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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Sotheby's Stockholder Meeting to be Held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:

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Step 1: Go to www.investorvote.com/BID.

Step 2: Click on the icon on the right to view current meeting materials.

Step 3: Return to the investorvote.com window and follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

Step 4: Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.

Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials If you want to receive a copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 26, 2013 to facilitate timely delivery.

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Dear Sotheby's Stockholder:

The 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of SOTHEBY'S (the Company) will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Company's offices located at 1334 York Avenue, New York, New York, at 11:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

1. Election of the following eleven (11) individuals as directors: 01 John M. Angelo; 02 Steven B. Dodge; 03 The Duke of Devonshire; 04 Daniel Meyer; 05 Allen Questrom; 06 William F. Ruprecht; 07 Marsha E. Simms; 08 Michael I. Sovern; 09 Robert S. Taubman; 10 Diana L. Taylor; and 11 Dennis M. Weibling.
2. Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013.
3. Approval of the Second Amended and Restated Sotheby's Restricted Stock Unit Plan.
4. Advisory vote on executive compensation.
5. Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 13, 2013 as the record date (the Record Date) for determining the stockholders that are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

Meeting Location:

Sotheby's

1334 York Avenue

New York, New York 10021

Directions to Meeting:

These may be obtained on the internet at <http://investor.shareholder.com/bid/proxy.cfm>

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:

The Company's 2013 Proxy Statement;

The Company Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2012 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

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To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by April 26, 2013.

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