the circumstances applicable to, the offering of the Shares, we participated in conferences with certain officers and employees of the Company, representatives of Deloitte & Touche LLP, representatives of the H&F Selling Stockholder, your representatives and your counsel in the course of the preparation by the Company of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and also reviewed certain records and documents furnished to us, or publicly filed with the Commission, by the Company and the H&F Selling Stockholder, as well as the documents delivered to you at the closing. Based upon our review of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and the Exchange Act Documents, our participation in the conferences referred to above, our review of the records and documents as described above, as well as our understanding of the U.S. federal securities laws and the experience we have gained in our practice thereunder:

- (i) we advise you that each of the Registration Statement, as of the date it became effective under the Securities Act, and the Prospectus, as of its date, appeared, on its face, to be appropriately responsive, in all material respects, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, except that in each case we express no view with respect to the financial statements or other financial or accounting data contained in, incorporated by reference in, or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Exchange Act Documents; and
- (ii) nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that (a) the Registration Statement (including the Exchange Act Documents), as of the date it became effective under the Securities Act, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (b) the Pricing Disclosure Package (including the Exchange Act Documents), as of [·] [a.m.][p.m.] (New York City time), on April [·], 2020, being the Applicable Time specified in the Underwriting Agreement, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (c) the Prospectus (including the Exchange Act Documents), as of April [·], 2020 or as of the date hereof, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that we express no belief in any of clauses (a), (b) or (c) above with respect to the financial statements or other financial or accounting data contained in, incorporated by reference in, or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus or the Exchange Act Documents.

This letter is delivered to you in connection with the above-described transaction. This letter may not be relied upon by you for any other purpose, or relied upon by, or furnished to, any other person, firm or corporation.

Very truly yours,

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

FORM OF LOCK-UP AGREEMENT

_____, 2020

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
BofA Securities, Inc.

as Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

Re: Proposed Public Offering of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. Common Stock

Dear Sirs:

The undersigned, a stockholder and/or an officer or director of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), understands that Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("Morgan Stanley") and BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofA"), as representatives of the several underwriters (the "Underwriters"), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with the Company and the Selling Shareholders (as defined in the Underwriting Agreement) providing for the public offering of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (such common stock, the "Common Stock" and such public offering, the "Offering"). In recognition of the benefit that the Offering will confer upon the undersigned as a stockholder and/or an officer or director of the Company, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees with each Underwriter to be named in the Underwriting Agreement that, during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the date that is 30 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement (such period, the "Lock-Up Period"), the undersigned will not, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley and BofA, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the undersigned or with respect to which the undersigned has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition (collectively, the "Lock-Up Securities"), or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any of the Lock-Up Securities, or file, cause to be filed or cause to be confidentially submitted any registration statement in connection therewith, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Lock-Up Securities, whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

[If any holder or holders of any Lock-Up Securities is granted an early release from the restrictions described herein during the Lock-Up Period with respect to any Lock-Up Securities having a fair market value in excess of \$1.0 million in the aggregate (whether in one or multiple releases), then each of the Major Holders (as defined below) shall also be granted an early release from their respective obligations hereunder on a pro rata basis based on the maximum percentage of Lock-Up Securities held by any such holder or holders being released from such holder's lock-up agreement; provided, however, that in the case of an early release from the restrictions described herein during the Lock-Up Period in connection with an underwritten public offering, whether or not such offering or sale is wholly or partially a secondary offering of the Company's Common Stock (an "Underwritten Sale"), such early release shall only apply with respect to such Major Holder's participation in such Underwritten Sale. For purposes of this lock-up agreement, each of the following persons is a "Major Holder": the H&F Stockholders and the Executive/Read Trust Stockholders (as such terms are defined in the Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement, dated June 19, 2019, among the Company and the other parties thereto) (for purposes of determining the number of Lock-Up Securities beneficially owned by a holder, all Lock-Up Securities held by investment funds affiliated with such stockholder shall be aggregated).]¹

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to the conditions below, the undersigned may transfer the Lock-Up Securities without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley and BofA, provided that (1) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (i) through (v) below, Morgan Stanley and BofA receive a signed lock-up agreement for the balance of the Lock-Up Period from each donee, trustee, distributee, or transferee, as the case may be, (2) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) below, any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, provided that in no event shall any transfer pursuant to such clauses in respect of any carry, distribution or dividend or any Company reorganization, merger or conversion be deemed to involve a disposition for value, (3) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (ii), (iii), (ix) and (x) below, such transfers are not required to be reported with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Form 4 in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), during the Lock-Up Period, and (4) in the case of any transfer described in clauses (i) through (v), (ix) and (xii) below, the undersigned does not otherwise voluntarily effect any public filing or public report regarding such transfer during the Lock-Up Period:

- (i) as a *bona fide* gift or gifts or by will, by intestate succession or pursuant to a so-called "living trust" or other revocable trust established to provide for the disposition of property on the undersigned's death, in each case to any member of the immediate family (for purposes of this lock-up agreement, "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin) of the undersigned, or as a *bona fide* gift or gifts to a charity or educational institution; provided that if the undersigned is required to report such transfer with the SEC on Form 4 in accordance with Section 16 of the 1934 Act during the Lock-Up Period, the undersigned shall include a statement in such report to the effect that such transfer is not a transfer for value and that such transfer is being made as a gift, by will or intestate succession or pursuant to a so-called "living trust" or other revocable trust established to provide for the disposition of property on the undersigned's death, as the case may be;
- (ii) to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned;
- (iii) to partners, members, stockholders or holders of another equity interest of the undersigned (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any divided or distribution-in-kind of shares of Common Stock to such persons or entities);

¹ NTD: Bracketed language to be included only in the lock-up agreements of the H&F Stockholder and the Executive/Read Trust Stockholders, as applicable.

- (iv) to the undersigned's direct or indirect affiliates (as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the 1934 Act) or to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the undersigned; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate, to the extent permitted by such Section and the related rules and regulations, the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of Common Stock did not involve a disposition for value;
- (v) to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a disposition or transfer would be permissible under clauses (i) through (iv);
- (vi) to the Company (a) pursuant to the exercise, in each case on a "cashless" or "net exercise" basis, of any option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted by the Company pursuant to any employee benefit plans or arrangements described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to the Offering, where any shares of Common Stock received by the undersigned upon any such exercise will be subject to the terms of this lock-up agreement, or (b) for the purpose of satisfying any withholding taxes (including estimated taxes) due as a result of the exercise of any option to purchase shares of Common Stock or the vesting of any restricted stock or restricted stock unit awards granted by the Company pursuant to employee benefit plans or arrangements described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to the Offering, in each case on a "cashless" or "net exercise" basis, where any shares of Common Stock received by the undersigned upon any such exercise or vesting will be subject to the terms of this lock-up agreement; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate, to the extent permitted by such Section and the related rules and regulations, the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of Common Stock was solely to the Company;
- (vii) by operation of law pursuant to an order of a court or regulatory agency (for purposes of this lock-up agreement, a "court or regulatory agency" means any domestic or foreign, federal, state or local government, including any political subdivision thereof, any governmental or quasi-governmental authority, department, agency or official, any court or administrative body, and any national securities exchange or similar self-regulatory body or organization, in each case of competent jurisdiction) or pursuant to a domestic order in connection with a divorce settlement; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate, to the extent permitted by such Section and the related rules and regulations, that such transfer is by operation of law pursuant to an order of court or regulatory agency or divorce settlement;
- (viii) to the Company pursuant to any put or call provisions of existing employment agreements and equity grant documents described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to the Offering; provided that any filing under Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate, to the extent permitted by such Section and the related rules and regulations, the reason for such disposition and that such transfer of shares of Common Stock or capital stock was solely to the Company;
- (ix) acquired in open-market transactions after the completion of the Offering;
- (x) acquired from the Company pursuant to any of the Company's employee stock purchase plans described in or filed as an exhibit to the registration statement with respect to the Offering;

- (xi) in response to a *bona fide* third party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction made to or with all holders of capital stock involving a “change of control” (as defined below) of the Company, that has been approved by the board of directors of the Company, provided that in the event that the tender offer, merger, consolidation or other such transaction is not completed, the undersigned’s shares of Common Stock shall remain subject to the terms of this agreement; for purposes of this clause (xi), “change of control” means the consummation of any *bona fide* third party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction the result of which is that any “person” (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the 1934 Act), or group of persons, other than the Company, becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 of the 1934 Act) of more than 50% of total voting power of the voting stock of the Company;
- (xii) the entry into a trading plan established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the 1934 Act (a “10b5-1 Trading Plan”), provided that, in the case of this clause (xii), (a) sales under any such 10b5-1 Trading Plan may not occur during the Lock-Up Period and (b) to the extent a public announcement or filing under the 1934 Act, if any, is required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company regarding the establishment or amendment of such 10b5-1 Trading Plan, such announcement or filing shall include a statement to the effect that no transfer of shares of Common Stock may be made under such 10b5-1 Trading Plan during the Lock-Up Period;
- (xiii) pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan; provided that such 10b5-1 Trading Plan was established prior to the execution of this lock-up agreement by the undersigned, the existence and details of such 10b5-1 Trading Plan were communicated to Morgan Stanley and BofA and such 10b5-1 Trading Plan will not be amended or otherwise modified during the Lock-Up Period; provided, further, that any filing under Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate, to the extent permitted by such Section and the related rules and regulations, that such transfer was pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan;[or]
- (xiv) to the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement[.];[or]
- (xv) [as a *bona fide* gift or gifts to one or more charitable organizations, family foundations or donor-advised funds at sponsoring organizations to be made on or about the date of the closing contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement; provided that the Lock-Up Securities transferred pursuant to this clause shall not exceed 50,000 shares of Common Stock in the aggregate; provided further that if any reports under the 1934 Act are required to be filed as a result of such transfer, such reports shall include a statement to the effect that such filing relates to a transfer in connection with a donation to a charitable organization, family foundation or donor-advised fund at a sponsoring organization; provided still further that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and that in no event shall any transfer pursuant to this clause in respect of any carry, distribution or dividend or any Company reorganization, merger or conversion be deemed to involve a disposition for value[.]²

² *NTD*: Bracketed language to be included only in lock-up agreements of Lindberg Revocable Trust u/a/d 2/14/06 and Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.

[to the undersigned's direct or indirect general partner or managing member or to certain officers, members or partners thereof in connection with such general partner's, managing member's, officers', members' or partners' *bona fide* gift or gifts to one or more charitable organizations, family foundations or donor-advised funds at sponsoring organizations to be made on or about the date of the closing contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement; provided that the Lock-Up Securities transferred pursuant to this clause shall not exceed [·] shares of Common Stock in the aggregate; provided further that if any reports under the 1934 Act are required to be filed as a result of such transfer, such reports shall include a statement to the effect that such filing relates to a transfer in connection with a donation to a charitable organization, family foundation or donor-advised fund at a sponsoring organization; provided still further that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and that in no event shall any transfer pursuant to this clause in respect of any carry, distribution or dividend or any Company reorganization, merger or conversion be deemed to involve a disposition for value[.]³

[as a *bona fide* gift or gifts to one or more charitable organizations, family foundations or donor-advised funds at sponsoring organizations to be made on or about the date of the closing contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement; provided that the Lock-Up Securities transferred pursuant to this clause shall be included in the up to [·] shares of Common Stock which H&F Globe Investor LP is permitted to distribute pursuant to its lock-up agreement with Morgan Stanley and BofA dated on April [20], 2020; provided further that if any reports under the 1934 Act are required to be filed as a result of such transfer, such reports shall include a statement to the effect that such filing relates to a transfer in connection with a donation to a charitable organization, family foundation or donor-advised fund at a sponsoring organization; provided still further that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and that in no event shall any transfer pursuant to this clause in respect of any carry, distribution or dividend or any Company reorganization, merger or conversion be deemed to involve a disposition for value[.]⁴

The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the Lock-Up Securities except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

If for any reason (1) the Underwriting Agreement is not executed by the parties thereto prior to May 10, 2020, (2) the Underwriting Agreement is terminated (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination) after execution but prior to the Closing Time (as defined in the Underwriting Agreement), (3) the Company files an application with the SEC to withdraw the registration statement with respect to the Offering, or (4) the Company notifies the Underwriters in writing that it does not intend to proceed with the Offering, this lock-up agreement shall automatically be terminated and become null and void.

[Signature page follows]

³ *NTD*: Bracketed language to be included only in lock-up agreement of the H&F Stockholder.

⁴ *NTD*: Bracketed language to be included only in lock-up agreements of Erik Ragatz and Sameer Narang.

Very truly yours,

IF AN INDIVIDUAL:

(duly authorized signature)

Name: _____
(please print full name)

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

IF AN ENTITY:

(please print complete name of entity)

By: _____
(duly authorized signature)

Name: _____
(please print full name)

Title: _____
(please print full title)

Address: _____

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[Signature Page to Lock-Up Agreement]

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April 20, 2020

Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the “Registration Statement”) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), relating to (1) the sale of up to 11,275,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), by certain selling stockholders identified in the Registration Statement (together with any additional shares of Common Stock that may be sold by such selling stockholders pursuant to Rule 462(b) (as prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the Act), the “Selling Stockholders Outstanding Shares”) and (2) the sale by certain selling stockholders identified in the Registration Statement of up to 225,000 shares of Common Stock to be issued by the Company to such selling stockholders upon the exercise of options issued and outstanding under the Globe Holding Corp. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) (together with any additional shares of Common Stock that may be issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of options issued and outstanding under the Plan and sold by such selling stockholders pursuant to Rule 462(b) (as prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the Act), the “Selling Stockholders Option Shares”).

NEW YORK BEIJING HONG KONG HOUSTON LONDON LOS ANGELES SÃO PAULO TOKYO WASHINGTON, D.C.

We have examined the Registration Statement and the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Amended Charter"), incorporated by reference as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement and the Plan, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 10.9 to the Registration Statement. In addition, we have examined, and have relied as to matters of fact upon, originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and have made such other investigations as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In rendering the opinions set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that (1) the Selling Stockholders Outstanding Shares have been validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and (2) upon issuance and delivery in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the options issued pursuant thereto, the Selling Stockholders Option Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the Delaware General Corporation Law.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption “Legal Matters” in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT
(Non-Exclusive)

Dated as of the 15th day of April, 2020
between
GO Air, LLC,
as Lessor,
and
Grocery Outlet Inc.,
as Lessee,

concerning one Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., [], aircraft
bearing U.S. registration number [],
and
Manufacturer's Serial Number []

* * *

Carry a copy of this Aircraft Lease Agreement in the aircraft at all times.

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This **AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT (Non-Exclusive)** (the "Agreement"), is entered into as of this 15th day of April, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), by and between GO Air, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Lessor") and Grocery Outlet Inc., a California corporation ("Lessee").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lessor holds title to, and possession of, the Aircraft described and referred to herein; and,

WHEREAS, Lessee desires to lease from Lessor, and Lessor desires to lease to Lessee, the Aircraft, without crew, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

WHEREAS, Lessee intends to operate the Aircraft under Part 91 of the FAR incidental to its primary business; and

WHEREAS, during the term of this Agreement, the Aircraft may be subject to concurrent dry leases with one (1) or more parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and other good and valid consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 The following terms shall have the following meanings for all purposes of this Agreement:

"Aircraft" means the Airframe, the Engines, and the Aircraft Documents. Such Engines shall be deemed part of the "Aircraft" whether or not from time to time attached to the Airframe or on the ground.

"Aircraft Delivery Receipt" means an Aircraft Delivery Receipt in the form of Exhibit C attached hereto.

"Aircraft Documents" means all flight records, maintenance records, historical records, modification records, overhaul records, manuals, logbooks, authorizations, drawings and data relating to the Airframe, any Engine, or any Part, that have been provided to Lessee by Lessor, or are required by Applicable Law to be created or maintained with respect to the maintenance and/or operation of the Aircraft.

"Airframe" means the aircraft specified in Exhibit A, together with any and all Parts (including, but not limited to, landing gear and auxiliary power units but excluding Engines or engines) so long as such Parts shall be either incorporated or installed in or attached to the Airframe.

“Applicable Law” means, without limitation, all applicable laws, treaties, international agreements, decisions and orders of any court, arbitration or governmental agency or authority and rules, regulations, orders, directives, licenses and permits of any governmental body, instrumentality, agency or authority, including, without limitation, the FAR and 49 U.S.C. § 41101, *et seq.*, as amended.

“Business Day” means any day of the year in which banks are not authorized or required to close in the State of California.

“Commercial Transportation Tax” means the federal excise tax imposed under Internal Revenue Code Section 4261.

“Engines” means the engine(s) specified in Exhibit A, together with any and all Parts so long as the same shall be either incorporated or installed in or attached to such Engine. An Engine shall remain leased hereunder whether or not from time to time attached to the Airframe or on the ground.

“Event of Loss” shall mean any of the following events with respect to any property:

- (i) loss of such property or of the use thereof due to theft or disappearance (with loss being conclusive following 30 days or such other period specified in applicable insurance), destruction, damage beyond economic repair or rendition of such property permanently unfit for normal use for any reason;
- (ii) any damage to such property which results in an insurance settlement with respect to such property on the basis of an actual, constructive or compromised total loss; or
- (iii) the condemnation, confiscation or seizure of, or requisition of title to or use of, such property by private persons or by any governmental or purported governmental authority.

“FAA” means the Federal Aviation Administration or any successor agency.

“FAR” means collectively the Aeronautics Regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation, as codified at Title 14, Parts 1 to 399 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

“Flight Hour” means each flight hour of use of the Aircraft by Lessee in a Lease Period, as recorded on the Aircraft hour meter, or similar tracking device.

“Lease Period” means the period commencing with delivery of the Aircraft to Lessee as evidenced by an Aircraft Delivery Receipt and ending with the return of the Aircraft to the Operating Base or delivery to Lessor, as applicable.

“Lien” means any mortgage, security interest, lease or other charge or encumbrance or claim or right of others, including, without limitation, rights of others under any airframe or engine interchange or pooling agreement, created by or through Lessee.

“Operating Base” means that airport described in Exhibit A.

“Operational Control” has the same meaning given the term in Section 1.1 of the FAR.

“Parts” means all appliances, components, parts, instruments, appurtenances, accessories, furnishings or other equipment of whatever nature (other than complete Engines or engines) which may from time to time be incorporated or installed in or attached to the Airframe or any Engine and includes replacement parts.

“Pilot in Command” has the same meaning given the term in Section 1.1 of the FAR.

“Rent” means the hourly rent as set forth in Section 3.3, and on Exhibit B attached hereto.

“Rent Payment Date” means the payments dates as outlined in Exhibit B.

“Taxes” means all taxes, fees and assessments due, imposed, assessed or levied against the Aircraft (or leasing, possession, use or operation thereof), this Agreement (or any rents or receipts hereunder), Lessor or Lessee, by any domestic or foreign governmental entity or taxing authority during or related to any Lease Period, including, without limitation, all license and registration fees, and all sales, use, personal property, excise, gross receipts, franchise, stamp, value added, custom duties, landing fees, airport charges, navigation service charges, route navigation charges or other taxes, imposts, duties and charges, together with any penalties, fines or interest thereon, except to the extent set forth in Section 12.4 hereof.

“Term” means the term of this Agreement set forth in Section 3.1.

SECTION 2. LEASE AND DELIVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT

- 2.1 **Lease.** Lessor agrees to lease to Lessee, and Lessee agrees to lease from Lessor, the Aircraft, on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement.

- 2.2 **Delivery.** The Aircraft shall be delivered to Lessee on a mutually agreed date (the “Delivery Date”) from time to time at the Operating Base and “AS IS,” “WHERE IS,” AND SUBJECT TO EACH AND EVERY DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY AND REPRESENTATION AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 HEREOF. Upon delivery of the Aircraft, Lessee shall execute and deliver to Lessor an Aircraft Delivery Receipt, and upon redelivery to Lessor, Lessor shall execute the redelivery portion of the Aircraft Delivery Receipt. Lessor shall not be liable for delay or failure to furnish the Aircraft pursuant to this Agreement when such failure is caused by government regulation or authority, mechanical difficulty, war, civil commotion, acts of terrorism, strikes or labor disputes, weather conditions, or acts of God.
- 2.3 **Non-Exclusivity.** Lessee and Lessor acknowledge that the Aircraft is leased to Lessee on a non-exclusive basis, and that the Aircraft may be otherwise subject to lease to others during the Term, subject to reasonable notice. During any period other than a Lease Period (including without limitation when another lessee of Lessor or any other person or entity leasing an interest in the Aircraft has scheduled use of the Aircraft), Lessee’s leasehold rights to possession of the Aircraft under this Agreement shall temporarily abate, but all other provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. TERM, SCHEDULING, AND RENT

- 3.1 **Term.** This Agreement shall have a term of twelve (12) months from the Effective Date and shall renew automatically on each anniversary unless terminated by Lessor or Lessee as provided herein. Either Lessor or Lessee may terminate this Lease at any time upon delivery of thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination to the other party.
- 3.2 **Scheduling.** Lessee’s use of the Aircraft during the Term of this Lease is non-exclusive. The parties agree as follows:
- (i) Use by Other Parties. Lessor and Lessee agree that Lessor may lease the Aircraft to one or more other lessees during the Term on a non-exclusive basis.
 - (ii) Minimum Usage by Lessee. Nothing contained herein shall obligate Lessee to any minimum usage of the Aircraft, it being understood and agreed that Lessee’s usage shall be on an “as-needed” basis.
 - (iii) Coordination with Co-Lessees. Lessee shall coordinate with Lessor and any co-lessee(s) regarding the use and operation of the Aircraft, priority rights and procedures for scheduling use of the Aircraft.

- 3.3 **Rent.** Lessee shall pay rent in an amount equal to the Rent specified in Exhibit B attached hereto for each Flight Hour, which amount may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the parties from time to time. All rent shall be paid to the Lessor in immediately available U.S. funds and in form and manner as the Lessor in its sole discretion may instruct Lessee from time to time.

SECTION 4. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 4.1 **“As Is” Condition.** THE AIRCRAFT IS BEING LEASED BY THE LESSOR TO THE LESSEE HEREUNDER ON A COMPLETELY “AS IS,” “WHERE IS,” BASIS, WHICH IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY THE LESSEE.
- 4.2 **No Lessor Representations.** LESSOR HAS NOT MADE AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR DEEMED TO HAVE MADE (WHETHER BY VIRTUE OF HAVING LEASED THE AIRCRAFT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, OR HAVING ACQUIRED THE AIRCRAFT, OR HAVING DONE OR FAILED TO DO ANY ACT, OR HAVING ACQUIRED OR FAILED TO ACQUIRE ANY STATUS UNDER OR IN RELATION TO THIS AGREEMENT OR OTHERWISE), ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE AIRCRAFT OR TO ANY PART THEREOF.
- 4.3 **Lessor’s Disclaimers.** LESSOR SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY ARISING FROM A COURSE OF PERFORMANCE OR DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE, WITH RESPECT TO THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY PART THEREOF, INCLUDING AS TO THE TITLE, AIRWORTHINESS, VALUE, CONDITION, DESIGN, MERCHANTABILITY, COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION, CONDITION OF THE AIRCRAFT, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OF THE AIRCRAFT. FURTHER, LESSOR DISCLAIMS AS TO THE ABSENCE OF LATENT AND OTHER DEFECTS, WHETHER OR NOT DISCOVERABLE, AS TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFRINGEMENT OR THE LIKE HEREUNDER OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, OR COPYRIGHT, AS TO THE ABSENCE OF OBLIGATIONS BASED ON STRICT LIABILITY IN TORT, OR AS TO THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL OR WORKMANSHIP OF THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY PART THEREOF.
- 4.4 **Lessee’s Waiver and Release.** THE LESSEE HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, DISCLAIMS AND RENOUNCES ALL EXPECTATION OF OR RELIANCE UPON ANY SUCH WARRANTIES, OBLIGATIONS, OR LIABILITIES OF LESSOR AND RIGHTS, CLAIMS AND REMEDIES OF THE LESSEE AGAINST LESSOR, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARISING BY LAW OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO (A) ANY IMPLIED

WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OF FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, (B) ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY ARISING FROM COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, OR USAGE OF TRADE, (C) ANY OBLIGATION, LIABILITY, RIGHT, CLAIM, OR REMEDY IN TORT, WHETHER OR NOT ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF LESSOR, ACTUAL OR IMPUTED, AND (D) ANY OBLIGATION, LIABILITY, RIGHT, CLAIM OR REMEDY FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT, FOR LOSS OF USE, REVENUE OR PROFIT WITH RESPECT TO THE AIRCRAFT, OR FOR ANY OTHER DIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

SECTION 5. REGISTRATION, USE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND POSSESSION

- 5.1 **Title and Registration; Subordination.** Lessor has title to the Aircraft. Lessee acknowledges that title to the Aircraft shall remain vested in Lessor and Lessee undertakes, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, to do all such further acts, deeds, assurances, or things as may, (i) in the reasonable opinion of the Lessor, be necessary or desirable in order to protect or preserve title to the Aircraft and (ii) in the reasonable opinion of the Lessor, be necessary or desirable in order to protect or preserve Lessor's rights in the Aircraft or hereunder, in each case to the extent that any action of Lessee has adversely affected the same. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any rights Lessee may have in or to the Aircraft by virtue of this Agreement, including Lessee's rights to possession and use of the Aircraft, are in all respects subordinate, junior, and subject to Lessor's rights and interests. To the extent requested by Lessor, its successors or assigns, Lessee shall take all action necessary to continue all right, title and interest of Lessor, its successors or assigns in the Aircraft under Applicable Law, in each case to the extent that any action of Lessee has adversely affected the same.
- 5.2 **Use and Operation of the Aircraft.** Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, Lessee shall be solely and exclusively responsible for the use, operation and control of the Aircraft during a Lease Period. Lessee (i) shall operate the Aircraft in accordance with the provisions of Part 91 of the FAR, (ii) shall not operate the Aircraft in commercial service, as a common carrier, or otherwise on a compensatory or "for hire" basis except to the limited extent permitted under Subpart F of Part 91 of the FAR, if applicable, (iii) shall not operate or locate the Airframe or any Engine, or suffer the Airframe or any Engine to be operated or located, in any area excluded from coverage by any insurance policy in effect or required to be maintained hereunder with respect to the Airframe or Engines, or in any war zone, (iv) shall not operate the Airframe or any Engine or permit the Airframe or any Engine to be operated during the Term except in operations for which Lessee is duly authorized, or use or permit the Aircraft to be used for a purpose for which the Aircraft is not designed or reasonably suitable, (v) shall not permit the Airframe or any Engine to be used or operated during the Term in

violation of any Applicable Law, or contrary to any manufacturer's operating manuals or instructions, and (vi) shall not knowingly permit the Aircraft to be used for the carriage of any persons or property prohibited by law, nor knowingly permit the Aircraft to be used during the existence of any known defect except in accordance with the FAR.

- 5.3 **Lessee to Pay All Operating Costs.** Lessee shall arrange for and pay all direct operating costs associated with Lessee's use of the Aircraft incurred during a Lease Period, including, without limitation, fuel, oil, lubricants, costs of pilots, and cabin personnel (the foregoing collectively, the "**Flight Crew**"); landing and navigation fees; airport charges; and any and all other expenses of any kind or nature, arising directly in connection with, or related to the use, movement or operation of the Aircraft by Lessee during a Lease Period. The obligations of Lessee under this provision shall survive the end of the Term.
- 5.4 **Maintenance of Aircraft.** Lessor agrees to maintain and to deliver the Aircraft to Lessee from time to time in a good and airworthy operating condition and in compliance with applicable maintenance standards and practices. Lessor shall be solely responsible, at Lessor's cost and expense, for any repairs or maintenance of the Aircraft that shall be required during the term of this Agreement associated with the use, movement or operation of the Aircraft. The term "repairs" shall include all necessary service, repairs, tests, and maintenance of the Aircraft as appropriate to maintain the Aircraft in accordance with Applicable Law. During a Lease Period, Lessee shall maintain or cause to be maintained all Aircraft Documents required by the FAA, the Airframe manufacturer, the Engine manufacturer, and the manufacturers of component Parts, and said Aircraft Documents shall be maintained in a current, accurate, and complete manner and shall be available at all reasonable times for examination and inspection by Lessor. Lessee agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts promptly to furnish Lessor such information with respect to its use of the Aircraft as shall be required to enable Lessor to maintain all Aircraft Documents, and to file all reports required by any government authority relating to Lessor's interest in the Aircraft. Lessor shall have no expense or liability for repair or maintenance delays and shall not be liable to Lessee for any damage from loss of profit or loss of use of Aircraft, either before or after delivery of Aircraft to Lessee. To the extent that maintenance for which Lessor is responsible is required while away from the Operating Base, Lessee shall notify Lessor and arrangements shall be made to reimburse Lessee therefor if not paid by Lessor.
- 5.5 **Flight Crew.** Lessee shall locate and retain (either through direct employment or contracting with an independent contractor for flight services) a properly qualified Flight Crew. All members of the Flight Crew shall be fully competent and experienced, duly licensed, and qualified in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law and all insurance policies covering the Aircraft. All members of the Flight Crew who are pilots shall be fully trained in accordance with an FAA-approved training program, including initial and recurrent training and, where appropriate, contractor-provided simulator training.

- 5.6 **Operational Control.** THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT LESSEE SHALL AT ALL TIMES WHILE OPERATING THE AIRCRAFT DURING A LEASE PERIOD MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND THAT THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES IS THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTE A “DRY” OPERATING LEASE. Lessee shall exercise exclusive authority over initiating, conducting, or terminating any flight conducted pursuant to this Agreement, and the Flight Crew shall be under the exclusive command and control of Lessee in all phases of such flights.
- 5.7 **Authority of Pilot in Command.** Notwithstanding that Lessee shall have operational control of the Aircraft during any flight conducted pursuant to this Agreement, Lessor and Lessee expressly agree that the Pilot in Command, in his or her sole discretion, may terminate any flight, refuse to commence any flight, or take any other flight-related action which in the judgment of the Pilot in Command is necessitated by considerations of safety. The Pilot in Command shall have final and complete authority to postpone or cancel any flight for any reason or condition, which in his or her judgment would compromise the safety of the flight. No such action of the Pilot in Command shall create or support any liability for loss, injury, damage or delay to Lessor.
- 5.8 **Right to Inspect.** Lessor and its agents shall have the right to inspect the Aircraft or the Aircraft Documents at any reasonable time, upon giving Lessee reasonable notice, to ascertain the condition of the Aircraft.
- 5.9 **Aircraft Documents.** Lessee shall, at its expense, for all Lease Periods, maintain and preserve, or cause to be maintained and preserved, in the English language, all Aircraft Documents in a complete, accurate, and up-to-date manner.

SECTION 6. CONDITION DURING TERM AND RETURN OF AIRCRAFT

- 6.1 **Return.** Upon Lessee’s return of the Aircraft to Lessor from time to time during the Term, or upon the date of termination of this Agreement, Lessee shall (if then during a Lease Period) return the Aircraft to the Lessor by delivering the same, at the Lessee’s own risk and expense, to the Operating Base, fully equipped with all Engines installed thereon. The Aircraft at the time of its return shall be in the condition set forth in this Section 6 and shall be free and clear of all Liens.
- 6.2 **Condition of Aircraft.** The Aircraft at the time of its return to Lessor shall meet the following requirements:
- (a) Operating Condition. The Aircraft shall be in as good operating condition as on the Delivery Date, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

- (b) Cleanliness Standards. The Aircraft shall be clean and free of debris and any personal property of the Lessee.
- (c) Fuel. With not less than the level of fuel in the Aircraft upon commencement of the then current Lease Period.

The foregoing requirements shall not have the effect of reducing Lessor's responsibilities pursuant to Section 5.4 hereof.

- 6.3 **Aircraft Documents**. Lessee shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to Lessor, at the time the Aircraft is returned to Lessor, all of the Aircraft Documents, updated and maintained by Lessee, or on behalf of Lessee, through the date of return of the Aircraft.

SECTION 7. LIENS

- 7.1 Lessee shall ensure that no Liens are created or placed against the Aircraft by Lessee or third parties as a result of Lessee's actions. Lessee shall notify Lessor promptly upon learning of any Liens not permitted by these terms. Lessee shall, at its own cost and expense, take all such actions as may be necessary to discharge and satisfy in full any such Lien promptly after the same becomes known to it. Lessee shall pay all charges related to the Aircraft for which it is responsible hereunder as they become due and payable.

SECTION 8. INSURANCE

- 8.1 **Liability; Lessee as Additional Insured**. Lessor shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, bodily injury and property damage, liability insurance in an amount no less than the amount outlined on Exhibit A, Combined Single Limit for the benefit of itself, Lessee, and Lessor, in connection with the use of the Aircraft. Said policy shall be an occurrence policy, naming Lessee and its officers, directors, employees, parents and subsidiaries, as Additional Insured.
- 8.2 **Hull**. Lessor shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, all risks aircraft hull insurance in an amount equal to the fair market value of the Aircraft, which the parties agree is not less than the amount outlined on Exhibit A, and such insurance shall name Lessor as loss payee.
- 8.3 **Insurance Certificates**. Lessor will provide Lessee with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the coverages and conditions set forth in this Section 8, upon execution of this Agreement.
- 8.4 **Conditions of Insurance**. Each insurance policy required under this Section 8 shall waive rights of subrogation against Lessee. Each such policy shall be primary without any right of contribution from any insurance maintained by Lessee and shall contain a breach of warranty endorsement. The geographic

limits, if any, contained in each and every such policy of insurance shall include at the minimum all territories over which Lessee will operate the Aircraft for which the insurance is placed. Each policy shall contain an agreement by the insurer that notwithstanding the lapse of any such policy for any reason or any right of cancellation by the insurer or Lessor, whether voluntary or involuntary, such policy shall continue in force for the benefit of Lessee, for at least thirty (30) days except if the cancellation is for non-payment of premium, in which case such period shall be at least ten (10) days (or such lesser time as may be permitted in the case of War Risk Insurance, if such War Risk Insurance so requires) after written notice of such lapse or cancellation shall have been given to Lessee. Each such policy shall contain an agreement by the insurer to provide Lessee with thirty (30) days' advance written notice of any deletion, cancellation or material change in coverage (10 days' advance written notice in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium). Approved uses shall include non-commercial operations by Lessee.

- 8.6 **Insurance Companies.** Each insurance policy required under this Section 8 shall be issued by a company or companies who are internationally recognized as responsible and in good standing and that specializes in aviation insurance and are qualified to do business in the United States and who (i) will submit to the jurisdiction of any competent state or federal court in the United States with regard to any dispute arising out of the policy of insurance or concerning the parties herein, and (ii) will respond to any claim or judgment against Lessor in any competent state or federal court in the United States or its territories and (iii) are reasonably acceptable to Lessee.

SECTION 9. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

- 9.1 Upon the occurrence of any failure of Lessee to duly observe or perform any of its obligations hereunder and at any time thereafter so long as the same shall be continuing, the Lessor may, at its option, declare in writing to the Lessee that this Agreement is in default; and at any time thereafter, so long as the Lessee shall not have remedied the outstanding default within ten (10) days of such written notice, the Lessor may cancel, terminate, or rescind this Agreement. In such event, Lessor shall have the right to pursue all of its legal rights and remedies against Lessee for Lessee's breach of this Agreement.

SECTION 10. NOTICES

10.1 All communications, declarations, demands, consents, directions, approvals, instructions, requests and notices required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered personally or transmitted electronically by e-mail or facsimile, receipt acknowledged, or in the case of documented overnight delivery service or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery charge or postage prepaid, on the date shown on the receipt thereof, in each case at the address set forth below:

If to Lessor: GO Air, LLC
5650 Hollis Street
Emeryville, California 95608
Attn: Eric Lindberg

If to Lessee: Grocery Outlet Inc.
5650 Hollis Street
Emeryville, California 95608
Attn: Pamela Burke, Chief Administrative Officer; General Counsel

SECTION 11. RISK OF DAMAGE OR LOSS

11.1 **Risk of Loss.** At all times during the Term, Lessor shall bear the risk of (i) damage to the Aircraft, or (ii) an Event of Loss to the Aircraft. In the event of damage to the Aircraft, or an Event of Loss to the Aircraft during a Lease Period Lessee shall immediately (i) report the damage and/or Event of Loss to Lessor, the insurance company or companies, and to any and all applicable governmental agencies, and (ii) furnish such information and execute such documents as may be required and necessary to collect the proceeds from any insurance policies.

11.2 **Limitation of Liability.** Each party to this Agreement agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other party and its respective officers, directors, members, managers, partners, employees, shareholders, and affiliates from any claim, damage, loss, or reasonable expense, including any insurance deductible, reasonable attorney's fees resulting from the bodily injury or property damage caused by an occurrence and arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the Aircraft which results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such party, provided that neither party shall be liable for any such loss to the extent that such loss is covered through the payment of insurance proceeds from the insurance policies described in Section 8 unless: (a) such loss is covered by such policies, but the amount of such loss exceeds the policy limits; or (b) such loss consists of expenses incurred in connection with any loss covered, in whole or in part, by the insurance policies in effect, but such expenses are not payable under the insurance policies in effect, excluding any insurance deductibles.

EACH PARTY AGREES THAT (A) THE PROCEEDS OF INSURANCE TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED, (B) ITS RIGHTS TO INDEMNIFICATION FROM THE OTHER PARTY UNDER THIS SECTION, AND (C) ITS RIGHT TO COLLECT DAMAGES ARISING IN CONTRACT FROM A MATERIAL BREACH OF THE OTHER PARTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ARE THE SOLE REMEDIES FOR ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, EACH PARTY

WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO RECOVER ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE FOR OR HAVE ANY DUTY FOR INDEMNIFICATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY CLAIMED INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, OR FOR ANY DAMAGES CONSISTING OF DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF USE OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE OF THE AIRCRAFT, OR LOSS OF PROFIT. LESSOR SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 11.2 IN THE EVENT THAT LESSOR FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE INSURANCE COVERAGES REQUIRED HEREUNDER.

SECTION 12. TAXES

- 12.1 Lessee shall report and pay promptly all Taxes arising from Lessee's use of the Aircraft under this Agreement, provided that to the extent that any sales tax is due on any Rent, Lessor shall collect the same and remit it to the appropriate governmental authority. Lessee shall promptly reimburse (on an after tax basis) Lessor for any such Taxes charged to or assessed against Lessor. Lessee shall show Lessor as the Lessor of the Aircraft on all tax reports or returns, if any, and send Lessor a copy of each report or return and evidence of Lessee's payment of Taxes upon request.
- 12.2 If any taxing authority requires that a tax required to be paid by Lessee hereunder be paid to the taxing authority directly by Lessor, Lessee shall, within thirty (30) days of his receipt of written notice from Lessor, pay to Lessor the amount of such tax, unless such tax is being contested pursuant to Section 12.3.
- 12.3 Lessor hereby acknowledges and agrees that Lessee may, from time to time, pursue refunds of any Taxes that Lessee is required to pay, to or on behalf of Lessor or otherwise, hereunder. Lessor agrees to fully cooperate in the process of obtaining such refunds, which may require the submission of claims for refund by Lessor in Lessor's own name. Upon receipt of any such refund, Lessor agrees to immediately pay the amount of such refund to Lessee. In connection with any such refund pursuit by Lessee under the circumstances described above, (i) Lessor shall not be required to take any action pursuant thereto unless Lessor, in its sole discretion, determines there exists a reasonable basis in law and/or fact so to do, and (ii) in any event, Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify Lessor for any liability or loss which Lessor may incur as a result of or in any way relating to such contest or related proceeding and agrees to pay Lessor on demand all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by or on behalf of Lessor in connection with such contest/pursuit.
- 12.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Taxes" shall not include Taxes to the extent they are (1) taxes imposed by the United States of America or any state or political subdivision thereof which are on or measured by the gross or net income

of Lessor; (2) in the nature of franchise or conduct or business taxes imposed on Lessor; (3) the result of Lessor's own bankruptcy or any act on the part of Lessor in contravention of the provisions of this Lease or any failure of Lessor to observe the provisions of this Lease; (4) imposed as a result of any voluntary sale, assignment, transfer, or other disposition by Lessor of any interest in the Aircraft, unless such transfer or disposition occurs during the existence of default under this Agreement, in which case, Lessor agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any adverse tax consequences related to such disposition; (5) any personal property taxes imposed with respect to the Aircraft; (6) imposed solely as a result of a transaction which is unrelated to the transactions contemplated under this Agreement; (7) interest or penalties resulting from Lessor's failure to file timely and proper tax returns unless such failure is a result of Lessee's failure to provide Lessor in a timely manner with the information needed to pay such Taxes; (8) a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of Lessor; or (9) any taxes pertaining to Lessor's lease of the Aircraft to a co-lessee or Lessor's acquisition of the Aircraft or any "use" tax applicable in California since Lessor has confirmed that it has implemented an exemption therefrom.

- 12.5 For purposes of this Section 12, all references to "Lessor" shall be deemed to include any assignee of Lessor.
- 12.6 Lessee shall also be liable for and shall pay any and all fees for licenses, registrations, permits, and other certificates as may be required for Lessee's lawful operation of the Aircraft and as applicable to Lessee's operations. Lessee shall also pay any and all liabilities, fines, forfeitures, or penalties for violations of any applicable governmental regulations relating to its lease operations and reimburse Lessor for any amounts expended by Lessor on account of such violations except as otherwise set forth herein.
- 12.7 Lessee hereby agrees to reimburse Lessor for any amount paid by Lessor on behalf of Lessee or otherwise for any of Lessee's obligations under this Section 12 within thirty (30) days after Lessee's receipt of a written demand for such reimbursement from Lessor together with supporting invoices relating to such payments.

SECTION 13. MISCELLANEOUS

- 13.1 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, and all terms, conditions, warranties, and representations herein, are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof as of its Effective Date and supersedes all prior or independent, oral or written agreements, understandings, statements, representations, commitments, promises, and warranties made with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

- 13.2 **Other Transactions.** Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement, nor any oral or written statements, representations, commitments, promises, or warranties made with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be construed or relied upon by any party as the basis of, consideration for, or inducement to engage in, any separate agreement, transaction or commitment for any purpose whatsoever.
- 13.3 **Prohibited and Unenforceable Provisions.** Any provision of this Agreement, which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each of Lessor and Lessee hereby waives any provision of applicable law which renders any provision hereof prohibited or unenforceable in any respect.
- 13.4 **Enforcement.** This Agreement, including all agreements, covenants, representations and warranties, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of, and may be enforced by Lessor, Lessee, and each of their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns, as applicable.
- 13.5 **Headings.** The section and subsection headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define, expand, or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.
- 13.6 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Any signed document transmitted by electronic means by a Party shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original document. The electronic transmission of the signature of any party sent by electronic means by that party shall be considered as an original signature.
- 13.7 **Amendments.** No term or provision of this Agreement may be amended, changed, waived, discharged, or terminated orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the party against which the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.
- 13.8 **No Waiver.** No delay or omission in the exercise or enforcement or any right or remedy hereunder by either party shall be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained herein shall be cumulative and not mutually exclusive, and in addition to all other rights and remedies which either party possesses at law or in equity.
- 13.9 **No Assignments.** Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written permission of the other.

13.10 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the state designated in Exhibit A, including all matters of construction, validity and performance, without giving effect to its conflict of laws provisions.

[Signatures contained on next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lessor and the Lessee have each caused this **Aircraft Lease Agreement** to be duly executed as of the Effective Date.

LESSOR:

GO Air, LLC,
a California limited liability company,

By: /s/ Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.
Name: Eric J. Lindberg, Jr.
Title: Manager

LESSEE:

Grocery Outlet Inc.,
a California corporation,

By: /s/ Pamela B. Burke
Name: Pamela B. Burke
Title: CAO and General Counsel

AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT
(Non-Exclusive)

EXHIBIT "A"

Aircraft Make/Model

FAA Registration No.

Serial Number

Engine Manufacturer & Model

Base Airport

Minimum Liability Insurance Coverage

Minimum Hull Insurance Coverage

Controlling State Law & Venue

AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT
(Non-Exclusive)

EXHIBIT "B"

Rent:

The Rent Payment Date shall be thirty (30) days after Lessee's receipt of an Invoice from Lessor.

EXHIBIT "C"

AIRCRAFT DELIVERY RECEIPT

Grocery Outlet Inc. ("Lessee") hereby acknowledges delivery and acceptance of the Aircraft described in that Aircraft Lease Agreement (the "Agreement") by and between Lessee and Go Air, LLC ("Lessor") as of _____, 2020. Lessee hereby accepts custody of the Aircraft in good working order and airworthy condition for the purposes set forth in the Agreement.

Total Airframe Time at Delivery: _____ hours

Total Engine Time at Delivery: _____ hours

Total Landings at Delivery: _____

Total Pounds of Fuel on Board: _____

Lessee:

Grocery Outlet Inc.,

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Re-Delivery:

This is to acknowledge re-delivery and acceptance by Go Air, LLC of the Aircraft on _____, _____, 20____, pursuant to the Agreement:

Discrepancies Noted: _____

Total Airframe Time at Delivery: _____ hours

Total Engine Time at Delivery: _____ hours

Total Landings at Delivery: _____

Total Pounds of Fuel Onboard: _____

Go Air, LLC,

By: _____

Print:

Title:

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-1 of our report dated March 25, 2020 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp., appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. for the year ended December 28, 2019. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading “Experts” in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

San Francisco, California

April 20, 2020

Consent of eSite, Inc.

We hereby consent to the use of our firm's name, eSite, Inc., in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission by Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (the "**Company**") (f/k/a Globe Holding Corp.) in connection with the public offering of the Company's common stock, and any amendments thereto, including the prospectus contained therein (the "**Registration Statement**"), to the inclusion of quotations or summaries of or references in the Registration Statement to information contained in the market analyses or reports prepared for and supplied to the Company by eSite, Inc., and to being named as an expert in the Registration Statement (and being included in the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement). eSite, Inc. also hereby consents to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

We further wish to advise that eSite, Inc. was not employed on a contingent basis at the time of preparation of our market analyses or reports, and is not at present, and that neither eSite, Inc. nor any of its employees had or now has a substantial interest in the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

ESITE, INC.

By: /s/ Charles W. Wetzel
Name: Charles W. Wetzel
Title: President

April 15, 2020
