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**ANNUAL MEETING  
OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Proxy Statement



330 West 34th Street  
New York, New York 10001

Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Date and Time: May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time (“EDT”)  
Location: AMC Loews Theatre, 312 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001 (please see Page 93 for directions to the location of the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders)  
Record Date: Shareholders of record as of March 21, 2016 can vote at this meeting  
Items of Business:
- Elect six members to the Board of Directors (the “Board”) to serve for one-year terms
  - Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2016 fiscal year
  - Reapprove the performance goals under the Foot Locker Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated (the “Annual Bonus Plan”)
  - Approve the Foot Locker Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated (the “LTIP”)
  - Approve, on an advisory basis, our named executive officers’ compensation
  - Vote, on an advisory basis, on whether the shareholder vote to approve our named executive officers’ compensation should occur every 1, 2, or 3 years
  - Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and at any adjournment or postponement
- Proxy Voting: Your vote is important to us. Whether or not you plan to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting in person, please promptly vote by telephone or by Internet, or by completing, signing, dating, and returning your proxy card or vote instruction form so your shares will be represented at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

**Sheilagh M. Clarke**

Secretary

April 8, 2016

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on May 18, 2016**

The Company’s Proxy Statement and 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at <http://materials.proxyvote.com/344849>

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New York, New York 10001

**Proxy Statement Summary**

We provide this summary of our Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement. Proxies are being solicited by the Board of Directors of Foot Locker, Inc. (“Foot Locker” or the “Company”) to be voted at our 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. As this is a summary, please refer to the complete Proxy Statement and 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K before you vote.

2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date and Time:

May 18, 2016  
at 9:00 a.m. EDT

Location:

AMC Loews Theatre  
312 West 34th Street  
New York, New York 10001

Record Date:

March 21, 2016

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Board’s Voting Recommendation</b>	<b>Page</b>
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On or about April 8, 2016, we started mailing to most of our shareholders in the United States a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials.

**Director Nominees**

Six directors are standing for election for one-year terms at this meeting. The table below provides summary information about each of the nominees for director. Please see Pages 2 through 8 for additional information about each nominee and Pages 17 through 20 for additional information about the Committees of the Board.

Name and Primary Occupation	Age*	Director Since	Independent	Other Public Company Boards	Committee Membership**				
					Audit	Finance	Compensation	Nominating	Executive
<b>Maxine Clark</b> Founder, Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Bear of Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.	67	2013		Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. Gymboree Corp.	•	•			
<b>Alan D. Feldman</b> Retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midas, Inc.	64	2005		GNC Holdings, Inc. John Bean Technologies Corporation		•			•
<b>Jarobin Gilbert, Jr.</b> President and Chief Executive Officer of DBSS Group, Inc.	70	1981		None	•			•	

**Richard A. Johnson**  
 President and Chief Executive Officer of Foot Locker, Inc.

58 2014

H&R Block Inc.

•

**Guillermo G. Marmol**

President of Marmol & Associates

63 2011

Principal Solar, Inc. Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.

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**Dona D. Young**  
 Retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Phoenix Companies, Inc.

62 2001

Aegon N.V.

•

•

Committee Chair

• Committee Member

\* The ages shown are as of April 8, 2016.

\*\* See Pages 17 through 20 for additional information about the Committees of the Board.

**Board of Directors Highlights**

<b>Board of Directors</b>			<b>Non-Executive Chairman of the Board</b>
Maxine Clark	Richard A. Johnson	Steven Oakland	Nicholas DiPaolo
Nicholas DiPaolo	Guillermo G. Marmol	Cheryl Nido Turpin	
Alan D. Feldman	Matthew M. McKenna	Dona D. Young	
Jarobin Gilbert, Jr.			

<b>Diversity</b>	<b>Independence</b>	<b>2015 Attendance</b>
<b>50%</b> are female or ethnically diverse	<b>1</b> is African American <b>1</b> is Hispanic	<b>100%</b> Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings in 2015
<b>3</b> are women	All directors are independent, except the CEO (9 out of 10 directors are independent)	

**Named Executive Officers**

Richard A. Johnson	President and Chief Executive Officer
Lauren B. Peters	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Robert W. McHugh	Executive Vice President—Operations Support
Jeffrey L. Berk	Senior Vice President—Real Estate
Pawan Verma	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Ken C. Hicks	Retired Executive Chairman

**Fiscal 2015 Results**

Our 2015 fiscal year was an outstanding year for Foot Locker. It was the fifth consecutive year that the Company’s sales and profit results represented the highest levels ever achieved in our history as an athletic footwear and apparel business. Our strong 2015 fiscal year results included:

- Net income, on a non-GAAP\* basis, of \$606 million;
- Earnings of \$4.29 per share, on a non-GAAP\* basis, a 20% increase over 2014 and the sixth consecutive year with a double-digit annual increase;

- An end-of-year market capitalization of \$9.3 billion, a 24% increase over year-end 2014;
- Returning \$558 million to our shareholders through dividend payments of \$139 million and share repurchases of \$419 million; and
- Total Shareholder Return (stock price appreciation plus reinvested dividends) of 28.9% compared to (12.5)% for the S&P 400 Retailing Index.

\*A reconciliation to GAAP is provided on Pages 16 through 17 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

**General**

The Board has fixed the number of directors at 10. At our 2014 Annual Meeting, shareholders approved a proposal to declassify the Board beginning in 2015. Consequently, the six directors whose terms of office expire at this Annual Meeting are each standing for election for a one-year term. The four directors whose terms of office continue until 2017 will remain in office until the expiration of their current terms and, if nominated to stand for re-election, will be nominated to stand for one-year terms.

We have refreshed our Board over the past five years, as five highly-qualified directors were added to the Board, and four directors retired. In May 2015, the Board elected Nicholas DiPaolo as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. Mr. DiPaolo previously served as the lead director. We believe that the Board possesses the appropriate mix of diversity in terms of gender, age, ethnicity, skills, business experience, service on our Board and the boards of other organizations, and viewpoints.

**Nominees**

Maxine Clark, Alan D. Feldman, Jarobin Gilbert, Jr., Richard A. Johnson, Guillermo G. Marmol, and Dona D. Young will be considered for election as directors to serve for one-year terms expiring at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Each nominee has been nominated by the Board for election and has consented to serve. Ms. Clark, Mr. Feldman, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Johnson were elected to serve for their present terms at the 2015 Annual Meeting, and Mr. Marmol and Mrs. Young were elected to serve for their present terms at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The four remaining directors will continue to serve until the expiration of their terms at the 2017 Annual Meeting. If, prior to the 2016 Annual Meeting, any nominee is unable to serve, then the persons designated as proxies for this meeting (Sheilagh M. Clarke, John A. Maurer, and Lauren B. Peters) will have full discretion to vote for another person to serve as a director in place of that nominee.

**Director Qualifications**

In March 2015, the Company announced an updated set of growth initiatives, and a revised strategic framework, intended to further elevate our long-term financial performance for the period from 2015 through 2020 (the “2015-20 Long-Term Objectives”). In light of the 2015-20 Long-Term Objectives, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the “Nominating Committee”) reviewed and updated the director skill set matrix and then evaluated each of the directors’ skills, experience, and qualifications under the updated matrix, which is shown on Page 8.

The Board, acting through the Nominating Committee, considers its members, including those directors being nominated for reelection to the Board at the 2016 Annual Meeting, to be qualified for service on the Board due to a variety of factors reflected in each director’s education, areas of expertise, and experience serving on the boards of

directors of other organizations during the past five years. Generally, the Board seeks individuals of broad-based experience who have the background, judgment, independence, and integrity to represent the shareholders in overseeing the Company's management in their operation of the business rather than specific, niche areas of expertise. Within this framework, specific items relevant to the Board's determination for each director are listed in each director's biographical information beginning on Page 2. The ages shown are as of April 8, 2016. There are no family relationships among our directors or executive officers.

**The Board recommends that shareholders vote  
FOR the election of each of the  
six identified nominees to the Board.**

**Proposal 1**

**Nominees for Director  
Terms Expiring in 2017**

**Maxine Clark**

Ms. Clark served as Chief Executive Bear of Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (international retail company) from her founding the company in 1997 to her retirement in June 2013, and served as its Chairman from April 2000 until November 2011. Following her retirement, Ms. Clark served as a consultant to Build-A-Bear Workshop until January 2014. Ms. Clark is a director of Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. and Gymboree Corp. She serves as chairwoman of the St. Louis Regional Educational and Public Television Commission (KETC/Channel 9 Public Television), director of PBS, director of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, director of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, and a board member of the KIPP St. Louis Public Charter School. She is a past trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Founder and retired Chief Executive Bear of Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.

**Skills and Qualifications**

Age: 67

Director since: 2013

Independent Committees:

Audit, Finance

Ms. Clark has extensive experience in both domestic and international retailing, including founding and leading Build-A-Bear Workshop, serving as President of Payless ShoeSource, Inc., and serving for 19 years as an executive of The May Department Stores Company. She adds significant experience to our Board in strategic planning, real estate, digital technology, and marketing. Her retail and business background, as well as her financial expertise, are particularly useful for her service as a member of the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee (the “Finance Committee”) and the Audit Committee.

**Alan D. Feldman**

Mr. Feldman served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midas, Inc. (automotive repair and maintenance services) from May 2006 to April 2012, and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Midas, Inc. from January 2003 to April 2006. He was an independent consultant from March 2002 to January 2003. Mr. Feldman previously served as an executive at PepsiCo, Inc., Pizza Hut, Inc., and McDonald’s Corporation. Mr. Feldman is a director of John Bean Technologies Corporation and GNC Holdings, Inc. and is a member of the Foundation Board of the University of Illinois. He was a director of Midas, Inc. from January 2003 to April 2012.

Retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midas, Inc.

**Skills and Qualifications**

Mr. Feldman is a recognized business leader with a broad base of experience in independent, franchised retail operations, brand management, and customer relations. He previously served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midas, Inc. and currently serves on the boards of two other public companies, John Bean Technologies Corporation and GNC Holdings, Inc. Mr. Feldman’s leadership skills, his retail knowledge, financial expertise, and executive experience



**Age:** 64 provide particularly useful background for his service as a member of the Finance Committee and as Chair of the Compensation and Management Resources Committee (the “Compensation Committee”).

**Director since:**

2005

**Independent**

**Committees:**

Compensation

(Chair),

Finance,

Executive

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**Proposal 1**

**Nominees for Director  
Terms Expiring in 2017**

**Jarobin Gilbert,  
Jr.**

Mr. Gilbert has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of DBSS Group, Inc. (management, planning, and trade consulting services) since 1992. He served as Non-Executive Chairman of the Atlantic Mutual Companies to 2010. He was a director of PepsiAmericas, Inc. from 1994 to 2010, and a director of Midas, Inc. from 1998 to April 2012.

President and  
Chief Executive  
Officer of DBSS  
Group, Inc.

**Age:** 70

**Director since:**  
1981

**Independent  
Committees:**  
Audit,  
Nominating

**Skills and Qualifications**

Mr. Gilbert has extensive international experience, serving as a business consultant, with particular emphasis on international business arrangements in Europe. During the time he has served on our Board, he has developed considerable knowledge of our businesses, company history, and corporate governance. Mr. Gilbert's multilingual capabilities and multicultural European business background are particularly useful given our global business operations and strategic priority of pursuing European expansion opportunities. He has served on the boards of several public companies, emphasizing in these roles executive succession and diversity, and he chaired the audit committees of PepsiAmericas, Inc. and Midas, Inc. He is a member of The American Council on Germany. Mr. Gilbert's prior board service also includes serving as lead director and non-executive chairman of a mutual insurance company.

**Richard A.  
Johnson**

Mr. Johnson has served as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer since December 2014. Mr. Johnson served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from May 2012 to November 2014. He served as Executive Vice President and Group President—Retail Stores from July 2011 to May 2012; President and Chief Executive Officer of Foot Locker U.S., Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, and Footaction from January 2010 to June 2011; President and Chief Executive Officer of Foot Locker Europe from August 2007 to January 2010; and President and Chief Executive Officer of Footlocker.com/Eastbay from April 2003 to August 2007. Mr. Johnson has been a director of H&R Block Inc. since September 2015. He was previously a director of Maidenform Brands, Inc. from January 2013 to October 2013.

President and  
Chief Executive  
Officer of Foot  
Locker, Inc.

**Skills and Qualifications**

**Age:** 58

**Director since:**  
2014

Mr. Johnson has extensive experience as a retail company executive, including 19 years at the Company. He serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Johnson has led all of the Company's major businesses in the United States, International, and Direct-to-Customer and has extensive knowledge of all facets of the Company's business. He has played an integral role in

**Committee:** developing and executing the Company's strategic plans. He also has experience serving as a director of a public company through his current service as a director of H&R Block Inc. and past service at Maidenform Brands, Inc.

Executive

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## Proposal 1

### Nominees for Director Terms Expiring in 2017

#### **Guillermo G. Marmol**

President of  
Marmol &  
Associates

**Age:** 63

**Director since:**  
2011

**Independent  
Committees:**  
Audit (Chair),  
Finance,  
Executive

Mr. Marmol has served as President of Marmol & Associates (consulting firm that provides advisory services and investment capital to early stage technology companies) since March 2007 and, prior to that, from October 2000 to May 2003. He served as Division Vice President and a member of the Executive Committee of Electronic Data Systems Corporation, a global technology services company, from June 2003 to February 2007, and as a director and Chief Executive Officer of Luminant Worldwide Corporation, an internet professional services company, from July 1998 to September 2000. He served as Vice President and Chair of the Operating Committee of Perot Systems Corporation, an information technology and business solutions company, from December 1995 to June 1998. He began his career at McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm, from 1990 to 1995 rising to Senior Partner, and was a leader of the organization and business process redesign practices. Mr. Marmol is a director of Vitamin Shoppe, Inc., Principal Solar Inc., and KERA/KXT North Texas Public Broadcasting Inc., and he is a member of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Finance Committee of the Center for a Free Cuba. Mr. Marmol was a director of Information Services Group, Inc. (to April 2013).

#### **Skills and Qualifications**

Mr. Marmol has a significant background in information technology and systems, which continues to be highly important to the Company as we enhance our technology and systems and build a more powerful digital business to connect with our customers. He also serves as a director of two other public companies, Vitamin Shoppe, Inc. and Principal Solar, Inc. Through his long tenure as a management consultant focusing on strategic analysis and business processes, he brings valuable knowledge and expertise to his service on the Board, as Chair of the Audit Committee, and on the Finance Committee.

**Proposal 1**

**Nominees for Director  
Terms Expiring in 2017**

**Dona D. Young**

Mrs. Young retired in April 2009 as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Phoenix Companies, Inc. (at the time an insurance and asset management company) after a nearly 30-year career. She currently engages in independent strategic advising and consulting with a focus on corporate social responsibility and board governance issues. She also engages in CEO coaching and counseling. She is a member of the Supervisory Board of Aegon N.V. (a multinational life insurance, pension, and asset management company), a trustee of the Saint James School in Saint James, Maryland, and Save the Children in Westport, Connecticut where she serves as Vice Chair of the Audit Committee. She has previously served as a director of The Phoenix Companies, Inc., Wachovia Corporation, Sonoco Products Company, and Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

Retired Chairman,  
President and  
Chief Executive  
Officer of The  
Phoenix  
Companies, Inc.

**Skills and Qualifications**

**Age:** 62

**Director since:**  
2001

**Independent  
Committees:**

Compensation,  
Nominating  
(Chair), Executive

Mrs. Young brings significant financial, business, governance, and legal experience to our Board. Her long experience in the financial services sector, including service as both Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of Phoenix, has exposed Mrs. Young to a number of areas, including financial reporting, leadership and talent development, and risk management. As an executive and board member, she also has extensive transactional experience, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, and restructurings. Mrs. Young's recognized leadership skills and broad corporate governance experience, including with regard to board succession planning, board composition, and executive leadership are useful for her service as Chair of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. Mrs. Young serves as a member of the Supervisory Board and a member of both the risk committee and the audit committee of Aegon N.V. Mrs. Young has had experience serving as an independent director on the boards of two other public companies, as well as on the boards of non-profit organizations. Mrs. Young is a faculty member of the National Association of Corporate Directors Board Advisory Services. She was a 2013 National Association of Corporate Directors Board Leadership Fellow and a 2012 Advanced Leadership Fellow at Harvard University. Mrs. Young was named to the NACD Directorship 100 for 2015.

**Proposal 1**

**Directors Continuing in Office  
Terms Expiring in 2017**

**Nicholas  
DiPaolo**

Mr. DiPaolo served as Vice Chairman of Bernard Chaus, Inc. (apparel designer and manufacturer) from November 2000 to June 2005 and as Chief Operating Officer of Bernard Chaus from November 2000 to October 2004. Mr. DiPaolo previously served as a director of Bernard Chaus, Inc. (to June 2005), JPS Industries, Inc. (to April 2013), and R.G. Barry Corporation (to September 2014).

Retired Vice  
Chairman of  
Bernard Chaus,  
Inc.

**Skills and Qualifications**

**Age:** 74

**Director since:**  
2002  
**Independent  
Committees:**

Compensation,  
Finance,  
Executive  
(Chair)

Mr. DiPaolo has extensive experience as a senior executive of companies involved in the design and production of apparel, product development, and related financial matters. He served for four years as the Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Bernard Chaus, Inc., an apparel designer and manufacturer, and earlier in his career, as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Salant Corporation, a diversified apparel company, which is particularly useful background given the focus on building apparel penetration under the Company's long-term strategic plan. He previously served on the boards of other public companies, namely JPS Industries, Inc. and R.G. Barry Corporation. Mr. DiPaolo's recognized leadership skills and his broad base of business experience, depth of knowledge and experience with regard to financial matters, the retail industry, product development and apparel, as well as our business, make him particularly suitable to serve as our Non-Executive Chairman.

**Matthew M.  
McKenna**

Mr. McKenna has served as Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture since July 2013. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (non-profit community improvement and educational organization) from January 2008 to June 2013. He was Senior Vice President of Finance of PepsiCo, Inc. (global snack and beverage company) from August 2001 through December 2007. Mr. McKenna serves on the board of MTC Productions, Inc., a non-profit affiliate of the Manhattan Theater Club. He is also an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law in New York City. Mr. McKenna was a director of PepsiAmericas, Inc. from 2001 to 2010.

Senior Advisor to  
the U.S. Secretary  
of Agriculture

**Skills and Qualifications**

**Age:** 65

Mr. McKenna has extensive legal, corporate taxation and financial expertise, having served as a partner at an international law firm in New York City, and as a senior financial officer of

**Director since:** 2006  
**Independent**  
**Committees:** Audit, Finance (Chair), Executive

PepsiCo, Inc., which is particularly useful background for his service as Chair of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee. In addition, Mr. McKenna has government experience based on his current position as Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He also brings the perspective of the non-profit sector from his previous positions as President and Chief Executive Officer of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Chairman of Ignatian Volunteer Corps., and an adjunct professor at Fordham University.

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**Proposal 1**

**Directors Continuing in Office  
Terms Expiring in 2017**

**Steven Oakland**

Mr. Oakland has served as President, Coffee and Foodservice of The J.M. Smucker Company (“Smucker’s”) (manufacturer and marketer of branded food products) since April 2015. He previously served as President, International Food Service of Smucker’s from May 2011 to March 2015; and President, U.S. Retail—Smucker’s Jif, and Hungry Jack from August 2008 to May 2011. Mr. Oakland has spent most of his career at Smucker’s, serving in increasingly senior positions, including General Manager of Smucker’s Canadian operations from 1995 to 1999. Effective May 1, 2016, Mr. Oakland will assume the position of Vice Chair and President, U.S. Food and Beverage of Smucker’s. He serves on the board of MTD Products, Inc., a privately-held company.

President, Coffee and Foodservice of The J.M. Smucker Company

**Skills and Qualifications**

**Age:** 55

Mr. Oakland brings to our Board a broad-based business background and extensive experience in domestic and international consumer products operations, with particular strength in customer engagement, marketing, brand-building, and strategic planning. Additionally, Mr. Oakland is actively involved in management resources issues and governance matters as a senior executive of a public company, which provides relevant expertise to both our Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee, of which he is a member. Through his senior executive position at Smucker’s, Mr. Oakland also has risk management and business development / mergers and acquisitions experience.

**Director since:** 2014  
**Independent Committees:**

Compensation, Nominating

**Cheryl Nido Turpin**

Ms. Turpin served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Limited Stores (retail merchants), a division of Limited Brands, Inc., from June 1994 to August 1997. Prior to that, she served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lane Bryant, a subsidiary of The Limited Stores, Inc., from January 1990 to June 1994. Ms. Turpin served as a director of The Warnaco Group, Inc. from 2004 to February 2013, and as a director of Stage Stores, Inc. from 2010 to 2011.

Retired President and Chief Executive Officer of the Limited Stores

**Skills and Qualifications**

Ms. Turpin brings to our Board long experience as a retail executive, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer of Limited Stores, where she worked in a multi-divisional retail structure such as that of our Company. She previously served as a director of two other public companies, The Warnaco Group, Inc. and Stage Stores, Inc., and she served as chair of the compensation committees of those companies. Her strong retail and brand marketing background strongly complements the expertise of the Board, and her past service as chair of the compensation committees of other public retail companies provides particularly useful

**Age:** 68

**Director since:** 2001



**Independent  
Committees:**

background for her service on our Compensation Committee.

Compensation,  
Nominating

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**Summary of Director Qualifications and Experience**

<b>Maxine Clark</b>	<b>Nicholas DiPaolo</b>	<b>Alan D. Feldman</b>	<b>Jarobin Gilbert, Jr.</b>	<b>Richard A. Johnson</b>	<b>Guillermo G. Marmol</b>	<b>Matthew M. McKenna</b>	<b>Steven Oakland</b>	<b>Cheryl Ni Turpin</b>
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**Accounting or Financial**

expertise gained from experience as a CEO, audit professional, or finance executive is important

because it assists our directors in understanding and overseeing our financial reporting and internal controls

**Broad-Based Business**

expertise provides a depth of experience from which to draw on in evaluating issues, deliberating, decision-making, and making business judgments

**Business Development / Mergers and Acquisitions**

experience is important because it helps in assessing potential growth opportunities

**Chief Executive**

experience is important

because directors who have served as CEOs of public or substantial privately-held companies have experience working, communicating, and engaging with a variety of important external stakeholder groups, such as investors, shareholders, bondholders, and investment analysts

**Digital and Channel Connectivity**

experience is important to the Company as we build a more powerful digital experience for our customers

**Information Security**

experience is relevant given the importance to the Company of protecting both the Company's and our customers' information

**International**

experience is important in understanding and reviewing our business and strategy outside of the United States,

particularly in Europe as it is a strategic priority

**Retail, Brand Marketing, and Social Media**

experience gives directors a practical understanding of developing, implementing, and assessing our marketing and customer engagement strategies

**Risk Management**

experience is critical to the Board's role in overseeing the risks facing the Company

**Strategic Planning and Analysis**

experience provides a practical understanding of developing, implementing, and assessing the metrics of our long-term financial objectives and strategic priorities

**Target Market**

experience is relevant to an understanding of our business and strategy as our brands keenly focus on their target customers

**Technology and Systems**

experience is relevant given the importance of technology to the retail marketplace, our internal operations, and our customer engagement initiatives

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## Corporate Governance

The Board is committed to good corporate governance and has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines and other policies and practices to guide the Board and senior management.

### **Board Diversity**

We believe that the Board possesses the appropriate mix of diversity in terms of gender, age, ethnicity, skills, business experience, service on our Board and the boards of other organizations, and viewpoints. We have refreshed our Board over the past five years, as five highly-qualified directors were added to the Board, and four directors retired. In May 2015, the Board elected Nicholas DiPaolo as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. Mr. DiPaolo previously served as the lead director.

### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board periodically reviews the guidelines and may revise them when appropriate. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on the corporate governance section of the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>. You may also obtain a printed copy of the guidelines by writing to the Secretary at the Company's headquarters.

### **Committee Charters**

The Board has adopted charters for the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Nominating Committee. Copies of the charters for these committees are available on the corporate governance section of the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>. You may also obtain printed copies of these charters by writing to the Secretary at the Company's headquarters.

### **Policy on Voting for Directors**

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that if a nominee for director in an uncontested election receives more votes "withheld" from his or her election than votes "for" election, then the director must offer his or her resignation for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will evaluate the resignation, weighing the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, and make a recommendation to the Board on the action to be taken. For example, the Nominating Committee may recommend (i) accepting the resignation, (ii) maintaining the director but addressing what the Nominating Committee believes to be the underlying cause of the withheld votes, (iii) resolving that the director will not be re-nominated in the future for election, or (iv) rejecting the resignation. When making its determination, the Nominating Committee will consider all factors that it deems relevant, including (i) any stated reasons why shareholders withheld votes from the director, (ii) any alternatives for curing the underlying cause of the withheld votes, (iii) the director's tenure, (iv) the director's qualifications, (v) the director's past and expected

future contributions to the Board and to the Company, and (vi) the overall composition of the Board, including whether accepting the resignation would cause the Company to fall below the minimum number of directors required under the Company's By-laws or fail to meet any applicable U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") requirements. We will promptly disclose the Board's decision on whether to accept the director's resignation, including, if applicable, the reasons for rejecting the offered resignation.

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### Director Independence

The Board believes that a significant majority of its members should be independent, as determined by the Board based on the criteria established by the NYSE. Each year, the Nominating Committee reviews any relationships between outside directors and the Company that may affect independence. Currently, one of the ten members of the Board serves as an officer of the Company, and the remaining nine directors are independent under the criteria established by the NYSE. Please see Pages 15 through 16 for more information regarding director independence.

### Committee Rotation

As a general principle, the Board believes that the periodic rotation of committee assignments on a staggered basis is desired and provides an opportunity to foster diverse perspective and develop breadth of knowledge within the Board.

### Independent Board Leader

Our Board is led by Nicholas DiPaolo, who serves as our independent Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. The Board believes that Mr. DiPaolo is well-suited to serve in this role, given his business and financial background, his depth of knowledge of the Company, and his prior leadership role as lead director from 2012 through 2015. As Non-Executive Chairman, Mr. DiPaolo has the following roles and responsibilities:

- advises our Chief Executive Officer and other members of senior management, as appropriate;
- develops, with our Chief Executive Officer, the agenda for each Board meeting;
- chairs all meetings of our Board;
- serves as principal liaison between our independent directors and our Chief Executive Officer;
- chairs executive sessions of the Board and meetings of the independent directors, both of which are held in conjunction with each quarterly Board meeting; and
- leads the annual performance evaluation of our Chief Executive Officer.

### Board Leadership Structure

Our Board evaluates, from time to time as appropriate, whether the same person should serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, or whether the positions should be split, in light of all relevant factors and circumstances, and what it considers to be in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders. Since May 2015, the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer have been separated, with Nicholas DiPaolo serving as Non-Executive Chairman, and Richard A. Johnson serving as Chief Executive Officer. The Board has utilized various leadership



structures since 2001, as shown below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leadership Structure</b>
March 2001 – February 2004	Positions separated, with an independent director serving as Non-Executive Chairman
February 2004 – August 2009	Positions combined, with an independent lead director
August 2009 – January 2010	Positions separated, with the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer serving as Executive Chairman and an independent director serving as lead director
January 2010 – December 2014	Positions combined, with an independent lead director
December 2014 – May 2015	Positions separated, with the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer serving as Executive Chairman, and an independent director serving as lead director
May 2015 – Present	Positions separated, with an independent director serving as Non-Executive Chairman

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## **Corporate Governance**

The Board believes that based on the Company's facts and circumstances, its current leadership structure is appropriate.

### **Executive Sessions of Non-Management Directors**

The Board holds regularly scheduled executive sessions of non-management directors in conjunction with each quarterly Board meeting. Nicholas DiPaolo, as Chairman, presides at these executive sessions.

### **Board Evaluations**

Each year, the Board and its committees conduct self-evaluations. The Nominating Committee oversees the evaluation process and reviews the procedures, which may vary from year to year, in advance of each year's evaluation process. The self-evaluation process is designed to elicit candid feedback regarding the areas where the Board and its committees could improve their effectiveness. In addition, in 2015, the Nominating Committee engaged a third party to conduct a survey of the directors with regard to the assessment process and other governance areas and report to the full Board on the survey results and benchmark information.

### **Board Members' Attendance at Annual Meetings**

Although we do not have a policy on our Board members' attendance at annual shareholders' meetings, we encourage each director to attend these important meetings. The annual meeting is normally scheduled on the same day as a quarterly Board meeting. In 2015, all of the directors then serving attended the annual shareholders' meeting.

### **Director Orientation and Education**

We have an orientation program for new directors that is intended to educate a new director on the Company and the Board's practices. At the orientation, the newly elected director generally meets with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and Secretary, and other senior officers of the Company, to review the Company's business operations, financial matters, investor relations, corporate governance policies, composition of the Board and its committees, and succession and development plans. Additionally, he or she has the opportunity to visit our stores at the Company's New York headquarters, or elsewhere, with a senior division officer for an introduction to store operations. We also provide the Board with educational training from time to time on subjects applicable to the Board and the Company, including with regard to retailing, accounting, financial reporting, and corporate governance, using both internal and external resources.

### **Payment of Directors Fees in Stock**

The non-employee directors receive one-half of their annual retainer fees, including committee chair retainer fees, in shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), with the balance payable in cash. Directors may elect to receive up to 100% of their annual retainer fees in stock.

### **Director Retirement**

The Board has established a policy in its Corporate Governance Guidelines that directors retire from the Board at the annual meeting of shareholders following the director's 72nd birthday. As part of the Nominating Committee's regular evaluation of the Company's directors and the overall needs of the Board, the Nominating Committee may ask a director to remain on the Board for an additional period of time beyond age 72, or to stand for re-election after reaching age 72. For any director over age 72, the Nominating Committee evaluates that director each year in light of the retirement policy to consider his or her continued service on the Board. The Nominating Committee and the Board reviewed the continued service of our Non-Executive Chairman, Nicholas DiPaolo, age 74, on the Board and have asked him to continue his service through the end of his term in 2017.

## **Corporate Governance**

### **Change in a Director's Principal Employment**

The Board has established a policy whereby a director is required to advise the Chair of the Nominating Committee of any change to his or her principal employment. If requested by the Chair of the Committee, after consultation with the members of the Committee, the director will submit a letter of resignation to the Chair of the Committee, and the Committee would then meet to consider whether to accept or reject the letter of resignation.

### **Risk Oversight**

The Board has oversight responsibilities regarding risks that could affect the Company. This oversight is conducted primarily through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has established procedures for reviewing the Company's risks. These procedures include regular risk monitoring by management to update current risks and identify potential new and emerging risks, quarterly risk reviews by management with the Audit Committee, and an annual risk report to the full Board. The Audit Committee Chair reports on the committee's meetings, considerations, and actions to the full Board at the next Board meeting following each committee meeting. In addition, the Compensation Committee considers risk in relation to the Company's compensation policies and practices. The Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant provides an annual report to the committee on risk relative to the Company's compensation programs.

The Company believes that this process for risk oversight is appropriate in light of the Company's business, size, and active senior management participation, including by the Chief Executive Officer, in managing risk and holding regular discussions on risk with the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Board.

### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

We have Stock Ownership Guidelines that cover the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, and Other Principal Officers. For non-employee directors, the guideline is four times their annual retainer fee; for the Chief Executive Officer, the guideline is six times his annual base salary; and for Other Principal Officers, the guideline is a multiple of their base salaries.

Shares of unvested restricted stock, unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and deferred stock units are counted towards beneficial ownership. Performance-based RSUs are counted once earned. Stock options and shares held through the Foot Locker 401(k) Plan are disregarded in calculating beneficial ownership for purposes of the Stock Ownership Guidelines.

Non-employee directors and executives who are covered by the guidelines are required to be in compliance within five years after the effective date of becoming subject to these guidelines. In the event of any increase in the required

ownership level, whether as a result of an increase in the annual retainer fee or base salary or an increase in the required ownership multiple, the target date for compliance with the increased ownership guideline is five years after the effective date of such increase.

All non-employee directors and executives who were required to be in compliance with the guidelines as of the end of the 2015 fiscal year are in compliance. The Company measures compliance with the guidelines at the end of each fiscal year based on the market value of the Company's stock, with the compliance determination at that point in time applying for the next fiscal year, regardless of fluctuations in the Company's stock price.

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If a director or covered executive fails to be in compliance with the guidelines by the required compliance date, he or she must hold the net shares obtained through future stock option exercises and the vesting of restricted stock and RSUs, after payment of applicable taxes, until coming into compliance with the guidelines. In order to take into consideration fluctuations in the Company's stock price, any person who has been in compliance with the guidelines as of the end of at least one of the two preceding fiscal years and who has not subsequently sold shares will not be subject to this holding requirement. For non-employee directors, the Nominating Committee will consider a director's failure to comply with the Stock Ownership Guidelines when considering that director for reelection.

## **Political Contributions**

Our Code of Business Conduct prohibits making contributions on behalf of the Company to political parties, political action committees, political candidates, or holders of public office. The Company is a member of several trade associations which, as part of their overall activities, may engage in advocacy activities with regard to issues important to the retail industry or the business community generally.

## **Communications with the Board**

The Board has established a procedure for shareholders and other interested parties to send communications to the non-management members of the Board. Shareholders and other interested parties who wish to communicate directly with the non-management directors of the Company should send a letter to the Board of Directors, c/o Secretary, Foot Locker, Inc., 330 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001.

The Secretary will promptly send a copy of the communication to the independent Board leader, who may direct the Secretary to send a copy of the communication to the other non-management directors and may determine whether a meeting of the non-management directors should be called to review the communication.

A copy of the Procedures for Communications with the Board is available on the corporate governance section of the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>. You may obtain a printed copy of the procedures by writing to the Secretary at the Company's headquarters.

## **Retention of Outside Advisors**

The Board and all of its committees have authority to retain outside advisors and consultants that they consider necessary or appropriate in carrying out their respective responsibilities. The independent accountants are retained by, and report directly to, the Audit Committee. In addition, the Committee is responsible for the selection, assessment, and termination of the internal auditors to which the Company has outsourced a portion of its internal audit function, which is ultimately accountable to the Audit Committee. Similarly, the consultant retained by the Compensation

Committee to assist in the evaluation of senior executive compensation reports directly to that committee.

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### Code of Business Conduct

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct for directors, officers, and employees, including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct is available on the corporate governance section of the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>. You may obtain a printed copy of the Code of Business Conduct by writing to the Secretary at the Company's headquarters.

Any waivers of the Code of Business Conduct for directors and executive officers must be approved by the Audit Committee. The Company promptly discloses amendments to the Code of Business Conduct and any waivers of the Code of Business Conduct for directors and executive officers on the corporate governance section of the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>.

### Related Person Transactions

We individually inquire of each of our directors and executive officers about any transactions in which the Company and any of these related persons or their immediate family members are participants. We also make inquiries within the Company's records for information on any of these kinds of transactions. Once we gather the information, we then review all relationships and transactions in which the Company and any of our directors, executive officers, their immediate family members or five-percent shareholders are participants to determine, based on the facts and circumstances, whether the Company or the related persons have a direct or indirect material interest. The General Counsel's office coordinates the related person transaction review process. The Nominating Committee reviews any reported transactions involving directors and their immediate family members in making its recommendation to the Board on the independence of the directors. The Company's written policies and procedures for related person transactions are included within the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Foot Locker's Code of Business Conduct. There were no related person transactions in 2015.



Board of Directors

## Organization and Powers

The Board has responsibility for establishing broad corporate policies, reviewing significant developments affecting the Company, and monitoring the general performance of the Company. Our By-laws provide for a Board consisting of between 7 and 13 directors. The exact number of directors is determined from time to time by the entire Board. The Board has fixed the number of directors at 10.

The Board held five meetings during 2015. All of our directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and committees on which they served in 2015.

## Directors' Independence

A director is not considered independent under NYSE rules if he or she has a material relationship with the Company that would impair his or her independence. In addition to the independence criteria established by the NYSE, the Board has adopted categorical standards to assist it in making its independence determinations regarding individual directors. These categorical standards are contained in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are posted on the Company's corporate website at <http://www.footlocker-inc.com/investors.cfm?page=corporate-governance>.

The Board has determined that the following categories of relationships are immaterial for purposes of determining whether a director is independent under the NYSE listing standards:

Categorical Relationship	Description
Investment Relationships with the Company	A director and any family member may own equities or other securities of the Company.
Relationships with Other Business Entities	A director and any family member may be a director, employee (other than an executive officer), or beneficial owner of less than 10% of the shares of a business entity with which the Company does business, provided that the aggregate amount involved in a fiscal year does not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of either that entity's or the Company's annual consolidated gross revenue.
Relationships with Not-for-Profit Entities	A director and any family member may be a director or employee (other than an executive officer or the equivalent) of a not-for-profit organization to which the Company (including the Foot Locker Foundation) makes contributions, provided that the aggregate amount of the Company's contributions in any fiscal year do not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of the not-for-profit entity's total annual receipts.



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The Board, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, has determined that the following directors are independent under the NYSE rules because they have no material relationship to the Company that would impair their independence:

Maxine Clark    Jarobin Gilbert, Jr.    Steven Oakland  
Nicholas DiPaolo    Guillermo G. Marmol    Cheryl Nido Turpin  
Alan D. Feldman    Matthew M. McKenna    Dona D. Young

In making its independence determination, the Board reviewed recommendations of the Nominating Committee and considered Dona D. Young's relationship as a non-employee member of the Supervisory Board of a company with which our European subsidiary does business. The Board has determined that this relationship meets the categorical standard for Relationships with Other Business Entities and is immaterial with respect to determining independence.

The Board also considered, in making its independence determination, Matthew M. McKenna's relationship as an adjunct professor of Fordham University School of Law because the Foot Locker Foundation awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to a Fordham University student. The Board has determined that this relationship meets the categorical standard for Relationships with Not-for-Profit Entities and is immaterial with respect to determining independence.

Ken C. Hicks served as a director during 2015 until his retirement from the Company in May 2015. The Board determined, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, that Mr. Hicks was not independent because he was an executive officer of the Company while serving as a director.

The Board has determined that all members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Nominating Committee are independent as defined under the NYSE listing standards and the director independence standards adopted by the Board.

**Board of Directors**

**Committees of the Board**

The Board has delegated certain duties to committees, which assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities. There are five standing committees of the Board. Each independent director serves on at least two committees. The current committee memberships, the number of meetings held during 2015, and the functions of the committees are described below.

**Audit Committee**

Guillermo G. Marmol,  
Chair

**Key Oversight Responsibilities**

- appoints the independent accountants
- approves the independent accountants’ compensation
- assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in the following areas:
  - oaccounting policies and practices
  - othe integrity of the Company’s financial statements
  - ocompliance with legal and regulatory requirements
  - orisk oversight
    - o the qualifications, independence, and performance of the independent accountants
    - o the qualifications, performance, and compensation of the internal auditors
- establishes procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of
- complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters

**Members:**

Clark, Gilbert,  
Marmol,  
McKenna

9 meetings in 2015

This committee consists of four independent directors, as independence is defined under the SEC and NYSE rules applicable to audit committee members. All of the members meet the expertise requirements under the NYSE rules. The Board has determined that Mr. McKenna qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined by the rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), through his relevant experience as a former senior financial executive of a large multinational corporation. Mr. McKenna is independent under the applicable NYSE and Exchange Act rules.

The Audit Committee Report appears on Page 77.

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<p><b>Compensation and Management Resources Committee</b></p> <p>Alan D. Feldman, Chair</p>	<p><b>Key Oversight Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•determines the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>•reviews and approves all compensation for the Company’s executive management group, which consists of the executive officers and corporate officers</li> <li>•determines significant elements of the compensation of the chief executives of our operating divisions</li> <li>•responsible for decisions regarding equity compensation for other employees</li> <li>•assesses risk in relation to the Company’s compensation policies and practices</li> <li>•administers the Company’s various compensation plans, including the incentive plans, the equity-based compensation plans, and the employees’ stock purchase plan (other than the Company’s 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Stock Incentive Plan”), committee members are ineligible to participate in these compensation plans)</li> <li>•reviews and makes recommendations to the Board concerning executive development and succession</li> <li>•meets jointly with the Nominating Committee to review non-employee directors’ compensation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the form and amount of non-employee directors’ compensation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Members:</b></p> <p>DiPaolo, Feldman, Oakland, Turpin, Young</p> <p>5 meetings in 2015</p>
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This committee consists of five independent directors, as independence is defined under the NYSE rules applicable to compensation committee members.

Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”) on Pages 28 through 44 for a discussion of the Compensation Committee’s procedures for determining compensation.

<p><b>Finance and Strategic Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Matthew M. McKenna, Chair</p>	<p><b>Key Oversight Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•reviews the overall strategic and financial plans, including capital expenditure plans, proposed debt or equity issues, and the capital structure</li> <li>•considers and makes recommendations to the Board concerning dividend payments and share repurchases</li> <li>•reviews acquisition and divestiture proposals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Members:</b></p> <p>Clark, DiPaolo, Feldman, Marmol, McKenna</p> <p>4 meetings in 2015</p>
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**Board of Directors**

<b>Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee</b>	<b>Key Oversight Responsibilities</b>	<b>Members:</b>
Dona D. Young, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oversees corporate governance matters affecting the Company, including developing and recommending criteria and policies relating to service and tenure of directors</li> <li>• establishes criteria for Board candidates</li> </ul> <p>retains the services of a third-party search firm from time to time to identify potential director candidates</p> <p>selects new director nominees to recommend to the Board and considers the re-nomination of existing directors by considering a variety of factors that it believes contribute to an individual’s ability to be an effective director, as well as the overall effectiveness of the Board, including an individual’s understanding of business, finance, corporate governance, marketing, and other disciplines relevant to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oversight of a large public company; understanding of our industry; independence; integrity; personal and professional ethics; business judgment; the ability and willingness to devote sufficient time to Board responsibilities; educational and professional background; international experience; personal accomplishment; community involvement; cultural and ethnic diversity; and other skills, experience, and qualifications as may be relevant</li> </ul> <p>reviews membership on the Board committees and, after consultation with the Non-Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, makes recommendations to the Board annually regarding committee members and committee chair assignments</p> <p>meets jointly with the Compensation Committee to review non-employee directors’ compensation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the form and amount of non-employee directors’ compensation</p> <p>Shareholders who wish to recommend candidates may contact the Nominating Committee in the manner described on Page 13 under Communications with the Board. Shareholder nominations must be made according to the procedures required under, and within the timeframe described in, the By-laws and on Page 88. Shareholder-recommended candidates and shareholder nominees whose nominations comply with these procedures will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee in the same manner as the Company’s nominees.</p>	<p>Gilbert, Oakland, Turpin, Young</p> <p>5 meetings in 2015</p>

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<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Key Oversight Responsibilities</b>	<b>Members:</b>
<p>Nicholas DiPaolo, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shares all of the powers of the Board during intervals between Board meetings, except for certain matters reserved to the Board</li> </ul>	<p>DiPaolo, Feldman, Johnson, Marmol, McKenna, Young</p> <p>No meetings in 2015</p>

**Compensation and Management Resources Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Nicholas DiPaolo, Alan D. Feldman, Steven Oakland, Cheryl Nido Turpin, and Dona D. Young served on the Compensation Committee during 2015. None of the committee members was an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and there were no interlocks with other companies within the meaning of the SEC's proxy rules.

**Directors' Compensation and Benefits**

Non-employee directors are paid an annual retainer fee and meeting fees for attendance at each Board and committee meeting. The Non-Executive Chairman and the committee chairs are each paid additional retainer fees for service in these capacities. We do not pay additional compensation to any director who is also an employee of the Company for service on the Board or any committee. The independent compensation consultant retained by the Compensation Committee conducts an annual review and analysis of the directors' compensation program and makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee, jointly, with regard to the program structure. Below is a summary of the fees paid to the non-employee directors in 2015:

**Summary of Directors' Compensation**

Annual Retainer:	\$130,000 payable 50% in cash and 50% in Common Stock. Directors may elect to receive up to 100% of their annual retainer, including their committee chair retainer, in Common Stock. We calculate the number of shares paid to the directors for their annual retainer by dividing their retainer fee by the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the last business day preceding the July payment date.
Committee Chair Retainers:	\$25,000: Audit Committee Chair \$25,000: Compensation Committee Chair

\$15,000: Finance Committee Chair  
\$15,000: Nominating Committee Chair  
N/A: Executive Committee Chair

The committee chair retainers are paid in the same form as the annual retainer.

Non-Executive Chairman Retainer: \$125,000 payable in cash.

Meeting Fees: \$2,000 per Board and committee meeting attended.

RSUs: 1,024 RSUs. The number of RSUs granted in 2015 was calculated by dividing \$65,000 by the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant (\$63.49). The RSUs will vest in May 2016, one year following the date of grant. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock on the vesting date.



**Board of Directors****Deferral Election**

Non-employee directors may elect to receive all or a portion of the cash component of their annual retainer fee, including committee chair retainers, in the form of deferred stock units or to have these amounts placed in an interest account. Directors may also elect to receive all or part of the stock component of their annual retainer fee in the form of deferred stock units. The interest account is a hypothetical investment account bearing interest at the rate of 120% of the applicable federal long-term rate, compounded annually, and set as of the first day of each plan year. A stock unit is an accounting equivalent of one share of Common Stock.

**Miscellaneous**

Directors and their immediate families are eligible to receive the same discount on purchases of merchandise from our stores, catalogs, and Internet sites that is available to employees. We reimburse non-employee directors for reasonable expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings, including their transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals.

**Fiscal 2015 Director Compensation**

The amounts paid to each non-employee director for fiscal 2015, including amounts deferred under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan, and the RSUs granted to each director are reported in the tables below:

**Director Compensation**

(a) Name	(b) Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	(c) Stock Awards (\$)(1)(2)	(d) Total (\$)
M. Clark	103,000	130,014	233,014
N. DiPaolo	187,905	139,596	327,501
A. Feldman	105,536	168,527(3)	274,063
J. Gilbert, Jr.	105,000	130,014	235,014
G. Marmol	115,536	142,478	258,014
M. McKenna	44,099	209,957	254,056

S. Oakland	62,500	163,609(3)	226,109
C. Turpin	95,000	171,751(3)	266,751
D. Young	94,960	191,946(3)	286,906

**Board of Directors****Notes to Director Compensation Table**

(1) Column (c) reflects the following three items:

Retainer fees paid in stock or deferred by the director

The fiscal 2015 grant date fair value for the portion of the annual retainer fees, including committee chair retainer fees, paid in shares of Common Stock or deferred by the director, is shown in the following table:

Name	Shares (#)	Deferred Stock Units (#)	Grant Date Fair Value
			(\$)
M. Clark	970	—	65,000
N. DiPaolo	1,113	—	74,582
A. Feldman	1,156	—	77,464
J. Gilbert, Jr.	970	—	65,000
G. Marmol	1,156	—	77,464
M. McKenna	2,163	—	144,943
S. Oakland	—	1,455	97,500
C. Turpin	970	—	65,000
D. Young	—	1,082	72,500

*Stock portion of retainer fee.* We made the annual stock payment to each director on July 1, 2015. Under the terms of the Stock Incentive Plan, the stock payment was valued at the closing price of a share of Common Stock on June 30, 2015, which was \$67.01. The 2015 grant date fair value is equal to the number of shares received or deferred by the director multiplied by \$67.01, calculated in accordance with stock-based compensation accounting rules (ASC Topic 718). Two directors, who deferred the stock portion of their annual retainer, were credited with deferred stock units on the annual payment date valued at \$67.01 per unit.

*Cash portion of retainer fee.* For fiscal 2015, one director deferred part of the cash portion of her annual retainer fee and was credited during the fiscal year with deferred stock units on the quarterly cash retainer payment dates, valued at the fair market value on the payment dates, as follows: January 2, 2015 (\$56.04; pro rated for 2 months of 2015 fiscal year), April 1, 2015 (\$62.52), July 1, 2015 (\$67.97), October 1, 2015 (\$71.15), and January 4, 2016 (\$65.31; pro rated for one month of 2015 fiscal year). The 2015 grant date fair value is equal to the number of deferred stock units received multiplied by the fair market value on the payment dates, calculated in accordance with stock-based compensation accounting rules (ASC Topic 718).

## Dividend equivalents

The fiscal 2015 grant date fair value for dividend equivalents credited in the form of additional stock units to four directors during the year on the quarterly dividend payment dates, valued at the fair market value of the Common Stock on the dividend payment dates, is shown in the following table:

	<b>05/01/15</b>	<b>07/31/15</b>	<b>10/30/15</b>	<b>01/29/16</b>
	<b>FMV: \$60.28</b>	<b>FMV: \$70.55</b>	<b>FMV: \$67.75</b>	<b>FMV: \$67.56</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>(#)</b>	<b>(#)</b>	<b>(#)</b>	<b>(#)</b>
A. Feldman	107	92	96	97
S. Oakland	—	5	5	5
C. Turpin	172	148	154	155
D. Young	221	193	202	204

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The total number of Deferred Stock Units credited to directors' accounts for fiscal 2015, including the dividend equivalents and the units credited representing 2015 retainer fees reported in the above two tables, and the total number of units held at the end of fiscal 2015, is shown in the following table:

Name	<b>Total Deferred Stock Units Credited for</b>	
	<b>2015 (#)</b>	<b>Held at 1/30/16 (#)</b>
A. Feldman	393	26,291
S. Oakland	1,471	1,471
C. Turpin	629	42,125
D. Young	1,902	55,252

**Restricted Stock Units**

The fiscal 2015 grant date fair value for the RSUs granted to the non-employee directors in 2015 is shown in the table below. The number of RSUs granted was calculated by dividing \$65,000 by \$63.49, which was the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. The RSUs will vest in May 2016. The amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For additional information on the valuation assumptions, please refer to Note 22 to the Company's financial statements in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The following table shows the aggregate number of RSUs granted in 2015 and the number of RSUs outstanding at the end of the 2015 fiscal year:

Name	RSUs Granted (#)	Grant Date Fair Value (\$)	RSUs
			Outstanding on 1/30/2016 (#)
M. Clark	1,024	65,014	1,024
N. DiPaolo	1,024	65,014	1,024
A. Feldman	1,024	65,014	1,024
J. Gilbert, Jr.	1,024	65,014	1,024
G. Marmol	1,024	65,014	1,024
M. McKenna	1,024	65,014	1,024
S. Oakland	1,024	65,014	1,024
C. Turpin	1,024	65,014	1,024

D. Young 1,024

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No stock options were granted to the non-employee directors in 2015. The following table provides information on (2) the number of stock options outstanding for each of the non-employee directors, if applicable, at the end of the 2015 fiscal year, all of which were exercisable:

Name	<b>Stock Options Outstanding on 1/30/2016 (#)</b>
N. DiPaolo	2,208
A. Feldman	2,208
J. Gilbert, Jr.	2,208
M. McKenna	4,287
C. Turpin	2,208
D. Young	2,208

(3) Stock payment deferred in the form of stock units under the Stock Incentive Plan.

**Directors' Retirement Plan**

The Directors' Retirement Plan was frozen as of December 31, 1995. Consequently, only Jarobin Gilbert, Jr. is entitled to receive a benefit under this plan after he completes his service as a director because he completed at least five years of service as a director prior to December 31, 1995. The retirement benefit under this plan is \$24,000 per year, payable quarterly for the lesser of 10 years after the director leaves the Board or until his death.

**Directors and Officers Indemnification and Insurance**

We have purchased directors and officers liability and corporation reimbursement insurance from a group of insurers comprising ACE American Insurance Co., Zurich American Insurance Co., Arch Insurance Co., St. Paul Mercury Insurance Co., Freedom Specialty Insurance Co., Berkley Insurance Co., Navigators Insurance Co., Aspen American Insurance Co., XL Insurance Bermuda Ltd., Illinois National Insurance Co., and Endurance American Insurance Co. These policies insure the Company and all of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries. They also insure all of the directors and officers of the Company and the covered subsidiaries. The policies were written for a term of 12 months, from October 12, 2015 until October 12, 2016. The total annual premium for these policies, including fees and taxes, is \$932,121. Directors and officers of the Company, as well as all other employees with fiduciary responsibilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, are insured under policies issued by a group of insurers comprising Arch Insurance Co., St. Paul Mercury Insurance Co., Federal Insurance Co., and ACE American Insurance Co., which have a total premium, including fees and taxes, of \$380,945 for the 12-month period ending October 12, 2016.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and officers, as approved by shareholders at the 1987 Annual Meeting.

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## Beneficial Ownership of the Company's Stock

**Directors and Executive Officers**

The table below shows the number of shares of Common Stock reported to us as beneficially owned by each of our directors and named executive officers as of March 21, 2016. The table also shows beneficial ownership by all directors, named executive officers, and executive officers as a group as of that date, including shares of Common Stock that they have a right to acquire within 60 days after March 21, 2016 by the exercise of stock options.

Ken C. Hicks, the Company's retired Executive Chairman, beneficially owned 1% of the total number of outstanding shares of Common Stock as of March 21, 2016. No other director, named executive officer, or executive officer beneficially owned 1% or more of the total number of outstanding shares as of March 21, 2016. Each person has sole voting and investment power for the number of shares shown unless otherwise noted.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Common Stock Beneficially Owned Excluding Stock Options (#) (a)</b>	<b>Stock Options Exercisable Within 60 Days After 3/21/2016 (#) (b)</b>	<b>RSUs and Deferred Stock Units (#) (b)</b>	<b>Total (#)</b>
Jeffrey L. Berk	28,539	144,666	6,892	180,097
Maxine Clark	6,067	—	1,024	7,091
Nicholas DiPaolo	72,394	(c) 2,208	1,024	75,626
Alan D. Feldman	55,488	2,208	27,315	85,011
Jarobin Gilbert, Jr.	16,668	2,208	1,024	19,900
Ken C. Hicks	565,805	800,000	36,207	1,402,012
Richard A. Johnson	278,527	443,299	17,190	739,016
Guillermo G. Marmol	24,900	—	1,024	25,924
Robert W. McHugh	136,319	199,332	9,240	344,891
Matthew M. McKenna	58,844	4,287	1,024	64,155
Steven Oakland	2,060	—	2,495	4,555
Lauren B. Peters	117,114	229,332	7,759	354,205
Cheryl Nido Turpin	48,650	2,208	43,149	94,007
Pawan Verma	20,490	—	—	20,490
Dona D. Young	37,169	2,208	56,276	95,653
All 21 directors and executive officers as a group, including the named executive officers	1,667,579	2,060,086	240,543	3,968,208 (d)

**Beneficial Ownership of the Company's Stock****Notes to Beneficial Ownership Table**

(a) This column includes shares held in the Company's 401(k) Plan and, where applicable, executives' unvested shares of restricted stock as listed below over which they have sole voting power but no investment power:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Unvested Shares of Restricted Stock (#)</b>
R. Johnson	78,520
L. Peters	20,000
R. McHugh	20,000
J. Berk	—
P. Verma	20,490

This column includes (i) the number of deferred stock units credited as of March 21, 2016 to the directors' accounts (b) who elected to defer all or part of their annual retainer fee, and (ii) time-vested RSUs. The deferred stock units and RSUs do not have current voting or investment power.

(c) Includes 1,050 shares held by his spouse.

(d) This number represents approximately 2.9% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on March 21, 2016.

**Persons Owning More Than Five-Percent of the Company's Common Stock**

The table below provides information on shareholders who beneficially own more than 5% of our Common Stock as of December 31, 2015 according to reports filed with the SEC. To the best of our knowledge, there are no other shareholders who beneficially own more than 5% of a class of the Company's voting securities.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (#)</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, New York 10055	10,659,943(a)	7.8%(a)
The Vanguard Group, Inc. 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	10,538,271(b)	7.67%(b)
FMR LLC 245 Summer Street Boston, Massachusetts 02210	7,391,515(c)	5.384%(c)

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## Beneficial Ownership of the Company's Stock

### Notes to Table on Persons Owning More than Five-Percent of the Company's Common Stock

Reflects shares beneficially owned as of December 31, 2015 according to Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13G filed (a) with the SEC. As reported in this schedule, BlackRock, Inc., a parent holding company, holds sole voting power with respect to 9,709,431 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 10,659,943 shares.

Reflects shares beneficially owned as of December 31, 2015 according to Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC. As reported in this schedule, The Vanguard Group, an investment adviser, holds sole voting power with respect to 134,406 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 10,391,565 shares, and shared dispositive power with respect to 146,706 shares. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The (b) Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 92,606 shares as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts. Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 95,900 shares as a result of its serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings.

Reflects shares beneficially owned as of December 31, 2015 according to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC. Each of FIAM LLC (formerly known as Pyramis Global Advisors, LLC), Fidelity Institutional Asset Management Trust Company (formerly known as Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company), FMR Co., Inc, and Strategic Advisers, Inc. beneficially owns shares, with FMR Co., Inc. beneficially owning 5% or more of the shares outstanding. (c) Abigail P. Johnson is a Director, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and the President of FMR LLC. Neither FMR LLC nor Ms. Johnson has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the various investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act ("Fidelity Funds") advised by Fidelity Management & Research Company ("FMR Co"), a wholly owned subsidiary of FMR LLC, which power resides with the Fidelity Funds' Boards of Trustees. FMR Co carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Fidelity Funds' Boards of Trustees.

### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires that our directors, executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of Foot Locker's Common Stock with the SEC. Based solely on our review of copies of such forms furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required during the 2015 fiscal year, we believe that during the 2015 fiscal year, the persons subject to Section 16(a) reporting complied with all applicable SEC filing requirements, except that one Form 4 to report an open market sale of 2,987 shares by Peter D. Brown, a retired officer, from his 401(k) Plan account and one Form 4 to report a sale of 11,953 shares by Robert W. McHugh under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan were inadvertently filed late due to administrative errors.

## Executive Compensation

### Compensation and Risk

The Company has completed a risk-related review and assessment of our compensation program and considered whether our executive compensation is reasonably likely to result in a material adverse effect on the Company. As part of this review, the independent compensation consultant to the Compensation Committee reviewed risk in relation to the Company's compensation policies and practices with the Company's human resources executives directly involved in compensation matters. The consultant reviewed the compensation policies and practices in effect for corporate and division employees through the manager level, store managers, and store associates and reviewed the features we have built into the compensation programs to discourage excessive risk taking by employees, including a balance between different elements of compensation, differing time periods for different elements, consistent Company-wide programs, plan performance targets based on the corporate budgeting process, and stock ownership guidelines for senior management.

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This CD&A focuses on how our named executive officers were compensated for 2015 and how their 2015 compensation aligns with our pay for performance philosophy. We also discuss actions taken in 2015, as well as certain changes to the program effective beginning in 2016, that relate to an understanding of the executives' compensation. Our CD&A is divided into the following five sections: Executive Summary, Our Compensation Program Design and Structure, Compensation Program Changes for 2016, Procedures for Determining Compensation, and Additional Information.

We have six named executive officers included in this CD&A and the related compensation tables. Our named executive officers include Ken C. Hicks, our retired Executive Chairman, who retired from the Company in May 2015.

Richard A. Johnson	President and Chief Executive Officer
Lauren B. Peters	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Robert W. McHugh	Executive Vice President—Operations Support
Jeffrey L. Berk	Senior Vice President—Real Estate
Pawan Verma	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Ken C. Hicks	Retired Executive Chairman

### Executive Summary

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, motivate, and retain talented executives in order to achieve the Company's short- and long-term strategic priorities and deliver value to our shareholders. To accomplish this, we have a compensation program for our executives that ties pay closely to our business strategy and Company performance. The more senior an executive's position, the greater the portion of his or her compensation that is tied to performance. The Compensation Committee, which is comprised of five independent directors, oversees the executive compensation program.

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## Executive Compensation

### Our Key Compensation Governance Policies

#### What We Do

Closely align executive pay with performance

Set rigorous, objective performance goals

Maintain a clawback policy

Impose and monitor meaningful stock ownership guidelines

Require a one-year time-based vesting period for earned LTIP payouts following attainment of performance goals

Include double-trigger change-in-control provisions in employment agreements and equity awards

Mitigate undue risk in compensation programs

Provide reasonable perquisites

Retain independent compensation consultant to advise the Compensation Committee

Hold annual “Say-on-Pay” advisory vote

#### What We Do Not Do

No tax gross-ups for perquisites or change in control payments

No hedging of the Company’s shares

No repricing of stock options without shareholder approval

No dividends or dividend equivalents on time-vested or unearned performance RSUs

No stock options granted below fair market value

## 2015 Performance Highlights

Our 2015 fiscal year was an outstanding year for Foot Locker. It was the fifth consecutive year that the Company's sales and profit results represented the highest levels ever achieved in our history as an athletic footwear and apparel business. Our strong 2015 fiscal year results included:

- Net income, on a non-GAAP\* basis, of \$606 million;
- Earnings of \$4.29 per share, on a non-GAAP\* basis, a 20% increase over 2014 and the sixth consecutive year with a double-digit annual increase;
- An end-of-year market capitalization of \$9.3 billion, a 24% increase over year-end 2014;
- Returning \$558 million to our shareholders through dividend payments of \$139 million and share repurchases of \$419 million; and
- Total Shareholder Return (stock price appreciation plus reinvested dividends) of 28.9% compared to (12.5)% for the S&P 400 Retailing Index.

\*A reconciliation to GAAP is provided on Pages 16 through 17 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In 2015, the Company introduced a revised long-term strategic framework, which is depicted below. This framework established priorities over the near-term, intermediate-term, and long-term to enhance our performance and set even more challenging long-term financial objectives.



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### Strategic Framework Priorities

- Drive performance in the **Core Business** with compelling customer engagement
- Expand our leading position in the **Kids'** business
- Aggressively pursue **European Expansion** opportunities
- Build our **Apparel** penetration and profitability
- Build a more powerful **Digital** business with customer-focused channel connectivity
- Deliver exceptional growth in our **Women's** business
- Build on our industry-leading team by embracing the power of our **People**

### Results

In the first year of working towards our current long-term objectives under our new strategic plan, we already achieved one of the objectives, and made significant progress on the others, as shown in the chart below:

Financial Metrics	2009	2014	2015	2015-20 Long-Term Objectives
Sales (billions)	\$4.9	\$7.2	\$7.4	\$10
Sales Per Gross Square Foot	\$333	\$490	\$504	\$600
Adjusted Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) Margin	2.8 %	11.4 %	12.8 %	12.5 %
Adjusted Net Income Margin	1.8 %	7.3 %	8.2 %	8.5 %
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	5.3 %	15.0 %	15.8 %	17 %

The chart above reflects non-GAAP results. There is a reconciliation to GAAP on Pages 16 through 17 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Impact of Company Performance on Incentive Pay**

As a result of our very strong performance in 2015, above-target awards were earned under both of our performance-based programs—the Annual Bonus Plan and the long-term incentive plan (“LTIP”), as discussed further in this CD&A.

Please see Pages 34 through 37 and the Summary Compensation Table on Page 45 for more details on these incentive programs and the named executive officers’ earned awards under the plans.

## **Executive Compensation**

### **2015 Say-on-Pay Shareholder Vote**

At our 2015 Annual Meeting, 96% of shareholders voting on the advisory vote on executive compensation supported the executive compensation program. The Compensation Committee considered the results of the 2015 Say-on-Pay vote and our shareholders' strong support of our executive compensation program in reviewing the executive compensation program for 2016. In light of this, the Compensation Committee decided to retain the general program design, which ties executive pay closely with Company performance. In the future, the Compensation Committee will continue to consider the executive compensation program in light of changing circumstances and shareholder feedback. Our Say-on-Pay vote is currently held on an annual basis, consistent with the views expressed by a majority of our shareholders.

### **2015 Compensation Decisions**

The Compensation Committee made certain compensation decisions for our named executive officers in 2015, including setting and approving incentive compensation performance goals, which are described below. We had certain leadership changes during 2015 that impacted our named executive officers: Ken C. Hicks retired as Executive Chairman in May 2015, and we hired Pawan Verma as our new Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer in August 2015.

### **Base Salaries**

As part of its annual review of compensation, the Compensation Committee approved base salary increases for Mr. Johnson and Ms. Peters as of May 1, 2015 of 5% and 7.1%, respectively, based on each executive's performance and a position-oriented analysis of market salaries. Based on the salary ranges for their positions, Mr. McHugh and Mr. Berk did not receive salary increases. Due to Mr. Hicks' planned retirement in May 2015, he did not receive a salary increase.

Mr. Verma joined the Company in August 2015, and his base salary was established at that time based upon the salary range for his position and his prior experience and compensation level.

### **Annual Bonus Plan**

At the beginning of 2015, the Compensation Committee established a performance target under the Annual Bonus Plan based on the Company achieving pre-tax income of \$866.5 million, a 6.8% increase over 2014 non-GAAP pre-tax income, in line with the Company's financial plan and strategic objectives. Based on adjusted pre-tax income of \$941.8 million, each of our named executive officers earned a bonus of 132.6% of their respective target awards under the Annual Bonus Plan for 2015.

Mr. Hicks' annual bonus was prorated, reflecting his retirement in May 2015. While Mr. Verma joined the Company in August 2015, under the terms of his employment, he received an annual bonus based on the full 2015 plan year. Please see Pages 34 through 35 and the Summary Compensation Table on Page 45 for more details on the Annual Bonus Plan and the named executive officers' earned payouts.

### **Long-Term Incentive Program**

Our long-term incentive program includes (i) the performance-based LTIP delivered in cash under this plan and equity under the Stock Incentive Plan, and (ii) long-term equity awards under the Stock Incentive Plan in the form of stock options, time-based restricted stock and RSUs. Performance-based LTIP awards and stock options are granted annually, while time-vested restricted stock and RSU awards are granted in special circumstances, such as for new hires, promotions, or retention purposes.

**LTIP.** At the beginning of 2014, the Compensation Committee established performance targets for the 2014-15 performance period under the LTIP. The targets that the Compensation Committee established were based on the Company achieving average annual net income of \$495.2 million (which accounts for 70% of the payout) and ROIC of 14.4% (which accounts for 30% of the payout). Based on actual results for the performance period, each of our named executive officers earned a

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payout of 162.9% of his or her respective target award. The amounts earned for this two-year performance period will not be paid to participants until 2017, following the completion of a one-year time-based vesting period. Mr. Verma received a prorated award under the LTIP for the 2014-15 performance period. Please see Pages 35 through 37 and the Summary Compensation Table on Page 45 for more details on the LTIP and the named executive officers' earned payouts.

In 2015, the Compensation Committee established LTIP performance targets for the 2015-16 performance period based on net income (70%) and ROIC (30%). Since this performance period is still on-going, the Committee will determine whether payouts have been earned following the end of the Company's 2016 fiscal year. If awards are earned for the 2015-16 performance period, payment will be made to participating executives in 2018, following the completion of a one-year time-based vesting period.

**Stock Options.** The Compensation Committee granted stock options to each of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Hicks and Mr. Verma, as part of its normal annual compensation review in 2015. In deciding to grant the stock options and determining the number of shares, the Compensation Committee considered each executive's position and the competitive market for equivalent talent. These awards are shown in the chart below. All of the stock options have a three-year vesting schedule, with one-third of each option grant vesting on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant date, subject to continuous service through each vesting date. The values shown for the stock option grants are based on a Black-Scholes value of \$16.01 on the date of grant.

Named Executive Officer	Stock Options	
	Stock Options (#)	Black-Scholes Value (\$)
R. Johnson	207,900	3,328,479
L. Peters	32,000	512,320
R. McHugh	32,000	512,320
J. Berk	16,000	256,160

**Time-Vested Restricted Stock and RSU Awards.** Other than with regard to Mr. Verma, as described below, no awards of time-vested restricted stock or RSUs were granted to the named executive officers in 2015.

## New Chief Information Officer

We hired Pawan Verma as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, replacing the former Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer who retired during 2015. Mr. Verma was recruited from outside the Company and, in connection with his employment, the Compensation Committee approved a compensation package that reflects

the competition for talent in information technology, security, and strategy, particularly in retail companies. When Mr. Verma joined us in August 2015, the Compensation Committee set his annual base salary at \$450,000. As additional sign-on compensation to compensate him for what he forfeited when he terminated his employment with his prior employer, Mr. Verma (1) received a cash sign-on bonus of \$300,000 when he commenced employment, (2) was granted equity awards in the form of stock options and restricted stock having a value on the date of grant of \$225,105 and \$1.5 million, respectively, and (3) was eligible to receive an annual bonus at target of 50% of base salary for the full 2015 fiscal year. The sign-on stock option and restricted stock awards each have a three-year vesting schedule, with one-third of each award vesting on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant date, subject to continuous service through each vesting date.

Named Executive Officer	Stock Options	Stock Options	Restricted	Restricted
	(#)	Black-Scholes Value (\$)	Stock (#)	Stock Value (\$)
P. Verma	11,346	225,105	20,490	1,500,073

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### Our Compensation Program Design and Structure

#### Pay Components and Mix

The key concepts underlying our compensation program are alignment with our business strategy, alignment with shareholders interests, strong relationship to Company performance, and balance among compensation elements. Consistent with these key compensation concepts, a significant portion of compensation for our executives is performance-based. For 2015, of the total direct compensation delivered to our CEO and other named executive officers, 87% of the CEO's compensation and 73% on average of the other named executive officers' compensation (excluding the retired Executive Chairman) were performance based. The variability in performance-based compensation directly ties the executives' pay to our performance, including our financial results, strategic priorities and stock price performance. The payment of a base salary provides a balance between fixed, cash compensation and compensation at risk through Company performance.

<b>CEO</b>	<b>Average of Other Named Executive Officers'</b>
<b>2015 Total Direct Compensation*</b>	<b>2015 Total Direct Compensation*</b>
<b>Performance-Based Compensation=85%</b>	<b>Performance-Based Compensation=66%</b> (Excludes Retired Executive Chairman)

\* Total Direct Compensation includes salary, Annual Bonus, and long-term incentives ("LTI") (consisting of LTIP, stock options, and, where applicable, restricted stock).

#### Benchmarking Approach

We have established benchmarks for compensation, including cash and equity, for each named executive officer. These benchmarks are reviewed annually and are based upon compensation for comparable positions in a peer group consisting of publicly-traded global retail companies with revenues of approximately one-third to two and one-half times the Company's revenue. We also use the peer group data to assess the competitiveness of total direct compensation awarded to our senior executives and as a data point in designing compensation plans, benefits, and perquisites.

The Compensation Committee has determined that the companies comprising our peer group reflect the appropriate peer group for executive compensation purposes based upon the nature of their businesses, their revenues, and the pool from which they recruit their executives. The companies included in our peer group for 2015 compensation decisions were:

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Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	Caleres, Inc.	Genesco Inc.
American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	Dick's Sporting Goods Inc.	L Brands, Inc.
Ann Inc.*	DSW Inc.	Petsmart, Inc.*
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	The Finish Line Inc.	RadioShack Corp.*
Autozone, Inc.	GameStop Corp.	Ross Stores, Inc.
Bed, Bath & Beyond Inc.	The Gap Inc.	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

\*Removed from peer group in 2015.

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In May 2015, we made several changes to the peer group. We added one company, specialty retailer Signet Jewelers Limited. We removed Ann Inc. and PetSmart, Inc. since they were no longer publicly-traded companies, and RadioShack Corp. due to its market value and business situation in 2015.

The goal of the Compensation Committee is to provide competitive total compensation opportunities for the named executive officers that vary with Company performance. The Compensation Committee uses the peer group benchmark information as a reference point in evaluating executive compensation, assessing the competitiveness of total direct compensation awarded to our senior executives and designing compensation plans, benefits, and perquisites, but it does not attempt to match the compensation of each executive position in the Company precisely with that of an equivalent position in the peer group. In general, the Compensation Committee attempts to position an executive's total compensation between the median and 75th percentile of comparable positions at peer companies, consistent with the Company's revenue in relation to the peer companies. The Compensation Committee also considers other factors, including performance, responsibility, experience, tenure, and market positioning, when determining compensation.

### **Components of Our Executive Compensation Program**

The goal of the Compensation Committee is to align the compensation program with our business strategy and our shareholders' interests. In order to achieve these objectives, our executive compensation program includes a mix of annual and long-term compensation, as well as a mix of cash and equity compensation. The components of our executive compensation program are:

- Base Salary
- Annual Bonus
- Long-Term Incentive Program
- Retirement and Other Benefits
- Perquisites

### **Base Salary**

Base salaries represent the fixed portion of total direct compensation for our executives. We pay base salaries to provide our named executive officers with market-competitive fixed compensation that is appropriate to their position, experience, and responsibilities. Base salaries aid in attracting and retaining talented executives. The Compensation Committee annually reviews the named executive officers' salaries. Annual salary increases are not automatic. Salary adjustments are made after consideration of pay for similar positions among our peer group, internal pay equity, and scope of responsibilities for each position. Base salaries of named executive officers rarely change materially from

year-to-year unless there has been a promotion, other change in responsibility, or other special factors apply.

### **Performance-Based Annual Cash Bonus**

We pay performance-based annual cash bonuses to our named executive officers under the Annual Bonus Plan in order to incentivize them to work toward the Company's achievement of annual performance goals established by the Compensation Committee. Payments are calculated as a percentage of actual base salary earned by the executive during the year.

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Our Annual Bonus Plan is formula driven, with targets established by the Compensation Committee based upon the business plan and budget reviewed and approved each year by our Finance Committee and the Board. Our Annual Bonus Plan allows the Compensation Committee, in establishing performance targets under the plan, to choose one or more performance measures from a list of factors that have been approved by shareholders. The Compensation Committee established a performance target under the Annual Bonus Plan for the named executive officers for 2015 based upon the Company's achievement of a prescribed level of pre-tax income. All bonus targets and calculations are based on the results of continuing operations. The Annual Bonus Plan for the named executive officers makes bonus payments based upon the Company's results, without individual performance adjustments. Executives who do not receive a "meets expectations" rating or higher in their annual performance review are ineligible to receive an annual bonus payment.

The Company achieved adjusted pre-tax income of \$941.8 million in 2015, a 16.2% increase over 2014, which resulted in above-target annual cash bonuses being earned by each of the named executive officers. The Annual Bonus Plan targets, the actual amount of adjusted pre-tax profit achieved for 2015, and the corresponding payout percentages were as follows:

	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Pre-tax profit	\$779.9 million	\$866.5 million	\$1,039.9 million	\$941.8 million
Payout as Percentage of Target Award	25%	100%	175%	132.6%

Bonus payouts are calculated on the basis of straight-line interpolation between the threshold, target, and maximum points. If the Company does not achieve threshold performance, then no annual bonus is paid.

Target payments under the Annual Bonus Plan for the named executive officers, and actual payments for 2015 based upon the Company's performance, are shown in the chart below. The amount shown for Mr. Hicks is prorated, reflecting his retirement in 2015. Under the terms of Mr. Verma's employment agreement, he received an annual bonus based on the full year 2015. The Company paid Mr. Verma a prorated bonus under the Annual Bonus Plan, reflecting his plan participation beginning in August 2015 when he commenced employment, and paid him the difference between the prorated bonus amount and the annual bonus that he would have received under the plan if he had participated in the plan for the entire year (\$155,095) outside of the Annual Bonus Plan. The actual 2015 payout amount shown in the table for Mr. Verma reflects the prorated payment under the Annual Bonus Plan.

<b>Target as a Percentage of Base Salary</b>	<b>Actual 2015 Payout Percentage</b>	<b>Actual 2015 Payout (\$)</b>
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R. Johnson	125	%	165.75%	1,719,656
L. Peters	65	%	86.19%	512,831
R. McHugh	65	%	86.19%	580,059
J. Berk	50	%	66.30%	323,891
P. Verma	50	%	66.30%	143,255
K. Hicks	125	%	165.75%	481,135

### **Long-Term Incentive Program**

Our long-term incentive program consists of the (i) performance-based LTIP delivered in cash under this plan and equity under the Stock Incentive Plan, and (ii) long-term equity awards under the Stock Incentive Plan, in the form of stock options, restricted stock or time-vested RSUs. We provide long-term incentives and make these awards to our named executive officers in order to incentivize them to work toward the Company's achievement of performance goals established by the Compensation Committee for each performance period. We provide equity-based long-term incentives to our named executive officers in order to provide alignment with shareholder value creation and enhance the retentive value of our compensation program. The long-term incentive program is the responsibility of the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors.

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### LTIP

The LTIP is designed to reward executives for achieving multi-year performance targets. Our LTIP is formula-driven, with targets established by the Compensation Committee based upon financial targets included in the business plan reviewed and approved each year by our Finance Committee and Board. The LTIP pays out based upon the Company's results, without individual performance adjustments. Key design features of the LTIP are:

**Mix of Cash and RSUs.** Awards are denominated 50% in cash, payable under the LTIP, and 50% in RSUs, payable under the Stock Incentive Plan. The same performance target is established for both the cash and RSU portions of the award. Beginning with the 2016-17 performance period, the payout mix for these awards will be shifted to 75% RSUs and 25% cash.

**Two-Year Performance Period and Additional One-Year Vesting Period.** The performance period is two years; however, while award payouts are calculated following the end of the two-year performance period, payments require continued employment and are subject to forfeiture, as well as stock price fluctuations, for another year—that is, payments are not made until the end of a three-year period.

**Net Income and ROIC Targets.** The performance targets are based on net income (70%) and ROIC (30%) that are contained in the business and financial plan adopted by the Finance Committee and the Board for the performance period.

**Target Awards are Percentage of Base Salary.** The target awards are expressed as a percentage of initial base salary—that is, the base salary paid to the executive following any salary adjustments that take place on May 1 of the first year of the performance period, adjusted only for promotion-related salary increases. Mr. Johnson has a 175% bonus target as Chief Executive Officer; prior to his promotion to Chief Executive Officer during the 2014-15 performance period, Mr. Johnson's target payout was 100% of his initial base salary. The target award for the other named executive officers, excluding Mr. Hicks, is established by level of position and is 75% of initial base salary. When Mr. Hicks retired as Chief Executive Officer in December 2014, his bonus target was continued at 175% in his position as Executive Chairman through May 2015.

The Compensation Committee established the net income and ROIC targets in 2014 for the 2014-15 performance period. The Company achieved average annual net income of \$562.6 million and ROIC of 15.6% for this performance period, which resulted in above-target LTIP awards being earned by the named executive officers. The LTIP awards are denominated 50% in cash and 50% in RSUs and will be paid out in 2017, following a one-year time-based vesting period. The targets, along with the adjusted actual performance for the period, and the calculation of ROIC are shown in the charts below:

	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Average Annual Net Income (weighted 70%)	\$431.2 million	\$495.2 million	\$594.3 million	\$562.6 million
Two-Year Average ROIC (weighted 30%)	12.9%	14.4%	16.7%	15.6%
Payout as Percentage of Target Award	25%	100%	200%	162.9%

For the 2014-15 performance period, LTIP payouts were subject to a “performance gate,” which provided that no amounts would be paid out under the plan unless the Company’s average annual after-tax income for the performance period exceeded the Company’s after-tax income in the year prior to the commencement of the performance period. Once this performance level is achieved, LTIP payouts are calculated on the basis of straight-line interpolation between the threshold, target, and maximum points. If the Company does not achieve threshold performance, then no LTIP is paid.

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**ROIC Calculation for LTIP.** Return on Invested Capital, or ROIC, is a non-GAAP financial measure. For purposes of calculating this long-term incentive, we define ROIC as follows:

$$\text{ROIC} = \frac{\text{Operating Profit After Taxes}}{\text{Average Invested Capital}}$$

**Operating Profit after Taxes (Numerator) =**

Pre-tax income  
 +/- interest expense/income  
 + implied interest portion of operating lease payments  
 +/- Unusual/non-recurring items  
 +LTIP award expense  
 = Earnings before LTIP award expense, interest and taxes  
 – Estimated income tax expense  
 = Operating Profit After Taxes

**Average Invested Capital (Denominator) =**

Average total assets  
 – average cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments  
 – average year-end inventory  
 – non-interest-bearing current liabilities  
 + 13-month average inventory  
 + average estimated asset base of capitalized operating leases  
 = Average Invested Capital

Certain items used in the calculation of ROIC for bonus purposes, such as the implied interest portion of operating lease payments, certain unusual or non-recurring items, average estimated asset base of capitalized operating leases, and 13-month average inventory, while calculated from our financial records, cannot be calculated from our audited financial statements. Prior to the Compensation Committee determining whether bonus targets have been achieved, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, at the request, and for the restricted use, of the Compensation Committee, reviews the bonus calculations. There is a calculation of basic ROIC, which is not precisely the same as the calculation used for incentive compensation purposes because of the exclusion of certain items (please see Page 44 for a discussion of disregarded items, and a reconciliation to GAAP, on Pages 16 through 17 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K).

For the 2014-15 performance period, LTIP awards were denominated 50% in cash and 50% in RSUs. There is an additional one-year vesting period, so that the payouts earned for the 2014-15 performance period will not be made to executives until 2017. The RSUs allocated to each executive were valued at the closing price on the date of grant in March 2014. The target payment level, actual percentage payout, and cash and RSUs earned, based on the Company's actual performance measured against the performance goals are shown in the chart below. The information shown for Mr. Johnson reflects both his initial target LTIP award opportunity (100%) and his increased target LTIP award opportunity (175%) as Chief Executive Officer, prorated based on the period of time he served in each position. The earned payouts to Mr. Verma and Mr. Hicks for 2014-15 were calculated on a pro rata basis due to their service for a portion of the performance period.

Target as a  $\frac{\text{Actual as}}{a}$

	Percentage of Initial Base Salary		Percentage of Initial Base Salary		Cash Earned (\$)	RSUs Earned (#)
R. Johnson	100	%	162.9	%	312,542	6,934
	175	%	285.1	%	834,080	14,802
L. Peters	75	%	122.2	%	345,145	7,657
R. McHugh	75	%	122.2	%	411,119	9,120
J. Berk	75	%	122.2	%	298,427	6,620
P. Verma	75	%	122.2	%	65,703	898
K. Hicks	175	%	285.1	%	1,018,713	22,598

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### **Long-Term Equity Awards**

Equity awards are generally designed to reward executives for increasing our return to our shareholders through increases in our stock price and are made under the Stock Incentive Plan, which has been approved by our shareholders. Equity awards may, in addition, serve to help retain key executives.

### **Stock Options**

We grant stock options to our named executive officers to align their interests more closely with those of our shareholders. The Compensation Committee awards stock options with exercise prices equal to the fair market value of our stock on the date of grant. Therefore, executives who receive stock options will only realize value if there is appreciation in the share price.

Stock option grants of the same value are normally made each year to executives holding comparable positions, with larger awards being made to those with greater responsibility. The Compensation Committee determines the number of options granted on a fixed value basis, using Black-Scholes values. Under the Stock Incentive Plan, fair market value is defined as the closing price on the grant date. Options normally vest at the rate of one-third of the total grant per year over the first three years of the ten-year option term, subject to continuous service through each vesting date and accelerated vesting in certain limited circumstances. The Compensation Committee does not normally consider an executive's gains from prior stock awards in making new awards.

In 2015, when determining the number of stock options to grant on the annual grant date, the Compensation Committee considered an assumed Black-Scholes value based on the closing price of a share of the Company's Common Stock in the 20 trading-day period ending 10 days prior to the date the Committee met to authorize these awards. The option exercise price, as well as the actual Black-Scholes value of the awards, is based upon the closing price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the grant date. In 2016, the Compensation Committee used the closing stock price on the annual grant date to determine the Black-Scholes value to simplify the methodology and to better align the accounting value of stock options with the reported value.

### **Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units**

We normally make restricted stock or time-vested RSU awards only in special circumstances, such as related to promotions, recruitment, special performance, or retention, rather than as part of an executive's normal compensation. Restricted stock and RSUs are valued based upon the share price at the time of grant.

### **Retirement and Other Benefits**

### **Retirement Plan and Excess Cash Balance Plan**

All U.S.-based associates of the Company who meet the eligibility requirements are participants in the Foot Locker Retirement Plan (the “Retirement Plan”). The Retirement Plan and the method of calculating benefits payable under it are described on Pages 60 through 61. All of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Verma, who has not yet met the service requirement for eligibility, and Mr. Hicks, who has retired, are participants in the Retirement Plan. The Internal Revenue Code limits the amount of compensation that may be taken into consideration in determining an individual’s retirement benefits. Therefore, those participants in the Retirement Plan whose compensation exceeds the Internal Revenue Code limit are also participants in the Excess Cash Balance Plan, described on Page 61, which provides a benefit equal to the difference between the amount a participant receives from the Retirement Plan and the amount the participant would have received were it not for the Internal Revenue Code limits. The Retirement Plan and Excess Cash Balance Plan take into account only base salary and annual bonus in determining pension benefits. Therefore, long-term incentives, stock options, and stock awards have no effect on the calculation of benefits or payments under these plans.

### **401(k) Plan**

The Company has a 401(k) Plan that is available to employees whose primary place of employment is in the United States. The 401(k) Plan limits participation to employees who have attained at least the age of twenty-one and have completed one year of service consisting of at least 1,000 hours. All of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Verma, who has not yet met the service requirement for eligibility, Mr. Hicks, who has retired, and Mr. Berk, participate in the 401(k) Plan. As of January 1, 2016, the 401(k) Plan allows eligible employees to contribute up to 40% of their compensation on a pre-tax basis, subject to a maximum of \$18,000. The Company matches 25% of employees’ pre-tax contributions on up to the first 4% of the employees’ compensation (subject to certain limitations). The Summary Compensation Table on Page 45 includes, under All

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Other Compensation, the amount of the Company match for each of the named executive officers. Beginning with the 2015 plan year, the matching contribution is made in cash. Prior to this, it was made with Company Stock. The matching contributions are vested incrementally over the first 5 years of participation.

## **Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan**

The Company maintains a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the “SERP”), described on Page 61, for certain senior officers of the Company and other key employees, including the named executive officers. Mr. Hicks participated in the SERP prior to his retirement. The SERP is an unfunded plan that sets an annual target incentive award for each participant consisting of a percentage of base salary and annual bonus based on the Company’s performance against target. Contributions range from 4% to 12% of salary and annual bonus, depending on the Company’s performance against an established target, with an 8% contribution being made for target performance. The Compensation Committee establishes the SERP target each year, and it is normally the same as the performance target under the Annual Bonus Plan. In addition, performance-based participant accounts accrue interest at the rate of 6% annually. The SERP also provides for the continuation of medical and dental insurance benefits following retirement to vested participants who were participants in the SERP prior to the start of the 2014 fiscal year when this benefit was closed to new participants.

Based upon the Company’s performance in 2015, a credit of 9.7% of 2015 base salary and annual bonus was made to the SERP for each of the named executive officers. Credits to the SERP are based only on base salary and annual bonus; therefore, long-term incentives, stock options, and stock awards have no effect on the calculation of benefits or payments under this plan. As of the end of 2015, the account balances of the named executive officers ranged from approximately \$34,855 for Mr. Verma to \$1,680,213 for Mr. Johnson. Under the terms of the SERP, executives are vested in their account balances based upon a combination of age and service. As of the end of 2015, all of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Verma, who has not yet met the age and service requirements, were vested in the SERP. Upon his retirement in May 2015, Mr. Hicks became eligible to receive payment under the SERP according to the terms of the plan.

## **Perquisites**

We provide the named executive officers with certain perquisites, which the Compensation Committee believes to be reasonable and consistent with its overall objective of attracting and retaining talented executives. The Company provides the named executive officers with an automobile allowance, financial planning, medical expense allowance, annual physical, supplemental long-term disability insurance, and life insurance. In addition, the Company reimburses Mr. Johnson, and reimbursed Mr. Hicks prior to his retirement, for reasonable expenses of using car service for transportation in the New York metropolitan area. We do not provide a gross-up to executives for the income tax liability they incur due to their receipt of these perquisites. Under our relocation policy applicable to all executives, we provide a gross-up to executives for moving and other relocation expenses that we reimburse, and under that policy we provided a gross-up to Mr. Verma related to the relocation of his principal residence to the New York metropolitan area in 2015.

**Compensation Program Changes for 2016**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the executive compensation program for 2016 and, following its review, made certain changes to the LTIP design, which we describe below. The purpose of these changes is to continue to incentivize strong performance and provide the executives with competitive total compensation opportunities appropriate to their positions, while further aligning their interests with our shareholders.

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### **Increased Equity Portion of LTIP Payout Vehicle Mix**

The vehicle mix for earned awards beginning with the 2016-17 performance period under the LTIP will be increased to 75% RSUs and decreased to 25% cash to further emphasize the equity component of any earned payout. Currently, the vehicle mix is 50% RSUs and 50% cash. We believe that this change will further align our executives' interests with our shareholders' because a greater proportion of the payout value is subject to fluctuations in our stock price.

### **Instituted an LTIP Performance Floor**

In making decisions for the 2016 compensation program, the Compensation Committee considered various factors (such as our long-term strategic plan and financial objectives, the consistent rigor of LTIP performance goals established by the Compensation Committee based on the financial plans approved by the Finance Committee and the Board, the market environment, and the overall objectives of our compensation program), and approved a "performance floor" set at 85% of the target award. As a result, no payouts would be earned for the 2016-17 period if the actual performance is below 85% of the target. The "performance gate," whereby no amounts would be earned under the LTIP unless the Company's average annual after-tax income for the performance period exceeded the Company's after-tax income in the year prior to the beginning of the relevant performance period, was removed. The Compensation Committee made this change to set a consistent performance threshold for each performance period and ensure that our LTIP is market-competitive among peer companies with similar program designs. We believe this change supports the goals of our overall compensation program, which are to attract, motivate, and retain executives most critical to the long-term success of the Company.

## **Procedures for Determining Compensation**

### **Setting Compensation, Establishing Goals, and Evaluating Performance**

The Compensation Committee oversees a rigorous and comprehensive compensation approval and goal setting process. Each year, in advance of making compensation decisions for the forthcoming year, the Compensation Committee meets with management and reviews the Company's overall executive compensation program in light of the Company's long-term strategy and financial objectives approved by the Finance Committee and the Board. The Compensation Committee meets with management, the Company's compensation consultant, and the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant to review the executive compensation environment, including recent developments and trends in executive compensation relative to the Company's executive compensation program, and a historical view of the pay-for-performance correlation in the program and any changes to the program being recommended by management or either of the consultants.

After the financial results for the prior year have been finalized and audited, the Compensation Committee meets to review and approve bonus and incentive compensation payments for the prior year and to review and approve compensation arrangements—base salaries, stock awards, and incentive plan targets—for the upcoming year. The Compensation Committee meets privately with its independent compensation consultant for the purpose of

establishing the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, including establishing target awards under the Annual Bonus Plan and the LTIP, and making stock awards under the Stock Incentive Plan to him. Except in the case of promotions or other unusual circumstances, the Compensation Committee considers stock awards only at this meeting, which is normally held within a few weeks following the issuance of the Company's full-year earnings release for the prior year.

The Compensation Committee may hold other meetings during the year to review specific issues related to executive compensation, new developments in executive compensation, or other issues related to management resources. It also has responsibility, along with the Nominating Committee, for annually reviewing compensation paid to non-employee directors.

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### **Use of Compensation Consultants**

The Compensation Committee has retained as its advisor a nationally-recognized executive compensation consultant—Compensation Advisory Partners—that is independent and performs no other work for the Company. Compensation Advisory Partners reports directly to the Compensation Committee, meets with the Compensation Committee privately without management present, and regularly communicates privately with the Compensation Committee Chair. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Compensation Advisory Partners based on standards promulgated by the SEC and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent it from serving as an independent consultant to the Compensation Committee. Each year, the Compensation Committee’s compensation consultant reviews a report on risk in relation to the Company’s compensation policies and practices, provides a pay-for-performance analysis of our executive compensation program, and reviews the Chief Executive Officer’s compensation. In addition, each year the Compensation Committee’s consultant reviews the compensation program for non-employee directors, and the Compensation Committee, together with the Nominating Committee, consider the consultant’s report on the program. Management utilizes the services of ClearBridge Compensation Group, a nationally-recognized compensation consultant, to provide advice on the executive compensation program and plan design.

### **Management Involvement in Developing the Compensation Program**

Management is involved in various aspects of developing the executive compensation program. Our Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Vice President—Global Total Rewards, and staff in the Human Resources Department work with our Chief Executive Officer to develop compensation recommendations for all corporate officers other than the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer or the Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer reviews these proposals with the Compensation Committee Chair, and may make changes to the recommendations based upon his input, before the recommendations are forwarded to the Compensation Committee for review. Our Senior Vice President and General Counsel also attends meetings of the Compensation Committee and participates in some of these discussions and preparations.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Key Compensation Governance Policies**

#### **Independent Compensation Consultant**

With regard to executive and director compensation matters, our Compensation Committee directly retains, and is advised by, an independent compensation consultant who performs no other work for the Company.

#### **Clawback Policy**

We have adopted a clawback policy that provides for the recovery of incentive compensation—paid in cash or equity—if the Compensation Committee determines that an executive engaged in fraud or gross misconduct which results in an accounting adjustment, whether or not the adjustment results in a restatement of our financial statements. The SEC proposed rules in 2015 on clawback policies, and we intend to review our clawback policy once the SEC and NYSE establish final rules governing clawbacks.

### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

We have meaningful stock ownership guidelines for our senior executives. These are set at six times annual base salary for the Chief Executive Officer, three times annual base salary for executive vice presidents, two times annual base salary for senior vice presidents and divisional chief executive officers, and a multiple of annual base salary for other covered executives. If an executive has not met the ownership requirements following a five-year phase-in period, the executive



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is required to hold 100% of net shares acquired from the vesting of restricted stock or RSUs or the exercise of stock options until they comply with the stock ownership guidelines. At the end of 2015, all of the named executive officers met or exceeded their applicable ownership guidelines.

## **No Tax Gross-Ups**

We do not provide a tax gross-up with regard to any compensation, benefit, or perquisite paid by the Company, other than our executive relocation program that is applicable to all executives. We also do not provide tax gross-ups for any amount paid to an executive upon termination of employment or in connection with a change-in-control.

## **Anti-Hedging Policy**

We do not permit our executive officers to take short positions in our shares or to hedge their economic interest in their shares.

## **No Stock Option Repricing**

Our Stock Incentive Plan does not permit the repricing of stock options without shareholder approval.

## **Compensation Plans and Risk**

We believe that our compensation program encourages our named executive officers to take energetic action to improve the Company's performance without encouraging them to take undue risk. The performance-based annual cash bonus and LTIP elements of the program are paid based upon performance as compared to the Company's annual and two-year financial plans, which are prepared each year by the Company's management and reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and the Board. No bonuses are paid unless the applicable performance goals are achieved. We believe that, on balance, the plans are reasonably achievable under normal business conditions. This encourages our executives to manage the business well without pressuring them to take undue risks in order to obtain a bonus payment.

Our equity-based compensation for the named executive officers is designed with a similar goal in mind. We believe that our equity grants are reasonable in relation to overall compensation. Stock options normally vest ratably over a three-year period and have a 10-year term, reducing the risk that an executive will take short-term action to inflate the price of the Company's stock for a brief period.

LTIP payouts are calculated at the conclusion of a two-year performance period, but are not actually paid to the participant until after an additional year of vesting has been satisfied. In addition to serving as a retention vehicle, this also requires that the executive continue to have the value of the stock portion of his or her award at risk, dependent on fluctuations in stock price, for an additional year. It also allows a year to pass in which any issues concerning the Company's operating or financial performance may come to light before payments are made.

In addition, there are certain other factors related to our compensation programs for the named executive officers that we believe help reduce the likelihood that our compensation programs will encourage our executives to take undue risk, as described below. Please also see Page 28 for a discussion of compensation and risk in our compensation plans more generally, and the procedures we followed to evaluate this.

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<b>Factor</b>	<b>Description</b>
Bonus Targets Based on Financial Plan	As the bonus targets are based on the financial plan, any significant deviation from the plan undertaken by management during the course of the year must be reviewed and approved by the Board.
ROIC as Bonus Measurement	As a retail company, we believe that one of the potential risks we have is that management will attempt to achieve profit targets without taking into account the capital used, particularly working capital invested in inventory. We have, therefore, designed our LTIP for senior management, including the named executive officers, to take into account ROIC as well as net income in determining whether a bonus will be paid.
No Bonus Payments to Executives with Poor Performance Ratings	We have designed our plans so that executives who receive a “Not Meeting Expectations” or an “Unsatisfactory” rating under the Company’s annual performance appraisal process are not eligible to receive an annual bonus payment. This helps prevent an individual executive from taking any action inconsistent with the business plan or otherwise exposing the Company to undue risk.
Incentive Payments Proportional to Base Salary	We believe that our cash incentive payments are not outsized in relation to base salary. Mr. Johnson, as Chief Executive Officer, has the opportunity to earn at target 125% of his base salary in annual bonus and 175% of his base salary in LTIP award. Prior to his promotion to Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Johnson’s target LTIP award opportunity was 100%. Comparable percentages for the Executive Vice Presidents are 65% and 75%; and for the Senior Vice Presidents, 50% and 75%. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hicks’ comparable percentages were 125% and 175%.
Bonus Caps	Annual cash bonus and the cash portion of the LTIP awards to executives are capped and do not include excessive leverage.
Mix of Components	We use a mix of annual and long-term incentive components, as well as a mix between the use of cash and equity.

## Executive Employment Agreements

As more fully described on Pages 48 through 52, we have employment agreements with each of our named executive officers, other than Mr. Hicks, who retired in 2015. We had an employment agreement with Mr. Hicks prior to his retirement as Executive Chairman. Other than the agreements with Mr. Johnson as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Verma as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and Mr. Hicks as Executive Chairman, the agreements with the named executive officers are in the same form.

Our employment agreements with the named executive officers provide for severance payments to the executive if we terminate the executive’s employment without cause or if the executive terminates his or her employment for good reason. These payments to the named executive officers, calculated as if termination of employment occurred at the end of our last fiscal year, are set out in the tables on Pages 63 through 74.

The named executive officers receive an enhanced severance payment if the executive’s employment is terminated without cause or if the executive terminates employment for good reason within two years following a

change-in-control. For an executive to receive the enhanced severance payment, two events must occur: first, employment must be terminated for one of the specified reasons, and second, this termination must occur within two years following a change-in-control. We believe

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that these provisions, which we have had in place for a number of years, provide appropriate protection to our executives, comparable to that available at other public companies, and, with regard to the enhanced severance following a change-in-control, protect us from losing key executives during a period when a change-in-control may be threatened or pending. None of the named executive officers is entitled to a gross-up payment for any excise taxes that may become payable in connection with a change-in-control.

All of the named executive officers have agreed in their employment contracts not to compete with the Company for two years following the termination of employment and not to hire Company employees during that same period. This restriction does not apply following a change-in-control.

## **Delegation of Authority**

The Compensation Committee currently has delegated authority to its Chair to approve stock option awards of up to 25,000 shares per individual award and time-vested RSU awards up to a maximum of 7,500 RSUs per individual award to employees other than executive officers, corporate officers, and general managers of operating divisions. It is expected that the Chair would use this authority to approve awards made during the course of the year in connection with promotions or new hires. Options are priced at fair market value on the date the Chair signs the approval, which is the date of grant for awards made under this delegation authority. The Chair did not use any delegation authority in 2015. The Compensation Committee has not delegated authority to management to make stock option, restricted stock, RSU, or other equity-based awards.

## **Items Disregarded for Bonus Calculations**

Under normal circumstances, the Compensation Committee has no discretion to increase annual bonus or LTIP payments, which are formula-driven based upon Company performance, and our program for the named executive officers does not provide for discretionary adjustments based upon individual performance. The Compensation Committee has not adjusted any of the annual bonus or LTIP payments to the named executive officers shown in the Summary Compensation Table from payouts calculated based upon the applicable formula. When determining bonus and incentive payments, consistent with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Section 162(m)”), the Compensation Committee is required to disregard certain events that it determines to be unusual or non-recurring. When establishing the targets, the Compensation Committee normally specifies certain items that it considers to be unusual or non-recurring, and these events, if they occur, are automatically excluded when calculating payments. All of the references in this CD&A to target and actual performance levels refer to amounts after taking these adjustments into consideration.

## **Accounting and Tax Considerations**

While we review both the accounting and tax effects of various components of compensation, these effects are not a significant factor in the Compensation Committee’s allocation of compensation among the different components. In

general, it is our position that compensation paid to executive officers should be fully deductible for U.S. tax purposes, and we have structured our bonus, long-term incentive, and stock option programs so that payments made under them are deductible. In certain instances, however, we believe that it is in the Company's best interests, and that of its shareholders, to have the flexibility to pay compensation that is not deductible under the limitations of Section 162(m) in order to provide compensation consistent with our program and objectives. The portion of base salary paid to Mr. Johnson that exceeds \$1 million, the value of time-based restricted stock awards made to Mr. Johnson, the taxable portion of certain perquisites provided to Mr. Johnson, and potentially a portion of the value of time-based restricted stock awards made to one or more of the other named executive officers, are not expected to be deductible.

**Executive Compensation****Compensation and Management Resources Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the CD&A required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on that review and discussion, has recommended to the Board that the CD&A be included in this Proxy Statement.

**Members of the Compensation Committee**

Alan D. Feldman, Chair  
 Nicholas DiPaolo  
 Steven Oakland  
 Cheryl Nido Turpin  
 Dona D. Young

**Summary Compensation Table**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Name and Principal Position (1)	Year	Salary (\$)(2)	Bonus (\$)(3)	Stock Awards (\$)(4)(5)	Option Awards (\$)(4)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(6)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation	Other	Total (\$)
							Earnings (\$)(7)	Compensation (\$)(8)	
Richard A. Johnson President and Chief	2015	1,037,500	—	918,793	3,328,479	2,866,278	420,164	49,353	8,620,567
Executive Officer	2014	931,250	—	4,728,272	1,596,328	1,690,209	365,092	427,558	9,738,709
Lauren B. Peters Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2013	887,500	—	450,016	512,869	1,510,966	229,672	36,866	3,627,889
	2015	595,000	—	226,888	512,320	857,976	196,559	20,404	2,409,147
	2014	561,250	—	1,196,558	506,437	762,160	231,420	377,010	3,634,835
	2013	537,500	—	206,262	458,308	721,929	130,619	10,133	2,064,751

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Robert W. McHugh	2015	673,000	—	252,415	512,320	991,178	218,484	20,651	2,668,048
Executive Vice President—	2014	668,500	—	1,881,414	506,437	907,754	255,538	324,380	4,544,023
Operations Support	2013	650,000	—	245,638	458,308	895,793	150,471	19,528	2,419,738
Jeffrey L. Berk	2015	488,524	—	183,225	256,160	622,318	189,895	4,327	1,744,449
Senior Vice President—	2014	488,524	—	255,018	253,218	568,398	216,813	259,860	2,041,831
Real Estate	2013	488,524	—	183,218	229,154	608,945	147,539	7,039	1,664,439
Pawan Verma	2015	216,071	455,095	1,665,162	225,105	208,958	49,650	80,988	2,901,029
Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer									
Ken C. Hicks	2015	290,278	—	—	—	1,499,848	—	37,716	1,827,842
Retired Executive Chairman	2014	1,075,000	—	870,540	3,291,817	3,068,544	440,639	243,149	8,989,689
	2013	1,100,000	—	3,496,281	5,669,402	3,290,375	291,428	218,739	14,066,225

**Notes to Summary Compensation Table**

Richard A. Johnson has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since December 1, 2014. Mr. Johnson served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from May 16, 2012 to November 30, 2014. He served as Executive Vice President and Group President—Retail Stores from July 1, 2011 to May 15, 2012; President (1) and Chief Executive Officer of Foot Locker U.S., Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, and Footaction from January 8, 2010 to June 30, 2011; President and Chief Executive Officer of Foot Locker Europe from August 2007 to January 2010; and President and Chief Executive Officer of Footlocker.com/Eastbay from April 2003 to August 2007.

Lauren B. Peters has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since July 1, 2011. Ms. Peters previously served as Senior Vice President—Strategic Planning.

Robert W. McHugh has served as Executive Vice President—Operations Support since July 1, 2011. Mr. McHugh previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.



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Jeffrey L. Berk has served as Senior Vice President—Real Estate since February 9, 2000.

Pawan Verma has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer since the commencement of his employment with the Company on August 10, 2015.

Ken C. Hicks served as Executive Chairman from January 31, 2010 to May 20, 2015 and previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer from August 17, 2009 to November 30, 2014.

The amounts in column (c) reflect the annual base salaries earned by our named executive officers for 2015. Including the non-equity incentive plan compensation included in column (g), these amounts represented the (2) following percentages of the named executive officers' total compensation for 2015: Mr. Johnson (45.3%), Ms. Peters (60.3%), Mr. McHugh (62.4%), Mr. Berk (63.7%), Mr. Verma (14.7%), and Mr. Hicks (97.9%). Information on the named executive officers' employment agreements appears beginning on Page 48.

The amount in this column reflects (i) the sign-on bonus of \$300,000 that Mr. Verma received in connection with the commencement of his employment in August 2015, plus (ii) the difference between Mr. Verma's prorated (3) annual bonus paid to him under the Annual Bonus Plan for 2015 and the annual bonus payment that would have been paid to him under the Annual Bonus Plan if he had been a participant for the entire 2015 fiscal year.

The amounts in these columns reflect the stock and option awards granted in the designated years. The amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards granted in each respective year calculated in accordance with stock-based compensation accounting rules (ASC Topic 718). A discussion of the assumptions used in computing the award values may be found in Note 22 to our financial statements in our 2015 Annual Report on (4) Form 10-K. As provided under the SEC's rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions and include for restricted stock awards expected dividend payments at the same rate as paid on our shares of Common Stock. Please see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on Page 53 for additional information on awards granted in 2015. The amounts shown in the table do not necessarily reflect the actual value that may be recognized by the named executive officers.

The amounts in column (e) include the grant date fair value of performance-based RSUs granted for the long-term performance measurement periods of 2015-16, 2014-15, and 2013-14, valued at grant date based upon the probable outcome of meeting the performance conditions. The amounts are consistent with the estimates of the aggregate (5) compensation cost to be recognized over the service period determined at the grant date under FASB ASC Topic 718, and exclude the effect of estimated forfeitures. Column (e) also includes restricted stock awards where applicable. Please see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on Page 53 for additional information on the awards granted in 2015.

For 2015, this column reflects the sum of the cash incentive payouts made in 2016 under the Annual Bonus Plan for 2015 and the cash portion of the earned payout under the LTIP for the 2014-15 performance measurement period that is payable in 2017 if the executive continues to be employed by us on the payment date, as shown in (6) Table I below. For 2014, this column reflects the sum of the cash incentive payouts made in 2015 under the Annual Bonus Plan for 2014 and the cash portion of the earned LTIP payout for the 2013-14 performance measurement period that was paid in 2016, as shown in Table II below. For 2013, this column reflects the sum of the cash incentive payouts made in 2014 under the Annual Bonus Plan for 2013 and the cash portion of the earned LTIP payout for the 2012-13 performance measurement period that was paid in 2015, as shown in Table III below.

**I—Cash Incentive Payouts for 2015**

Name	Payout in 2016	Payout in 2017 LTIP 2014-15 Performance Period	Total
	Annual Bonus Plan Cash Payment for 2015 (\$)	(Cash Payout Earned— Payable in 2017) (\$)	As Shown in Summary Compensation Table (\$)
R. Johnson	1,719,656	1,146,622	2,866,278
L. Peters	512,831	345,145	857,976
R. McHugh	580,059	411,119	991,178
J. Berk	323,891	298,427	622,318
P. Verma	143,255	65,703	208,958
K. Hicks*	481,135	1,018,713	1,499,848

Due to Mr. Hicks' retirement in 2015, he earned the pro rata portion of his long-term incentive award for the 2014-15 \*performance measurement period, as shown in the table, and this amount will be paid to him at the same time as the payouts to the other named executive officers in 2017.

**Executive Compensation****II—Cash Incentive Payouts for 2014**

Name	Payout in 2015	Payout in 2016 LTIP 2013-14 Performance Period	Total
	Annual Bonus Plan Cash Payment for 2014 (\$)	(Cash Payout Earned— Paid in 2016) (\$)	As Shown in Summary Compensation Table (\$)
R. Johnson	1,063,990	626,219	1,690,209
L. Peters	496,510	265,650	762,160
R. McHugh	591,389	316,365	907,754
J. Berk	332,441	235,957	568,398
P. Verma	—	—	—
K. Hicks	1,828,844	1,239,700	3,068,544

**III—Cash Incentive Payouts for 2013**

Name	Payout in 2014	Payout in 2015 LTIP 2012-13 Performance Period	Total
	Annual Bonus Plan Cash Payment for 2013 (\$)	(Cash Payout Earned— Paid in 2015) (\$)	As Shown in Summary Compensation Table (\$)
R. Johnson	660,966	850,000	1,510,966
L. Peters	346,929	375,000	721,929
R. McHugh	419,543	476,250	895,793
J. Berk	242,552	366,393	608,945
P. Verma	—	—	—

K. Hicks 1,365,375 1,925,000 3,290,375

(7) Amounts shown in column (i) represent the annual change in pension value during each of our last three fiscal years for each of the executives. Please see Pages 59 through 60 for more information on 2015 pension benefits.

(8) This column includes perquisites and other compensation attributable to the executives for 2015, valued at the incremental cost to the Company of providing them, which represents the actual cost:

The amounts shown for financial planning and medical expense reimbursement reflect amounts reimbursed in 2015, which may also include reimbursement of amounts submitted in 2015 for expenses incurred in 2014.

The amounts shown in the table under the 401(k) Match column represent the Company's matching contribution under the Foot Locker 401(k) Plan made to the named executive's account.

Name	Auto.	Car	Univ.	Med.	Exec.	Supp.	Financial	401(k)	Relocation	Tax	Total
	Allowance	Service Reimb.	Life Ins. Prem.	Expense Reimb.	Physical	LTD Ins. Prem.	Planning	Match	Payment	Gross Up	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
R. Johnson	13,216	8,743	5,223	3,644	907	6,075	8,945	2,600	—	—	49,353
L. Peters	13,489	—	2,708	1,607	—	—	—	2,600	—	—	20,404
R. McHugh	12,316	—	—	5,735	—	—	—	2,600	—	—	20,651
J. Berk	933	—	—	3,394	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,327
P. Verma	—	—	—	892	—	—	—	—	49,113	30,983	80,988
K. Hicks	4,893	11,432	—	3,589	—	6,257	8,945	2,600	—	—	37,716

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### Employment Agreements

We have employment agreements with each of the named executive officers, and we describe the material terms of each of these agreements below. We had an employment agreement with Mr. Hicks prior to his retirement. Information on potential payments and benefits upon termination of the agreements is described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control, beginning on Page 63.

#### Richard A. Johnson

**Position.** We entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Johnson on November 6, 2014 in connection with his promotion to serve as our Chief Executive Officer.

**Term.** The term of this agreement began on December 1, 2014 and ends on January 31, 2018. The agreement contains an “evergreen” renewal provision that provides for additional one-year renewals of the employment term, unless either party gives notice of non-renewal one year prior to the end of the then-current term.

**Base Salary and Bonus.** During the term of the agreement, the Company shall pay Mr. Johnson an annual base salary of not less than \$1,000,000. Mr. Johnson’s 2015 base salary rate was \$1,050,000. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Johnson’s annual bonus at target under the Annual Bonus Plan is 125% of his base salary, and his annual bonus at target under the LTIP is 175% of his base salary at the start of the performance period.

**Stock Awards.** Mr. Johnson’s agreement provided for certain restricted stock and stock option awards effective December 1, 2014, with vesting subject to his continued employment with the Company.

**Benefit Plans and Perquisites.** Mr. Johnson is entitled to participate in all bonus, incentive, and equity plans offered to senior executives. He is also eligible to participate in all pension, welfare, and fringe benefit plans and perquisites offered to senior executives. The benefits and perquisites available to Mr. Johnson include:

- Company-paid life insurance in the amount of his annual base salary;
- Long-term disability insurance coverage of \$25,000 per month;

- Annual out-of-pocket medical expense reimbursement of up to \$7,500;
- Reimbursement for financial planning expenses of up to \$9,000 per year; and
- Automobile expense reimbursement for up to \$40,000 annually and reimbursement of reasonable expenses for car service for transportation within the New York metropolitan area.

**Non-Compete Provision.** Mr. Johnson's agreement provides that he may not compete with the Company or solicit our employees for two years following the termination of his employment agreement.

**Certain Defined Terms in the Agreement:**

“Cause” means with regard to Mr. Johnson:

- his refusal or willful failure to substantially perform his duties;
- his dishonesty, willful misconduct, misappropriation, breach of fiduciary duty or fraud with regard to the Company, its business or assets;
- his willful breach of any material provision of the agreement, which is not cured; or
- his conviction of a felony (other than a traffic violation) or any other crime involving moral turpitude.

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“**Change in Control**” means any of the following:

- the Company merges with another company or sells all (or substantially all) of its assets. This event would exclude, for example, mergers (or similar transactions) in which shareholders of the Company prior to the transaction continue to represent a majority of the stock outstanding after the transaction;

- the acquisition of 35% or more of the outstanding stock; or

- during any period of not more than 12 months, the directors at the start of the period, plus any new director whose election or nomination for election was approved by at least two-thirds of the directors then remaining on the Board who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination was approved in this manner, do not comprise at least a majority of the Board.

“**Good Reason**” means,

- prior to a Change in Control, (A) a reduction in his rate of base salary, other than a reduction that occurs in connection with, and in the same percentage as, an across-the-board reduction over any 3-year period in the base salaries of all senior executives and where the reduction is less than 20% of his base salary; or (B) a material and adverse change in the nature and status of his authority or responsibilities.

- on or after a Change in Control, (A) a reduction in his rate of base salary; (B) a failure to continue, or a reduction in, the benefits applicable to him without providing a substitute plan(s) providing materially similar benefits; or (C) any material demotion or reduction in his authority or responsibility.

- at any time, (A) a reduction in his annual bonus classification level; (B) any successor’s failure to assume in writing the Company’s obligations under the agreement; or (C) the Company’s failure to renew the agreement.

**Lauren B. Peters, Robert W. McHugh, Jeffrey L. Berk, and Pawan Verma**

**Position/Term/Base Salary.** We have substantially identical employment agreements (except as described below related to Mr. Verma) with these executives in their current positions, as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Term End Date</b>	<b>2015 Base Salary Rate (\$)</b>
L. Peters	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1/31/2017	605,000

R. McHugh	Executive Vice President—Operations Support	1/31/2017	673,000
J. Berk	Senior Vice President—Real Estate	1/31/2017	488,524
P. Verma	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer	1/31/2018	450,000

The terms of the agreements will automatically be extended for another year unless notice of non-renewal is given by the October 31 prior to the then-current expiration of the term. We pay these executives annual base salaries at rates not less than their salaries at the start of their agreements. The executives' base salaries for 2015 are shown in the table above.

**Special Provisions Related to P. Verma's Employment Agreement:**

*Sign-On Equity Awards.* Mr. Verma was granted (i) a time-based restricted stock award having a value of \$1.5 million on the date of grant, which will vest over a three-year period in annual installments beginning one year following the date of grant, subject to Mr. Verma's continued employment (the "Sign-On Restricted Stock Award"); and (ii) a nonstatutory stock option having a Black-Scholes value on the date of grant of \$225,000, which will vest over a three-year period in annual installments beginning one year following the date of grant, subject to Mr. Verma's continued employment (the "Sign-On Stock Option Grant" and, together with the Sign-On Restricted Stock Award, the "Sign-On Equity Awards").



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*Annual Bonus.* Solely with respect to the 2015 fiscal year, Mr. Verma was eligible to receive a payment equal to the difference between the prorated annual bonus payable to him under the Annual Bonus Plan and the annual bonus that would have been paid to him under the Annual Bonus Plan if he had been a participant in the Annual Bonus Plan for the entire 2015 fiscal year.

*Accelerated Vesting.* If Mr. Verma's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause prior to the second anniversary of his employment commencement date, the first two installments of the Sign-On Equity Awards would, to the extent not already vested, vest on his termination date, and the balance of the Sign-On Equity Awards would be cancelled as of the termination date. If Mr. Verma terminates his employment without Good Reason or the Company terminates his employment with Cause prior to the second anniversary of his employment commencement date, Mr. Verma would be obligated to pay to the Company (a) the sign-on bonus and relocation payments he received, (b) the intrinsic value of the vested portion of his Sign-On Stock Option Grant, to the extent exercised either pre- or post-termination, net of taxes withheld by the Company upon exercise, and (c) the value of the vested portion of his Sign-On Restricted Stock Award at vesting, net of taxes that had been withheld by the Company upon vesting. No payment obligation is required if his termination of employment is due to his death or disability.

**Benefit Plans and Perquisites.** These executives are entitled to participate in all benefit plans and arrangements in effect at the start of the agreement, including retirement plans, Annual Bonus Plan, LTIP, medical, dental, and disability plans, and any other plans subsequently offered to our senior executives.

**Non-Compete Provision.** The executives' agreements provide that they may not compete with the Company or solicit our employees for two years following the termination of their employment agreements.

### **Certain Defined Terms in the Agreements:**

“Cause” means each executive’s:

- refusal or willful failure to substantially perform his or her duties;
- dishonesty, willful misconduct, or fraud with regard to the Company’s business or assets;
- willful breach of his or her employment agreement and the executive does not correct the breach; or
- conviction of a felony (other than a traffic violation) or any other crime involving moral turpitude.

**“Change in Control”** means any of the following:

the Company merges with another company or sells all (or substantially all) of its assets. This event would exclude, for example, mergers (or similar transactions) in which shareholders of the Company prior to the transaction continue to represent a majority of the stock outstanding after the transaction;

•the acquisition of 35% or more of the outstanding stock; or

during any period of not more than 12 months, the directors at the start of the period, plus any new director whose election or nomination for election was approved by at least two-thirds of the directors then remaining on the Board who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination was approved in this manner, do not comprise at least a majority of the Board.

**“Disability”** means:

The executive is incapacitated due to physical or mental illness and, as a result, has not performed his or her duties on a full-time basis for six months, and does not return to perform his or her duties after the Company gives notice.

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“Good Reason” means:

*Prior to a Change in Control,*

- a reduction in base salary, other than an across-the-board reduction in senior executive salaries over a three-year period and the reduction is less than 20% of the executive’s salary from the beginning of the three-year period; or
- a material change in the executive’s authority or responsibilities, except temporarily as a result of illness or other absence;

*Following a Change in Control,*

- any reduction in base salary;
- failure to continue the benefit plans and programs that apply to the executive, or the reduction of his or her benefits, without providing substitute comparable plans and benefits; or
- a material demotion or reduction in executive’s authority or responsibility (except temporarily because of illness or other absence);

*At any time,*

- a reduction in the executive’s annual bonus classification level, other than in connection with a redesign that affects all other employees in the executive’s bonus level;
- failure by a successor to the Company to confirm in writing that it will assume the Company’s obligations under the agreement; or
- failure by the Company to renew the agreement.

### **Ken C. Hicks**

Prior to his retirement, we had an employment agreement with Mr. Hicks substantially in the same form as Mr. Johnson’s agreement.

**Position and Term.** In connection with his retirement as part of a planned succession process, Mr. Hicks's amended employment agreement provided that Mr. Hicks would serve as Executive Chairman until his planned retirement on May 20, 2015.

**Base Salary and Bonus.** Mr. Hicks' annual base salary was \$950,000 in his position as Executive Chairman. His annual bonus at target under the Annual Bonus Plan was 125% of his base salary, and his bonus at target under the LTIP was 175% of his base salary for performance periods prior to 2015-16. Mr. Hicks did not participate in the LTIP beginning with the 2015-16 performance period.

**Benefit Plans and Perquisites.** Mr. Hicks was entitled to participate in all bonus, incentive, and equity plans offered to senior executives. He was also eligible to participate in all pension, welfare, and fringe benefit plans and perquisites offered to senior executives. The benefits and perquisites available to Mr. Hicks included:

- Company-paid life insurance in the amount of his annual base salary;
- Long-term disability insurance coverage of \$25,000 per month;
- Annual out-of-pocket medical expense reimbursement of up to \$7,500;

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- Financial planning expenses of up to \$7,500 annually, as adjusted for adviser fee increases;
- Reimbursement of up to \$15,000 for legal fees in connection with his employment agreement; and
- Automobile expense reimbursement for up to \$40,000 annually and reimbursement of reasonable expenses for car service for transportation within the New York metropolitan area.

**Non-Compete Provision.** Mr. Hicks' agreement provided that he may not compete with the Company or solicit our employees for two years following the termination of his employment agreement.

## Certain Defined Terms in the Agreement:

“Cause” means with regard to Mr. Hicks:

- his refusal or willful failure to substantially perform his duties;
- his dishonesty, willful misconduct, misappropriation, breach of fiduciary duty or fraud with regard to the Company, its business or assets;
- his willful breach of any material provision of the agreement, which is not cured;
- his conviction of a felony (other than a traffic violation) or any other crime involving moral turpitude; or
- his willful failure to take lawful and reasonable directions from the Board.

“Change in Control” means any of the following:

- the Company merges with another company or sells all (or substantially all) of its assets. This event would exclude, for example, mergers (or similar transactions) in which shareholders of the Company prior to the transaction continue to represent a majority of the stock outstanding after the transaction;
- the acquisition of 35% or more of the outstanding stock; or

during any period of not more than 12 months, the directors at the start of the period, plus any new director whose election or nomination for election was approved by at least two-thirds of the directors then remaining on the Board who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination was approved in this manner, do not comprise at least a majority of the Board.

“**Good Reason**” means, following a Change in Control,

- a material demotion or reduction in Mr. Hicks’ authority or responsibility (except in connection with a termination for Cause or disability or temporarily because of illness or other absence);
- a reduction in his base salary rate;
- a reduction in his annual bonus classification level;
- failure to continue the benefit plans and programs that apply to him, or the reduction of his benefits, without providing substitute comparable plans, programs and benefits;
- failure by a successor company to assume in writing the Company’s obligations under the agreement; or
- the Company breaches a material provision of the agreement and does not correct the breach.

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## Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

The following table shows the awards made to the named executive officers in 2015 under the Annual Bonus Plan and the LTIP, as well as the RSU and stock option awards under the Stock Incentive Plan:

(a)	(b)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)				
Name	Grant Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Under- lying Options	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(5)
R. Johnson	03/25/15(1)	328,125	1,312,500	2,296,875							
	03/25/15(2)	229,688	918,750	1,837,500							
	03/25/15(2)				3,699	14,793	29,585				918,793
	03/25/15(3)								207,900	62.11	3,328,479
L. Peters	03/25/15(1)	98,313	393,250	688,188							
	03/25/15(2)	56,719	226,875	453,750							
	03/25/15(2)				914	3,653	7,306				226,888
	03/25/15(3)								32,000	62.11	512,320
R. McHugh	03/25/15(1)	109,363	437,450	765,538							
	03/25/15(2)	63,094	252,375	504,750							
	03/25/15(2)				1,016	4,064	8,127				252,415
	03/25/15(3)								32,000	62.11	512,320
J. Berk	03/25/15(1)	61,066	244,262	427,459							
	03/25/15(2)	45,799	183,197	366,393							
	03/25/15(2)				738	2,950	5,900				183,225

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	03/25/15(3)							16,000	62.11	256,160
P. Verma	08/10/15(1)	27,009	108,036	189,063						
	08/10/15(2)	10,083	40,333	80,666						
	08/10/15(2)	31,177	124,708	249,416						
	08/10/15(2)				138	551	1,102			40,339
	08/10/15(2)				426	1,704	3,407			124,750
	08/10/15(3)							11,346	73.21	225,105
	08/10/15(4)							20,490		1,500,073
K. Hicks	03/25/15(1)	90,712	362,847	634,983						

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**Executive Compensation****Notes to Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table****(1) Annual Incentive Awards**

Amounts shown reflect the payment levels at threshold, target, and maximum performance for the 2015 fiscal year under the Annual Bonus Plan and reflect the potential amounts that would be paid at the end of the period if the applicable performance goals were achieved. The estimated bonus payouts are based on a percentage of the executive's base salary, as shown in the table below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
R. Johnson	31.25%	125%	218.75%
L. Peters	16.25%	65%	113.75%
R. McHugh	16.25%	65%	113.75%
J. Berk	12.5%	50%	87.5%
P. Verma	12.5%	50%	87.5%
K. Hicks	31.25%	125%	218.75%

The amounts shown for Mr. Verma are pro rated, as he commenced employment on August 10, 2015; the amounts shown for Mr. Hicks are pro rated, as he retired on May 20, 2015. The annual bonus payments actually made to the named executive officers for 2015 are shown in Note 6 to the Summary Compensation Table on Pages 46 through 47.

**(2) LTIP Awards**

Provided the performance goals for the 2015-16 long-term performance measurement period are achieved, the payout structure of the executives' awards is as follows: (a) 50% of the award would be payable in cash under the LTIP, (b) 50% of the award would be payable in RSUs under the Stock Incentive Plan, and (c) both the cash portion and the stock portion of the payout would be subject to a time-based, one-year vesting period following the end of the performance measurement period before payout to the executives. The amounts shown in the table reflect the estimated payment levels in cash and number of RSUs at threshold, target, and maximum performance for the 2015-16 performance measurement period. Columns (c), (d), and (e) show the estimated cash payments and columns (f), (g), and (h) show the number of RSUs that would be paid out at threshold, target, and maximum performance if the applicable performance goals are achieved. The amounts shown for Mr. Verma are pro rated, as he commenced employment on August 10, 2015, and reflect amounts for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 long-term performance measurement periods.

The threshold, target, and maximum number of RSUs for each executive was calculated on the date of grant on the basis of that day's closing stock price of a share of Common Stock. The closing price on the grant date of March 25, 2015 for each of the named executive officers was \$62.11. The closing price on the grant date of August 10, 2015 for Mr. Verma was \$73.21. Similarly, the grant date fair values of the RSU awards are based on the closing stock price on these grant dates. The actual number of RSUs paid out will be based on the Company's performance compared to

targets. The value of the RSUs received by an executive will depend upon the Company's stock price on the payment date in 2018. No dividends are paid or accrued for the RSUs.

The aggregate payout in cash and stock at threshold, target, and maximum performance for each of the named executive officers is based on a percentage of the executive's base salary in the first year of the performance period, adjusted for promotion-related salary increases. The percent of base salary for each executive at threshold, target, and maximum performance is shown in the table below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
R. Johnson	43.75%	175%	350%
L. Peters	18.75%	75%	150%
R. McHugh	18.75%	75%	150%
J. Berk	18.75%	75%	150%
P. Verma	18.75%	75%	150%

No amounts would be paid to the executives under the LTIP awards unless the performance goals for the performance measurement period are achieved.

### **(3) Stock Option Grants**

The amounts in column (j) reflect the number of stock options