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**ATTENDANCE AND VOTING MATTERS**

**Introduction**

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of Tiffany & Co. (the Company) will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the W New York Union Square hotel, 201 Park Avenue South (at 17th Street) New York, New York.

This Proxy Statement and accompanying material, including the form of proxy, was first sent to the Company's stockholders on or about April 5, 2012. It was sent to you on behalf of the Company by order of the Company's Board of Directors (the Board).

You are entitled to vote at our 2012 Annual Meeting because you were a stockholder, or held Company stock through a broker, bank or other nominee, at the close of business on March 20, 2012, the record date for this year's Annual Meeting. That is why you were sent this Proxy Statement and accompanying material.

This proxy statement has been bound with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, which contains financial and other information about our business during Fiscal 2011 (February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012). As is the practice of many other companies, the Company is now providing proxy materials by a notice and access process through the Internet. This enables the Company to reduce the cost of paper, printing and postage and to substantially reduce paper use in order to benefit our environment. Those stockholders who wish to receive a paper report may request one.

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy of the Proxy Materials**

**OPTION A:** If you are a beneficial stockholder (beneficial stockholders typically have their shares held at brokerage firms or at other financial institutions):

- 1) By Internet: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) By Telephone: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) By E-Mail\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the 12-Digit Control Number (located on the Notice of Proxy) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.

**OPTION B:** If you are a registered stockholder (registered stockholders typically have their shares held in stock certificate form or in book entry form by Tiffany's transfer agent, Computershare (which acquired BNY Mellon Shareowner Services)):

- 1) By Internet: <http://www.proxyvoting.com/tif>
- 2) By Telephone: 1-888-313-0164 (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688)
- 3) By E-mail\*\*: [shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com)

\*\* You must reference your 11-Digit Control Number to request a paper copy of the proxy materials. Please make the requests as instructed above on or before May 3, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.



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You may also find important information about the Company, with its principal executive offices at 727 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022, on our website at [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com). By clicking [Investors](#) at the bottom of the page, you will find additional information concerning some of the subjects addressed in this document.

### **Important Notice Regarding Internet Availability of Proxy Materials**

**for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on May 17, 2012.**

**The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders**

**are available at <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/tif>**

### **Matters to be Voted on at the 2012 Annual Meeting**

There are three matters scheduled to be voted on at this year's Annual Meeting:

The election of the Board;

Ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our Fiscal 2012 financial statements; and

Your approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement ( [Say on Pay](#) ).

In addition, such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof may be voted on.

### **How to Vote Your Shares**

You can vote your shares at the Annual Meeting by proxy or in person.

You can vote by proxy by having one or more individuals who will be at the Annual Meeting vote your shares for you. These individuals are called [proxies](#) and using them to cast your ballot at the Annual Meeting is called voting [by proxy](#).

If you wish to vote by proxy, you must do one of the following:

Complete the enclosed form, called a [proxy card](#), and mail it in the envelope provided; or

Call the telephone number listed on your proxy card or notice and follow the pre-recorded instructions; or

Use the Internet to vote by going to the Internet address listed on your proxy card or notice; have your proxy card or notice in hand as you will be prompted to enter your control number and to create and submit an electronic vote.

If you do one of the above, you will have designated three officers of the Company to act as your proxies at the 2012 Annual Meeting. One of them will then vote your shares at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions you have given them on the proxy card, the telephone or the Internet with respect to each of the proposals presented in this Proxy Statement. If you sign and return your proxy card but do not give voting instructions, your proxy will vote the shares represented thereby **for** the election of each of the director nominees listed in Proposal No. 1

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below, **for** approval of Proposal No. 2, which is discussed below, and **for** approval of our named executive officer compensation, also discussed below. Proxies will extend to, and be voted at, any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

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Alternatively, you can vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting. You will be given a ballot at the meeting.

While we know of no other matters to be acted upon at this year's Annual Meeting, it is possible that other matters may be presented at the meeting. If that happens and you have signed and not revoked a proxy card, your proxy will vote on such other matters in accordance with his best judgment.

*A special note for those who plan to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person: if your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must bring a statement from your brokerage account or a letter from the person or entity in whose name the shares are registered indicating that you are the beneficial owner of those shares as of the record date. In addition, you will not be able to vote at the meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the record holder of your shares.*

## **How to Revoke Your Proxy**

If you decide to vote by proxy (including by mail, telephone or Internet), you can revoke that is, change or cancel your vote at any time before your proxy casts his vote at the Annual Meeting. Revoking your vote by proxy may be accomplished in one of three ways:

You can send an executed, later-dated proxy card to the Secretary of the Company, call in different instructions, or access the Internet voting site;

You can notify the Secretary of the Company in writing that you wish to revoke your proxy; or

You can attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person.

## **The Number of Votes That You Have**

Each share of the Company's common stock has one vote. The number of shares, or votes, that you have at this year's Annual Meeting is indicated on the enclosed proxy card.

## **What a Quorum Is**

A quorum is the minimum number of shares that must be present at an Annual Meeting for a valid vote. For our stockholder meetings, a majority of shares outstanding on the record date and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting must be present.

The number of shares outstanding at the close of business on March 20, 2012, the record date, was 126,379,085. Therefore, 63,189,543 shares must be present at our 2012 Annual Meeting for a quorum to be established.

To determine if there is a quorum, we consider a share present if:

The stockholder who owns the share is present at the Annual Meeting, whether or not he or she chooses to cast a ballot on any proposal; or

The stockholder is represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting.

If a stockholder is represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, his or her shares are deemed present for purposes of a quorum, even if:

The stockholder withholds his or her vote or marks abstain for one or more proposals; or

There is a broker non-vote on one or more proposals.

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### **What a Broker Non-Vote Is**

Shares held in a broker's name may be voted by the broker, but only in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. Under those rules, your broker must follow your instructions. If you do not provide instructions to your broker, your broker may vote your shares based on its own judgment or it may withhold a vote. Whether your broker votes or withholds its vote is determined by the New York Stock Exchange rules and depends on the proposal being voted upon. In the absence of instructions provided by you, your broker will be required to withhold its vote unless you provide instructions with respect to the election of the Board, and Say on Pay.

If your broker withholds its vote, that is called a broker non-vote. As stated above, broker non-votes are counted as present for a quorum.

### **What Vote Is Required to Approve Each Proposal**

Each nominee for director shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast for or against the nominee at the Annual Meeting. That means that the number of shares voted for a nominee must exceed the number of shares voted against that nominee. To vote for or against any of the nominees named in this Proxy Statement, you can so mark your proxy card or ballot or, if you vote via telephone or Internet, so indicate by telephone or electronically.

You may abstain on the vote for any nominee but your abstention will not have any effect on the outcome of the election of directors. A broker non-vote has the same effect as an abstention: neither will have any effect on the outcome of the election of directors. To abstain on the vote on any or all of the nominees named in this Proxy Statement, you can so mark your proxy card or ballot or, if you vote via telephone or Internet, so indicate by telephone or electronically.

The proposal to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2012 will be decided by the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present at the meeting. That means that the proposal will pass if more than half of those shares present at the meeting vote for the proposal. Therefore, if you abstain from voting in other words, you indicate abstain on the proxy card, by telephone or by Internet it will have the same effect as an against vote. Broker non-votes on this proposal will be treated the same as abstentions: both will have the same effect as an against vote.

The advisory proposal to approve the compensation of our named executive officers will be decided by the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present at the meeting. That means that the compensation will be approved if more than half of those shares present at the meeting vote for the proposal. Therefore, if you abstain from voting in other words, you indicate abstain on the proxy card, by telephone or by Internet it will have the same effect as an against vote. Broker non-votes on this proposal will be treated the same as abstentions: both will have the same effect as an against vote.

### **Proxy Voting on Proposals in the Absence of Instructions**

If you do not give any specific instructions as to how your shares are to be voted when you sign a proxy card or vote by telephone or by Internet, your proxies will vote your shares in accordance with the following recommendations of the Board:

FOR the election of all nine nominees for director named in this Proxy Statement;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to examine our Fiscal 2012 financial statements; and

FOR approval of the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion included in this Proxy Statement.

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Shares held in the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan will not be voted by the Plan's trustee unless specific instructions for voting are given by plan participants to whose accounts such shares have been allocated.

**How Proxies Are Solicited**

We have hired the firm of Georgeson Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board. Georgeson Inc. has agreed to perform this service for a fee of not more than \$8,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

Employees of Tiffany and Company, a subsidiary of the Company, may also solicit proxies on behalf of the Board. These employees will not receive any additional compensation for their work soliciting proxies and any costs incurred by them in doing so will be paid for by Tiffany and Company.

Proxies may be solicited by mail, in person, by facsimile, by telephone or by electronic mail (e-mail).

In addition, we will pay for any costs incurred by brokerage houses and others for forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

**OWNERSHIP OF THE COMPANY****Stockholders Who Own at Least Five Percent of the Company**

The following table shows all persons who were known to us to be beneficial owners of at least five percent of Company stock as of March 20, 2012. Footnote a) below provides a brief explanation of what is meant by the term beneficial ownership. This table is based upon reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, commonly referred to as the SEC. Copies of these reports are publicly available from the SEC. All of the reports included a certification to the effect that the shares were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and were not being held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Company and were not acquired and were not being held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	September 30,	September 30,
	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (a)	Percent of Class
Qatar Holding LLC Q-Tel Tower, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Diplomatic Area Street, West Bay P.O. Box 23224, Doha, State of Qatar	6,595,418(b)	5.20%
The Vanguard Group, Inc. 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	6,535,727(c)	5.14%

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- a) Beneficial ownership is a term broadly defined by the SEC and includes more than the typical form of stock ownership, that is, stock held in the person's name. The term also includes what is referred to as indirect ownership such as where, for example, the person has or shares the power to vote the stock, sell it or acquire it within 60 days. Accordingly, some of the shares reported as beneficially owned in this table may actually be held by other persons or organizations. Those other persons and organizations are described in the reports filed with the SEC.
- b) Qatar Holding LLC ( Qatar ) reported such beneficial ownership to the SEC on its Amendment to Schedule 13G as of December 31, 2011 and reported on behalf of itself and its parent, Qatar Investment Authority, beneficial ownership of the number of shares referred to above. This Schedule stated that it had sole power to vote or direct the vote of 6,595,418 shares of the Company's common stock and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of all shares beneficially owned.
- c) The Vanguard Group, Inc. ( Vanguard ) reported such beneficial ownership to the SEC on its Schedule 13G as of December 31, 2011 and stated that, as an investment advisor, it beneficially owned the number of shares referred to above. This Schedule stated that it had sole power to vote 178,362 shares of the Company's common stock and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,357,365 shares, for an aggregate amount of 6,535,727 shares beneficially owned.

**Ownership by Directors, Director Nominees and Executive Officers**

The following table shows the number of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned as of March 20, 2012 by those persons who are director nominees or who were, as of the end of Fiscal 2011, directors, the principal executive officer (the CEO), the principal financial officer (the CFO) and the three next most highly compensated executive officers of the Company:

Name	September 30, Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	September 30, Percent of Class <sup>a</sup>
<b>Directors</b>		
Rose Marie Bravo	63,457 <sup>b</sup>	*
Gary E. Costley	32,957 <sup>c</sup>	*
Lawrence K. Fish	40,205 <sup>d</sup>	*
Abby F. Kohnstamm	79,705 <sup>e</sup>	*
Michael J. Kowalski (CEO)	785,045 <sup>f</sup>	*
Charles K. Marquis	227,825 <sup>g</sup>	*
Peter W. May	3,194,012 <sup>h</sup>	2.5
J. Thomas Presby	17,388 <sup>i</sup>	*
Robert Steven Singer	3,000	*
William A. Shutzer	340,192 <sup>j</sup>	*

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Name	September 30, Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	September 30, Percent of Class <sup>a</sup>
<b>Executive Officers</b>		
Patrick F. McGuiness (CFO)	85,136 <sup>k</sup>	*
James N. Fernandez	197,686 <sup>l</sup>	*
Frederic Cumenal	9,292 <sup>m</sup>	*
Jon M. King	144,319 <sup>n</sup>	*
All executive officers and directors as a group (19 persons):	5,751,362 <sup>o</sup>	4.7

- a) An asterisk (\*) is used to indicate less than 1% of the class outstanding.
- b) Includes 58,554 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options, which are stock options that either are exercisable as of March 20, 2012 or will become exercisable within 60 days of that date. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- c) Includes 31,054 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- d) Includes 12,477 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- e) Includes 66,054 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- f) Includes 441,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options and 100,000 shares under a GRAT.
- g) Includes 66,054 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- h) Includes 3,162,055 shares reported to the SEC as under Mr. May's beneficial ownership on his Form 4 as of February 24, 2012. Includes 31,054 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- i) Includes 11,337 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- j) Includes 66,054 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options, 5,100 shares held by or for Mr. Shutzer's child, and 114,000 shares held by KJC Ltd. of which Mr. Shutzer is the sole general partner. Mr. Shutzer disclaims beneficial ownership of Company stock held by KJC Ltd. and 32,210 shares under a GRAT entitled The Megan Ann Shutzer GRAT with William A. Shutzer as Trustee. Includes 903 shares issuable upon the maturity of restricted stock grants made to directors on May 19, 2011.
- k) Includes 78,670 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options and 665 shares credited to Mr. McGuiness's account under the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan.

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- l) Includes 153,250 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options and 147 shares credited to Mr. Fernandez's account under the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan.
- m) Includes 9,292 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options.
- n) Includes 126,250 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options and 467 shares held in Mr. King's account under the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan.
- o) Includes 1,597,324 shares issuable upon the exercise of Vested Stock Options and restricted stock grants that will mature on May 19, 2012 and 2,716 shares held in the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan.

See COMPENSATION OF THE CEO AND OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, Compensation Discussion and Analysis, *Equity Ownership by Executive Officers and Directors* beginning on page PS-35 below for a discussion of the Company's share ownership policy.

**Compliance of Directors, Executive Officers and Greater-Than-Ten-Percent Stockholders with Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors, executive officers and greater-than-ten-percent stockholders to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange. These persons are also required to provide us with copies of those reports.

Based on our review of those reports and of certain other documents we have received, we believe that, during and with respect to Fiscal 2011, all filing requirements under Section 16(a) applicable to our directors, executive officers and greater-than-ten-percent stockholders were satisfied.

**RELATIONSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT**

**REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ( PwC ) serves as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and, through its predecessor firms, has served in that capacity since 1984.

The Audit Committee has selected PwC as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's financial statements and effectiveness of internal controls for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2013. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for appointing the independent auditors. In making this selection, the Audit Committee considered the independence of PwC, and whether the audit and non-audit services PwC provides to the Company are compatible with maintaining that independence.

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy requiring advance approval of PwC's fees and services by the Audit Committee; this policy also prohibits PwC from performing certain non-audit services for the Company including: (i) bookkeeping, (ii) systems design and implementation, (iii) appraisal or valuation, (iv) actuarial, (v) internal audit, (vi) management or human resources, (vii) investment advice or investment banking, (viii) legal services, and (ix) expert services unrelated to the audit. All fees paid to PwC by the Company as shown in the table that follows were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to this policy.

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The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by PwC for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting for the years ended January 31, 2012 and 2011, and for its reviews of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements. This table also reflects fees billed for other services rendered by PwC.

	September 30, January 31, 2012	September 30, January 31, 2011
Audit Fees	\$ 2,629,300	\$ 2,348,200
Audit-related Fees	21,500	14,500
<b>Audit and Audit-related Fees</b>	<b>2,650,800</b>	<b>2,362,700</b>
Tax Fees <sup>a</sup>	1,769,450	1,437,720
All Other Fees <sup>b</sup>	231,500	13,600
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$ 4,651,750</b>	<b>\$ 3,814,020</b>

- a) Tax fees consist of fees for tax consultation and tax compliance services. These fees included tax filing and compliance fees of \$1,674,650 for the year ended January 31, 2012 and \$1,296,220 for the year ended January 31, 2011.
- b) All other fees consist of Sustainability Assurance procedures, Kimberly Process attestation procedures and costs for research software for the years ended January 31, 2012 and January 31, 2011.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE****The Board, In General**

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Our principal subsidiary is Tiffany and Company, a New York corporation. In this Proxy Statement, Tiffany and Company will be referred to as simply Tiffany.

The Board is currently comprised of nine members. The Board can also fill vacancies and newly created directorships, as well as amend the By-laws to provide for a greater or lesser number of directors.

Directors are required by our By-laws to be less than age 72 when elected or appointed unless the Board waives that provision with respect to an individual director whose continued service is deemed uniquely important to the Company. Under the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, directors may not serve on a total of more than six public company boards. Service on the Board is included in that total.

**The Role of the Board in Corporate Governance**

The Board plays several important roles in the governance of the Company, as set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Principles. The Corporate Governance Principles may be viewed on the Company's website [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking on Investors at the bottom of the page and then selecting Corporate Governance from the left-hand column. The Corporate Governance Principles can also be found as Appendix I to this Proxy Statement. The responsibilities of the Board include:

Management succession;

Review and approval of the annual operating plan prepared by management;



Monitoring of performance in comparison to the operating plan;

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Review and approval of the Company's strategic plan prepared by management;

Consideration of topics of relevance to the Company's ability to carry out its strategic plan;

Review and approval of a delegation of authority by which management carries out the day-to-day operations of the Company and its subsidiaries;

Review of the Company's investor relations program;

Review of the Company's schedule of insurance coverage; and

Review and approval of significant actions by the Company.

At its November 2011 meeting, the Board adopted the Tiffany & Co. Principles Governing Corporate Political Spending. These principles are intended to ensure oversight, transparency, and effective decision-making with respect to the Company's political spending, and to protect employees' autonomy with respect to personal political spending. Tiffany & Co. will begin to publicly report on the Principles at the conclusion of Fiscal 2012. The principles may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking "Investors" at the bottom of the page, and then selecting "Corporate Governance" from the left-hand column.

### **Executive Sessions of Non-management Directors/Presiding Non-management Director**

Non-management directors meet regularly in executive session without management participation. This encourages open discussion. At those meetings, Charles K. Marquis, Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, presides. In addition, at least once per year the independent directors meet separately in executive session.

### **Communication with Non-management Directors**

Stockholders may send written communications to the entire Board or to any of the non-management directors by addressing their concerns to Mr. Marquis, Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (presiding director), at the following address: Corporate Secretary (Legal Department), Tiffany & Co., 727 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022. All communications will be compiled by the Corporate Secretary and submitted to the Board or an individual director, as appropriate, on a periodic basis.

### **Director Attendance at Annual Meeting**

The Board schedules a regular meeting on the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to facilitate attendance at the Annual Meeting by the directors. All nine directors attended the Annual Meeting held in May 2011.

### **Independent Directors Constitute a Majority of the Board**

The Board has affirmatively determined that each of the following directors and director-nominees is independent under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange in that none of them has a material relationship with the Company (directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of any organization that has a relationship with the Company): Rose Marie Bravo, Gary E. Costley, Lawrence K. Fish, Abby F. Kohnstamm, Charles K. Marquis, Peter W. May, J. Thomas Presby and Robert Steven Singer.

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All of the members of the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees are independent as indicated in the prior paragraph.

The Board also considered the other tests of independence set forth in the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Rules and has determined that each of the above directors and nominees is independent as defined in such Rules.

In addition, the Board has affirmatively determined that J. Thomas Presby, Gary E. Costley, Lawrence K. Fish, Abby F. Kohnstamm and Charles K. Marquis meet the additional, heightened independence criteria applicable to audit committee members under New York Stock Exchange rules.

In determining that Mr. Fish is independent, the Board considered banking relationships that exist between ABN/AMRO and the Company. Both ABN/AMRO and Citizens Financial Group are subsidiaries of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group. Mr. Fish was, on first election in 2008, an employee of Citizens Financial Group and a director of Royal Bank of Scotland Group. A portion of the operations of ABN/AMRO was acquired by Royal Bank of Scotland Group. The Company does banking business with ABN/AMRO. Mr. Fish is no longer associated with any of those entities.

In determining that Ms. Bravo is independent, the Board considered the employment relationship between Ms. Bravo's adult stepdaughter and Tiffany. This stepdaughter is not an officer of the Company or Tiffany and does not reside in Ms. Bravo's household and, for purposes of the New York Stock Exchange categorical independence test, she is not deemed an immediate family member nor is her compensation as a Tiffany employee required to be considered under such test. She was hired in June 2009 after Tiffany acquired a product design group from a disbanding company; subsequent to this acquisition, she was recruited to this design group because she had previously worked for the group. She is not at a significantly high enough job level within Tiffany so that the Compensation Committee is involved in determining the elements or level of her compensation except as equity compensation is determined for the group of employees that work at her job level.

To our knowledge, none of the other independent directors or director-nominees has any direct or indirect relationship with the Company, other than as a director.

### **Board and Committee Meetings and Attendance during Fiscal 2011**

All current and incumbent directors attended at least 85% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and those committees (including the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Stock Option Subcommittee, Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee) on which they served during Fiscal 2011.

The full Board held six meetings. Attendance averaged 98% amongst all members.

The Audit Committee held eight meetings. All members attended all meetings.

The Compensation Committee and its Stock Option Subcommittee held six meetings. Attendance averaged 97% amongst all members.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee held six meetings. Attendance averaged 97% amongst all members. On each of these occasions the Chief Executive Officer absented himself from the meeting so as to allow the outside directors to meet alone.

The Finance Committee held four meetings. All members attended all meetings.

The Corporate Social Responsibility Committee held three meetings. All members attended all meetings.



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**Committees of the Board**

*Committees Composed Entirely of Independent Directors*

*Audit*

J. Thomas Presby, Chair

Gary E. Costley

Lawrence K. Fish

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Charles K. Marquis

*Compensation*

Gary E. Costley, Chair

Rose Marie Bravo

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Charles K. Marquis

Peter W. May

*Nominating/Corporate Governance*

Charles K. Marquis, Chair

Rose Marie Bravo

Gary E. Costley

Abby F. Kohnstamm

J. Thomas Presby

*Stock Option Subcommittee*

Gary E. Costley, Chair

Rose Marie Bravo

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Charles K. Marquis

Peter W. May

*Committees Including Non-Independent Directors*

*Finance*

William A. Shutzer, Chair

Lawrence K. Fish

Peter W. May

*Dividend*

Michael J. Kowalski

*Corporate Social Responsibility*

Lawrence K. Fish, Chair

Gary E. Costley

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Michael J. Kowalski

*Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee*

The primary function of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is to assist the Board in matters of corporate governance. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee operates under the charter adopted by the Board. The charter may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking "Investors" at the bottom of the page, and then selecting "Corporate Governance" from the left-hand column. Under its charter, the role of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee includes recommending to the Board:

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Policies on the composition of the Board;

Criteria for the selection of nominees for election to the Board;

Nominees to fill vacancies on the Board;

Nominees for election to the Board;

Director compensation; and

Management succession.

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*Submitting Candidate Names*

If you would like to submit the name of a candidate for the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee to consider as a nominee of the Board for director, you may send your submission at any time to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Mr. Patrick B. Dorsey, Corporate Secretary (Legal Department), Tiffany & Co., 727 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

*Process for Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Director*

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee evaluates candidates recommended by stockholders in the same manner as it evaluates director candidates suggested by others, including those recommended by director search firms.

See our Corporate Governance Principles which are available on our website [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com) (click [Investors](#) at the bottom of the page, then select [Corporate Governance](#) from the left-hand column) and as Appendix I to this Proxy Statement. In accordance with these principles, candidates for director shall be selected on the basis of their business experience and expertise, with a view to supplementing the business experience and expertise of management and adding further substance and insight into board discussions and oversight of management.

The policy is implemented through discussions at meetings of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and through specifications provided to director search firms when such firms are retained. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee has no procedure or means of assessing the effectiveness of this policy other than the process described under [Self-Evaluation](#) below.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee has no other policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees.

*Dividend Committee*

The Dividend Committee declares regular quarterly dividends in accordance with the dividend policy established by the Board. The Dividend Committee acts by unanimous written consent. Mr. Kowalski is the sole member of the Dividend Committee.

*Compensation Committee*

The primary function of the Compensation Committee is to assist the Board in compensation matters. The Compensation Committee operates under its charter which may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking [Investors](#) at the bottom of the page, and then selecting [Corporate Governance](#) from the left-hand column. Under its charter, the Compensation Committee's responsibilities include:

Approval of remuneration arrangements for executive officers; and

Approval of compensation plans in which officers and employees of Tiffany are eligible to participate.

Compensation for the non-management members of the Board is set by the Board with advice from the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

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### *Role of Compensation Consultants*

Pay Governance LLC is retained by the Compensation Committee to provide advice with respect to the amount and form of executive compensation. This firm also provides advice to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee with respect to director compensation.

The decision to retain Pay Governance LLC was made by the Committee Chair. Management has assisted in arranging meetings between Pay Governance LLC and the Committee.

Pay Governance LLC performs two functions for the Compensation Committee. First, it prepares and discusses with the Committee an annual competitive compensation analysis with respect to the executive officers positions. The use of this analysis is discussed in COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, Competitive Compensation Analysis on page PS-41. Second, Pay Governance LLC recommends compensation initiatives to the Compensation Committee, including the structure of long- and short-term compensation components (including both equity and non-equity components) and the relative value that each component should constitute within the total portfolio of executive compensation.

Pay Governance LLC does not consult with management on compensation to be paid to non-executive employees. The Compensation Committee has told Pay Governance LLC that it is to act independently of management and only at the direction of the Committee and that its ongoing engagement is determined solely by the Compensation Committee.

For additional information regarding the operation of the Compensation Committee, including the role of consultants and management in the process of determining the amount and form of executive compensation, see Compensation Committee Process beginning on page PS-43 of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis below. The Compensation Committee's report appears on page PS-44.

### *Stock Option Subcommittee*

The Stock Option Subcommittee determines the grant of options, restricted stock units, cash incentive awards and other matters under our 2005 Employee Incentive Plan. All members of the Compensation Committee are members of this subcommittee.

### *Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation*

No director serving on the Compensation Committee or its Stock Option Subcommittee during any part of Fiscal 2011 was, at any time either during or before such fiscal year, an officer or employee of Tiffany & Co. or any of its subsidiaries. No interlocking relationship exists between the Board or Compensation Committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company, nor has any interlocking relationship existed during Fiscal 2011.

### *Audit Committee*

The Company's Audit Committee is an audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)-(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the Company's financial matters. The Audit Committee operates under a charter adopted by the Board; that charter may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking Investors at the bottom of the page and then selecting Corporate Governance from the left-hand column. Under its charter, the Audit Committee's responsibilities include:

Retaining and terminating the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing the quality-control procedures and independence of such firm and evaluating their proposed audit scope, performance and fee arrangements;

Approving in advance all audit and non-audit services to be rendered by the independent registered public accounting firm;



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Reviewing the adequacy of our system of internal control over financial reporting;

Establishing procedures for complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and

Conducting a review of our financial statements and audit findings in advance of filing, and reviewing in advance proposed changes in our accounting principles.

The Board has determined that all members of the Audit Committee are financially literate, that at least one member of the Audit Committee meets the New York Stock Exchange standard of having accounting or related financial management expertise, and that Mr. Presby meets the SEC criteria of an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Presby is a Life member of the AICPA and a board member of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). He was elected one of the Top 100 Directors of 2011 by the NACD. He chairs the audit committees of four public companies in addition to that of the Company. In view of Mr. Presby's full-time commitment to work as an independent director, the Board has determined that his simultaneous service on five audit committees has not impaired his ability to effectively serve on the Company's Audit Committee. The report of the Audit Committee is on page PS-20. Because of the Company's policy with respect to age limits, Mr. Presby, 72, is not standing for re-election at the annual meeting.

### *Finance Committee*

The Board formed the Finance Committee to assist the Board with its oversight of the Company's capital structure, dividend policy, repurchase of the Company's common stock, debt and equity financings, and the retention of investment bankers and other financial advisors to the Board, and guarantee of currency, interest rate or commodity hedging transactions entered into by the Company's subsidiaries. The Finance Committee operates under the charter adopted by the Board. The charter may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking Investors at the bottom of the page, and then selecting Corporate Governance from the left-hand column.

### *Corporate Social Responsibility Committee*

The Board formed the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee to assist the Board with its oversight of the Company's policies and practices involving the environment, vendor workplace conditions and employment practices, community affairs, sustainable product sourcing, corporate charitable giving, governmental relations, political activities and diversity in employment. The Corporate Social Responsibility Committee operates under the charter adopted by the Board. The charter may be viewed on the Company's website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking Investors at the bottom of the page, and then selecting Corporate Governance from the left-hand column.

## **Self-Evaluation**

The independent directors who serve on the Board conduct an annual evaluation of the workings and efficiency of the Board and of each of the Board committees on which they serve and make recommendations for change, if required.

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### **Resignation on Job Change or New Directorship**

Under the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, a director must submit a letter of resignation to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee on a change in employment or significant change in job responsibilities and upon accepting or resolving to accept a directorship with another public company. The Committee may either accept or reject such resignation, but must act within 10 days after considering, in light of the circumstances, the continued appropriateness of the continued service of the director.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

The offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by the same person, Michael J. Kowalski.

The Company has a lead independent director (also referred to as "presiding independent director"). Charles K. Marquis occupies such position by virtue of his chairmanship of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr. Kowalski organizes a preliminary agenda for each board meeting and submits it for the approval of the lead independent director.

The lead independent director chairs meetings of the independent and non-management directors (including meetings of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee) and during those meetings solicits the comments and suggestions of the independent directors and other non-management directors with respect to the agenda for Board meetings, the information to be provided by management and the quality of the discussions and decision-making process.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee deems the existing structure appropriate in the context of the existing board size, the tenure of the directors with the Company, the overall experience of the directors and the experience that the directors have had with Mr. Kowalski and the executive management group.

Mr. Kowalski has served as Chairman of the Board since the start of Fiscal 2003 and the directors have had the opportunity during that time to assess his skills at moderating discussions during meetings, his responsiveness to the Board's suggestions for the agenda and the information provided by management to the directors.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee may reassess the appropriateness of the existing leadership structure at any time, including following changes in management, in board composition or in the scope or complexity of the Company's operations.

### **Board Role in Risk Oversight**

The Board believes (i) that management is responsible to manage the various risks that may arise in the Company's operations and (ii) that the Board has a role in overseeing management in the risk management function.

Management's approach to risk management includes systems of authorities and approval levels; internal control checks and balances; analytical methods for making and evaluating decisions; planning for annual business growth and profitability; strategic planning; and nurturing a corporate culture that rewards integrity and supports the TIFFANY & CO. brand image. This approach to risk management includes these goals: that every risk should, when possible and practicable, be identified, quantified as to monetary impact, assigned a probability factor, and properly delegated to management for a response. Operational risks so categorized are used to inform and shape the internal audit plan and are communicated to the Company's independent registered public accounting firm so that they can be referenced and used, if deemed appropriate, to inform and shape the external audit plan. Strategic risks are identified and are addressed in the strategic planning process.

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Each year management is charged with the preparation of detailed business plans for the coming year (the annual plan) and the ensuing five-year period (the strategic plan) and required to review these plans, as they are developed and refined, on three separate occasions with the Board. Among other items, such plans include budgets for capital expenditures, inventory purchases, cash flow and liquidity, hiring, borrowing and dividends. The Board requires management to plan on the basis of realistic assumptions concerning sales and cost increases. In this process, the Board endeavors to assess whether management has made an appropriate analysis of the operational and brand risks inherent in the plans.

Each year the Board reviews and approves the annual business plan and the strategic plan. The Board also reviews specific risk areas on a regular basis. These are insured risks, management authority, investor relations, litigation risks, foreign currency risks, diamond supply risk and inventory risk.

The Audit Committee is required to discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management and regularly does so. The Audit Committee concerns itself most specifically with the integrity of the financial reporting process, but also with personnel, asset and information security risk.

The Finance Committee concerns itself principally with liquidity risk.

The Company has not designated an overall risk management officer and has no formal policy for coordination of risk management oversight amongst the two board committees involved. The committee structure was not organized specifically for the purpose of risk management oversight.

The Board coordinates the risk management oversight function in the following manner. Both the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee share the minutes of their meetings with the Board and report regularly to the Board. All committee meetings are open to the other directors and many regularly attend because the committee meetings are regularly scheduled on the day of or the day preceding Board meetings.

## **Business Conduct Policy and Code of Ethics**

The Company has a long-standing policy governing business conduct for all Company employees worldwide. The policy requires compliance with law and avoidance of conflicts of interest and sets standards for various activities to avoid the potential for abuse or the occasion for illegal or unethical activities. This policy covers, among other activities, the acceptance or giving of gifts from or to those seeking to do business with the Company, processing one's own transactions, political contributions and reporting dishonest activity. Each year, all employees are required to review the policy, report any violations or conflicts of interest and affirm their obligation to report future violations to management.

The Company has a toll-free hotline to receive complaints from employees, vendors, stockholders and other interested parties concerning violations of the Company's policies or questionable accounting, internal controls or auditing matters. The toll-free phone number is 877-806-7464. The hotline is operated by a third-party service provider to assure the confidentiality and completeness of all information received. Users of this service may elect to remain anonymous.

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We also have a Code of Business and Ethical Conduct for the directors, the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer and all other officers of the Company. The Code advocates, and requires those persons to adhere to, principles and responsibilities governing professional and ethical conduct. This Code supplements our business conduct policy. Waivers may only be made by the Board. A summary of our business conduct policy and a copy of the Code of Business and Ethical Conduct are posted on our website, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking "Investors" at the bottom of the page, and then selecting "Corporate Governance" from the left-hand column. We have also filed a copy of the Code with the SEC as an exhibit to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for Fiscal 2011. The Board has not adopted a policy by which it will disclose amendments to, or waivers from, the Company's Code of Business and Ethical Conduct on our website. Accordingly, we will file a report on Form 8-K if that Code is amended or if the Board has granted a waiver from such Code, including an implicit waiver. We will file such a report only if the waiver applies to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and if such waiver relates to: honest and ethical conduct; full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure; compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations; the prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code; or accountability for adherence to the Code.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee charters as well as the Code of Ethics and the Corporate Governance Principles are available in print to any stockholder who requests them.

### **Limitation on Adoption of Poison Pill Plans**

On January 19, 2006, the Board terminated the Company's stockholder rights plan (typically referred to as a "poison pill") and adopted the following policy:

This Board shall submit the adoption or extension of any poison pill to a stockholder vote before it acts to adopt such poison pill; provided, however, that this Board may act on its own to adopt a poison pill without first submitting such matter to a stockholder vote if, under the circumstance then existing, this Board in the exercise of its fiduciary responsibilities deems it to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to adopt a poison pill without the delay in adoption that is attendant upon the time reasonably anticipated to seek a stockholder vote. If a poison pill is adopted without first submitting such matter to a stockholder vote, the poison pill must be submitted to a stockholder vote within one year after the effective date of the poison pill. Absent such submission to a stockholder vote, and favorable action thereupon, the poison pill will expire on the first anniversary of its effective date.

### **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS**

The Board has adopted policies and procedures for the review, approval or ratification of transactions with the Company (or any subsidiary) in which any director or executive officer, any nominee for election as a director, any immediate family member of such an officer, director or nominee or any five-percent holder of the Company's securities has a direct or indirect material interest. Such transactions are referred to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee for review. In determining whether to approve or ratify any transaction, the Committee applies the following standard after considering the facts and circumstances of the transaction: whether, in the business judgment of the Committee members, the interests of the Company appear likely to be served by such approval or ratification.

The Board has ratified the hiring in Fiscal 2009 by Tiffany management of the following related person: Suzanne Jackey, an adult stepdaughter of Rose Marie Bravo, a director and a nominee for director. Ms. Jackey was hired as Tiffany's Director of Product Development and Merchandising - Leather Accessories because she had previously worked for the product development group hired to develop a new product line. Ms. Jackey is a salaried employee of Tiffany whose annual salary and bonus rate totaled approximately \$218,000 for fiscal year 2011.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIRECTOR-AFFILIATED CHARITIES**

The contributions listed below were made during the last three fiscal years to charitable organizations with which directors or director nominees are affiliated through membership on the governing board of such charitable organizations. None of the independent directors serves as an executive officer of these charities:

University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation (Women's Board): merchandise grants totaling \$46,620, \$49,750, and \$30,300, in Fiscal 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively (Mr. May is a Trustee of The University of Chicago, a member of its Executive Committee, and a member of the Advisory Council on the Graduate School of Business at The University of Chicago).

Carnegie Hall: a combination of ticket subscription and advertisement for the opening night gala program of \$31,500 in Fiscal 2011 and 2010 each and advertisement for the opening night gala program of \$6,500 in Fiscal 2009 (Mr. May is a Trustee).

The New York Philharmonic: a combination of merchandise grants and ticket subscriptions for fund-raising events of \$25,000 in Fiscal 2009 (Mr. May is a Trustee).

Partnership for New York City: \$15,000 annual dues contributions in each of Fiscal 2011, 2010, and 2009 (Mr. May and Tiffany are each partners).

Mt. Sinai Medical Center: combination of ticket subscription, cash and merchandise grants totaling approximately \$6,000, \$100,000, and \$5,600, in Fiscal 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively (Mr. May is Chairman of the Board of Trustees).

UJA Federation: \$800 in Fiscal 2011 for ticket subscription and \$50,000 in Fiscal 2010 in support of gala honoring Mr. May (Mr. May is a member of the Board of Trustees).

Paul Taylor Dance Company: merchandise grants of \$975, \$925 and \$895 in Fiscal 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively (Mr. Shutzer is a Trustee).

Prep for Prep: merchandise grants totaling \$1,980, \$1,980, and \$5,205 for Fiscal 2011, 2010, and 2009 respectively (Mr. Shutzer is a Trustee).

Phoenix House: combination of ticket subscription and merchandise grants totaling \$29,690, \$13,170 and \$260 for Fiscal 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively (Ms. Bravo is a member of the Board of Directors).

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**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Included in the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders are the consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its subsidiaries as of January 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity and comprehensive earnings, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2012. These statements (the Audited Financial Statements) are the subject of a report by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). The Audited Financial Statements are also included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the Audited Financial Statements with the Company's management and otherwise fulfilled the responsibilities set forth in its charter. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the Company's management and independent registered public accounting firm their evaluations of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee has discussed with PwC the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, Communication with Audit Committees, as adopted by the PCAOB in Rule 3200T, and PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 5, An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated With An Audit of Financial Statements.

The Audit Committee received from PwC the written disclosure and letter required by PCAOB Rule 3526 Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence, and has discussed the independence of PwC with that firm. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision by PwC of the tax consultation, tax compliance and other non-audit-related services disclosed above under RELATIONSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM Fees and Services of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is compatible with maintaining PwC's independence and has concluded that providing such services is compatible with that firm's independence from the Company and its management.

The Audit Committee is aware that the provision of non-audit services by an independent registered public accounting firm may, in some circumstances, create the perception that independence has been compromised. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has instructed management and management has consequently developed professional relationships with firms other than PwC so that, when needed, other qualified resources are available and will be used as appropriate.

Based upon the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Company's Board that the Audited Financial Statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012.

Signed:

J. Thomas Presby, Chair

Gary E. Costley

Lawrence K. Fish

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Charles K. Marquis

Members of the Audit Committee

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**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY**

The executive officers of the Company are:

Name	Age	Position	Year Joined Tiffany
Michael J. Kowalski	60	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	1983
Beth O. Canavan	57	Executive Vice President	1987
Frederic Cumenal	52	Executive Vice President	2011
James N. Fernandez	56	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	1983
Jon M. King	55	Executive Vice President	1990
Victoria Berger-Gross	56	Senior Vice President Global Human Resources	2001
Pamela H. Cloud	42	Senior Vice President Merchandising	1994
Patrick B. Dorsey	61	Senior Vice President General Counsel and Secretary	1985
Patrick F. McGuinness	46	Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer	1990
Caroline D. Naggiar	54	Senior Vice President Chief Marketing Officer	1997
John S. Petterson	53	Senior Vice President Operations	1988

*Michael J. Kowalski.* Mr. Kowalski assumed the role of Chairman of the Board in 2003, following the retirement of William R. Chaney. He has served as the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer since 1999 and on the Registrant's Board of Directors since 1995. After joining Tiffany in 1983 as Director of Financial Planning, Mr. Kowalski held a variety of merchandising management positions and served as Executive Vice President from 1992 to 1996 with overall responsibility in the areas of merchandising, marketing, advertising, public relations and product design. He was elected President in 1997. Mr. Kowalski is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of New York Mellon. The Bank of New York Mellon is Tiffany's principal banking relationship, serving as Administrative Agent and a lender under Tiffany's revolving credit facility and as the trustee and investment manager for Tiffany's Employee Pension Plan; and BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, an affiliate of Bank of New York Mellon, served as the Company's transfer agent and registrar until such affiliate was sold to Computershare in December 2011.

*Beth O. Canavan.* Mrs. Canavan joined Tiffany in 1987 as Director of New Store Development. She later held the positions of Vice President, Retail Sales Development, Vice President and General Manager of the New York flagship store, and Eastern Regional Vice President. In 1997, she assumed the position of Senior Vice President for U.S. Retail. In 2000, she was promoted to Executive Vice President responsible for retail sales activities in the U.S. and Canada and retail store expansion. In 2001, Mrs. Canavan assumed additional responsibility for direct sales and business-to-business sales activities in the Americas and in 2010 also assumed responsibility for sales in Latin/South America.

*Frederic Cumenal.* Mr. Cumenal joined Tiffany in March 2011 as Executive Vice President, with responsibility for the Asia-Pacific, Japan, Europe and Emerging Markets Regions. For 15 years prior to joining Tiffany, Mr. Cumenal held senior leadership positions in LVMH Group's wine and spirits businesses, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer of Moët & Chandon, S.A. Previously, Mr. Cumenal served as Chief Executive Officer of Domaine Chandon, and was Managing Director of Moët Hennessy Europe.

*James N. Fernandez.* Mr. Fernandez joined Tiffany in 1983 and has held various positions in financial planning and management prior to his appointment as Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer in 1989. In 1998, he was promoted to Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer. In June 2011 he was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

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Mr. Fernandez serves on the Board of Directors of The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation and is the Chairman of its Audit Committee and a member of its Board Affairs Committee.

*Jon M. King.* Mr. King joined Tiffany in 1990 as a jewelry buyer and has held various positions in the Merchandising Division, assuming responsibility for product development in 2002 as Group Vice President. In 2003, he was promoted to Senior Vice President Merchandising. In 2006, he was promoted to Executive Vice President and, in addition to his Merchandising leadership role, assigned responsibility for Marketing and Public Relations.

*Victoria Berger-Gross.* Dr. Berger-Gross joined Tiffany in 2001 as Senior Vice President Human Resources. Her current title is Senior Vice President, Global Human Resources.

*Pamela H. Cloud.* Ms. Cloud joined Tiffany in 1994 as an Assistant Buyer and has since advanced through positions of increasing management responsibility within the Merchandising Division. In 2007, she was promoted to Senior Vice President Merchandising, responsible for all aspects of product planning and inventory management.

*Patrick B. Dorsey.* Mr. Dorsey joined Tiffany in 1985 as General Counsel and Secretary.

*Patrick F. McGuinness.* Mr. McGuinness joined Tiffany in 1990 as an Analyst in Accounting & Reporting and has held a variety of management positions within the Finance Division, most recently as Group Vice President Finance, and in Merchandising from 2000 to 2002 as Vice President Merchandising Process Improvement. In 2007, he was promoted to Senior Vice President Finance, responsible for Tiffany's worldwide financial functions. In June 2011, Mr. McGuinness was promoted to Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer and, in addition to his responsibility for worldwide financial functions, was assigned responsibility for Investor Relations.

*Caroline D. Naggiar.* Ms. Naggiar joined Tiffany in 1997 as Vice President Marketing Communications. She assumed her current role and responsibilities as head of advertising and marketing in 1998 and in 2007 she was assigned additional responsibility for the Public Relations department and named Chief Marketing Officer. In 2009 she added Creative Visual Merchandising to her responsibilities.

*John S. Petterson.* Mr. Petterson joined Tiffany in 1988 as a management associate and advanced through positions of increasing management responsibility. He was promoted to Senior Vice President Corporate Sales in 1995. In 2001, Mr. Petterson assumed the role of Senior Vice President Operations, with responsibility for worldwide distribution, customer service and security activities. His responsibilities were expanded in 2003 to include manufacturing operations.



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**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

*Executive Summary*

Our fiscal year ends on each January 31. Therefore, the fiscal years referred to in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis ( CD&A ) are the 12-month periods ending on the following dates:

Fiscal 2009	January 31, 2010
Fiscal 2010	January 31, 2011
Fiscal 2011	January 31, 2012
Fiscal 2012	January 31, 2013

In May 2011, the Company's Say on Pay proposal passed with 90.6% of the stockholder votes in favor of the Company's compensation program. Of the against votes, 83.7% were abstaining shares or broker non-votes.

The Company's consolidated Fiscal 2011 net earnings exceeded a target established by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee ) at the start of the year by 15.3%. This allowed the Committee to pay the executive officers 119%, on average, of their target Fiscal 2011 annual incentive/bonus.

In January 2012, the Committee determined that base salaries and target incentive awards/bonuses for Fiscal 2012 would remain the same as in Fiscal 2011. This was consistent with previous guidance from the Committee that changes in base salary and annual incentive compensation would generally be considered on a two-year cycle. The Committee also considered the stockholder support demonstrated for the May 2011 Say on Pay proposal when it left the compensation program unchanged for Fiscal 2012.

The Committee made long term incentive awards to 11 executive officers in January 2012. These awards consisted of an approximately equal mix (based on grant date fair value) of performance-based restricted stock units and option awards.

The Committee made separate awards of stock options and three-year time-vesting restricted stock units to Mr. Cumenal in March 2011, in connection with his commencement of employment. In making this award, the Committee considered multiple factors, including the personal costs, foregone compensation and professional risk that Mr. Cumenal incurred to accept the position and relocate his family to the United States.

The Committee made separate awards of stock options and three-year time-vesting restricted stock units to Messrs. Fernandez and McGuinness in June 2011, in connection with their promotions to chief operating officer and chief financial officer respectively.

In January 2012, the Committee approved the target amounts (but not specific performance targets) for annual incentives/bonuses to be paid in respect of Fiscal 2012. Payments, if any, will be made in Fiscal 2013.

In March 2012, the Committee set the specific performance targets for annual incentives/bonuses to be paid in respect of Fiscal 2012. Payments, if any, will be made in Fiscal 2013.

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In December 2010, by unanimous written consent, the Committee approved the key terms of the Company's retirement and non-competition agreement with James E. Quinn, who retired from employment with Tiffany effective February 1, 2012. See below under the heading *Other Employment Agreements or Severance Plans for Executives* for a description of Mr. Quinn's retirement and non-competition agreement, entered into on January 19, 2012.

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Corporate governance of the Company's executive compensation program is demonstrated by a number of practices, including:

formal stock ownership guidelines;

recoupment provisions applicable to equity awards and retirement benefits in connection with non-compete covenants;

engagement by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of its own independent consultant;

prohibition on hedging of Parent stock;

no tax gross-ups; and

limited use of employment agreements.

*Overview of Compensation Components*

The Committee has established an executive compensation plan that contains the following key components:

<i>Compensation Component</i>	<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Key Features</i>
Salary	Provide cash compensation that is not at risk so as to provide a stable source of income and financial security.	Designed to retain key executives by being competitive; not the primary means of recognizing performance.
Annual incentive (annual incentive award or bonus)	Motivate and reward achievement of the annual financial results.	Cash payments dependent on the degree of achievement of the annual profit plan. Committee retains discretion to reduce awards.
Long-term incentives (performance-based restricted stock units and stock options)	Align management interests with those of stockholders; retain executives; motivate and reward achievement of sustainable earnings growth.	Performance-based restricted stock unit awards vest upon achievement of Company financial goals over a three-year performance period and require continued employment. Committee retains discretion to reduce awards. Stock option awards vest ratably over four years of continued employment.
Time-vesting restricted stock units	Used infrequently, typically to recognize prior performance or to attract or retain key talent.	Typically time-vesting after three years of continued employment.
Benefits	Retain executives over the course of their careers.	A comprehensive program of benefits that includes (i) a defined benefit retirement program that provides a special stay-incentive for experienced executives <sup>1</sup> ; and (ii) life insurance benefits that build cash value.

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- <sup>1</sup> Executive officers other than Mr. Cumenal participate in a defined benefit retirement program comprised of the Pension Plan, Excess Plan, and Supplemental Plan, available to executive officers hired on or before December 31, 2005. For a description of these plans see PENSION BENEFITS Features of the Retirement Plans on page PS-60. For a description of the defined contribution retirement benefit available to Mr. Cumenal, see Excess DCRB Feature of the Executive Deferral Plan on page PS-65.

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### *Short- and Long-term Planning for Sustainable Earnings Growth*

The performance of management in planning, execution and brand stewardship and variable external factors determines the Company's success in achieving its financial goals – both short and long term.

As part of each year's planning process, the executive officers develop and submit for Board approval:

A five-year strategic plan that balances earnings with brand stewardship (see below); and

A profit plan for the fiscal year.

Both plans must incorporate challenging but achievable goals for sales growth, merchandising, gross margins, marketing expenditures, staffing, other expenses, capital spending and all other components of the Company's financial statements.

Brand stewardship refers to actions taken by management to maintain, in the minds of consumers, strong associations between the TIFFANY & CO. brand and product quality, product exclusivity, the highest levels of customer service, compelling store design and product display, and responsible product sourcing practices.

The Board recognizes that tradeoffs between short-term objectives and brand stewardship are often difficult. For example, variations in product mix can positively affect gross margins in the short term while negatively affecting brand image, and increased staffing can positively affect customer service while negatively affecting earnings. Through the planning process, management must bring into balance expectations for annual earnings growth and concerns for brand stewardship and sustainable earnings growth.

Due in part to stockholder approval of the Company's Say on Pay proposal in May 2011, the Committee left the compensation program for Fiscal 2012 unchanged.

### *Objectives of the Executive Compensation Program*

The Committee has established the following objectives for the compensation program:

To attract, motivate and retain the management talent necessary to develop and execute both the annual and strategic plans;

To reward achievement of annual and long-term financial goals; and

To link management's interests with those of the stockholders.

The total executive compensation program includes base salary, annual and long-term incentives and benefits.

### *Setting Executive Compensation*

In January of each year, the Committee sets the target amount of total compensation for each executive officer, as well as the target levels of key components of such compensation. This follows a process in which the Committee conducts a detailed review of each executive's compensation. See below under the heading *Compensation Committee Process* for a discussion of how the Committee determines compensation for executive officers. For a discussion of how the Committee determines that the compensation of executive officers is competitive, see below under the heading *Competitive Compensation Analysis*.



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The actual performance goals for the annual and long-term incentive compensation are set by the Committee in March of each fiscal year. This goal-setting is coordinated with the Company's business planning process for the fiscal year and the five-year strategic period that includes the fiscal year.

*Relative Values of Key Compensation Components*

The Committee used the following ratios to base salary as a means of awarding short- and long-term incentives for Fiscal 2010 and determined that they would remain effective for Fiscal 2011 and Fiscal 2012. The Committee splits the estimated value of the long-term incentives evenly between the grant date fair market value of the targeted number of performance-based restricted stock units and the estimated (Black-Scholes) value of stock options.

Executive	Position	Target Short-term Incentive as a Percent of Salary	Maximum Short-term Incentive as a Percent of Salary	Long-term Incentive as a Percent of Salary
Michael J. Kowalski	Chairman & CEO	100%	200%	300%
Patrick F. McGuinness	Senior Vice President & CFO	50%	100%	150% (a)
James N. Fernandez	Executive Vice President & COO	70%	140%	225% (b)
Frederic Cumenal	Executive Vice President	70%	140%	200% (c)
Jon M. King	Executive Vice President	70%	140%	200%

- (a) Does not include the one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit grant and Stock Option grant made in June 2011. If these grants were included in the calculation of Long-Term Incentive as a Percent of Salary, this percentage would be 369%.
- (b) Does not include the one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit grant and Stock Option grant made in June 2011. If these grants were included in the calculation of Long-Term Incentive as a Percent of Salary, this percentage would be 556%.
- (c) Does not include the one-time sign-on Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit grant made in March 2011. If that grant was included in the calculation of Long-Term Incentive as a Percent of Salary, this percentage would be 613%.

The Committee believes that the portion of an executive officer's compensation that is at risk (subject to adjustment for corporate performance factors) should vary proportionately to the amount of responsibility the executive officer bears for the Company's success. The Committee also believes that a minimum of 50% of the total compensation opportunity of the chief executive officer and 40% of the total compensation opportunity of the other executive officers should be comprised of long-term incentives.



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### *Base Salary*

The Committee pays the executive officers competitive salaries as one part of a total compensation program to attract and retain them, but does not use salary increases as the primary means of recognizing talent and performance.

The Committee determined on January 18, 2012 that executive salaries would remain the same for fiscal year 2012.

Why: Executive salaries are generally assessed every second year. The last time the Committee approved a general increase was in January 2011. At that time, the Committee increased the base salaries of executive officers based on its consideration of multiple factors, including that no general salary increases had been granted this group for three years; competitive market compensation levels for comparable positions; and internal equity.

Salaries of all executive officers other than the chief executive officer were increased in this fashion in January 2011. This included the salaries for Messrs. McGuiness, Fernandez and King.

### *Short-term Incentives*

Why: The Committee uses short-term incentives to motivate executive officers to achieve the annual profit plan. Short-term incentives consist of annual incentive awards for the four highest-paid named executive officers (Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Cumenal and Mr. King) and for Mrs. Canavan, and bonus eligibility for the other executive officers. Annual incentive awards are primarily formula-driven, with payments based on the degree of achievement of the annual profit plan set by the Committee under the plan. Bonuses are entirely discretionary.

Although annual incentive awards are contingent upon the degree to which the annual profit plan is achieved, the Committee has the discretion to take other considerations into account. Such considerations include events, unanticipated at the time that incentive award targets were set, that affect earnings, and contributions to business outcomes consistent with the strategic plan.

For a description of the incentive awards, including incentive award targets from year-to-year and the conditions under which the Committee may exercise discretion, see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards.

Annual incentive awards are intended to be qualified performance based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code in that the goals that are established by the Committee are substantially uncertain of being achieved at the time of establishment and because there is no guarantee that such goals will be achieved through actual fiscal year results.

The Committee awards annual bonuses to the other executive officers. Although the Committee retains discretion with respect to bonuses, in practice it aligns bonuses with the annual incentive awards.

The annual incentive targets established by the Committee for each of the named executive officers for Fiscal 2011 and which will remain in effect for Fiscal 2012, were 100% of base salary in the case of Mr. Kowalski; 70% of base salary for Messrs. Fernandez, Cumenal and King; and 50% of base salary for Mr. McGuiness (target bonus).

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The annual maximum incentive established by the Committee for each of the named executive officers for Fiscal 2011 was set at twice the target. That means 200% of base salary in the case of Mr. Kowalski; 140% of base salary for Messrs. Fernandez, Cumenal and King; and 100% of base salary for Mr. McGuinness (maximum bonus).

*Fiscal 2011 Short-term Goals*

In March 2011, the Committee established, as a condition to awarding the maximum incentive awards, that the Company attain Fiscal 2011 net earnings of \$264 million. At the same time the Committee also advised the executive officers that, in the absence of other factors, the Committee will exercise its discretion as follows:

To reduce the award to zero if Fiscal 2011 net earnings do not exceed \$308 million;

To pay the target incentive award if Fiscal 2011 net earnings equal \$440 million;

To pay the maximum award if Fiscal 2011 net earnings equal or exceed \$572 million; and

To prorate the incentive award payable if Fiscal 2011 net earnings fall between the amounts set forth above.

In March 2012, after reviewing and concurring with the recommendation of the chief executive officer, the Committee, in the exercise of its retained discretion, determined to pay incentive awards in the range of 110% to 129%.

Fiscal 2011 net earnings fell between \$440 million and \$572 million.

Based on Fiscal 2011 net earnings, the implied payout under the goals set forth above was 121% of target.

However, the Committee determined, in the exercise of its retained discretion, to pay awards in the range of 110% to 129% of target.

*Fiscal 2012 Short-term Goals*

In March 2012, the Committee established, as a condition to awarding the maximum incentive awards, that the Company attain Fiscal 2012 net earnings of \$306 million. At the same time the Committee also advised the executive officers that, in the absence of other factors, the Committee will exercise its discretion as follows:

To reduce the award to zero if Fiscal 2012 net earnings do not exceed \$409 million.

To pay the target incentive award if Fiscal 2012 net earnings equal \$511 million.

To pay the maximum incentive award if Fiscal 2012 net earnings equal \$614 million; and

To prorate the incentive award payable if Fiscal 2012 net earnings fall between the amounts set forth above.

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### *Three-year History of Short-term Incentive Payouts*

Following is the record of short-term incentive payouts (including bonuses) for the executive officers as a group as a percent of target over the past three fiscal years:

Fiscal 2011: 110%-129% of target;

Fiscal 2010: 145%-155% of target; and

Fiscal 2009: 200% of target.

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### *Long-Term Incentives*

**Why:** The Committee uses long-term incentives to promote the retention of executive officers and motivate them to achieve sustainable earnings growth.

The Committee considers equity-based awards to be appropriate because, over the long term, the Company's stock price should be a good indicator of management's success in achieving sustainable earnings growth.

The total value of each year's grant of equity awards is based on the percentage of salary indicated above under Relative Values of Key Compensation Components, and the ratio of salary to long-term incentives is reviewed at the same time that salaries are reviewed.

The Committee awards performance-based restricted stock units and stock options because each form of award complements the other in helping the Company retain and motivate its executive officers.

In its decision to use both forms of award, the Committee took into account the difficulty of setting appropriate strategic performance goals. This difficulty arises due to the significant degree of influence that non-controllable and highly variable external factors have upon the Company's performance, and the fact that the market does not always respond immediately to earnings growth.

Performance-based restricted stock units have the advantage of rewarding executives for meeting financial goals even if the achievement of those goals is not reflected in the share price in the short term.

Stock options do not reward executives in a declining market. However, they do provide gains commensurate with those of shareholders, whether or not financial goals have been met.

In order to provide balance to the Company's long-term incentives, the Committee determined that the ratio of the estimated value of performance-based restricted stock unit awards to the estimated value of stock options awards should be as nearly 50/50 as practicable. For purposes of achieving this ratio the Committee values the awards as follows:

for options, on the basis of the Black-Scholes model; and

for performance-based restricted stock units, using the per share market value immediately prior to the grant on the assumption that units would vest at the earnings target (attainment of the ROA target was not considered in making this allocation).

#### *Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grants Made in January 2012 and 2011*

Complete vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2012 and in January 2011 is dependent upon achievement of earnings thresholds. Achievement of those thresholds will give the Committee the discretion to vest the maximum number of stock units granted or any lesser number down to zero. However, the Committee has communicated to the executive officers that it will exercise its discretion to reduce the number of units vesting on the basis of both cumulative earnings per share (EPS) goals and an average return on assets (ROA) goals over each of the three-year performance periods (Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 and 2014 for the 2012 grants) (Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the 2011 grants).

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Like most companies, the Company's stock price over the long term is primarily driven by growth in EPS. The Committee considers EPS performance to be the primary determiner of vesting and no shares will vest unless a threshold level of EPS performance is achieved.

The Company's ROA is also likely to significantly affect its stock price over the long term. This is due, in part, to the significance of inventory and capital expenses in its business. Thus the Committee uses ROA as a supplemental indicator of management's success in achieving sustainable earnings growth.

The EPS and ROA goals were set by the Committee in conformance to, and as part of the process of approving, the Company's strategic plan.

The Committee has provided the following chart to the executive officers to illustrate the manner in which the Committee intends to exercise its discretion at the conclusion of each three-year performance period:

Earnings Performance	Percent of Target Shares Vesting for Earnings Performance	ROA Adjustment to Shares Vesting for		Percent of Maximum Number of Shares Vesting
		Earnings Performance (percent of Target)	Percent of Target Shares Vesting After ROA Adjustment	
<b>Threshold Not Reached</b>	0%	None	0%	None
<b>Reached</b>				
<b>Earnings Threshold</b>	25%	10% increase if ROA Target achieved	25% to 35%	12.5% to 17.5%
<b>Reached</b>				
<b>Earnings Target</b>	100%	10% increase if ROA Target achieved/10% decrease if ROA Target not achieved	90% to 110%	45% to 55%
<b>Reached</b>				
<b>Earnings Maximum</b>	190%	10% increase if ROA Target achieved/10% decrease if ROA Target not achieved	180% to 200%	90% to 100%

**Reached**

*Performance Targets, Thresholds and Maximums January 2012 Performance-Based Grants*

In March 2012, the Committee established the following in respect of the performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2012, subject to adjustments as permitted under the Plan:

Earnings Target: \$13.94 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period);

ROA Target: 12.0% (return on average assets in each of the fiscal years in the performance period, expressed as a percentage and then averaged over the entire performance period);

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Earnings Threshold: \$9.64 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period); and

Earnings Maximum: \$16.77 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period).

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*Performance Targets, Thresholds and Maximums January 2011 Performance-Based Grants*

In March 2011, the Committee established the following in respect of the performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2011, subject to adjustments as permitted under the Plan:

Earnings Target: \$12.12 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period);

ROA Target: 12.2% (return on average assets in each of the fiscal years in the performance period, expressed as a percentage and then averaged over the entire performance period);

Earnings Threshold: \$5.80 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period); and

Earnings Maximum: \$16.43 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period).

*Performance Targets, Thresholds and Maximums January 2010 Performance-Based Grants*

In March 2010, the Committee established the following in respect of the performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2010, subject to adjustments as permitted under the Plan:

Earnings Target: \$9.10 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period);

ROA Target: 10.6% (return on average assets in each of the fiscal years in the performance period, expressed as a percentage and then averaged over the entire performance period);

Earnings Threshold: \$4.25 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period); and

Earnings Maximum: \$12.21 per share (aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis over the three-year period).

*Terms of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grants Made in January 2009*

When the Committee met in January 2009, it considered:

The Company's projected financial performance for Fiscal 2008;

The economic circumstances and uncertainty then confronting retailers of luxury goods and jewelry retailers in particular;

The difficulty of planning for Fiscal 2009 in the face of such uncertainty;

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The diminished realizable and retentive value of equity awards made to the executive officers in prior fiscal years due to the effect of significant declines in the market value for the Company's stock and the Company's financial performance in Fiscal 2008; and

Whether the vesting provisions of performance-based restricted stock unit grants to be made in respect of the three-year performance period ending on January 31, 2012 should be changed, relative to those made for prior performance periods (see below), to recognize the economic uncertainty and to provide the Company with a better opportunity to retain the executives.

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The Committee determined that the performance-based restricted stock unit grants made in January 2009 for the three-year performance period ending January 31, 2012 (Fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011) will vest 100% for those executives who remain employed through the end of the performance period if earnings from continuing operations equal or exceed \$300 million in any one of the three fiscal years ending during the performance period. Unlike prior grants, there is no incremental opportunity for the executives if the earnings goal is overachieved, and no partial vesting for partial performance. The Company met the \$300 million hurdle rate in Fiscal 2009 and the grants fully vested for each executive officer.

*Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grants Made in January 2008*

Complete vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2008 was dependent upon achievement of both EPS goal and an ROA goal over each three-year performance period following the grants. Due to the Company's financial performance in Fiscal 2008, the Company did not meet the applicable three-year cumulative EPS goal and ROA goal for these grants, and these grants did not vest.<sup>2</sup> The Committee did not retain any discretion in that regard.

*Four year History of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Payouts*

Following is the payout history for performance-based restricted stock units made to the executive officers:

Fiscal 2006 through 2008 Performance Period: 72.8% of target;

Fiscal 2007 through 2009 Performance Period: 0% of target;

Fiscal 2008 through 2010 Performance Period: 0% of target; and

Fiscal 2009 through 2011 Performance Period: 100% of target.

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For a more complete description of the performance-based restricted stock units, including a description of the circumstances in which a portion of the units may vest in various circumstances of death, disability, a Change of Control or at the initiative of the executive's employer and the goals set from year-to-year, see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS Equity Incentive Plan Awards Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units.

<sup>2</sup> For performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2008, goals were as follows: Threshold cumulative net EPS of \$8.54; Target cumulative net EPS of \$9.87; Maximum cumulative net EPS of \$10.62; and ROA goal of 11.5%.

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### *Stock Option Grants*

**Why:** The Committee grants stock options in order to clarify the link between the interests of the executive officers and those of the Company's stockholders in long-term growth in share value and to support the brand stewardship over the long term.

The incentive plan under which stock options are granted requires the exercise price of each option to be established by the Committee (or determined by a formula established by the Committee) at the time the option is granted. Options are to be granted at a value equal to or greater than the fair market value of a share as of the grant date (or, in the case of a recipient's promotion or hire date, such effective promotion or hire date). The incentive plan does not permit for the repricing of options at a later date.

As in prior years, stock options have a 10-year term and vest at the rate of 25% per year. In June 2011, the Committee granted additional stock option awards to Messrs. Fernandez and McGuiness, in connection with their promotions to Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. The awards in question for 40,000 options for Mr. Fernandez, and for 20,000 options for Mr. McGuiness have a 10-year term and vest at the rate of 25% per year. (For a description of the stock options see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS - Options).

### *Time-vesting Restricted Stock Unit Awards*

**Why:** On occasion, the Committee may make non-strategic restricted stock unit awards for reasons such as recognition of prior performance; attraction of new talent; retention of key talent; and in lieu of cash compensation increases. In March 2011, the Committee granted such an award to Mr. Cumenal, in connection with the commencement of his employment, and as a make whole payment for amounts Mr. Cumenal forfeited at his prior employer. Subject to certain conditions, the award in question for 27,228 stock units will not vest unless Mr. Cumenal remains employed for three years. In June 2011, the Committee granted time-vesting restricted stock unit awards to Messrs. Fernandez and McGuiness in connection with their promotions to Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. Subject to certain conditions, the awards in question for 15,000 stock units for Mr. Fernandez, and for 7,500 stock units for Mr. McGuiness will not vest unless the executive officer recipient remains employed for three years. See DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS - Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Awards.

### *Retirement Benefits*

**Why:** Retirement benefits are offered to executive officers because the Committee seeks to retain them over the course of their career, especially in their later years when they have gained experience and become more valuable to the Company and to its competitors. (For a description of the retirement benefits see PENSION BENEFITS - Features of the Retirement Plans.)

Retirement benefits offer financial security in the future and are not entirely contingent upon corporate performance factors. It is the case, however, that average final compensation, on which the retirement benefits of each executive officer is based, will be determined, in part, by reference to bonus and incentive awards made in the past; such awards are determined by corporate performance factors in the year awarded.

Executives (other than Mr. Cumenal) participate in three retirement plans: they participate in the same tax-qualified pension plan available to all full-time U.S. employees hired before January 1, 2006 and also receive incremental benefits under the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan.

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The Excess Plan credits salary and bonus in excess of amounts that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows the tax-qualified pension plan to credit in computing benefits, although benefits under both of these plans are computed under the same formula. The Committee considers it fair and consistent with the employee retention purpose of the tax-qualified pension plan to maintain for executives the relationship established for employees compensated below the IRS limit between annual cash compensation and pension benefits.

The Supplemental Plan serves as a stay-incentive for experienced executives by increasing the percentage of average final compensation provided as a benefit when the executive reaches specified service milestones.

For executive officers hired by the Company on January 1, 2006 or later, a defined contribution retirement benefit is available through the Tiffany & Co. Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan, and excess defined retirement benefit contributions ( Excess DCRB Contribution ) credited to the Tiffany and Company Executive Deferral Plan. Employer contributions credited to the Deferral Plan are calculated to compensate executives for pay amounts curtailed by reason of the limitations under Sections 401(a)(17) or 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Cumenal is a participant in each of these plans, and receives additional retirement benefits under his employment agreement, which were intended as make whole payments for amounts Mr. Cumenal forfeited at his prior employer. Mr. Cumenal accrued significant long-term pension benefits with his prior employer.

### *Life Insurance Benefits*

Why: IRS limitations render the life insurance benefits that the Company provides to all full-time U.S. employees in multiples of their annual salaries largely unavailable to the Company's executive officers. The Company maintains the relationship established for lower-compensated employees between annual salaries and life insurance benefits through executive-owned, employer-paid whole-life policies. (For an explanation of the key features of the life insurance benefits, see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS – Life Insurance Benefits.) The Committee considers the increase in policy cash value attributable to Company contributions to be part of target total direct compensation for purposes of the *Competitive Compensation Analysis* discussed below. Life insurance benefits are taxable to the executives and no gross-up is paid.

### *Disability Insurance Benefits*

Why: The Committee provides executive officers with special disability insurance benefits because their salaries are inconsistent with the income replacement limits of the Company's standard disability insurance policies. Thus, these special disability benefits maintain the relationship established for employees compensated below the IRS limit between annual cash compensation and disability benefits. Disability insurance premiums are taxable to the executives and no gross-up is paid.

### *Equity Ownership by Executive Officers and Directors*

In July 2006, the Board adopted a share ownership policy for executive officers to better align management's interests with those of stockholders over the long term. This policy was amended in March 2007 to include directors who are not executive officers. In Fiscal 2011, the Committee reviewed the policy with Pay Governance to assure that the levels and design remained competitive and appropriate; no change was made as a consequence of that review.

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Under the equity ownership policy, executive officers and non-executive directors are required to accumulate shares (and options for shares) of the Company's common stock until they have ownership of shares or options having a total market value equal to the following multiples of their base salaries (minimum annual retainer in the case of directors):

	Market Value of Company Stock Holdings as a
	Multiple of Base Salary (Minimum Annual
Position/Level	Retainer in the case of Non-Executive Directors)
Chief Executive Officer	Five Times
Non-Executive Directors	Five Times
President	Four Times
Executive Vice President	Three Times
Senior Vice President	Two Times

Under the share ownership policy, so long as 25% of the required market value consists of shares of the Company's common stock owned by an executive officer or director, then 50% of the positive current value of his or her vested (exercisable) stock options may also be counted towards compliance. For this purpose, the current value of a vested option is calculated as follows: current market value of the number of shares covered by the option less the total option exercise price.

Prior to satisfying this stock ownership requirement, an executive officer or director may not sell any shares except to:

satisfy required withholding for income taxes due upon exercise of stock options or vesting of performance-based restricted stock units;

pay the exercise price upon exercise of stock options; and

dispose of no more than 50% of the remaining shares issued upon exercise of stock options or vesting of performance-based restricted share units (after paying the exercise price and tax withholding).

The Committee regularly reviews progress toward compliance with the policy.

The policy provides executive officers and directors with a five-year period to achieve compliance, after first becoming subject to the policy. Executive officers or directors who achieve compliance, but fall out of compliance under certain circumstances, shall have two years to again achieve compliance.

As of January 31, 2012, the chief executive officer had exceeded his goal by more than four-fold and all of the remaining ten executive officers, other than Mr. Cumenal (who joined the Company in March 2011), had achieved their goal.

As of January 31, 2012, all of the directors had met their share ownership requirements.

*Hedging Not Permitted*

The Board of Directors adopted a worldwide policy on Insider Information, applicable to all employees including executive officers. The policy expressly prohibits speculative transactions (i.e. hedging), such as the purchase of calls or puts, selling short, or speculative transactions as to any rights, options, warrants or convertible securities related to Company securities. This policy does not affect the right to exercise or hold a stock option issued to the executive by the Company.



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### *Retention Agreements*

The Committee continues to believe that, during any time of possible or actual transition of corporate control, it would be important to keep the team of executive officers in place, free of distractions that might arise out of concern for personal financial advantage or job security. The Company has not had a single controlling stockholder for many years, and, depending upon the circumstances, executive officers could consider acquisition of a controlling interest as described in the retention agreements to be a prelude to a significant change in corporate policies and an incentive to leave. For these reasons, the Company has entered into retention agreements with each of the executive officers (other than Mr. Cumenal, who has an employment agreement) which provide financial incentives for them to remain in place during any such times. For a description of the retention agreements, see POTENTIAL PAYMENTS ON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL – Retention Agreements. For a description of Mr. Cumenal’s employment agreement, which contains comparable provisions to those of the retention agreements see COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS *Other Employment Agreements or Severance Plans for Executives* below.

The Committee believes that the retention agreements serve the best interests of the Company’s stockholders because such agreements:

will increase the value of the Company to a potential acquirer that requires delivery of an intact management team;

will help to keep management in place and focused should any situation arise in which a change of control looms but is not welcome or agreement has not yet been reached;

are a prudent defense to the possibility that one or more senior executive officers might retire or take a competing job offer during a time of transition; and

are not overly generous.

The Committee also believes that the independent directors are fully capable of weighing the merits of any proposed transaction and reaching a proper conclusion in the interests of the stockholders, even in the face of management’s advocacy of a transaction that would provide change in control payments to the executive officers.

### *Dual Triggers*

The retention agreements are dual-trigger arrangements in that they provide no benefits unless two events occur: (i) a change in control followed by (ii) a loss of employment.

### *Definition of Change in Control*

In Fiscal 2008, the Committee changed the definition of Change in Control for use in the Company’s arrangements with the executive officers. This change was made effective for equity grants made in January 2009 and thereafter. This change was also made for the retention agreements (see above) and all executive officers surrendered the old form of retention agreement and entered into a new form with the changed definition. Under the new definition, a Change in Control will be deemed to occur only in the following four situations:

a 35% share acquisition;

incumbent directors (including those nominated by incumbent directors) cease to be a majority;

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a corporate transaction, such as a merger, in which the shareholders prior to the transaction do not own 51% of the Company's assets;  
and

a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or Tiffany.

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*No Gross-Ups*

The retention agreements do not provide executive officers with reimbursement for excise taxes or other taxes in connection with severance payments or other amounts relating to the change in control.

*Other Employment Agreements or Severance Plans for Executives*

Apart from the retention agreements, the employment agreement entered into with Frederic Cumenal discussed below, and the retirement and non-competition Agreement with James E. Quinn discussed below, the Company:

is not party to any employment agreement with any executive officer that provides for severance benefits on termination of employment;

does not maintain any severance payment policy for executive officers; and

has the right to terminate the employment of any executive officer for any reason or no reason prior to the occurrence of a change in control.

**Frederic Cumenal Employment Agreement**

On March 10, 2011, Frederic Cumenal commenced employment with Tiffany as an executive officer with the title Executive Vice President and responsibility for sales and distribution of TIFFANY & CO. products in all markets other than the Americas. Tiffany entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Cumenal as part of the recruiting process. The employment agreement, which was approved by the Committee, addresses certain elements of the personal costs, foregone compensation and professional risk that Mr. Cumenal incurred to accept the position and relocate his family to the United States. That employment agreement includes the following key compensatory features:

Term: three-year initial term with sequential one-year extensions thereafter. Either Tiffany or Mr. Cumenal may give prior notice of non-extension. In the event of a Change in Control the term will continue for at least two years;

Base Salary: \$850,000 per year;

Target Annual Incentive Award: \$595,000 (70% of Base Salary). See *Fiscal 2011 Short-Term Goals* above;

One-time Three-year Time-Vesting RSU Grant: grant-date fair value of \$1,700,000 (200% of Base Salary);

Stock Option Grant: grant date fair value of \$850,000 (100% of Base Salary);

Performance-Based RSU Grant: grant-date fair value of \$850,000 (100% of Base Salary). See *Performance Targets, Thresholds and Maximums, Fiscal 2010 Performance-Based Grants* above;

Relocation Payment: a one-time award of \$650,000 subject to a claw-back of 38% should Mr. Cumenal resign without good reason within 18 months of employment;



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Deferred Compensation: because Mr. Cumenal will not be eligible to participate in any defined benefit pension plan offered by Tiffany, Tiffany will credit \$365,000 per year for the first 10 years of his employment to an interest-bearing account for Mr. Cumenal's retirement. He will be fully vested in this account after three years of employment;

Life Insurance Contributions: As it does for the other executive officers, Tiffany will contribute towards the premium on a whole-life insurance policy to be owned by Mr. Cumenal (up to \$150,000 per year). See *Life Insurance Benefits* above;

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French Pension Scheme Payments: Tiffany will make payments of approximately \$75,000 per year of employment for the benefit of Mr. Cumenal's account with the French social security and complementary pension schemes;

Tax Consultation: Tiffany will provide or reimburse Mr. Cumenal for income tax preparation assistance for 2011 and 2012 up to a maximum of \$30,000 each year;

Severance Prior to a Change in Control – Termination without Cause; Resignation for Good Reason (including Tiffany's refusal to extend the term): \$605,000; plus Base Salary for the balance of Term (minimum of one year; maximum of two years); plus continuation of medical and dental benefits for one year; and

Severance After a Change in Control – Termination without Cause; Resignation for Good Reason (including Tiffany's refusal to extend the term): \$1,210,000; plus two times Base Annual Salary; plus continuation of medical and dental benefits for two years.

If Mr. Cumenal terminates employment, Tiffany would also pay him an additional \$200,000 payment if Tiffany wanted him to adhere to his non-compete.

The One-time Three-year Time-Vesting RSU Grant and Deferred Compensation provisions of Mr. Cumenal's employment agreement were intended by the Committee and Mr. Cumenal as make whole payment for amounts Mr. Cumenal would forfeit at his prior employer. Mr. Cumenal had accrued significant long-term pension benefits with his prior employer.

The French Pension Scheme Payments were intended by the Committee to avoid loss of Mr. Cumenal's accruals under the French social security and complementary pension schemes.

The employment agreement contains definitions of Cause and Good Reason and has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 10.154 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated March 21, 2011.

**James E. Quinn Retirement and Non-Competition Agreement**

On February 1, 2012, James E. Quinn retired from the Company pursuant to a retirement and non-competition agreement entered into on January 19, 2012. Pursuant to that agreement (the key terms of which were approved by the Committee), and in exchange for the benefits described below, Mr. Quinn agreed to extend the duration of his non-competition covenants to one year. The key compensatory features are as follows:

Non-Compete Payment: A cash payment totaling \$1,887,000, to be paid in two equal installments on or about August 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013.

Acceleration of Stock Option Awards: Tranches of grants of non-qualified stock options made by the Company to Employee on January 28, 2009 and January 20, 2010, which were otherwise scheduled to vest in January 2013, became fully vested on Mr. Quinn's date of retirement.

2010 Grant of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units ( 2010 PSU Grant ): a portion of the stock units from the 2010 PSU Grant were vested (the Vested Portion ) and the balance of units from the 2010 PSU Grant cancelled as of the Date of Retirement. The Vested Portion was computed as follows: (28,000 Shares) times (0.66) times (the Performance Factor). The Performance Factor will be computed by the Company's Chief Financial Officer on the basis of the Company's actual earnings and return-on-assets performance during the fiscal years ended January 31, 2011 and 2012 and on the basis of performance planned for the fiscal year ending on January 31, 2013.



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The non-compete conditions of Mr. Quinn's outstanding Equity Awards and retirement benefits under the Excess Plan and Supplemental Plan, providing for forfeiture or recoupment in the event of a breach within a six-month period, remain in force.

### *Equity Grant Change in Control Provisions*

In 2009, the Committee adopted a comprehensive and restrictive view of the change in control circumstances which should permit accelerated vesting of stock options and performance-based restricted stock units.

The Committee believes that:

where practicable, executives should be required to meet the service vesting provisions of equity grants following a change in control;

the definition of "Change in Control" (see above) includes circumstances where it is sensible to require the executive to remain employed in order to vest in his/her equity grant and other circumstances where it is not sensible;

following a change in control, an executive should have the benefit of his/her equity grants if terminated without cause or if he/she resigns with good reason;

performance-based equity grants should be treated separately from grants that are purely time-vested because a change in control may result in a change in business strategy making it difficult, if not impossible, for the Company to achieve the performance criteria; and

the independent directors are fully capable of weighing the merits of any proposed transaction and reaching a proper conclusion in the interests of the stockholders, even in the face of management's advocacy of a transaction that would provide change in control payments to the executive officers.

### *Supplemental Plan Change in Control Provisions*

Consistent with its view that Change in Control ("CIC") entitlements should be triggered, in most circumstances, only on a loss of employment (a "dual-trigger"), the Committee's CIC Review also focused on the Supplemental Plan for executive retirement benefits. The Committee determined that the Plan, as previously structured, was inconsistent with that view and necessary conforming changes were made.

### *Termination for Cause*

Stock options granted under the 2005 Employee Incentive Plan may not be exercised after a termination for cause. Performance-based restricted stock units will not vest if termination for cause occurs before the conclusion of the three-year performance period.

### *Recoupment Provisions*

All executive officers have signed non-competition covenants that have a two-year post-employment term. For those who are age 60 or older at termination of employment or who attain age 60 within six months of termination, the term ends six months after termination. For all executive officers, the term ends in six months after termination if a change in control (as defined in the retention agreements) has occurred prior to termination of employment or during the six-month period. For all executive officers, once the six-month minimum period has passed, a change of control will result in an early end to the term.

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Violation of the non-compete covenants will result in:

loss of benefits under the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan;

loss of all rights under stock options and performance-based restricted stock units; and

mandatory repayment of all proceeds from stock options exercised or restricted stock units vested during a period beginning six months before termination and throughout the duration of the non-competition covenant.

*Clawback Policy: Adjustment or Recovery of Awards*

The Company currently operates in compliance with the clawback requirements of the Sarbanes Oxley Act with respect to the chief executive officer and chief financial officer. The Company does not currently have a separate policy that expressly provides for recoupment of executive incentive compensation if an accounting restatement is required due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements. The Committee awaits the Securities and Exchange Commission's adoption of final rules under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (i.e. Section 10D to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) addressing compensation clawbacks. After such rules are adopted, the Committee will consider adopting a policy in conformance with such rules.

*Competitive Compensation Analysis No Benchmarks*

Each year the Committee refers to competitive compensation (market) data because the Committee believes that such data are helpful in assessing the competitiveness of the total compensation offered to the Company's executive officers. However, the Committee does not consider such market data sufficient for a full evaluation of appropriate compensation for any individual executive officer. Accordingly, the Committee:

Has not set a benchmark to such data for any executive officer, although it does look to see if the Company's total executive program falls between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of market data;

Does not rely exclusively on compensation surveys or publicly available compensation information when it determines the compensation of individual executive officers; and

Also considers:

The comparability of compensation as between executive officers of comparable experience and responsibility;

Job comparability with market positions;

The recommendations of the chief executive officer; and

The Committee's own business judgment as to an individual's maturity, experience and tenure, capacity for growth, demonstrated success and desirability to the Company's competitors.

The Committee reviewed a competitive compensation analysis prepared on November 16, 2011 by Pay Governance LLC, a nationally recognized compensation consulting firm.

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The analysis included the following elements of compensation for each executive officer:

base salary;

target annual incentive or bonus as a percentage of salary;

target total cash compensation (salary plus target incentive/bonus award);

actual total cash compensation (salary plus actual incentive/bonus granted in the prior year);

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expected value of long-term incentives as a percentage of salary;

insurance cash contribution value;

target total direct compensation (target total cash compensation, life insurance cash value increases and the expected value of long-term incentives granted in the prior year);

actual total direct compensation (actual total cash compensation plus life insurance cash value increases and the expected value of long-term incentives granted in the prior year); and

pay mix.

The Committee believes that a competitive market for the services of retail executives exists, even among firms that operate in a different line of business. To fully understand market compensation levels for comparable executive positions, the analysis includes data for both retail and general industry companies, with greater emphasis on the former.

Defining an appropriate comparator group is a challenge because there are few U.S. companies of similar size in the luxury retail business with an integrated manufacturing function similar to the Company. Thus, as mentioned previously, the market data serve as reference points but the Committee does not benchmark to specific market pay levels.

In addition, for the retail market data, two retail groups are used. The first group is based on publicly available pay data from annual proxy statements, and the second group is based on pay data submitted to the Towers Watson Retail/Wholesale Industry and Executive Compensation Surveys. The second group includes privately-held companies and also provides compensation for positions that may not fall within the top five highest paid executives disclosed in the comparator companies' proxy statements, but the composition of the group varies year-over-year due to survey participation.

The analysis included data concerning compensation for senior positions provided by:

a survey of 16 U.S. public companies in the specialty retail industry with median revenues of \$3.1 billion (*see A below*);

a survey of 10 public and private companies in the retail industry with median revenues of \$3.1 billion (*see B below*); and

a survey of 274 companies in general industry with median revenues of \$2.6 billion.

For the Senior Vice President – Chief Marketing Officer, an additional market reference which reflects compensation for the top marketing position at the 2011 Interbrand Best Global Brands companies that participated in the Towers Watson Survey. Management consulted with Pay Governance LLC on the selection of companies for comparison, but Pay Governance LLC has maintained its own judgment in that regard.

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(A) Specialty Retail Companies: Abercrombie & Fitch; Ann Inc.; Coach Inc.; Foot Locker, Inc.; Limited Brands Inc.; Liz Claiborne, Inc.; Movado Group Inc.; Nordstrom Inc.; Pier 1 Imports Inc.; Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.; Phillips Van Heusen; Saks Incorporated; Sotheby's; The Talbot's Inc.; Williams-Sonoma Inc.; and Zale Corporation.

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(B) Retail Companies: Ann Inc.; Coach Inc.; Gap; Harry Winston Diamond Corp.; J. Crew Group Inc.; L.L. Bean; Limited Brands, Inc.; Nordstrom Inc.; Phillips-Van Heusen; and Zale Corporation.

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For retail-specific positions, the analysis of competitive compensation was determined by reference only to surveys of the retail industry mentioned above.

Because the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer and the chief operating officer do not occupy retail-specific positions, the analysis of competitive compensation was determined by reference to surveys of the retail industry mentioned above and to the general industry survey mentioned above.

Relative to the competitive market data, the Company's target total compensation (Fiscal 2011) was positioned as follows:

the chief executive officer's target total compensation was below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile;

the target total compensation for the named executive officers in retail-specific positions (Mr. Cumenal and Mr. King), and for the chief operating officer, are between the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles; and

the chief financial officer's total target compensation approximates the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile.

### *Compensation Committee Process*

#### *Tally sheets*

The Committee reviews tally sheets so that the total compensation and equity position in Company stock for each executive officer can be compared. The tally sheets are prepared by the Company's Human Resources Department for each executive officer and provided to the Committee. The tally sheets include data concerning historical compensation and wealth accumulation data from employment with Tiffany.

#### *Consultations with the Chief Executive Officer*

The Committee meets with the chief executive officer regularly and solicits his recommendations with respect to the compensation of the executive officers. In this context, his views as to the performance of the individual officers are provided to the Committee. Individual performance has not factored significantly in terms of incentive pay, although the Committee has reserved discretion in that regard, see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS, Non-Equity Incentive Awards.

#### *Coordination with Financial Results and Annual and Strategic Planning Process*

In January, the Committee reviews a forecast of financial results for the fiscal year ending that month with the chief financial officer and calculates the tentative payouts for short- and long-term incentives on that basis. Revised calculations and adjustments are prepared at the March meeting, when fiscal year financial results are nearly final and ready for public release, and when the annual profit plan and the strategic plan are presented for approval by the Board. After the public release of the financial results, the final calculation is made and the Committee authorizes management to make payment on prior year annual incentive awards and performance-based restricted stock unit awards for which the three-year performance period ended in the prior year and to enter into agreements with respect to current year annual incentive awards.

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The Committee awards stock options to executive officers at a meeting that occurs on the third Wednesday of January each year, or when individual promotions are recognized. The Committee has never authorized management to make awards of stock options. Since 2005, awards of performance-based restricted stock units have also been made at the January meeting with reference to a preliminary draft of the Company's strategic plan, although the specific financial goals are not set until the March meeting when the strategic plan is adopted.

### *Limitation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code*

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally denies a federal income tax deduction to the Company for compensation in excess of \$1 million per year paid to any of the named executive officers. This denial of deduction is subject to an exception for performance-based compensation such as the performance-based restricted stock units, stock options and annual incentive awards discussed above. Although the Committee has designed the executive compensation program with tax considerations in mind, the Committee does not believe that it would be in the best interests of the Company to adopt a policy that would preclude compensation arrangements subject to deduction limitations.

The compensation actually paid to the executive officers is deductible by the Company except in the following respect: compensation that exceeds \$1 million in any single year for any single named executive officer consisting of the following elements: Salary and All Other Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table, plus compensation that relates to the time-vesting restricted stock units described in note (c) to the Summary Compensation Table.

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## **REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

We have reviewed and discussed with the management of Tiffany & Co. the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement. Based on our review and discussions, we recommend to the Board of Directors, to the chief executive officer and to the chief financial officer that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012.

Compensation Committee and its Stock Option Subcommittee:

Gary E. Costley, Chair

Rose Marie Bravo

Abby F. Kohnstamm

Charles K. Marquis

Peter W. May

March 14, 2012

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**Table of Contents****SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE****Fiscal 2011, Fiscal 2010 and Fiscal 2009**

September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
Year	Salary (\$ (a))	Bonus (\$ (b))	Stock Awards (\$ (c))	Option Awards (\$ (d))	Non- Equity Incentive Plan Compen- sation (\$ (e))	Change in Pension Value and Nonquali- fied Deferred Compen- sation Earnings (\$ (f))	All Other Compen- sation (\$)		
2011	\$ 997,315		\$ 1,569,700	\$ 1,514,352	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 3,576,867	\$ 172,178 (g)	\$	\$
2010	\$ 958,957		\$ 2,914,347	\$ 1,472,010	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 2,144,799	\$ 167,124 (h)	\$	\$
2009	\$ 997,315		\$ 1,593,130	\$ 1,499,400	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,615,020	\$ 168,270 (i)	\$	\$
2011	\$ 513,617	\$ 310,000	\$ 966,197	\$ 936,380		\$ 607,692	\$ 79,693 (j)	\$	\$
2011	\$ 847,718		\$ 2,120,758	\$ 2,064,721	\$ 720,000	\$ 2,168,021	\$ 149,252 (k)	\$	\$
2010	\$ 746,452		\$ 980,991	\$ 944,723	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,172,618	\$ 125,244 (l)	\$	\$
2009	\$ 738,013		\$ 864,842	\$ 833,000	\$ 1,036,000	\$ 738,655	\$ 125,313 (m)	\$	\$
2011	\$ 756,425		\$ 3,501,889	\$ 1,709,681	\$ 720,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,236,409 (n)	\$	\$
2011	\$ 738,013		\$ 778,571	\$ 746,512	\$ 570,000	\$ 1,491,912	\$ 128,627 (o)	\$	\$
2010	\$ 604,329		\$ 756,938	\$ 725,020	\$ 650,000	\$ 1,481,319	\$ 98,499 (p)	\$	\$
2009	\$ 598,389		\$ 637,252	\$ 599,760	\$ 840,000	\$ 321,836	\$ 98,300 (q)	\$	\$

**Notes to Summary Compensation Table:**

- (a) Salary amounts include amounts deferred at the election of the executive under the Tiffany and Company Executive Deferral Plan (the Deferral Plan ) and under the 401(k) feature of the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan (the 401(k) ). Amounts deferred to the Deferral Plan are also shown in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table.
- (b) Bonus amounts include amounts deferred at the election of the executive under the Deferral Plan and under the 401(k). Bonus amounts are earned in the fiscal year ended January 31, and paid in April.
- (c) Amounts shown represent the dollar amount of the grant date fair value of the stock unit award calculated in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation ( Codification Topic 718 ) for the fiscal year in which the award was granted (which includes the grants made on January 18, 2012). The amounts shown are based on the assumption that the earnings target and return on assets target for the three-year performance period identified by the Committee for each respective grant will be met.

The maximum value of each award, assuming the highest level of performance conditions are met for the applicable period, calculated in accordance with Codification Topic 718, appear in the chart below. For Mr. Kowalski, the 2010 amount includes the grant date fair value of a

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one-time Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award of \$1,376,250, computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For Mr. McGuiness, the 2011 amount includes the grant date fair value of a one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award of \$558,075, computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For Mr. Fernandez, the 2011 amount includes the grant date fair value of a one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award of \$1,116,150 computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For Mr. Cumenal, the 2011 amount includes the grant date fair value of a one-time sign-on Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award of \$1,633,680, computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions.

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Executive	Position	2011	2010	2009
Michael J. Kowalski	Chairman & CEO	\$ 2,854,000	\$ 4,172,790	\$ 2,896,600
Patrick F. McGuiness	Senior Vice			
	President & CFO	\$ 1,300,115	Not a named Executive Officer	Not a named Executive Officer
James N. Fernandez	Executive			
	Vice President & COO	\$ 2,942,710	\$ 1,783,620	\$ 1,572,440
Frederic Cumenal	Executive Vice President	\$ 4,980,551	Not a named Executive Officer	Not a named Executive Officer
Jon M. King	Executive Vice President	\$ 1,415,584	\$ 1,376,250	\$ 1,158,640

- (d) Amounts shown represent the dollar amount of the grant date fair value of the stock option award (which includes the grants made on January 18, 2012) calculated in accordance with Codification Topic 718 for the fiscal year in which the award was granted. For Mr. McGuiness, the 2011 amount includes the grant date fair value of a one-time promotion stock option award of \$552,460, computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For Mr. Fernandez, the 2011 amount includes the grant date fair value of a one-time promotion stock option award of \$1,104,920, computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718, disregarding any estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions.
- (e) This column reflects cash annual incentive awards under the 2005 Employee Incentive Plan. These awards are earned in the fiscal year ended January 31 and are paid on the basis of achieved Performance Goals after the release of the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year. (For a description of the Performance Goals, see DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS - Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards.) This column includes amounts deferred at the election of the executive under the Deferral Plan. Amounts so deferred are also shown in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table.
- (f) This column represents the aggregate change, over the course of the fiscal year, in the actuarial present value of the executive's accumulated benefit under all defined benefit plans. This column does not include earnings under the Deferral Plan because neither is a defined benefit plan and because the Deferral Plan does not pay above-market or preferential earnings on compensation that is deferred.
- (g) Mr. Kowalski's Fiscal 2011 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$150,530); disability insurance premium (\$14,298); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$7,350).

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- (h) Mr. Kowalski's Fiscal 2010 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$147,072); disability insurance premium (\$14,298); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$5,754).
- (i) Mr. Kowalski's Fiscal 2009 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$147,072); disability insurance premium (\$14,298); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$6,900).
- (j) Mr. McGuinness's Fiscal 2011 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$62,232); disability insurance premium (\$10,111); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$7,350).
- (k) Mr. Fernandez's Fiscal 2011 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$125,492); disability insurance premium (\$16,410); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$7,350).
- (l) Mr. Fernandez's Fiscal 2010 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$102,003); disability insurance premium (\$16,410); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$6,831).
- (m) Mr. Fernandez's Fiscal 2009 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$102,003); disability insurance premium (\$16,410); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$6,900).
- (n) Mr. Cumenal's Fiscal 2011 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$150,000); disability insurance premium (\$11,500); Relocation Expenses (\$650,000); Defined Contribution to French Pension Scheme (\$43,621); Payment to Special Retirement Account (\$371,680); legal fees for work authorization and review of Senior Executive Employment Agreement (\$9,608). Please see the discussion of Mr. Cumenal's Senior Executive Employment Agreement and compensation paid thereunder, in connection with his commencement of employment in March 2011, on page PS 38.
- (o) Mr. King's Fiscal 2011 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$107,927); disability insurance premium (\$13,350); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$7,350).
- (p) Mr. King's Fiscal 2010 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$78,050); disability insurance premium (\$13,350); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$7,099).
- (q) Mr. King's Fiscal 2009 compensation included the following elements whose total incremental cost to the Company is shown in the column titled "All Other Compensation": life insurance premium (\$78,050); disability insurance premium (\$13,350); and 401(k) matching contribution (\$6,900).

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## GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

Fiscal 2011

## 2005 Employee Incentive Plan

Name	Award Type	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts			Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (a)		Estimated Future Payouts		Options/Awards (#)	(\$/Sh) (b)	Awards (c) (d)
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Number of Shares	Maximum	Number of Shares	Target (assuming)			
						Threshold	Number of Shares	Earnings	All Other			
						Number of Shares	(assuming Earnings Target is reached, with no Return on Assets Target is not met)	Target is exceeded by \$2.83 and Return on Assets Target is met)	Option/Stock Awards: Number of Securities	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards		Grant Date Fair Value of Equity
Michael J. Kowalski	Annual Incentive Performance-Based		\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000							
	RSU	1/18/12				6,250	25,000	50,000				\$ 1,569,700
	Stock Option	1/18/12							71,000	\$ 60.54		\$ 1,514,352
Patrick F. McGuinness	Annual Incentive Performance-Based		\$ 0	\$ 257,500	\$ 515,000							
	RSU	1/18/12				1,625	6,500	13,000				\$ 408,122
	Stock Option	1/18/12							18,000	\$ 60.54		\$ 383,920
	Time Vesting RSU	6/21/11							7,500 (e)			\$ 558,075
	Stock Option	6/21/11							20,000	\$ 76.85		\$ 552,460
James N. Fernandez	Annual Incentive Performance-Based		\$ 0	\$ 595,000	\$ 1,190,000							
	RSU	1/18/12				4,000	16,000	32,000				\$ 1,004,608
	Stock Option	1/18/12							45,000	\$ 60.54		\$ 959,801
	Time Vesting RSU	6/21/11							15,000 (e)			\$ 1,116,150
	Stock Option	6/21/11							40,000	\$ 76.85		\$ 1,104,920
Frederic Cumenal	Annual Incentive Performance-Based		\$ 0	\$ 595,000	\$ 1,190,000							
	RSU	1/18/12				3,575	14,300	28,600				\$ 897,868
	Stock Option	1/18/12							40,000	\$ 60.54		\$ 853,156
	Time Vesting RSU	3/10/11							27,228 (e)			\$ 1,633,680

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	Performance-Based								
	RSU	3/10/11				3,602	14,409	28,818	\$ 970,341
	Stock Option	3/10/11							\$ 856,525
Jon M. King	Annual Incentive		\$ 0	\$ 518,000	\$ 1,036,000				
	Performance-Based								
	RSU	1/18/12				3,100	12,400	24,800	\$ 778,571
	Stock Option	1/18/12							\$ 746,512

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**Table of Contents****Notes to Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table**

- (a) No portion of these awards will pay out unless an Earnings Threshold is attained over the three-year Performance Period ending January 31, 2015. If the Earnings Threshold is attained, the Committee may vest the Maximum Number of Shares, but has the discretion to reduce the vested number of shares by any amount down to zero shares.

The Committee has communicated to the executive officers that it intends to exercise its discretion as indicated in the following chart (subject to interpolation):

Earnings Performance	Percent of Target Shares Vesting for Earnings Performance	ROA Adjustment to Shares Vesting for Earnings Performance		
		(percent of Target)	Percent of Target Shares Vesting After ROA Adjustment	Percent of Maximum Number of Shares Vesting
<b>Threshold Not Reached</b>	0%	None	0%	None
<b>Threshold Reached</b>	25%	10% increase if ROA Target achieved	25% to 35%	12.5% to 17.5%
<b>Target Reached</b>	100%	10% increase if ROA Target achieved/	90% to 110%	45% to 55%
<b>Maximum Reached</b>	190%	10% decrease if ROA Target not achieved/ 10% increase if ROA Target achieved/	180% to 200%	90% to 100%

In March 2012, the Committee set the Earnings Threshold and the Earnings Target in terms of the Company's aggregate net earnings per share on a diluted basis (subject to adjustments as permitted under the Plan) over the three-year Performance Period.

The Earnings Threshold is \$9.64 per diluted share.

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The Earnings Target is \$13.94 per diluted share.

The Earnings Maximum is \$16.77 per diluted share.

The Committee set the ROA Target in terms of the Company's return on average assets in each of the fiscal years in the Performance Period, expressed as a percentage, and then averaged over the entire Performance Period.

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The ROA Target is 12.0%.

Amounts listed in the sub-column labeled Target Number of Shares reflect the Target Number of Shares, assuming the Earnings Target is reached, with no adjustment for the Return on Assets Target. If both the Earnings Target and the Return on Assets Target are met, the Board intends to exercise its discretion to vest the following increased number of shares for each named executive officer: Michael J. Kowalski, 27,500; Patrick F. McGuinness, 7,150; James N. Fernandez, 17,600; Frederic Cumenal, 15,730 and 15,849, respectively; and Jon M. King, 13,640.

- (b) The exercise price of all options was equal to or greater than the closing price of the underlying shares on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date. The Committee adopted the following pricing convention on January 18, 2007: the higher of (i) the simple arithmetic mean of the high and low sales price of such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date or (ii) the closing price on such Exchange on the grant date. Options granted before that date were priced at the simple arithmetic mean of the high and low sales price of such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date.
- (c) The grant date fair value of each option award was computed in accordance with Codification Topic 718.
- (d) The grant date fair value of each performance-based award was computed assuming that the Target Number of Shares would vest due to earnings performance and would be increased by 10 percent due to return-on-asset performance. For additional information regarding performance-based compensation, see the table titled OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END beginning on page PS-56.
- (e) These awards will vest and convert to Common Shares if Messrs. McGuinness and Fernandez remain employed until the third anniversary of the grant date.

**DISCUSSION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

**AND GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS**

**Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards**

*Fiscal 2011*

At the beginning of Fiscal 2011, the Committee granted cash (non-equity) awards. The potential maximum payout under these awards was to be determined on the basis of Fiscal 2011 earnings performance. When these awards were made the Committee retained discretion to reduce the maximum payout. The Committee used that discretion to adjust the awards; accordingly, the awards paid out at 119% of target (59.5% of maximum), on average.

The performance goal established for Fiscal 2011 was net earnings (subject to adjustment as permitted in the Plan) of \$264 million. Because that goal was reached, each of the named executive officers was tentatively eligible to receive a maximum incentive award of 200% of target, subject to the Committee's discretion to reduce the award.

When the Committee established the performance goal it also communicated to the named executive officers that it would reduce the maximum incentive award:

to zero, if Fiscal 2011 net earnings did not equal or exceed \$308 million;

to the target amount, if net earnings equaled \$440 million; and

to 200% of the target amount if net earnings equaled or exceeded \$572 million.

The Committee also communicated that if earnings were to fall between the markers indicated, the award would be interpolated accordingly.



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The Committee also communicated that it reserves the right to consider other relevant factors in reducing an annual incentive award below the maximum allowable based on achievement of earnings objectives set forth above.

The other relevant factors that the Committee indicated it would consider were:

annual progress towards strategic plan objectives;

business unit growth and/or profitability (where the executive officer has responsibility for such growth and/or profitability);

organizational development;

contributions to the working environment of his/her team and/or development of a positive working environment for employees;

business process improvement;

cost containment and/or cost reduction efforts; and

significant force majeure events, such as earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters, unanticipated at the time that the annual business plan was developed.

Furthermore, the applicable employee incentive plan (the Amended and Restated Tiffany & Co. 2005 Employee Incentive Plan, approved by the stockholders), permits the Committee to adjust any evaluation of performance under a performance goal to exclude any of the following events that occurs during a Performance Period: (i) asset write-downs, (ii) litigation or claim judgment or settlements, (iii) the effect of changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results, (iv) accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs, and (v) extraordinary non-recurring items as described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in said Annual Report for the applicable year.

*Fiscal 2010 and Fiscal 2009*

In Fiscal 2010 and 2009, annual incentive awards were paid out as follows:

In Fiscal 2010, the Company's consolidated net earnings exceeded the target established by the Committee by 18.8%, and annual incentive awards and bonuses were paid out at 154% of the target amount, on average.

In Fiscal 2009, the Company's consolidated net earnings exceeded the target established by the Committee by 30%, and annual incentive awards and bonuses were paid out at 200% of the target amount.

*Difference between Bonus Awards and Annual Incentive Awards*

Annual incentive awards paid to Messrs. Kowalski, Fernandez, Cumenal and King differ from bonuses paid to other executive officers as follows:

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Annual incentive awards are paid under the terms of the 2005 Employee Incentive Plan and will be paid only if the Company meets objective performance goals. This promise is set out in written agreements.

Bonuses are not subject to written agreements. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to increase, decrease or withhold such bonuses. It has been the Committee's practice to align bonuses with annual incentive awards.

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Annual incentive awards are designed so that the amounts paid out will be deductible to the Company and not count against the one million dollar limitation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Each of the named executive officers is subject to that limitation.

If a bonus is paid, and the total annual cash compensation paid to that executive in the year of bonus was to exceed the one million dollar limitation, the excess would not be deductible to the Company for federal income tax purposes.

**Equity Incentive Plan Awards Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units**

In January 2005, the Compensation Committee first awarded equity incentive awards Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units ( Units ) to the executive officers. Units were subsequently granted in January of each subsequent year. The January 2012 award is reflected in the GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS table under the column headed Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards.

*General terms of Unit grants:*

Units are exchanged on a one-to-one basis for shares of the Company s common stock if the Units vest;

Vesting is determined at the end of a three-year performance period;

No Units vest if the executive voluntarily resigns, retires or is terminated for cause during the three-year performance period, although partial vesting is provided for in cases of termination for death or disability;

No dividends are paid or accrued on Units;

No Units vest (other than for reasons of death, disability or on a change in control) if the Company fails to meet a three-year cumulative EPS performance threshold set by the Compensation Committee within 90 days after the start of the performance period (the earnings test for the January 2009 grant differs see below); and

EPS performance above the threshold results in a greater payout and failure to achieve a return-on-asset target ( ROA Target ) results in a reduced payout (there is no ROA Target for the January 2009 grant see below).

*Performance tests for January 2009 Grants Performance Period ending January 31, 2012:*

Units will vest 100% or not at all;

Earnings Test: earnings from continuing operations of \$300 million in any one of the three years within the performance period; and

The performance test was met in the period ended January 31, 2010 and, therefore, the Units will vest at 100% for those executives who remain employed through January 31, 2012.

*Performance tests for January 2010 Grants Performance Period ending January 31, 2013:*

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Earnings Threshold: cumulative net EPS of \$4.25 per diluted share;

Earnings Target: cumulative net EPS of \$9.10 per diluted share;

ROA Target: 10.6%;

If the Threshold is reached, the Committee has the discretion to vest the maximum number of shares but has indicated that it will use its retained discretion to reduce the award based on the guidance that follows;

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Target Shares for Vesting: 50% of the Units granted;

Units tentatively vest based on the following EPS performance hurdles:

25% of Target Shares at Earnings Threshold;

100% of Target Shares at Earnings Target; and

190% of Target Shares if Earnings Target is Exceeded by 34.2% (\$12.21 per diluted share);

No units vest if Earnings Threshold is not achieved;

After tentative vesting is determined, a ROA test is applied;

If Earnings Threshold is met but Earnings Target has not, achievement of ROA Target will result in a 10% increase in vesting;

If Earnings Target has been met, but ROA Target has not, the tentatively vested Units will be reduced by 10%;

If both Earnings Target and ROA Target have been met, the tentatively vested Units will be increased by 10%;

100% vesting (twice Target Shares) occurs only if the Company exceeds the Earnings Target by 34.2% and achieves the ROA Target; and

Under no combination of circumstances will vesting occur for more than the number of Units granted (twice Target Shares).

*Performance tests for January 2011 Grants Performance Period ending January 31, 2014:*

Earnings Threshold: cumulative net EPS of \$5.80 per diluted share;

Earnings Target: cumulative net EPS of \$12.12 per diluted share;

Earnings Maximum: cumulative net EPS of \$16.43 per diluted share;

ROA Target: 12.2%;

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If the Threshold is reached, the Committee has the discretion to vest the maximum number of shares.

Target Shares for Vesting: 50% of the Units granted;

Units tentatively vest based on the following EPS performance hurdles:

25% of Target Shares at Earnings Threshold;

100% of Target Shares at Earnings Target; and

190% of Target Shares at Earnings Maximum;

No units vest if Earnings Threshold is not achieved;

After tentative vesting is determined, a ROA test is applied;

If Earnings Threshold is met but Earnings Target has not, achievement of ROA Target will result in a 10% increase in vesting;

If Earnings Target has been met, but ROA Target has not, the tentatively vested Units will be reduced by 10%;

If both Earnings Target and ROA Target have been met, the tentatively vested Units will be increased by 10%;

100% vesting (twice Target Shares) occurs only if the Company attains the Earnings Maximum and achieves the ROA Target; and

Under no combination of circumstances will vesting occur for more than the number of Units granted (twice Target Shares).

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*Performance tests for January 2012 Grants Performance Period ending January 31, 2015:*

Same scheme as for the January 2011 Grants see above but with different Earnings Threshold, Earnings Target and ROA Target. See Note (a) to Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.

*General Note:* the Committee retains the discretion to adjust achieved performance so that executive officers will not be advantaged or disadvantaged by extraordinary transactions.

### **One-Time Restricted Stock Unit Awards to Frederic Cumenal, James N. Fernandez and Patrick F. McGuiness**

The one-time sign-on Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award made to Frederic Cumenal on March 10, 2011 (27,228 Units) will vest (and convert to shares of the Company's common stock) if Mr. Cumenal remains employed by Tiffany on March 10, 2014. The one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Awards made to James N. Fernandez and Patrick F. McGuiness on June 21, 2011 (15,000 Units and 7,500 Units respectively) will vest (and convert to shares of the Company's common stock) for each recipient if he remains employed by Tiffany on June 21, 2014.

For each grant discussed above, there is no financial performance condition to vesting, and vesting will occur for 100% of the Units or not at all. Earlier vesting will occur for the recipient should such recipient die, become disabled, be terminated without cause or resign from employment with good reason. Good reason effectively means a material adverse change in his duties, authority or responsibilities. Earlier vesting may also occur in certain Change in Control circumstances. See POTENTIAL PAYMENTS ON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL below.

### **Options**

Options vest (become exercisable) in four equal annual installments. Vesting of each installment is contingent on continued employment, except in the event of death, disability or change in control (see Explanation of Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control).

The exercise price for each share subject to an option is its fair market value on the date of grant. (For an explanation of the method of determining the exercise price of options, see Note (b) to the GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS table).

Options expire no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grant date. Options expire earlier on:

termination of employment (three months after termination); or

death, disability or retirement (two years after the event).

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**Life Insurance Benefits**

The key features of the life insurance benefit that the Company provides to its executive officers are:

executive officers own whole life policies on their own lives;

the death benefit is three times annual salary and target annual incentive award or bonus, as the case may be;

the Company pays the premium on such policies in an amount sufficient to accumulate cash value;

premiums are calculated to accumulate a target cash value at age 65;

the target cash value will allow the policy to remain in force after age 65 without payment of further premiums with a death benefit equivalent to twice the executive officer's ending annual salary and target annual incentive or bonus amount;

the amount of the premiums paid by the Company is taxable income to the executive officer;

in 2008 and years prior thereto, the Company paid the additional amounts necessary in order to prevent the executive officer from being subjected to increased income taxes as a result of the taxable premium income; and

since 2009, the Company has not paid any additional amounts to offset the income tax attributable to the premiums paid on behalf of the executives.

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## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

January 31, 2012

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date (a)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards Number Of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (b) (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards Market or Payout Value Of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Michael J. Kowalski	85,000		\$ 37.8350	1/31/16		
	77,000		\$ 40.1500	1/18/17		
	101,000		\$ 37.6450	1/17/18	65,200/65,200 (c)	\$ 4,159,760 (g)
	116,250	38,750	\$ 23.0000	1/28/19	53,480/70,000 (d)	\$ 3,412,024 (h)
	45,000	45,000	\$ 43.3700	1/20/20	28,753/50,800 (e)	\$ 1,834,441 (i)
	16,750	50,250	\$ 58.0000	1/20/21	27,500/50,000 (f)	\$ 1,754,500 (j)
	0	71,000	\$ 60.5400	1/18/22	25,000/25,000 (k)	\$ 1,595,000 (n)
Patrick F. McGuiness	10,000		\$ 39.7500	1/15/14		
	5,920		\$ 31.6750	1/20/15		
	9,000		\$ 40.1500	1/18/17		
	17,000		\$ 37.6450	1/17/18		
	22,500	7,500	\$ 23.0000	1/28/19	12,600/12,600 (c)	\$ 803,880 (g)
	10,000	10,000	\$ 43.3700	1/20/20	12,224/16,000 (d)	\$ 779,891 (h)
	4,250	12,750	\$ 58.0000	1/20/21	7,358/13,000 (e)	\$ 469,440 (i)
0	20,000	\$ 76.8500	6/21/21	7,150/13,000 (f)	\$ 456,170 (j)	
0	18,000	\$ 60.5400	1/18/22	7,500 /7,500 (l)	\$ 478,500 (n)	
James N. Fernandez	39,000	21,150	\$ 40.1500	1/18/17	36,200/36,200 (c)	\$ 2,309,560 (g)

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57,000	25,000	\$ 37.6450	1/17/18	29,032/38,000 (d)	\$ 1,852,242 (h)
21,150	32,250	\$ 23.0000	1/28/19	18,338/32,400 (e)	\$ 1,169,964 (i)
25,000	40,000	\$ 43.3700	1/20/20	17,600/32,000 (f)	\$ 1,122,880 (j)
10,750	45,000	\$ 58.0000	1/20/21	15,000/15,000 (l)	\$ 957,000 (n)
0		\$ 76.8500	6/21/21		
0		\$ 60.5400	1/18/22		

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**Table of Contents****OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END (continued)****January 31, 2012**

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number Of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number Of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date (a)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards Number Of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (b) (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards Market or Payout Value Of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Frederic Cumenal	0	37,168	\$ 62.4350	3/10/21	16,311 /28,818 (e)	\$ 1,040,641 (i)
	0	40,000	\$ 60.5400	1/18/22	15,730 /28,600 (f)	\$ 1,003,574 (j)
					27,228 /27,228 (m)	\$ 1,737,146 (n)
Jon M. King	23,000		\$ 37.8350	1/31/16		
	10,000		\$ 33.7850	6/07/16		
	26,000		\$ 40.1500	1/18/17		
	41,000	0	\$ 37.6450	1/17/18		
	15,500	15,500	\$ 23.0000	1/28/19	26,100 /26,100 (c)	\$ 1,665,180 (g)
	18,000	18,000	\$ 43.3700	1/20/20	21,392 /28,000 (d)	\$ 1,364,810 (h)
	8,250	24,750	\$ 58.0000	1/21/21	14,150 /25,000 (e)	\$ 902,770 (i)
	0	35,000	\$ 60.5400	1/18/22	13,640 /24,800 (f)	\$ 870,232 (j)

**Notes to Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-end Table**

- (a) For any option reported, the grant date was ten (10) years prior to the expiration date shown. All options vest 25% per year over the four-year period following a grant date.
- (b) In this column, the number to the left of the slash mark indicates the number of shares on which the payout value shown in the column to the right was computed. See Notes (g), (h), (i) and (j) below. The number to the right of the slash mark indicates the total number of shares that would vest upon attainment of all performance objectives over the three-year performance period.
- (c) This 2009 grant would have vested three business days following the date on which the Company's financial results for Fiscal 2011 are publicly reported.
- (d)

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This 2010 grant will vest three business days following the date on which the Company's financial results for Fiscal 2012 are publicly reported.

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- (e) This 2011 grant will vest three business days following the date on which the Company's financial results for Fiscal 2013 are publicly reported.
- (f) This 2012 grant will vest three business days following the date on which the Company's financial results for Fiscal 2014 are publicly reported.
- (g) This value has been computed on the assumption that the Earnings from Continuing Operations Target will be met in any of Fiscal 2009, 2010, or 2011. The performance test was met in the period ended January 31, 2010 and, therefore, the Units will vest at 100%. The resulting value was computed on the basis of the stock closing price of \$63.80 on January 31, 2012.
- (h) This value has been computed at 76.4% of maximum based upon Company EPS and ROA performance in Fiscal 2010 and Fiscal 2011 and projections for Fiscal 2012. The resulting value was computed on the basis of the stock closing price of \$63.80 on January 31, 2012.
- (i) This value has been computed at 56.6% of maximum based upon Company EPS and ROA performance in Fiscal 2011 and projections for Fiscal 2012 and Fiscal 2013. The resulting value was computed on the basis of the stock closing price of \$63.80 on January 31, 2012.
- (j) This value has been computed on the assumption that the Earnings per Share target will be met and on the Assumption that the Return on Asset performance goal will have been achieved. The resulting value was computed on the basis of the stock closing price of \$63.80 on January 31, 2012.
- (k) This one-time Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award, granted on January 20, 2011, will vest on January 20, 2014.
- (l) This one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award will vest on June 21, 2014.
- (m) This one-time sign-on Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award will vest on March 10, 2014.
- (n) The value was computed on the basis of the stock closing price of \$63.80 on January 31, 2012.

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**Table of Contents****OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED****Fiscal 2011**

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Michael J. Kowalski	640,000 (a)	\$ 22,176,353	0	\$ 0
Patrick F. McGuiness	10,000 (b)	\$ 476,304	0	\$ 0
James N. Fernandez	169,000 (c)	\$ 5,139,132	0	\$ 0
Frederic Cumenal	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Jon M. King	123,500 (d)	\$ 4,858,210	0	\$ 0

**Notes to Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table**

- (a) Weighted-average holding period for options exercised: 7.8 years.
- (b) Weighted-average holding period for options exercised: 8.7 years.
- (c) Weighted-average holding period for options exercised: 5.4 years.
- (d) Weighted-average holding period for options exercised: 6.3 years.

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**Table of Contents****PENSION BENEFITS TABLE**

Name	September 30, Plan Name (a)	September 30, Number of Years Credited Service	September 30, Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Benefits (\$)	September 30, Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Michael J. Kowalski	Pension Plan	33 (b) (d)	\$ 1,005,922	\$ 0
	Excess Plan	33 (b) (d)	\$ 11,393,901	\$ 0
	Supplemental Plan	33 (b) (d)	\$ 2,119,521	\$ 0
Patrick F. McGuiness	Pension Plan	21	\$ 341,698	\$ 0
	Excess Plan	21	\$ 706,967	\$ 0
	Supplemental Plan	21	\$ 341,778	\$ 0
James N. Fernandez	Pension Plan	33 (c) (d)	\$ 840,532	\$ 0
	Excess Plan	33 (c) (d)	\$ 5,156,656	\$ 0
	Supplemental Plan	33 (c) (d)	\$ 955,152	\$ 0
Jon M. King	Pension Plan	21 (d)	\$ 522,183	\$ 0
	Excess Plan	21 (d)	\$ 2,356,985	\$ 0
	Supplemental Plan	21 (d)	\$ 1,369,363	\$ 0

**Notes to Pension Benefits Table**

- (a) The formal names of the plans are: the Tiffany and Company Pension Plan ( Pension Plan ), the Tiffany and Company Un-funded Retirement Plan to Recognize Compensation in Excess of Internal Revenue Code Limits ( Excess Plan ) and the Tiffany and Company Supplemental Retirement Income Plan ( Supplemental Plan ).
- (b) Mr. Kowalski has been credited with 6.4 years of service for his period of employment prior to October 15, 1984 with the corporation that was, immediately before that date, Tiffany's parent corporation. Under the Supplemental Plan, the combined benefit available under the retirement plans and Social Security is 60% of average final compensation for a participant with 25 or more years of service (see *Supplemental Plan*). Because Mr. Kowalski attained 25 years of service with Tiffany as of October 14, 2009, the total retirement benefit available to him will not increase as a result of the credited 6.4 years of service described above. Rather, the effect of this credited service has been to augment the present value of his accumulated benefit under the Pension Plan and Excess Plan only as follows, resulting in a reduced obligation under the Supplemental Plan:

	September 30,
Pension Plan	\$ 191,249
Excess Plan	\$ 2,166,248
Supplemental Plan	\$ (2,357,497)

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- (c) Mr. Fernandez has been credited with 6.3 years of service for his period of employment prior to October 15, 1984 with the corporation that was, immediately before that date, Tiffany's parent corporation. Under the Supplemental Plan, the combined benefit available under the retirement plans and Social Security is 60% of average final compensation for a participant with 25 or more years of service (see *Supplemental Plan*). Because Mr. Fernandez attained 25 years of service with Tiffany as of October 14, 2009, the total retirement benefit available to him will not increase as a result of the credited 6.3 years of service described above. Rather, the effect of this credited service has been to augment the present value of his accumulated benefit under the Pension Plan and Excess Plan only as follows, resulting in a reduced obligation under the Supplemental Plan:

	<b>September 30,</b>
Pension Plan	\$ 158,120
Excess Plan	\$ 970,064
Supplemental Plan	\$ (1,128,184)

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- (d) Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. King are currently eligible for early retirement under each of the Pension, Excess and Supplemental Plan. See *Early Retirement* on page PS-69. They are each eligible for early retirement because they have reached age 55 and have accumulated at least ten years of credited service. The normal retirement age under each of the plans is 65. However those eligible for early retirement may retire with a reduced benefit. For retirement at age 55, the reduction in benefit would be 40%, as compared to the benefit at age 65. The benefit reduction for early retirement is computed as follows:

For retirement between age 60 and age 65, the executive's age at early retirement is subtracted from 65; for each year in the remainder the benefit is reduced by five percent;

Thus, for retirement at age 60 the reduction is 25%;

For retirement between age 55 and age 60, the reduction is 25% plus an additional three percent for each year by which retirement age precedes age 60.

### **Assumptions Used in Calculating the Present Value of the Accumulated Benefits**

The assumptions used in the Pension Benefit Table are that the executive would retire at age 65; post-retirement mortality based upon the RP2000 Male/Female Mortality Table Projected to the date of each future cash flow (i.e. a fully generational mortality projection); a discount rate of 5.0%. All assumptions were consistent with those used to prepare the financial statements for Fiscal 2011.

### **Features of the Retirement Plans**

Tiffany has established three retirement plans for eligible employees: the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan. The executive officers of the Company (other than Mr. Cumenal) are eligible to participate in all three.

#### *Average Final Compensation*

Average final compensation is used in each plan to calculate benefits. A participant's average final compensation is the average of the highest five years of compensation received in the last 10 years of creditable service.

In general, compensation reported in the SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE above as Salary, Bonus or Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation is compensation for purposes of the Plans; amounts attributable to the exercise of stock options or to the vesting of restricted stock are not included. However, Internal Revenue Code requirements limit the amount of compensation that may be included in calculating the benefit under the Pension Plan.

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### *Pension Plan*

These are the key features of the Pension Plan:

it is a tax-qualified plan, that is, it is designed to comply with those provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to retirement plans;

it is a funded plan (money has been deposited into a trust that is insulated from the claims of the Company's creditors);

it is available at no cost to regular full-time employees of Tiffany hired before January 1, 2006;

executive officers other than Mr. Cumenal are participants;

benefits vest after five years of service;

benefits are based on the participant's average final compensation and years of service;

benefits are subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations on the total benefit and the amount that may be included in average final compensation; and

benefits are not offset by Social Security.

The benefit formula under the Pension Plan first calculates an annual amount based on average final compensation and then multiplies it by years of service. This is the formula:  $[(\text{average final compensation less covered compensation}) \times 0.015] \text{ plus } [(\text{average final compensation up to covered compensation}) \times 0.01] \times \text{years of service}$ . Covered compensation varies by the participant's birth date and it is an average of taxable wage bases calculated for Social Security purposes.

Example: covered compensation for a person born in 1952 is \$72,600. This person has average final compensation of \$100,000 and 25 years of service. The Pension benefit at age 65 would be calculated as follows:  $[(\$100,000 - \$72,600) \times 0.015] \text{ plus } [(\$72,600) \times 0.01] \times 25 = \$28,425$  annual benefit for a single life annuity.

The form of benefit elected can reduce the amount of benefit. The highest benefit is available for an unmarried participant who elects to take the benefit over the course of his or her own life (a single-life annuity). A person who elects to take the benefit over the course of two lives, such as a 100% annuity over the lives of the participant and his or her spouse, will experience an actuarial reduction in the amount of his or her benefit.

### *Excess Plan*

These are the key features of the Excess Plan:

it is not a qualified plan and is not subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations;

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it is not funded (benefits are paid out of the Company's general assets, which are subject to the claims of the Company's creditors);

it is available only to officers and other select management employees whose benefits under the Pension Plan are affected by Internal Revenue Code limitations, including executive officers other than Mr. Cumenal;

it uses the same retirement benefit formula as is set forth in the Pension Plan, but includes in average final compensation earnings that are excluded under the Pension Plan due to Internal Revenue Code Limitations;

benefits are offset by benefits payable under the Pension Plan;

benefits are not offset by benefits payable under Social Security;

benefits vest after five years of service;

benefits are subject to forfeiture if employment is terminated for cause;

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for those who leave Tiffany prior to age 65, benefits are subject to forfeiture for failure to execute and adhere to non-competition and confidentiality covenants;

benefits are payable upon the later of the participant's separation from service, as defined under the plan, or attainment of age 55; and

participants will not receive any distribution from the plan until six months following separation from service.

*Supplemental Plan*

These are the key features of the Supplemental Plan:

it is not a qualified plan and is not subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations;

it is not funded (benefits are paid out of the Company's general assets, which are subject to the claims of the Company's creditors);

it is available only to executive officers, other than Mr. Cumenal;

it uses a different benefit formula than that used by the Pension Plan and the Excess Plan;

benefits are offset by benefits payable under the Pension Plan and the Excess Plan;

benefits are offset by benefits payable under Social Security;

benefits do not vest until the executive attains, while employed by Tiffany, age 65, or age 55 if he or she has provided 10 years of service (benefits will vest earlier on a termination from employment following a change in control (See Definition of a Change in Control below));

benefits are subject to forfeiture if employment is terminated for cause;

for those who leave Tiffany prior to age 65, benefits are subject to forfeiture for failure to execute and adhere to non-competition and confidentiality covenants; and

participants will not receive any distribution from the plan until six months following separation from service as defined under the plan.

As its name implies, the Supplemental Plan supplements payments under the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan and from Social Security so that total benefits equal a variable percentage of the participant's average final compensation.

Depending upon the participant's years of service with Tiffany, the combined benefit under the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan, the Supplemental Plan and from Social Security would be as follows:



Years of Service	September 30, Combined Annual Benefit As a Percentage of Average Final Compensation
less than 10	(a)
10-14	20%
15-19	35%
20-24	50%
25 or more	60%

- (a) The formula for benefits under the Pension and Excess Plans is a function of years of service and covered compensation (subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations in the case of the Pension Plan) and not any specific percentage of the participant's average final compensation (see above). A retiree with less than 10 years of service would not receive any benefit under the Supplemental Plan but could expect to receive a benefit of approximately 13% of average final compensation under the Pension and Excess Plans.

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**Table of Contents***Early Retirement and Extra Service Credit*

Please refer to Note (d) on page PS-61 for a discussion of the early retirement features of the Plans.

Tiffany does not have a policy for or practice of granting extra years of credited service under the Plans. Mr. Kowalski and Mr. Fernandez have credit for service with Tiffany's former parent corporation. This credit was arranged in 1984 when the Company purchased Tiffany.

**NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION TABLE**

(Fiscal 2011)

Name	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	Executive Contribution In Last Fiscal Year (a) (\$)	Registrant Contribution In Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Aggregate Earnings In Last Fiscal Year (b) (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance At Last Fiscal Year End (c) (\$)
Michael J. Kowalski	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,328	\$ 0	\$ 388,652
Patrick F. McGuinness	\$ 85,000	\$ 0	\$ (7,213)	\$ 0	\$ 526,627
James N. Fernandez	\$ 122,386	\$ 0	\$ 6,494	\$ 0	\$ 1,675,853
Frederic Cumenal	\$ 17,607	\$ 0	\$ 573	\$ 0	\$ 18,180
Jon M. King	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Note to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table**

- (a) This column includes amounts that are also included in the amounts shown in the columns headed "Salary" or "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (b) Amounts shown in this column are not reported as compensation in the Summary Compensation Table because the Company's Executive Deferral Plan does not pay above-market or preferential earnings on compensation that is deferred.
- (c) Amounts shown in this column include amounts that were reported as compensation in the Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal 2011 and for prior fiscal years to the extent that such amounts were contributed by the executive but not to the extent that such amounts represent earnings. See Note (b) above.

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### **Features of the Executive Deferral Plan**

These are the key features of the Company's Executive Deferral Plan:

Participation is open to directors and executive officers of the Company as well as other vice presidents and director-level employees of Tiffany;

Directors of the Company may defer all of their cash compensation;

Employees may defer up to 50% of their salary and up to 90% of their cash annual incentive or bonus compensation;

The Company makes no contribution and guarantees no specific return on money deferred;

Deferrals are placed in a trust that is subject to the claims of Tiffany's creditors;

Deferred compensation is invested by the trustee in various mutual funds as directed by Tiffany, which follows the directions of participants;

The value in the participant's account (and Tiffany's responsibility for payment) is measured by the return on the investments selected by the participant;

Deferrals may be made to a Retirement Account and to accounts which will pay out on specified in-service dates;

Participants must elect to make deferrals in advance of the period during which the deferred compensation is earned;

Retirement Accounts pay out in 5, 10, 15 or 20 annual installments after retirement as elected in advance by the participant;

Except in the case of previously elected in-service payout dates, participants are not allowed to withdraw funds while they remain employed other than for unforeseeable emergencies and then only with the permission of Tiffany's Board;

Termination of services generally triggers a distribution of all account balances other than, in the case of retirement or disability, retirement balances; and

Most participants, including all executive officers, will not receive any distribution from the plan until six months following termination of services.

### **Excess DCRB Feature of the Executive Deferral Plan**

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In 2010, the Executive Deferral Plan was amended to provide an excess retirement benefit to Eligible Employees of the company with the title of Vice President or above. If an Eligible Employee who is also a Vice President or above, is entitled to a DCRB Contribution under the Tiffany & Co. Employee Profit Sharing and Retirement Savings Plan, and such DCRB Contribution is curtailed by reason of the limitations under Sections 401(a)(17) or 415 of the Code, the Eligible Employee shall have an Excess DCRB Contribution credited to his or her Deferred Benefit Accounts under the Executive Deferral Plan. This feature is intended to benefit those executives who were hired on or after January 1, 2006, and accordingly were precluded from participation in the Pension Plan and Excess Plan.

In March 2012, Mr. Cumenal was credited with an Excess DCRB Contribution of \$13,386 for Fiscal 2011.

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**Table of Contents****POTENTIAL PAYMENTS ON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL**

The following table shows payments, the value of accelerated vesting of equity compensation and the value of benefits that would have been provided or that would have accrued, to the named executive officers in the event that a change in control of the Company had occurred on January 31, 2012 and on the further assumption that the employment of the executive officer was involuntarily terminated without cause at that time:

Name	September 30, Early Vesting of Supplemental Plan (a)	September 30, Cash Severance Payment (b)	September 30, Welfare Benefits (c)	September 30, Early Vesting of Stock Options (d)	September 30, Early Vesting of Restricted Stock Units (e)	September 30, Total (k)
Michael J. Kowalski	\$ 0	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 41,206	\$ 3,023,260	\$ 9,853,272 (g)	\$ 16,917,738
Patrick F. McGuiness	\$ 405,753	\$ 1,545,000	\$ 41,206	\$ 642,930 (f)	\$ 2,245,760 (h)	\$ 4,880,649
James N. Fernandez	\$ 0	\$ 2,890,000	\$ 41,206	\$ 1,721,700 (f)	\$ 5,583,776 (i)	\$ 10,236,682
Frederic Cumenal	\$ 0	\$ 2,890,000	\$ 41,206	\$ 181,134	\$ 2,288,722 (j)	\$ 5,401,062
Jon M. King	\$ 0	\$ 2,516,000	\$ 14,751	\$ 1,257,790	\$ 3,394,160	\$ 7,182,701

**Notes to Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control Table**

- (a) Absent a change in control followed by termination of employment, the Supplemental Plan will vest only when the participant attains the in-service age of 55 years with 10 years of service, or in-service age of 65 years.
- (b) Cash severance payments were determined by multiplying the sum of (i) actual salary and (ii) the target annual incentive award or bonus, by two.
- (c) The amounts shown in this column represent two years of health-care coverage determined on the basis of the Company's COBRA rates for post-employment continuation coverage. Such rates are available to all participating employees who terminate from employment and were determined on the basis of the coverage elections made by the executive officer.
- (d) The value of early vesting of stock options granted in January 2009, 2010 and 2011 was determined using \$63.80, the closing value of the Company's common stock on January 31, 2012. In the event of a change in control that is not a Terminating Transaction the unvested portion of such options will vest only upon the executive's involuntary termination from employment. For the purposes of this table it is assumed that the change in control was a 35% share acquisition and not a Terminating Transaction.
- (e) The value of early vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2009 and 2010 was determined using \$63.80, the closing value of the Company's common stock on January 31, 2012. In the event of a change in control that is not a Terminating Transaction, only a portion of unvested performance-based restricted stock units will vest, pursuant to a schedule based on the applicable three-year performance period. For the purposes of this table it is assumed that the change in control was a 35% share acquisition and not a Terminating Transaction. Accordingly this column assumes a 100% early vesting of the performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2009; a 70% early vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2010; and a 30% early vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2011. This column also assumes a 100% early vesting of the one-time time-vesting restricted stock grants awarded to Mr. Kowalski in 2010, and Messrs. Cumenal, Fernandez and McGuiness in 2011.

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In the event of a Terminating Transaction, all unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted in January 2009, 2010 and 2011, and all time-vesting restricted stock units granted in 2011 will vest, and the value to each of the executives would have been as follows on January 31, 2012:

Michael J. Kowalski	\$ 13,461,800
Patrick F. McGuiness	\$ 3,132,580
James N. Fernandez	\$ 7,758,080
Frederic Cumenal	\$ 3,561,826
Jon M. King	\$ 5,046,580

- (f) This amount does not include any value for the one-time promotion stock option grant awarded on June 21, 2011, as such stock options would have been under water on January 31, 2012, due to the strike price of \$76.85 (compared to the closing price on January 31, 2012 of \$63.80).
- (g) This amount includes \$1,595,000 (25,000 shares multiplied by \$63.80) attributable to the early vesting on January 31, 2012 of the one-time Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award made to Mr. Kowalski on January 20, 2011.
- (h) This amount includes \$478,500 (7,500 shares multiplied by \$63.80) attributable to the early vesting on January 31, 2012 of the one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award made to Mr. McGuiness on June 21, 2011.
- (i) This amount includes \$957,000 (15,000 shares multiplied by \$63.80) attributable to the early vesting on January 31, 2012 of the one-time promotion Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award made to Mr. Fernandez on June 21, 2011.
- (j) This amount includes \$1,737,146 (27,228 shares multiplied by \$63.80) attributable to the early vesting on January 31, 2012 of the one-time sign-on Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Award made to Mr. Cumenal on March 10, 2011.
- (k) This column is the total of columns (a) through (f) in the table above. It assumes that two events have occurred: a change in control and a termination of employment following such change in control.

**Explanation of Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control***Retention Agreements*

The Company and Tiffany have entered into retention agreements with each of the executive officers. These agreements would provide a covered executive with compensation if he or she should incur an involuntary termination after a change in control. An involuntary termination does not include a termination for cause, but does include a resignation for good reason.

When, if ever, a change in control occurs, the covered executives would have fixed terms of employment under their retention agreements for two years.

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If the executive incurs an involuntary termination during his or her fixed term of employment under a retention agreement, compensation would be payable to the executive as follows:

Two times the sum of the executive's salary and target annual incentive award or bonus, as severance; and

Two years of benefits continuation under Tiffany's health and welfare plans.

### *Vesting of Options, Restricted Stock Units on a Change in Control*

#### Stock Option Grants

For grants awarded in 2009 or later, outstanding stock options will vest in full and become exercisable in the event of a change in control if it results in the dissolution of the Company, or the Company goes out of existence or comes under the substantial ownership (80%) of another person, and the acquiring party does not arrange to assume or replace the grant. These types of change in control events are referred to as terminating transactions. (See Definition of a Change in Control below).

For all other change in control events (see Definition of a Change in Control below), early vesting will occur in full but only if the named executive officer is involuntarily terminated from employment following the change in control. Involuntary termination does not include a termination for cause, but does include a resignation for good reason.

#### Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grants

For grants awarded in 2009 or later, outstanding performance-based restricted stock units will vest in full and convert to shares in the event of a terminating transaction.

For all other change in control events (see Definition of a Change in Control below), performance-based restricted stock units will vest in full if the change in control event occurs in the last fiscal year of a three-year performance period, 70% if it occurs in the second fiscal year of a three-year performance period; and 30% if it occurs in the first fiscal year of a three-year performance period. In the event of the first type of change in control event described in the definition below (a 35% share acquisition), such proportionate vesting will occur only if the named executive officer is involuntarily terminated following the change in control event.

#### Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Grants

Outstanding time-vesting restricted stock units will vest in full and convert to shares in the event of a terminating transaction.

For all other change in control events (see Definition of a Change in Control below), time-vesting restricted stock units will vest in full if the change in control event occurs and if the named executive officer is involuntarily terminated following the change in control event.

#### *Supplemental Retirement Benefits Vest on a Change in Control*

Benefits under the Pension Plan and Excess Plan are vested for all named executive officers, other than Mr. Cumenal, who is not a participant. Benefits under the Supplemental Plan are vested for Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Fernandez, and Mr. King. In the event of a change in control benefits under the Supplemental Plan would early vest for Mr. McGuinness, should he be terminated from employment without cause, or resign from employment with good reason. Such vesting would not necessarily result in any payment at the time of such change in control.

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### *Definition of a Change in Control*

For purposes of the Supplemental Plan, equity awards made in 2009 and thereafter, and the retention agreements, the term "change in control" means that one of the following events has occurred:

Any person or group of persons acting in concert (a "person" being an individual or organization) acquires 35% or more in voting power or stock of the Company, or the right to obtain such voting power;

A majority of the Board is, for any reason, not made up of individuals who were either on the Board on January 15, 2009, or, if they became members of the Board after that date, were approved by the directors;

As a result of a corporate transaction such as a merger, the stockholders of Tiffany immediately prior to such transaction do not own 51% of Tiffany's outstanding shares; or

All or substantially all assets of the Company or Tiffany are sold or disposed of to an unrelated party.

Certain change in control events will be considered "terminating transactions", provided the acquirer does not arrange to assume or replace the grant. Terminating transactions include (i) the dissolution of the Company, or (ii) if the Company comes under the substantial ownership (80%) of another person. The definition of "change in control" for equity awards made prior to 2009 is somewhat, but not substantially, different.

### *Non-Competition Covenants Affected by Change in Control*

In the event of a change in control, the duration of certain non-competition covenants could be cut back from as long as two years following termination of employment to as little as six months in the event a change in control were to occur. In the table above, we have not assigned any value to a potential cutback.

### *Early Retirement*

Mr. Kowalski was eligible to take early retirement on January 31, 2012. His early retirement benefit under the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan would have been approximately \$1,178,506 per year had he retired effective January 31, 2012, subject to applicable offsets by benefits payable under Social Security.

Mr. Fernandez was eligible to take early retirement on January 31, 2012. His early retirement benefit under the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan would have been approximately \$581,745 per year had he retired effective January 31, 2012, subject to applicable offsets by benefits payable under Social Security.

Mr. King was eligible to take early retirement on January 31, 2012. His early retirement benefit under the Pension Plan, the Excess Plan and the Supplemental Plan would have been approximately \$366,987 per year had he retired effective January 31, 2012, subject to applicable offsets by benefits payable under Social Security.



**Table of Contents***Death or Disability*

If any of the named executive officers had died or become disabled on January 31, 2012, stock options then unvested would have early vested. The value of such early vesting is shown in the columns labeled "Early Vesting of Stock Options" in the table on page PS-66. If any of the named executive officers had died or become disabled on January 31, 2012, certain performance-based restricted stock units and time-vesting restricted stock units would have early vested. The value of such early vesting would have been as follows for each of the named executive officers on January 31, 2012: Mr. Kowalski, \$5,246,912; Mr. McGuiness, \$1,339,800; Mr. Fernandez, \$3,031,776; Mr. Cumenal, \$2,284,550; and Mr. King, \$1,550,340.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE****Fiscal 2011**

Name	September 30, Fees Earned or Paid in Cash \$(a)	September 30, Option Awards \$(b) (c)	September 30, Stock Awards (\$)	September 30, Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (d)	September 30, All Other Compensation (\$)	September 30, Total (\$)
Rose Marie Bravo	\$ 75,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	\$53,618	\$ 0	\$ 254,680
Gary E. Costley	\$ 90,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	N/A	\$ 0	\$ 216,062
Lawrence K. Fish	\$ 90,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	N/A	\$ 0	\$ 216,062
Abby F. Kohnstamm	\$ 75,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	N/A	\$ 0	\$ 201,062
Charles K. Marquis	\$ 90,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	\$27,276	\$ 0	\$ 243,338
Peter W. May	\$ 75,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	N/A	\$ 0	\$ 201,062
J. Thomas Presby	\$ 95,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	N/A	\$ 0	\$ 221,062
William A. Shutzer	\$ 90,000	\$ 62,599	\$ 63,463	\$72,444	\$ 0	\$ 288,506

**Notes to Director Compensation Table**

- (a) Includes amounts deferred under the Executive Deferral Plan.
- (b) Amounts shown represent the grant-date fair value for stock options granted for Fiscal 2011. In valuing option awards the Company made certain assumptions. For a discussion of those assumptions, please refer to Part II of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012. See Note N. STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS, in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, under Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.
- (c) Supplementary Table: Outstanding Director Option Awards at Fiscal Year End

Name	September 30, Aggregate Number of Option Awards Outstanding at Fiscal Year End (number of underlying shares)
Rose Marie Bravo	58,554
Gary E. Costley	31,054
Lawrence K. Fish	12,477
Abby F. Kohnstamm	66,054
Charles K. Marquis	66,054
Peter W. May	31,054
J. Thomas Presby	11,337

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- (d) The actuarial valuation shown takes into account the current age of the director and is based on the following assumptions consistent with those used in preparing the Pension Plan financial statements: RP 2000 Male/Female Mortality Table Projected to the date of each future cash flow (i.e. a fully generational mortality projection); discount rate of 5.0% and assumed retirement age of 65 (if the director is over age 65, the director is assumed to retire on January 31, 2012). This column does not include earnings under the Deferral Plan because the Deferral Plan does not pay above-market or preferential earnings on compensation that is deferred. Where an N/A appears, the director is not eligible for this benefit.

**Discussion of Director Compensation Table**

Directors who are not employees of the Company or its subsidiaries are paid or provided with the following for their service on the Board:

An annual retainer of \$75,000;

An additional annual retainer of \$20,000 to the chairperson of the Audit Committee, and \$15,000 each to the chairperson of the Compensation, Corporate Social Responsibility, Finance and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee;

Equity compensation, as discussed below; and

A retirement benefit, also discussed below, for directors first elected prior to January 1, 1999.

Under Tiffany's Amended and Restated Executive Deferral Plan, directors may defer up to one hundred percent (100%) of their cash compensation and invest the amounts they defer in various accounts and funds established under the plan. However, the Company does not guarantee any return on said investments. The following table provides data concerning director participation in this plan:

Name	September 30, Director Contribution In Last Fiscal Year (\$)	September 30, Registrant Contribution In Last Fiscal Year (\$)	September 30, Aggregate Earnings In Last Fiscal Year (\$)	September 30, Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	September 30, Aggregate Balance At Last Fiscal Year End (\$)
Gary E. Costley	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,193	\$ 0	\$ 169,663
Charles K. Marquis	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 658	\$ 0	\$ 494,009
William A. Shutzer	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (22,542)	\$ 0	\$ 897,318

Tiffany also reimburses directors for expenses they incur in attending Board and committee meetings, including expenses for travel, food and lodging.

Each director receives annual equity compensation with a value of \$125,000 on grant, half in the form of a 10-year term stock option (vested immediately) and half in the form of restricted stock units (payable after one-year of service or on retirement, at the prior election of the director). All options have a strike price equal to fair market value on the date of grant. Directors joining the board between annual meetings will receive a pro-rated annual grant.

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Directors first elected prior to January 1, 1999 who retire as non-employee directors with five or more years of Board service are also entitled to receive an annual retirement benefit equal to \$38,000, payable at the later of age 65 or the retirement date. This benefit is payable quarterly and continues for a period of time equal to the director's length of service on the Board, including periods served as an employee director, or until death, if earlier. Directors Bravo, Marquis and Shutzer are the only directors entitled to participate in this benefit plan.

Mr. Kowalski is an employee of Tiffany. He therefore receives no separate compensation for his service as director.

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**EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

(As of Fiscal Year 2011)

Plan category	Column A Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Column B Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Column C Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column A)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	3,045,299 <sup>a</sup>	\$ 41.53	4,937,420 <sup>b</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,045,299<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ 41.53</b>	<b>4,937,420<sup>b</sup></b>

(a) Shares indicated do not include 2,011,079 shares issuable under awards of stock units already made.

(b) Shares indicated are the aggregate of those available for grant under the Company's 2005 Employee Incentive Plan (the Employee Plan) and the Company's 2008 Directors Equity Plan (the Directors Plan). All plans provide for the issuance of options and stock awards. However, under both plans the maximum number of shares that may be issued (13,500,000 under the Employee Plan and 1,000,000 under the Directors Plan) is subject to reduction by 1.58 shares for each share that is delivered on vesting of a stock award. Column C reflects this reduction assuming that all shares granted as stock awards will vest.

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**PERFORMANCE OF COMPANY STOCK**

The following graph compares changes in the cumulative total shareholder return on Tiffany & Co.'s stock for the previous five fiscal years to returns for the same five-year period on (i) the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and (ii) the Standard & Poor's 500 Consumer Discretionary Index. Cumulative shareholder return is defined as changes in the closing price of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange, plus the reinvestment of any dividends paid on the stock.

ASSUMES AN INVESTMENT OF \$100 ON JANUARY 31, 2007 IN COMPANY STOCK AND IN EACH OF THE TWO INDICES. THE REINVESTMENT OF ANY SUBSEQUENT DIVIDENDS IS ALSO ASSUMED.

TOTAL RETURNS ARE BASED ON MARKET CAPITALIZATION; INDICES ARE WEIGHTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH PERIOD FOR WHICH A RETURN IS INDICATED.

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**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD**

**Item 1. Election of Directors**

Each year, we elect directors at an Annual Meeting of Stockholders. At the 2012 Annual Meeting, nine directors will be elected. Each of them will serve until he or she is succeeded by another qualified director or until his or her earlier resignation or removal from office.

It is not anticipated that any of this year's nominees will be unable to serve as a director but, if that should occur before the Annual Meeting, the Board may either propose another nominee or reduce the number of directors to be elected. If another nominee is proposed, you or your proxy will have the right to vote for that person at the Annual Meeting.

*Why the Nominees were Chosen to Serve.* Each of the nine nominees for director was recommended for nomination by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and nominated by the full Board to stand for election by the stockholders. The specific experience and qualifications that led the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee to recommend each nominee is set forth in the brief biographies that follow, and all of the nominees have demonstrated through their service on the Board (other than Mr. Singer), their skills as insightful questioners and collaborative decision-makers and their ability to express differing viewpoints in a collegial and constructive fashion. Each of the nominees has many and diverse skill sets, but those skills that most stand out are identified below at the end of each biography as Key Skills.

Information concerning each of the nominees of the Board is set forth below:

**Michael J. Kowalski** Mr. Kowalski, 60, is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Tiffany & Co. He succeeded William R. Chaney as Chairman at the end of Fiscal 2002 and as Chief Executive Officer in February 1999. Prior to his appointment as President in January 1996, he was an Executive Vice President of Tiffany & Co., a position he had held since March 1992. Mr. Kowalski also served as Tiffany & Co.'s Chief Operating Officer from January 1997 until his appointment as Chief Executive Officer. He became a director of Tiffany & Co. in January 1995. Mr. Kowalski also serves on the Board of The Bank of New York Mellon. The Bank of New York Mellon is Tiffany's principal banking relationship, serving as Administrative Agent and a lender under a Revolving Credit Facility, and as the trustee and an investment manager for Tiffany's employee pension plan. Mr. Kowalski holds a B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Inc. Key Skills: merchandising, management, strategic planning and motivation.

**Rose Marie Bravo** Ms. Bravo, CBE, 61, became a director of Tiffany & Co. in October 1997 when she was selected by the Board to fill a newly created directorship. Ms. Bravo previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Burberry Limited from 1997 until 2006 and as President of Saks Fifth Avenue from 1992 to 1997. Prior to Saks, Ms. Bravo held a series of merchandising jobs at Macy's, culminating in the Chairman & Chief Executive Officer role at I. Magnin, which was a division of R. H. Macy & Co. Ms. Bravo serves on the Board of Directors of Estee Lauder Companies Inc. and on the Compensation and its Stock Option Subcommittee of that Board. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. She has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: Burberry Limited. Key Skills: brand management, merchandising and product development.

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<b>Gary E. Costley</b>	Dr. Costley, 68, was first elected to the Board in May 2007. He served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Multifoods Corporation, a manufacturer and marketer of branded consumer food and food service products, from November 1997 until his retirement in June 2004. Dr. Costley was Dean of the Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University from 1995 until 1997. Dr. Costley held numerous positions at the Kellogg Company from 1970 until June 1994 when he was President of Kellogg North America. He is a director of three other public companies: The Principal Financial Group, Covance Inc. and Prestige Brands Holdings, Inc. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: Pharmacoepia and Accelysis. Key Skills: multi-divisional operations, global management, marketing and manufacturing.
<b>Lawrence K. Fish</b>	Mr. Fish, 67, retired as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. ( Citizens ) in 2007. He served in that role since 2005, and before that as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens from 1992. Mr. Fish is a member of the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an Overseer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He serves as Chairman of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, on the board of Textron and as Chairman of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and on the board of National Bank Holdings. He also serves as a director emeritus of The Brookings Institution. Mr. Fish was first elected a director of the Company in May 2008. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: Royal Bank of Scotland. Key Skills: risk analysis, finance, brand management and community banking.
<b>Abby F. Kohnstamm</b>	Ms. Kohnstamm, 58, is the President and founder of Abby F. Kohnstamm & Associates, Inc., a marketing and consulting firm. Prior to establishing her company in January 2006, Ms. Kohnstamm served as Senior Vice President, Marketing (Chief Marketing Officer) of IBM Corporation from 1993 through 2005. In that capacity, she had overall responsibility for all aspects of marketing across IBM on a global basis. She was also a member of the Corporate Executive Committee, which advised the Chairman and CEO on policy issues and the management of IBM and a member of the Strategy Team, which focused on IBM's strategic direction and emerging business opportunities. A few of Ms. Kohnstamm's major accomplishments at IBM included developing IBM's first professional marketing function and key marketing processes, as well as repositioning and relaunching the IBM brand from a weakened position to one of today's top global brands. Before joining IBM, Ms. Kohnstamm held a number of senior marketing positions at American Express from 1979 through 1993. Ms. Kohnstamm joined the Board of Directors of World Fuel Services Corporation as of January 1, 2012. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Roundabout Theatre Company and is a Trustee Emeritus of Tufts University after serving 10 years on the Board of Trustees. She became a director of Tiffany & Co. in July 2001. She has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: The Progressive Corporation. She holds a B.A. from Tufts University, an M.A. in Education from New York University and an M.B.A. from New York University. Key Skills: brand management, global management, strategic planning and media management.

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<b>Charles K. Marquis</b>	Mr. Marquis, 69, is a Senior Advisor to Investcorp International, Inc. From 1974 through 1998, he was a partner in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher L.L.P., where he practiced securities and mergers and acquisitions law. He was elected a director of Tiffany & Co. in 1984. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: CSK Auto. Key Skills: finance, risk analysis, crisis management and investor relations.
<b>Peter W. May</b>	Mr. May, 69, is President and a founding partner of Trian Fund Management, L.P., a New York-based asset management firm. Mr. May also serves as non-executive Vice Chairman and a director of The Wendy's Company (formerly Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and previously Triarc Companies, Inc. (Triarc)) (NASDAQ GS:WEN). Mr. May served as a director of Deerfield Capital Corp. (NASDAQ CM:DFR) from December 2007 to June 2010, and as a director of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (NASDAQ GS:ECPG) from February 1998 to May 2007. Mr. May also served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Triarc from April 1993 through June 2007. Prior to joining Triarc, Mr. May was President and Chief Operating Officer of Trian Group, Limited Partnership, which provided investment banking and management services for entities controlled by him and Nelson Peltz. From 1983 to December 1988, Mr. May served as President and Chief Operating Officer and a director of Triangle Industries, Inc., which, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, was, at the time, a manufacturer of packaging products (through American National Can Company), copper electrical wire and cable and steel conduit and currency and coin handling products. Mr. May is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, a Trustee of the University of Chicago, a Trustee of Carnegie Hall and a Trustee of the New York Philharmonic, and a partner of the Partnership for New York City. Mr. May holds AB and MBA degrees from the University of Chicago and is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). Mr. May was first elected a director of Tiffany & Co. in May 2008. Key Skills: multi-divisional operations, brand management, investor relations and finance.
<b>William A. Shutzer</b>	Mr. Shutzer, 65, is a Senior Managing Director of Evercore Partners, a financial advisory and private equity firm. He previously served as a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers from 2000 through 2003, a Partner in Thomas Weisel Partners LLC, a merchant banking firm, from 1999 through 2000, as Executive Vice President of ING Baring Furman Selz LLC from 1998 through 1999, President of Furman Selz Inc. from 1995 through 1997 and as a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers and its predecessors from 1978 through 1994. He was elected a director of the Company in 1984. Mr. Shutzer is also a member of the Board of Directors of WebMedia Brands Inc. (formerly known as Jupiter Media Corp.) and ExamWorks Group, Inc. He was a member of the Board of Directors of American Financial Group from 2003 to 2006. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: CSK Auto (2002-2008); and Turbochef Technologies (2003-2009). Key Skills: finance, investor relations and strategic development.



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**Robert S. Singer** Mr. Singer, 60, served as Chief Executive Officer of Barilla Holding S.p.A, a major Italian food company, from January 2006 to April 2009. From May 2004 to September 2005, Mr. Singer served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Abercrombie & Fitch Co., an American clothing retailer. Prior to joining Abercrombie, Mr. Singer served as Chief Financial Officer of Gucci Group NV, a leading luxury goods company, from September 1995 to April 2004. From 1987 to 1995 Mr. Singer was a Partner at Coopers & Lybrand. From April 2006 to April 2010, Mr. Singer was a director and the chairman of the compensation committee of Benetton S.p.A. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Singer served on the Board of Directors of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Inc., and as Chairman of the audit committee from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Singer currently serves on the board of directors of several non-public companies. He has been a director of the following public companies during the past five years: Mead Johnson Nutrition since February 2009. Key Skills: accounting, global retail, financial and general management of luxury good brands.

In the event that any of the current directors standing for reelection does not receive a majority of for votes of the votes cast for or against his or her candidacy, such person would continue to serve as a director until he or she is succeeded by another qualified director or until his or her earlier resignation or removal from office. Each of the nominees for director has agreed to tender his or her resignation in the event that he or she does not receive such a majority. Under the Corporate Governance Principles adopted by the Board, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation or whether other action should be taken. Please refer to Section 1.i of the Corporate Governance Principles, which are attached as Appendix I hereto, for further information about the procedure that would be followed in the event of such an election result.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NINE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.**

**Item 2. Appointment of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Audit Committee has appointed and the Board has ratified the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ( PwC ) as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company s consolidated financial statements for Fiscal 2012. As a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking you to approve this selection.

PwC has served as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm since 1984.

A representative of PwC will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions raised by stockholders and will be afforded the opportunity to make a statement at the meeting, if he or she desires to do so.

The Board may review this matter if this appointment is not approved by the stockholders.

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**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL 2012.**

**Item 3. Approval of the Compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers**

Rule 14a-21(a) was adopted by the Securities Exchange Commission ( SEC ). It was adopted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act (the Dodd-Frank Amendments ), and requires the Company to include in its proxy statement, at least one in every three years, a separate stockholder advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. Accordingly, we are presenting the following resolution for the vote of the stockholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in this Proxy Statement, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion be and hereby is APPROVED.

The disclosed compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers (Messrs. Kowalski, McGuinness, Fernandez, Cumenal, and King) for which your approval is sought, may be found on pages PS-23 through PS-70 inclusive of this Proxy Statement.

At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Company included in its proxy statement for the first time a separate stockholder advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. The Company's Say on Pay proposal passed with 90.6% of the stockholder votes in favor of the Company's compensation program. Of the against votes, 83.7% were abstaining shares or broker non-votes. The Committee considered stockholder approval of the compensation program when the Committee left the program unchanged for Fiscal 2012.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Stockholder Proposals for Inclusion in the Proxy Statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting**

If you wish to submit a proposal to be included in the Proxy Statement for our 2013 Annual Meeting, we must receive it no later than December 6, 2012. Proposals should be sent to the Company at 727 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022, addressed to the attention of Patrick B. Dorsey, Corporate Secretary (Legal Department).

**Other Proposals**

Our By-laws set forth certain procedures for stockholders of record who wish to nominate directors or propose other business to be considered at an annual meeting. In addition, we will have discretionary voting authority with respect to any such proposals to be considered at the 2013 Annual Meeting unless the proposal is submitted to us no earlier than January 17, 2013 and no later than February 16, 2013 and the stockholder otherwise satisfies the requirement of SEC Rule 14a-4.

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### **Householding**

The SEC allows us to deliver a single proxy statement and annual report to an address shared by two or more of our stockholders. This delivery method, referred to as householding, can result in significant cost savings for us. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, the Company and banks and brokerage firms that hold your shares have delivered only one proxy statement and annual report to multiple stockholders who share an address unless one or more of the stockholders has provided contrary instructions. The Company will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the proxy statement and annual report to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. A stockholder who wishes to receive a separate copy of the proxy statement and annual report, now or in the future, may obtain one, without charge, by addressing a request to Annual Report Administrator, Tiffany & Co., 200 Fifth Avenue, 14th floor, New York, New York 10010 or by calling 212-230-5302. You may also obtain a copy of the proxy statement and annual report from the Company's website [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com), by clicking Investors at the bottom of the page, and selecting Financial Information from the left-hand column. Stockholders of record sharing an address who are receiving multiple copies of proxy materials and annual reports and wish to receive a single copy of such materials in the future should submit their request by contacting us in the same manner. If you are the beneficial owner, but not the record holder, of the Company's shares and wish to receive only one copy of the proxy statement and annual report in the future, you will need to contact your broker, bank or other nominee to request that only a single copy of each document be mailed to all stockholders at the shared address in the future.

### **Reminder to Vote**

Please be sure to either complete, sign and mail the enclosed proxy card in the return envelope provided or call in your instructions or vote by Internet as soon as you can so that your vote may be recorded and counted.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patrick B. Dorsey

Secretary

New York, New York

April 5, 2012

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Appendix I

**Tiffany & Co.**

**(a Delaware corporation)**

**Corporate Governance Principles**

(as amended and restated March 17, 2011)

1. *Director Qualification Standards; Size of the Board; Audit Committee Service.*

a. A majority of the directors shall meet the independence requirements set forth in Section 303A.01 and .02 of the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Rules. A director shall not be deemed to have met such independence requirements unless the Board has affirmatively determined that it be so. In making its determination of independence, the Board shall broadly consider all relevant facts and circumstances and assess the materiality of each director's relationship(s) with the Corporation and/or its subsidiaries. If a director is determined by the Board to be independent, all relationships, if any, that such director has with the Corporation and/or its subsidiaries which were determined by the Board to be immaterial to independence shall be disclosed in the Corporation's annual proxy statement.

b. A director shall be younger than age 72 when elected or appointed and a director shall not be recommended for re-election by the stockholders if such director will be age 72 or older on the date of the annual meeting or other election in question, provided that the Board of Directors may, by specific resolution, waive the provisions of this sentence with respect to an individual director whose continued service is deemed uniquely important to the Corporation.

c. A director need not be a stockholder to qualify as a director, but shall be encouraged to become a stockholder by virtue of the Corporation's policies and plans with respect to stock options and stock ownership for directors and otherwise.

d. Consistent with 1.a. above, candidates for director shall be selected on the basis of their business experience and expertise, with a view to supplementing the business experience and expertise of management and adding further substance and insight into board discussions and oversight of management. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become directors, and for recommending to the Board director nominees for the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

e. From time to time, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will recommend to the Board the number of directors constituting the entire Board. Based upon that recommendation, the current nature of the Corporation's business, and the talents and business experience of the existing roster of directors, the Board believes that nine directors is an appropriate number at this time.

f. The Board shall be responsible for determining the qualification of an individual to serve on the Audit Committee as a designated audit committee financial expert, as required by applicable rules of the SEC under Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. In addition, to serve on the Audit Committee, a director must meet the standards for independence set forth in Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. To those ends, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will coordinate with the Board in screening any new candidate for audit committee financial expert or who will serve on the Audit Committee and in evaluating whether to re-nominate any existing director who may serve in the capacity of audit committee financial expert or who may serve on the Audit Committee. If an Audit Committee member simultaneously serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies, then, in the case of each such Audit Committee member, the Board must determine that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Corporation's Audit Committee and disclose such determination in the Corporation's annual proxy statement.

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g. Any director who changes his or her employer or otherwise has a significant change in job responsibilities, or who accepts or intends to accept a directorship with another public company (or with any other organization that would require a significant time commitment) that he or she did not hold when such director was most recently elected to the Board, shall (1) advise the secretary of the Corporation of such change or directorship and (2) submit to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, in care of the secretary, a signed letter, addressed to such Committee, resigning as a director of the Corporation effective upon acceptance of such resignation by such Committee but void *ab initio* if not accepted by such Committee within ten (10) days of receipt by the secretary. The secretary of the Corporation shall promptly advise the members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of such advice and receipt of such letter. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee shall promptly meet and consider, in light of the circumstances, the continued appropriateness of such director's membership on the Board and each committee of the Board on which such director participates. In some instances, taking into account all relevant factors and circumstances, it may be appropriate for the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee to accept such resignation, to recommend to the Board that the director cease participation on one or more committees, or to recommend to the Board that such director not be re-nominated to the Board.

h. Subject to 1.b. above, directors of the Corporation are not subject to term limits. However, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will consider each director's continued service on the Board each year and recommend whether each director should be re-nominated to the Board. Each director will be given an opportunity to confirm his or her desire to continue as a member of the Board.

i. The Corporation has amended its By-Laws to provide for majority voting in the election of directors. In uncontested elections, directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast, which means that the number of shares voted for a director must exceed the number of shares voted against that director. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (or comparable committee of the Board) shall establish procedures for any director who is not elected to tender his or her resignation. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board will act on the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation within 90 days following certification of the election results. In determining whether or not to recommend that the Board of Directors accept any resignation offer, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee shall be entitled to consider all factors believed relevant by such Committee's members. Unless applicable to all directors, the director(s) whose resignation is under consideration is expected to recuse himself or herself from the Board vote. Thereafter, the Board will promptly disclose its decision regarding the director's resignation offer (including the reason(s) for rejecting the resignation offer, if applicable) in a Form 8-K furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the Board accepts a director's resignation pursuant to this process, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee shall recommend to the Board whether to fill such vacancy or reduce the size of the Board. If, for any reason, the Board of Directors is not elected at an annual meeting, they may be elected thereafter at a special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose in the manner provided in the By-laws.

j. Including service on the Board of Directors of the Corporation, no director shall serve on the board of directors (or any similar governing body) of more than six public companies.

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2. *Attendance and Participation at Board and Committee Meetings.*

a. Directors shall be expected to attend six regularly scheduled board meetings in person, if practicable, or by telephone, if attendance in person is impractical. Directors should attempt to organize their schedules in advance so that attendance at all regularly scheduled board meetings will be practicable.

b. For committees on which they serve, directors shall be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings in person, if practicable, or by telephone, if attendance in person is impractical or if telephone participation is the expected means of participation. For committees on which they serve, directors should attempt to organize their schedules in advance so that attendance at all regularly scheduled committee meetings will be practicable.

c. Directors shall attempt to make time to attend, in person or by telephone, specially scheduled meetings of the Board or those committees on which they serve.

d. Directors shall, if practicable, review in advance all meeting materials provided by management, the other directors or consultants to the Board.

e. Directors shall familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures of the Board with respect to business conduct, ethics, confidential information and trading in the Corporation's securities.

f. Nothing stated herein shall be deemed to limit the duties of directors under applicable law.

3. *Director Access to Management and Independent Advisors.*

a. Executive officers of the Corporation and its subsidiaries shall make themselves available, and shall arrange for the availability of other members of management, employees and consultants, so that each director shall have full and complete access with respect to the business, finances and accounting of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

b. The chief financial officer and the chief legal officer of the Corporation will regularly attend Board meetings (other than those portions of Board meetings that are reserved for independent or non-management directors or those portions in which the independent or non-management directors meet privately with the chief executive officer) and the Board encourages the chief executive officer to invite other executive officers and non-executive officers to Board meetings from time to time in order to provide additional insight into items being discussed and so that the Board may meet and evaluate persons with potential for advancement.

c. If the charter of any Board committee on which a director serves provides for access to independent advisors, any executive officer of the Corporation is authorized to arrange for the payment of the reasonable fees of such advisors at the request of such a committee acting by resolution or unanimous written consent.

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### *4. Director Compensation.*

a. Directors shall be compensated in a manner and at a level sufficient to encourage exceptionally well-qualified candidates to accept service upon the Board and to retain existing directors. The Board believes that a meaningful portion of a director's compensation should be provided in, or otherwise based upon appreciation in the market value of, the Corporation's Common Stock. Compensation of the directors shall be determined by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

b. To help determine the form and amount of director compensation, the staff of the Corporation shall, if requested by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, provide such committee with data drawn from public company filings with respect to the fees and emoluments paid to outside directors by comparable public companies.

c. Contributions to charities with which an independent or non-management director is affiliated will not be used as compensation to such a director and management will use special efforts to avoid any appearance of impropriety in connection with such contributions, if any.

d. Management will advise the Board should the Corporation or any subsidiary wish to enter into any direct financial arrangement with any director for consulting or advisory services, or into any arrangement with any entity affiliated with such director by which the director may be indirectly benefited, and no such arrangement shall be consummated without specific authorization from the Board.

### *5. Director Orientation and Continuing Education.*

a. Each executive officer of the Corporation shall meet with each new director and provide an orientation into the business, finance and accounting of the Corporation.

b. Each director shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in pursuing continuing education with respect to his/her role and responsibilities to the stockholders and under law as a director.

### *6. Management Succession.*

a. The Board, assisted by the Corporate Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, shall select, evaluate the performance of, retain or replace the chief executive officer. Such actions will be taken with (i) a view to the effectiveness and execution of strategies propounded by and decisions taken by the chief executive officer with respect to the Corporation's long-term strategic plan and long-term financial returns and (ii) applicable legal and ethical considerations.

b. In furtherance of the foregoing responsibilities, and in contemplation of the retirement, or an exigency that requires the replacement, of the chief executive officer, the Board shall, in conjunction with the chief executive officer, oversee the selection and evaluate the performance of the other executive officers.

### *7. Annual Performance Evaluation of the Board.*

a. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible to assist the Board in the Board's oversight of the Board's own performance in the area of corporate governance.

b. Annually, each director will participate in an assessment of the Board's performance in the area of corporate governance. The results of such self-assessment will be provided to each director.

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8. *Matters for Board Review, Evaluation and/or Approval.*

- a. The Board is responsible under the law of the State of Delaware to review and approve significant actions by the Corporation including major transactions (such as acquisitions and financings), declaration of dividends, issuance of securities and appointment of officers of the Corporation.
- b. The Board is responsible, either through its committees, or as guided by its committees, for those matters which are set forth in the respective charters of the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees or as otherwise set forth in the corporate governance rules of the New York Stock Exchange.
- c. The following matters, among others, will be the subject of Board deliberation:
  - i. annually, the Board will review and if acceptable approve the Corporation's operating plan for the fiscal year, as developed and recommended by management;
  - ii. at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, the directors will review actual performance against the operating plan;
  - iii. annually, the Board will review and if acceptable approve the Corporation's five-year strategic plan, as developed and recommended by management;
  - iv. from time to time, the Board will review topics of relevance to the approved or evolving strategic plan, including such topics identified by the Board and those identified by management;
  - v. annually, the charters of the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees will be reviewed and, if necessary, modified, by the Board;
  - vi. annually, the delegation of authority to officers and employees for day-to-day operating matters of the Corporation and its subsidiaries will be reviewed and if acceptable approved by the Board;
  - vii. annually, the Corporation's investor relations program will be reviewed by the Board;
  - viii. annually, the schedule of insurance coverage for the Corporation and its subsidiaries will be reviewed by the Board;
  - ix. annually, the status of various litigation matters in which the Corporation and its subsidiaries are involved will be presented to and discussed with the Board;
  - x. annually, the Corporation's policy with respect to the payment of dividends will be reviewed and if acceptable approved by the Board;
  - xi. annually, the Corporation's program for use of foreign currency hedges and forward contracts will be reviewed and if acceptable approved by the Board; and
  - xii. from time to time, the Corporation's use of any stock re-purchase program approved by the Board will be reviewed by the Board.



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### *9. Management's Responsibilities.*

Management is responsible to operate the Corporation with the objective of achieving the Corporation's operating and strategic plans and building value for stockholders on a long-term basis. In executing those responsibilities management is expected to act in accordance with the policies and standards established by the Board (including these principles), as well as in accordance with applicable law and for the purpose of maintaining the value of the trademarks and business reputation of the Corporation's subsidiaries. Specifically, the chief executive officer and the other executive officers are responsible for:

- a. producing, under the oversight of the Board and the Audit Committee, financial statements for the Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries that fairly present the financial condition, results of operation, cash flows and related risks in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, for making timely and complete disclosure to investors, and for keeping the Board and the appropriate committees of the Board informed on a timely basis as to all matters of significance;
- b. developing and presenting the strategic plan, proposing amendments to the plan as conditions and opportunities dictate and for implementing the plan as approved by the Board;
- c. developing and presenting the annual operating plans and budgets and for implementing those plans and budgets as approved by the Board;
- d. creating an organizational structure appropriate to the achievement of the strategic and operating plans and recruiting, selecting and developing the necessary managerial talent;
- e. creating a working environment conducive to integrity, business ethics and compliance with applicable legal and Corporate policy requirements;
- f. developing, implementing and monitoring an effective system of internal controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that: the Corporation's transactions are properly authorized; the Corporation's assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use; and the Corporation's transactions are properly recorded and reported. Such internal controls and procedures also shall be designed to permit preparation of financial statements for the Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and any other legally required criteria applicable to such statements; and
- g. establishing, maintaining and evaluating the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. The term disclosure controls and procedures means controls and other procedures of the Corporation that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in the reports filed by it under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in the reports it files under the Act is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management, including its principal executive and financial officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. To assist in carrying out this responsibility, management has established a Disclosure Control Committee, whose membership is responsible to the Audit Committee, to the chief executive officer and to the chief financial officer, and includes the following officers or employees of the Corporation: the president, the chief legal officer, the head of finance, the chief information officer, the controller, the head of internal audit & financial controls, the investor relations officer and the treasurer.

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### 10. *Meeting Procedures.*

a. The Board shall determine whether the offices of chairman of the board and chief executive officer shall be held by one person or by separate persons, and whether the person holding the office of chairman of the board shall be independent or not. An independent director meets the requirements for independence as referenced in item 1.a above. Non-management directors include those who are independent and those who, while not independent, are not currently employees of the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries.

b. The chairman of the board will establish the agenda for each Board meeting but the chairman of the board will include in such agenda any item submitted by the presiding independent director (see item 11.c below). Each Board member is free to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda for any meeting and the chairman of the board will consider them for inclusion.

c. Management shall be responsible to distribute information and data necessary to the Board's understanding of all matters to be considered and acted upon by the Board; such materials shall be distributed in writing to the Board sufficiently in advance so as to provide reasonably sufficient time for review and evaluation. To that end, management has provided each director with access to a secure website where confidential and sensitive materials may be viewed. In circumstances where practical considerations do not permit advance circulation of written materials, reasonable steps shall be taken to allow more time for discussion and consideration, such as extending the duration of a meeting or circulating unanimous written consent forms, which may be considered and returned at a later time.

d. The chairman of the board shall preside over meetings of the Board.

e. If the chairman of the board is not independent, the independent directors may select from among themselves a presiding independent director; failing such selection, the chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee shall be the presiding independent director. The presiding independent director shall be identified as such in the Corporation's annual proxy statement to facilitate communications by stockholders and employees with the non-management directors.

f. The non-management directors shall meet separately from the other directors in regularly scheduled executive session, without the presence of management directors and executive officers of the Corporation. The presiding independent director shall preside over such meetings.

g. At least once per year the independent directors shall meet separately from the other directors in a scheduled executive session, without the presence of management directors, non-management directors who are not independent and executive officers of the Corporation. The presiding independent director shall preside over such meetings.

### 11. *Committees.*

a. The Board shall have an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee which shall have the respective responsibilities described in the charters of each committee. The membership of each such committee shall consist only of independent directors.

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b. The Board may, from time to time, appoint one or more additional committees, such as a Dividend Committee and a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee.

c. The chairman of each Board committee, in consultation with the appropriate members of management and staff, will develop the committee's agenda. Management will assure that, as a general rule, information and data necessary to the committee's understanding of the matters within the committee's authority and the matters to be considered and acted upon by a committee are distributed to each member of such committee sufficiently in advance of each such meeting or action taken by written consent to provide a reasonable time for review and evaluation.

d. At each regularly scheduled Board meeting, the chairman of each committee or his or her delegate shall report the matters considered and acted upon by such committee at each meeting or by written consent since the preceding regularly scheduled Board meeting.

e. The secretary of the Corporation, or any assistant secretary of the Corporation, shall be available to act as secretary of any committee and shall, if invited, attend meetings of the committee and prepare minutes of the meeting for approval and adoption by the committee.

12. *Reliance.*

Any director of the Corporation shall, in the performance of such person's duties as a member of the Board or any committee of the Board, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Corporation or upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented by any of the Corporation's officers or employees, or committees of the Board, or by any other person as to matters the director reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence.

13. *Reference to Corporation's Subsidiaries.*

Where the context so requires, reference herein to the Corporation includes reference to the Corporation and/or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Corporation whose financial results are consolidated with those of the Corporation for financial reporting purposes and reference to a subsidiary of the Corporation shall be reference to such a subsidiary.

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