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Two Ruan Center
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Des Moines, IA 50309

August 16, 2017

To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Fidelity & Guaranty Life, to be held on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

At the meeting, stockholders will be asked to consider the matters contained in the enclosed Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement. We will also consider any additional business that may be properly brought before our annual meeting.

Details regarding requirements for admission to our annual meeting are described in the proxy statement under the heading **How do I attend the Annual Meeting?**

If you have any questions concerning our annual meeting and you are the stockholder of record of your shares, please contact our Investor Relations Department at (844) 582-2972 or by email at Investor.Relations@fglife.com. If you are the stockholder of record of your shares and have questions regarding your stock ownership, please contact our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust, by telephone at (800) 937-5449. If your shares are held by a broker or other nominee (that is, in street name), please contact your broker or other nominee for questions concerning our annual meeting or your stock ownership.

Stockholders of record can vote their shares by attending our annual meeting or by submitting a proxy through the mail or over the Internet. Instructions for using these convenient services are provided on the proxy card. Please make sure to read the enclosed information carefully before voting your shares. You may also vote your shares by marking your votes on the enclosed proxy card. If you attend our annual meeting, you may withdraw your proxy and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held in street name, you should vote your shares in accordance with the instructions of your bank or brokerage firm or other nominee.

We appreciate your continued support of Fidelity & Guaranty Life.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph S. Steinberg

Chairman of the Board

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Two Ruan Center

601 Locust Street, 14th Floor

Des Moines, IA 50309

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

August 16, 2017

To Our Stockholders:

We will hold the annual meeting of stockholders of Fidelity & Guaranty Life on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. The purposes of our annual meeting are as follows:

1. To elect Messrs. Bawden and Tweedie as Class III directors;
2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017;

Our board of directors recommends a vote FOR Proposals 1 and 2. These proposals are described in the attached proxy statement, which you are encouraged to read fully. Stockholders will also consider any additional business that may be properly brought before our annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Details regarding requirements for admission to our annual meeting are described in the attached proxy statement under the heading "How do I attend the annual meeting?"

Our board of directors has set the close of business on August 8, 2017, as the record date for our annual meeting. The stock transfer books of our company will not be closed following the record date, but only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, our annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available for inspection at our annual meeting and will also be available for ten days prior to the meeting, during normal business hours, at our principal office located at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309.

The vote of each eligible stockholder is important. Please vote as soon as possible to ensure that your vote is recorded promptly, even if you plan to attend our annual meeting.

By Order of the board of directors,

/s/ Joseph S. Steinberg

Chairman of the Board

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Why am I receiving these materials?

This proxy statement, the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy card are being furnished to the stockholders of Fidelity & Guaranty Life by our board of directors to solicit your proxy to vote at our annual meeting of stockholders and any adjournments or postponements thereof to be held on Friday September 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

This proxy statement summarizes the information that holders of shares of our common stock need to vote at our annual meeting. Unless stated otherwise herein or the context requires otherwise, references to shares means shares of our common stock, and stockholder means a holder of our common stock.

We will begin mailing this proxy statement, along with the proxy card and the other materials listed below, on or about August 16, 2017. To ensure that your proxy is voted at our annual meeting, your proxy should be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, if given by mail, or by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, if submitted over the Internet.

We have requested that banks, brokerage firms and other nominees who hold shares on behalf of the beneficial owners of our shares as of the close of business on August 8, 2017, forward these materials, together with a proxy card or voting instruction card, to those beneficial owners. We have agreed to pay the reasonable expenses of the banks, brokerage firms and other nominees for forwarding these materials.

As previously announced, on May 24, 2017, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, with CF Corporation and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, which was amended on June 30, 2017 (as amended, the Merger Agreement). The parties to the Merger Agreement are committed to securing the remaining regulatory approvals and seek to close the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement as expeditiously as possible, however, the closing of such transactions, and the timing thereof, is subject to the regulatory review and approval process. The completion of the transactions is currently expected to occur in the fourth quarter of calendar year 2017, although the company cannot assure completion by any particular date, if at all. The notice of written consent and appraisal rights and information statement related to the Merger Agreement is being furnished concurrently to stockholders of the company.

What materials am I receiving?

You are receiving:

1. this proxy statement for our annual meeting;
2. a proxy card or voting instruction form for our annual meeting; and
3. our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 (fiscal 2016), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on November 21, 2016. The Form 10-K we are delivering does not include the subsequent amendment filed on January 27, 2017 include Items 10-14 of Part

III as this information is contained in this proxy statement.

What is the purpose of the annual meeting?

At our annual meeting, including any adjournment or postponement thereof, our stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the following proposals:

1. To elect Messrs Bawden and Tweedie as Class III directors;
2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP (KPMG) as our company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 (Fiscal 2017);

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You may also be asked to consider and vote upon other business as may come before our annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Other than matters incident to the conduct of our annual meeting and those set forth in this proxy statement, we do not know of any business or proposals to be considered at our annual meeting. If any other business is proposed and properly presented at our annual meeting, the proxies received from our stockholders give the proxy holders the authority to vote on any other matters in their discretion.

Who are the nominees for election and what would be the size and composition of the board and its standing committees following their election?

The nominees for election as Class III directors at our annual meeting are Messrs. Bawden and Tweedie. See Proposal 1 Election of Directors Nominees for Election as Directors for our nominees biographical information. Messrs. Benson and Littlefield will continue as Class I directors and Messrs. Melchionni and Steinberg will continue as Class II directors. See Proposal 1 Election of Directors Continuing Directors.

Messrs. Bawden, Benson and Melchionni are independent directors under the applicable SEC rules, the NYSE Listed Company Manual and related rules (NYSE Rules) and our Corporate Governance Guidelines. As of August 8, 2017, our audit committee is comprised of Messrs. Bawden, Benson and Melchionni. Mr. Bawden qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as defined by Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K. As of August 8, 2017, our compensation committee is comprised of Messrs. Benson, Melchoinni, McKnight and Steinberg. As of August 8, 2017, our nominating and corporate governance committee is comprised of Messrs. McKnight, Steinberg and Tweedie. The chairpersons of the audit committee is Mr. Bawden and Mr. Steinberg serves as chairman of the compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees.

As of August 8, 2017, HRG Group, Inc. (HRG) owned approximately 80.4% of our common stock. As a result, we are a controlled company within the meaning of the NYSE corporate governance standards. Accordingly, we are presently relying on, and intend to continue to rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. Specifically, as a controlled company, we are not required to have (1) a majority of independent directors, (2) a nominating and corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors or (3) a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors.

Following the election of the Class III directors, our board will be comprised of seven directors and there will be no vacancies on our board.

What does our board recommend?

The board recommends a vote as follows:

FOR each of the nominees; and

FOR the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm;

Who can vote?

Our board has fixed the close of business on August 8, 2017, as the date to determine the stockholders who are entitled to attend and vote at our annual meeting. On the record date, our outstanding capital stock consisted of 58,993,219 shares of common stock, which was held by 81 holders of record including persons who hold shares for an

indeterminate number of beneficial owners. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote in the election of directors and on each matter submitted for stockholder approval.

Can I obtain a list of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting?

At our annual meeting, and at least ten days prior to our annual meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available at our principal office, Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309, during regular business hours. Stockholders of record may inspect the list for proper purposes during normal business hours.

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What is the difference between a stockholder of record and a beneficial owner of shares held in street name ?

Stockholder of record. You are a stockholder of record if at the close of business on the record date your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust. Our proxy materials were sent directly to you by our company and you can vote your shares as instructed on the accompanying proxy card.

Beneficial owner of shares held in street name. You are a beneficial owner if at the close of business on the record date your shares were held in the name of your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee. Being a beneficial owner means that your shares are held in street name. Our proxy materials were forwarded to you by that organization, and their instructions for voting your shares should accompany this proxy statement.

How do I attend the annual meeting?

All stockholders at the close of business on the record date are invited to attend our annual meeting. For admission, stockholders should come to our annual meeting check-in area no less than 15 minutes before our annual meeting is scheduled to begin. Stockholders of record should bring a form of photo identification so their share ownership can be verified. A beneficial owner holding shares in street name must also bring an account statement or letter from his or her bank or brokerage firm showing that he or she beneficially owns shares as of the close of business on the record date, along with a form of photo identification. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., Central Time, and our annual meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., Central Time. Please note that the use of cameras and other recording devices will not be allowed at our annual meeting.

If I am a stockholder of record, how do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?

If you are a stockholder of record, there are several ways for you to vote your shares:

By mail. You may submit your vote by completing, signing and dating the proxy card received and returning it in the prepaid envelope by following the instructions that appear on the proxy card. Proxy cards submitted by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, to be voted at our annual meeting.

Via Internet. You may vote your shares via the Internet by following the instructions provided in the proxy card. If you vote via the Internet, you do not need to return a proxy card by mail. Internet voting is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Votes submitted through the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, to be voted at our annual meeting.

In person at the Annual Meeting. You may vote your shares in person at our annual meeting. Even if you plan to attend our annual meeting in person, we recommend that you also submit your proxy card or vote via the Internet by the applicable deadline so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting. Details regarding requirements for admission to our annual meeting are described in this proxy statement under the heading How do I attend the annual meeting?

I hold my shares in street name, how do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?

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If you are a beneficial owner of your shares, you should have received voting instructions from the bank, brokerage firm or other nominee holding your shares. You should follow such instructions in order to instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee on how to vote your shares. The availability of Internet voting will depend on the voting process of the bank, brokerage firm or other nominee holding your shares. Shares held beneficially may be voted in person at our annual meeting only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker or nominee giving you the right to vote the shares. Details regarding requirements for admission to our annual meeting are described in this proxy statement under the heading **How do I attend the annual meeting?**

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Can I revoke or change my vote after I submit my proxy?

Stockholders of record. If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your vote at any time before the final vote at our annual meeting by:

signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, since only your latest proxy card, received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, will be counted;

submitting a later-dated vote via the Internet, since only your latest Internet vote received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, will be counted;

attending our annual meeting in person and voting again; or

delivering a written revocation to Eric L. Marhoun, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, at Fidelity & Guaranty Life, Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309, by 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on September 28, 2017.

Beneficial owners of shares held in street name. If you are a beneficial owner of your shares, you must contact the broker or other nominee holding your shares and follow its instructions for changing your vote.

What is a quorum ?

We may hold our annual meeting only if a quorum is present, either in person or by proxy. A quorum is a majority of our outstanding shares entitled to vote on the record date. Your shares will be counted towards establishing a quorum if you vote by mail, over the Internet or if you vote in person at our annual meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. If a quorum is not present at our annual meeting, we may adjourn the meeting from time to time until we have established a quorum.

What if I do not give specific instructions?

Stockholders of record. If you are a record holder of shares and you do not give specific voting instructions, the proxy holders will vote your shares as recommended by our board on all matters presented in this proxy statement, and as the proxy holders determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at our annual meeting.

Beneficial owners of shares held in street name. If your shares are held in street name and you do not give specific voting instructions to your nominee, then, under the NYSE Rules, your nominee generally may vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. If you do not give instructions on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, your nominee will inform the inspector of election that it does not have the authority to vote on this matter with respect to your shares; this is generally referred to as a broker non-vote.

Which ballot measures are routine or non-routine ?

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Proposal 1 (election of directors) is considered a non-routine matter under applicable rules. A brokerage firm or other nominee cannot vote without instructions on non-routine matters. Therefore, if you hold your shares in street name, it is critical that you give instructions on how to cast your vote with respect to these non-routine matters if you want your votes to count. If you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee how to vote on this matter, no votes will be cast on your behalf.

Proposal 2 (the ratification of the appointment of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2017) is considered routine under applicable rules. A broker or other nominee generally may vote on routine matters, and therefore no broker non-votes are expected in connection with this proposal.

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What vote is required to approve the proposals?

Each director nominee who receives an affirmative vote by the holders of a plurality of the votes cast will be elected a director (Proposal 1).

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes represented at our annual meeting in person or by proxy is required to ratify our board's appointment of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2017 (Proposal 2).

With regards to Proposal 1 (election of directors), shares represented by proxies that are marked **WITHHOLD** and shares that are present in person or proxy but not voted will be excluded entirely from the vote and will have no effect on the outcome of this vote because the directors are elected by a plurality vote. With regards to Proposal 2 (ratification of KPMG's appointment as auditor), shares marked **ABSTAIN** and shares that are present in person or by proxy but not voted will be considered present at the Annual Meeting and will have the effect of a vote against this proposal because approval of this proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote.

HRG, which as of the record date held approximately 80.4% of the voting power entitled to vote at our annual meeting, has notified us that it intends to vote all of its shares at our annual meeting in accordance with our board's recommendations.

How are broker non-votes and abstentions treated?

Broker non-votes and shares held as of the record date by holders who are present in person or represented by proxy at our annual meeting but who have abstained from voting or have not voted with respect to some or all of such shares on any proposal to be voted on at our annual meeting will be counted as present for purposes of establishing a quorum.

Broker non-votes and abstentions will: (i) have no effect on the outcome of the votes on Proposal 1 because this proposal is determined by a plurality vote and (ii) have the effect of a vote against Proposal 2 because approval of this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at our annual meeting and entitled to vote.

Who will count the votes and serve as the inspector of election?

We have engaged American Stock Transfer & Trust as our independent inspector of election to tabulate stockholder votes at our annual meeting.

Who is making and paying for this proxy solicitation?

This proxy is solicited on behalf of our board. Certain officers, directors and other employees may also solicit proxies on our behalf by mail, telephone, fax, Internet or in person. Our company is paying for the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing this proxy soliciting material. Brokers, nominees, fiduciaries and other custodians have been requested to forward soliciting material to the beneficial owners of common shares held of record by them, and these custodians will be reimbursed for their reasonable charges and expenses to forward our proxy materials to their customers or principals.

What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at an annual meeting of stockholders?

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For a stockholder's proposal to be considered timely for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy relating to an annual meeting of stockholders, such proposal should be received by us not later than the close of

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business on the date that is 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the release date of the proxy statement for the prior year's annual meeting; provided, however, that if the date of such annual meeting is changed by more than 30 days from the anniversary of the prior annual meeting, the deadline for such proposals will be a reasonable time before we begin to print and send our proxy materials.

Our by-laws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders to make nominations of candidates for election as directors or to bring other business before an annual meeting of our stockholders. The by-laws provide that any stockholder wishing to nominate persons for election as directors at, or bring other business before, an annual meeting must deliver to our corporate secretary a written notice of the stockholder's intention to do so. To be timely, the stockholder's notice must be delivered to our corporate secretary at our principal executive offices not fewer than 90 days nor more than 120 days before the first anniversary date of the annual meeting for the preceding year; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is set for a date that is more than 30 days before or more than 70 days after the first anniversary date of the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to our corporate secretary (x) not earlier than 120 days prior to the meeting or (y) no later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which a public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us.

Where can I find voting results?

We will publish the final voting results from our annual meeting in a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days of the date of our annual meeting.

How can stockholders communicate with our board?

Stockholders may communicate with our board by writing to Fidelity & Guaranty Life, c/o Board of Directors, Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309. Please see the additional information in the section captioned "Communications with Board Members."

Where are the company's principal executive offices located and what is the company's Investor Relations telephone number?

Our principal executive offices are located at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309. You may contact our Investor Relations Department by phone at 1-844-582-2972 or by email at Investor.Relations@fglife.com.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be Held on September 29, 2017.

The proxy statement and other proxy materials are available on the company's website at www.fglife.com under the heading "Annual Reports."

Who can help answer my questions?

If you have any questions concerning our annual meeting and you are the stockholder of record of your shares, please contact our Investor Relations Department at (844) 582-2972 or by email at Investor.Relations@fglife.com.

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Our certificate of incorporation provides for the division of our board into three classes of as nearly equal number of directors as possible. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the directors.

The term of each class of directors is three years, with the term for one class expiring each year in rotation. As a result, one class of directors is elected at each annual stockholders meeting for a term of three years, to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier death, removal or resignation. The term of the current Class III directors expires at our annual meeting.

Directors

The following table sets forth information about our directors. The respective age of each individual in the table below is as of August 8, 2017.

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	AGE
James M. Benson*	Director	I	70
Christopher J. Littlefield	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director	I	50
Andrew McKnight	Director	II	39
William P. Melchionni*	Director	II	72
Joseph S. Steinberg	Chairman and Director	II	73
William J. Bawden*	Director	III	70
L. John H. Tweedie	Director	III	72

* Independent director.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee proposes nominees for election to our board and such nominees are reviewed and approved by the entirety of our board. Our nominating and corporate governance committee and our board recommend that each nominee for director be elected at our annual meeting. The nominees are Messrs. Bawden and Tweedie. The nominees have consented to continue to serve as directors if elected. Mr. Bawden has served as a director since 2013. Mr. Tweedie has served as a director since 2011. Under our certificate of incorporation, our board of directors consists of such number of directors as may be determined from time to time by resolution of our board. Any vacancies or newly created directorships may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of our directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director and the elected person will serve the remainder of the term of the class to which he or she is appointed. Each director will hold office until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. In addition, if a nominee becomes unavailable for any reason or should a vacancy occur before the election, which we do not anticipate, the proxies will be voted for the election, as director, of such other person as our board may recommend. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than are included in the class of directors this year that number is three.

Our board of directors is led by our non-executive Chairman, Mr. Steinberg. Our board of directors has determined that Messrs. Bawden, Benson, and Melchionni are independent within the meaning of the federal securities laws and

the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Rules.

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Nominees for Election as Directors

Class III Directors Nominees for Three Year Terms Expiring 2020

William J. Bawden has served as one of our directors and chairman of our audit committee since 2013. Mr. Bawden previously served as a member of the board of directors of Aviva USA Corporation, a life and annuity insurance company, where he also chaired the audit committee and was a member of the risk committee. He is a retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), in which role he served the insurance industry for many years. While at PwC, Mr. Bawden led the PwC Canadian insurance practice from 1995 to 2007, was chairman of the world insurance partner leadership team from 1987 to 1993, and was co-chairman of the firm's U.S. insurance practice from 1987 to 1992. He also has been a member of several AICPA and Canadian standards setting committees that focused on insurance accounting and reporting. Mr. Bawden has a B.S. and M.B.A. from Indiana University. We believe that Mr. Bawden's extensive accounting and insurance qualifications and experience well qualifies him to serve as a member of our board of directors.

L. John H. Tweedie has served as one of our directors since 2011. Mr. Tweedie serves as CEO and is responsible for setting and executing the strategy of FSRCI. Over a period of 35 years, Mr. Tweedie has managed businesses that provide individual life and annuities, property & casualty in both domestic and international markets. Most recently, he served as President and CEO of Northstar Re, a start-up, from 2002 to 2009. Prior to his retirement in 2001, Mr. Tweedie served as a Senior Executive Vice President for Metropolitan Life (then the majority owner of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated), in charge of corporate actuarial, corporate controllers and international operations. His tenure at Metropolitan Life included positions as Chief Actuary, President and CEO of Canadian Operations and Executive Officer for International Operations. In addition, Mr. Tweedie oversaw RGA operations and served on the RGA board of directors until his retirement. Mr. Tweedie rejoined the Canadian RGA board of directors in 2010. Mr. Tweedie received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba in 1966 and became a fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the Society of Actuaries in 1971. We believe that Mr. Tweedie's extensive actuarial, financial and executive experience well qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Vote Required

To be elected as a Class III director at our annual meeting, each candidate for election must receive a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders present in person or represented by proxy at our annual meeting. A plurality vote means that the director nominee with the most affirmative votes in favor of his election to a particular directorship will be elected to that directorship.

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES FOR CLASS II DIRECTORS.

Continuing Directors

Class I Directors Terms Expiring 2018

James M. Benson has served as one of our directors since October 2014 and is a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Benson has over 40 years of industry experience and is a nationally-recognized expert in the fields of financial services and insurance. He has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Benson Botsford, LLC, since 2006, and has been a director there since 2010. Since 2006, Mr. Benson has served on the board of Sapient Corp. Since 1995 he has served on the board of Hospital for Special Surgery. He serves on the board of

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Valmark Securities, Inc., and from 2010 until 2013 he was a board member of Aviva USA Corp. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of John Hancock Life Insurance Company, a division of Manulife Financial, from 2002 to 2006. Prior to joining Hancock in 2002, he was President of MetLife, Inc.'s Individual Business enterprise. During his tenure at MetLife, he was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of New England Financial as well as Chairman, President and Chief

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Executive Officer of GenAmerica Financial Corporation. Before joining MetLife in 1997, he held the dual position of President and Chief Operating Officer of the Equitable Companies, Inc., and was Chief Executive Officer of its flagship life insurance operation, Equitable Life Assurance. Mr. Benson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. We believe Mr. Benson's industry experience well qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Christopher J. Littlefield has served as one of our directors since April 1, 2015. Mr. Littlefield joined the company as our President in October 2014 and assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer in May 2015. Mr. Littlefield has extensive financial services and public company experience, having served as President and Chief Executive Officer from February 2009 to October 2013 and Chief Operating Officer from February 2008 to September 2009 of Aviva USA Corporation, a provider of indexed universal life and indexed annuity products. He served as Executive Vice-President-General Counsel and Secretary from January 2006 to February 2008 of AmerUs Group Co., a provider of individual life insurance and annuity products, which was acquired by Aviva plc in November 2006. He also served as Senior Vice-President and General Manager-Food Products from November 2004 to January 2006 and Senior Vice-President-General Counsel and Secretary from January 1998 to January 2006 of The Dial Corporation. Mr. Littlefield received a B.S. in Business Administration, cum laude, from University of Arizona and a J.D. with high distinction from the University of Iowa.

Class II Directors Terms Expiring 2019

Andrew McKnight was named one of our directors in April 2017 and serves on the compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees. Mr. McKnight has been a Partner and Managing Director at Fortress Investment Group LLC (Fortress) since 2005. Mr. McKnight serves on the investment committee for the Credit Funds and co-heads the Management Committee of Fortress. Mr. McKnight also currently serves on Board of Directors of HRG Group, Inc. (HRG), the Company's parent company, and Ligado Networks. Mr. McKnight was formerly a Managing Director at Fir Tree Partners. Prior to joining Fir Tree Partners, Mr. McKnight was in the Leveraged Finance group at Goldman, Sachs & Co. We believe that Mr. McKnight's investment management experience well qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

William P. Melchionni has served as one of our directors since 2012. For 17 years, he served in a number of senior roles for Credit Suisse, an investment bank, in the investment advisory business. Prior to Credit Suisse, Mr. Melchionni worked for Salomon Brothers for 12 years as a director. He played professional basketball with the Philadelphia 76ers and New York Nets. He received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Villanova University. We believe that Mr. Melchionni's asset management experience well qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Joseph S. Steinberg has served as one of our directors since February 2015 and was appointed as Chairman of our board in March 2015. Since December 2014, Mr. Steinberg has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company's majority shareholder, HRG, and, since April 2017, he has served as HRG's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Steinberg is Chairman of the board of directors of Leucadia National Corporation (Leucadia), which is a significant stockholder of HRG. He has served as a director of Leucadia since December 1978 and as President from January 1979 until March 1, 2013, when he became the Chairman of the Leucadia board of directors. Mr. Steinberg has served as Chairman of the board of directors of HomeFed Corporation since 1999 and as a HomeFed director since 1998. Mr. Steinberg also serves on the board of directors of Crimson Wine Group, Ltd. Mr. Steinberg has served as a director of Jefferies Group, LLC since April 2008. Mr. Steinberg previously served as a director of Mueller Industries, Inc. from September 2011 to September 2012. We believe Mr. Steinberg's managerial and investing experience in a broad range of businesses well qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

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PROPOSAL 2

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our audit committee has approved the engagement of KPMG as the company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit our consolidated financial statements for Fiscal 2017. Our board and audit committee believes that the appointment of KPMG as our company's independent registered public accounting firm is in the best interests of our stockholders and our company.

Although stockholder ratification of the appointment of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm is not required by any applicable law or regulation, stockholder views are being solicited and will be considered by our audit committee and our board. Even if the selection is ratified, our audit committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm if it is determined that such a change would be in the best interests of our company and its stockholders. We expect that a representative of KPMG will be present at our annual meeting, with the opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires and to be available to answer appropriate questions.

To the company's knowledge, neither KPMG nor any of its partners has any direct financial interest or any indirect financial interest in our company other than as the company's independent registered public accounting firm.

For information about the professional services rendered by KPMG to us for fiscal 2016, please see the section of this proxy statement captioned "Principal Accountant Fees and Services."

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes represented at our annual meeting in person or by proxy is required to ratify our appointment of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2017.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL 2017.

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OTHER MATTERS

The company knows of no other matters to be submitted to the stockholders at our annual meeting. The persons named on the proxy are authorized to vote in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before our annual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS

We believe that communications between our board, our stockholders and other interested parties are an important part of our corporate governance. Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with the board as a whole, the independent directors, or any individual member of the board or any committee of the board. All such communications should be submitted by email at:

Legalgovernance@fglife.com

Or by mail at the following address:

Fidelity & Guaranty Life

c/o Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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The board has designated the company's General Counsel as its agent to receive and review written communications addressed to the board, any of its committees, or any board member or group of members. As an initial matter, the General Counsel will determine whether the communication is a proper communication for the board. The General Counsel will promptly forward to the chairman of the audit committee any communication alleging legal, ethical or compliance issues by management or any other matter deemed by the General Counsel to be potentially material to the company. The General Counsel will not forward communications of a personal nature or not related to the duties and responsibilities of the board, including junk mail and mass mailings, business solicitations, routine customer service complaints, new product or service suggestions, opinion survey polls or any other communications deemed by the General Counsel to be immaterial to the company.

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The following sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers, as of August 8, 2017. All officers of our company serve at the discretion of our board.

Name	Age	Position
Christopher J. Littlefield	50	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Rajesh Krishnan	46	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer
Eric L. Marhoun	55	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Dennis R. Vigneau	50	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Rosanne Boehm	58	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
John D. Currier	46	Senior Vice President, Chief Actuary
Christopher S. Fleming	49	Senior Vice President, Operations and Technology
John P. O Shaughnessy	61	Senior Vice President, Business Development
John A. Phelps, II	57	Senior Vice President and Chief Distribution Officer
Mark Wiltse	49	Chief Accounting Officer
Wendy J.B. Young	53	Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer

Christopher J. Littlefield For Mr. Littlefield's biographical information please refer to the above description located under Directors Class I Directors Terms Expiring 2018.

Rajesh Krishnan is our Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer and is responsible for all aspects of our investment portfolio. Mr. Krishnan joined our company in 2009, as Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, and led the restructuring of the company's fixed income portfolio. Following our acquisition of our direct subsidiary, Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings, Inc. (FGLH), Mr. Krishnan led the development of in-house asset management capabilities including the establishment of the company's Baltimore-based trading desk, and was promoted to Executive Vice President in August 2012. Prior to joining Old Mutual US Life, Mr. Krishnan spent 14 years with Wellington Management Company, an investment management company, in Boston, Massachusetts, where he was most recently a Fixed Income Portfolio Manager and Associate Partner focusing on managing bond portfolios for a wide range of insurance clients. Mr. Krishnan is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College.

Eric L. Marhoun joined our company in 2007 as Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Mr. Marhoun was promoted to Executive Vice President in November 2013. In his current position, Mr. Marhoun oversees Legal and Compliance matters for the U.S. life and annuity businesses of HRG. Mr. Marhoun has 30 years of legal experience in U.S. and non-U.S. insurance markets. Mr. Marhoun was previously Senior Vice President and General Counsel to Old Mutual US Life and managed the Legal and Compliance departments for the U.S. and Bermuda life and annuity businesses of Old Mutual plc of the United Kingdom from 2007 to 2011. Prior to joining Old Mutual US Life, Mr. Marhoun was Vice President, Lead Group Counsel and Secretary of American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., a financial services company, from 1995 to 2006 where he oversaw the legal operations of the insurance division of American Express. He was also Of Counsel with Lord, Bissell & Brook in 2006 and an Associate with the firm at the beginning of his career. Mr. Marhoun received his J.D., cum laude, from DePaul University College of Law and is admitted to practice law in the states of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Georgia as well as various federal courts.

Dennis R. Vigneau joined our company as Senior Vice President in January 2014 and began serving as our Chief Financial Officer in February 2014. During fiscal 2015, Mr. Vigneau was promoted to Executive Vice President. Mr. Vigneau brings extensive public company experience, having served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial

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Officer from November 2010 to March 2013 at Kemper Corporation, a multi-line insurance holding company offering life, health, auto, and homeowners insurance, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer from August 2008 to May 2010 at American Life Insurance Company, an insurance company subsidiary during such time of American International Group operating

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primarily in the foreign life insurance market, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Retirement and Protection division of Genworth Financial, a life and health insurance company, from January 2007 to July 2008. Mr. Vigneau received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from New Hampshire College, summa cum laude.

Rosanne Boehm joined our company as Assistant Vice President, Organization Development in 2008 and was promoted to Vice President, Human Resources in April 2011. She was promoted to Senior Vice President, Human Resources in August 2012. She is responsible for all of the company's human resources and talent management strategies and initiatives. Ms. Boehm has more than 25 years of domestic and international human resources experience in the financial services, manufacturing and government services industries. Prior to joining our company, Ms. Boehm held human resources leadership positions with companies including Honeywell Technology Solutions, Northrop Grumman and PACE Incorporated and has experience with both large and small, union and non-union as well as multi-location organizations. Ms. Boehm holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Human Resources from Columbia Union College as well as a Graduate Certification in Organization Development from Johns Hopkins University. She holds an active accreditation as Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) from the Human Resources Certification Institute and a Fellow Life Management Institute (Level 1) from LOMA. Ms. Boehm is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management and the Organization Development Network, and holds a number of professional certifications in the use of various human resources assessment tools and instruments.

John D. Currier Jr. joined the company as Deputy Chief Actuary in May 2015 and was named Chief Actuary in October 2016. Mr. Currier has more than 25 years of experience in the insurance industry. Prior to joining our company, he served briefly as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Actuary of the Life Companies of Farm Bureau Financial Services. He served with Aviva USA, a provider of indexed universal life and indexed annuity products, as Executive Vice President and Chief Actuary of Aviva USA (formerly AmerUs Group) from March 2010 to June 2013, Chief Product Officer from February 2008 to February 2010, and Senior Vice President of Annuity Product Development from August 2005 to February 2010. Prior to Aviva USA, he served in a variety of product development and management positions with INF US Financial Services and Consecro, Inc. Mr. Currier began his insurance career as a consulting actuary with Beckley & Associates on a wide range of actuarial projects. Mr. Currier holds a bachelor's degree Cum Laude from Butler University, is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Christopher S. Fleming joined our company in November 2011 as Senior Vice President, Operations and Technology. Prior to joining our company, he was Head of Corporate Six Sigma & Strategic Cost Management at ING North American Insurance Corporation, a \$1.7 billion operating expenses and 7,000 employee retirement, investment and insurance company. Prior to his tenure at ING, Mr. Fleming served as Chief Operating Officer for ING Central Europe Insurance—a region that generated double-digit top-line growth and served eight million clients. Mr. Fleming also previously held leadership roles at General Electric and American General holding Senior Vice President and Vice President roles, respectively. Mr. Fleming earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance and Economics from The Ohio State University. Additionally, he is a Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

John P. O' Shaughnessy joined our company in January 2008 as Vice President, Special Projects and currently serves as Senior Vice President, Business Development. Mr. O' Shaughnessy assumed responsibility for our asset/liability model development and product review. In April 2009, Mr. O' Shaughnessy was promoted to Vice President and Chief Insurance Risk Officer. In this expanded role, Mr. O' Shaughnessy oversaw our company's entire actuarial function including reinsurance relationships and product development. Two years later in April 2011, Mr. O' Shaughnessy was named Chief Actuary and Chief Risk Officer—reporting directly to the CEO. In October 2016, Mr. O' Shaughnessy was

appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Business Development. Prior to joining our company in 2009, Mr. O Shaughnessy served as Vice President and Actuary, Product Development at Great American Financial from 2004 to 2009. While at Great American Financial, he designed and developed a complete suite of annuity products as the company re-entered the fixed indexed

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annuity marketplace. This included providing risk adjusted evolution of existing and proposed products and working with several producer groups to develop proprietary products for niche markets. Prior to his position at Great American Financial, Mr. O Shaughnessy held positions at Lincoln Financial from 2002 to 2004, Travelers in 2001, Sage from 2000 to 2001 and Nationwide Financial from 1989 to 2000. Mr. O Shaughnessy is a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries as well as a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Columbus State University and his Master of Arts (Mathematics) from the University of Louisville.

John A. Phelps, II is our Senior Vice President and Chief Distribution Officer. In 2000, Mr. Phelps joined Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company (FGL Insurance) as National Life Sales Director and in 2002 was promoted to Vice President, Brokerage Life Sales. In 2003, Mr. Phelps was promoted to Vice President, Life Distribution. In 2006, Mr. Phelps was promoted to the position of Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, overseeing all life & annuity product development and distribution channels. In 2009, Mr. Phelps was named Chief Distribution Officer and continues to function in this role today. During his 32-year career in the industry, Mr. Phelps has served as a personal producer and general agent and has held executive sales and marketing positions with home office insurance companies as well as having served on the ACLI Life Insurance Committee, the LIMRA Distribution Leaders Round Table Committee and LIMRA Brokerage Committee. Mr. Phelps obtained his Masters of Science Management degree from The American College and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Manchester College.

Mark Wiltse joined our company in January 2016 as Chief Accounting Officer. From October 2013 to December 2015, Mr. Wiltse served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer at Accordia Life and Annuity Company, an insurer offering indexed universal life insurance. From May 2011 to October 2013, he served as Business Manager to CEO at Aviva USA, an insurer offering life insurance, long-term savings products and fund management services. From November 2007 to May 2011 he served as Vice President, Financial Reporting at Aviva USA.

Wendy J.B. Young joined the company in 2000 as Actuary and currently serves as Chief Risk Officer. During her tenure with the company, she was promoted to Senior Vice President and has assumed ever increasing responsibilities, including leading the Financial Planning & Analysis area. Ms. Young has been instrumental in many of the major financial projects over the past several years, including our issuance of senior notes. In February 2014, Ms. Young moved into her current position where she is responsible for risk management across the organization which includes ERM, internal controls, and internal audit. Ms. Young has over 28 years of experience as an actuary in the insurance industry. Prior to joining the company, Ms. Young served for 10 years at the Acacia Group, a life and annuity company holding various actuarial roles, ending as 2nd Vice President and Associate Actuary responsible for statutory reporting and projections for regulatory filings. Ms. Young began her career in Ernst & Young's insurance practice performing auditing and consulting functions. Ms. Young has extensive experience across all aspects of the life actuarial practice area, particularly in financial reporting, capital planning, analysis and M&A. This experience prepared her to be an integral part of the finance leadership team at our company. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Insurance with a concentration in Actuarial Science from The Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Young is a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries as well as a Fellow in the Society of Actuaries.

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SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers, and any persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock. Such reporting persons are also required by the SEC's regulations to furnish us with copies of all forms they file with the SEC pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act. Based solely on the reports received by us and on the representations of the reporting persons, we believe that the reporting persons have complied with all applicable filing requirements during the fiscal 2016.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Controlled Company

As of August 8, 2017, HRG owned approximately 80.4% of our common stock, representing a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we are a controlled company within the meaning of the NYSE corporate governance standards. Accordingly, we rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. Specifically, as a controlled company, we are not required to have (1) a majority of independent directors, (2) a nominating and corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors or (3) a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors.

Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

Our board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to assist it in the exercise of its responsibilities. These guidelines reflect our board's commitment to monitor the effectiveness of policy and decision making both at our board and management level, with a view to enhancing stockholder value over the long term. The Corporate Governance Guidelines address, among other things, our board and board committee composition and responsibilities, director qualifications standards and selection of the Chairman of the Board and our Chief Executive Officer.

Our board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to directors and all of our employees, including our senior executive and financial officers, which include our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and persons performing similar functions. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website. We will promptly disclose any future amendments to this code on our website as well as any waivers from this code for executive officers and directors. Copies of this code also are available in print from our corporate secretary upon request.

Board and Committee Meetings

The board held a total of 12 meetings during fiscal 2016. Other standing committees of our board consist of an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and corporate governance committee. The audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees held eight, three and two meetings, respectively, during fiscal 2016. The board and the directors recognize the importance of director attendance at board and committee meetings. Attendance at board and committee meetings was at least 75% for each director. The company does not have a formal policy regarding the attendance of directors at annual meetings of stockholders, but we strongly encourage all of our directors to attend.

Meetings of Independent Directors

We generally hold executive sessions at each board and committee meeting. The Chairman of the Board presides over executive sessions of the entire board and the chairman of each committee presides over the executive session of that committee.

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Board Structure and Risk Oversight

Mr. Steinberg serves as the Chairman of the Board and Mr. Littlefield serves as our Chief Executive Officer. The board has no policy with respect to the separation of the offices of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. The board believes it is important to retain the flexibility to allocate the responsibilities of the offices of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in any way that is in the best interests of our company at a given point in time. Our board believes that we benefit from this structure and, based upon extensive experience of each such individual, Mr. Steinberg's continuation as our Chairman and Mr. Littlefield's continuation as our Chief Executive Officer is in the best interests of our stockholders.

Our management is responsible for understanding and managing the risks that we face in our business, and our board is responsible for overseeing management's overall approach to risk management. Our board also is assisted by our nominating and corporate governance committee with, among other things, its oversight of risk. Our board receives reports on the operations of our businesses from members of management of our company and its subsidiaries as appropriate and discusses related risks. Our board also fulfills its oversight role through the operations of our nominating and corporate governance committee, audit committee and compensation committee. As appropriate, these committees of our board provide periodic reports to our board on their activities. Our audit committee is responsible for oversight of corporate finance and financial reporting related risks, including those related to our accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices. Our compensation committee is responsible for the oversight of our compensation policies and practices, including conducting annual risk assessments of our compensation policies and practices. Our nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for assisting our board with the oversight of risks and reviewing and making recommendations to our board regarding our overall corporate governance, including board and committee composition, board nominees, size and structure and director independence, our corporate governance profile and ratings, and our political participation and contributions.

Governance Documents Availability

We have posted our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, audit committee charter, compensation committee charter and nominating and corporate governance committee charter on our website under the heading Corporate Governance at www.fglife.com. We intend to disclose any amendments to, and, if applicable, any waivers of, these governance documents on that section of our website. These governance documents are also available in print without charge to any stockholder of record that makes a written request to our company. Inquiries should be directed to the Investor Relations Department at Fidelity & Guaranty Life, Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309.

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INFORMATION ABOUT COMMITTEES OF OUR BOARD

Our board maintains an audit committee, a compensation committee, a nominating and corporate governance committee and an executive committee. The composition and responsibilities of each committee are described below.

Audit Committee

Our audit committee is responsible for, among other things, assisting our board of directors in overseeing and reviewing our accounting and financial reporting and other internal control processes, the audits of our financial statements, the qualifications and independence of our independent registered public accounting firm, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, and the performance of our internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm. Our audit committee reviews and assesses the qualitative aspects of our financial reporting, our processes to manage business and financial risks, and our compliance with significant applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our audit committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of our independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the audit committee has the responsibility for the review and approval of transactions with related persons as set forth in the rules and regulations of the SEC as well as affiliate transactions that require approval pursuant to the covenants set forth in the indenture governing the our company's senior notes. The members of our audit committee are Messrs. Bawden, Benson and Melchionni. All members of the audit committee are independent within the meaning of the federal securities laws and the meaning of the NYSE Rules. Each member of the audit committee meets the requirements for financial literacy under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE, and our board has determined that Mr. Bawden is an audit committee financial expert, as that term is defined by the applicable rules of the SEC. Our board of directors has approved a written charter under which the audit committee operates. A copy of the charter is available without charge on our website.

Compensation Committee

The compensation committee is responsible for, among other things, reviewing and approving the compensation and benefits of our CEO, other executive officers and directors, administering our employee benefit plans, authorizing and ratifying stock option grants and other incentive arrangements, and authorizing employment and related agreements. The members of our compensation committee are Messrs. Benson, McKnight, Melchionni and Steinberg. Our board of directors has approved a written charter under which the compensation committee operates. A copy of the charter is available without charge on our website.

The compensation committee has the authority to delegate any of its responsibilities to sub-committees as the compensation committee may deem appropriate, provided that the sub-committees are composed entirely of directors satisfying the independence standards then applicable to the compensation committee generally. The compensation committee has delegated to a sub-committee its responsibility with respect to (i) the approval of acquisitions and dispositions of company securities by officers and directors of the company for purposes of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act and (ii) the grant or award of certain qualified performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) to certain officers of the company under the Omnibus Plan and the 162(m) Plan. The members of the sub-committee are Messrs. Benson and Melchionni.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other things, identifying and recommending candidates to the board of directors for election to our board of directors, reviewing the composition of the board of directors and its committees, developing and recommending to the board of directors the criteria for

evaluating director candidates, overseeing board of directors evaluations, and recommending director compensation to our compensation committee.

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Our nominating and corporate governance committee may use a variety of means to identify nominees. The committee has the authority to hire consultants and search firms for the purpose of identifying candidates. The board seeks members from diverse professional backgrounds who combine a broad spectrum of experience and expertise with a reputation for integrity. Individuals will be considered for nomination to the board based on their business and professional experience, judgment, diversity, age, skills and background. Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines adopted in December 2013, individuals over the age of 72 will generally not stand for election or re-election to the board.

The committee will consider candidates recommended by stockholders in the same manner that it considers candidates identified through other sources. The name of any recommended candidate for director, together with a brief biographical sketch, a document indicating the candidate's willingness to serve if elected, and evidence of the nominating stockholder's ownership of company stock must be sent in care of the corporate secretary to the following address: Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309. A stockholder who wishes to nominate a candidate must follow the procedures described in Section 1.12 of our Bylaws.

The members of our nominating and corporate governance committee are Messrs. McKnight, Steinberg and Tweedie. Our board has approved a written charter under which the nominating and corporate governance committee operates. A copy of the charter is available without charge on our website.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or filed or incorporated by reference in future filings with the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act) or the Exchange Act.

Our audit committee operates under, and has the responsibility and authority set forth in, the written charter adopted by our board of directors, which can be viewed on our website, www.fglife.com under Corporate Governance.

Our audit committee was established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. Our audit committee charter adopted by our board incorporates requirements mandated by Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and NYSE Rules. As described above, all members of our audit committee are independent as defined by SEC rules and NYSE Rules. At least one member of our audit committee is an audit committee financial expert as defined by SEC rules.

Management is responsible for our internal controls and the financial reporting process. Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG, is responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and for auditing the company s internal control over financial reporting and issuing their reports thereon. Our audit committee s responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

In this context, our audit committee has reviewed and discussed with management and KPMG the audited financial statements for fiscal 2016, management s assessment of the effectiveness of the company s internal control over financial reporting and KPMG s audit of our company s internal control over financial reporting. Our audit committee has discussed with KPMG the matters that are required to be discussed by PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 1301 (Communications with Audit Committees). In addition, KPMG has provided our audit committee with the written disclosures and the letter required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding our independent accountant s communications with our audit committee concerning independence and our audit committee has discussed with KPMG their firm s independence. Our audit committee has concluded that KPMG s provision of audit and non-audit services to our company and its affiliates is compatible with KPMG s independence.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, our audit committee recommended to our board that the audited consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2016 be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for that year. The audit committee also appointed KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2017.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

/s/ William J. Bawden

/s/ James M. Benson

/s/ William P. Melchionni

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This compensation discussion and analysis provides an overview and analysis of our executive compensation program, including a discussion of our compensation philosophy. The discussion below is intended to help provide an understanding of the detailed information in the compensation tables and related narrative disclosure below. We discuss the material elements of our compensation program and the material factors considered by the compensation committee in making compensation decisions. Our analysis focuses on the compensation of the following individuals, who are our named executive officers (NEOs), as defined by SEC regulations:

Officer	Position
Christopher J. Littlefield	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Rajesh Krishnan	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer
Eric L. Marhoun	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Dennis R. Vigneau	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
John P. O Shaughnessy*	Senior Vice President, Business Development

* Effective October 1, 2016, John O Shaughnessy, formerly our Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary, was named Senior Vice President, Business Development focusing on International Markets in connection with John Currier being named Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary.

Philosophy and Objectives

Our compensation programs are based on the following objectives:

Attract and retain highly qualified executives and employees;

Align our incentives with stockholder interests;

Drive performance and results; and

Support our culture.

To meet these objectives, our compensation programs include:

Base salary;

Short-term cash incentives;

Long-term equity incentives;

Opportunities for career development; and

Competitive benefits.

Market and industry practices are taken into account when developing compensation programs. Third-party market industry surveys and compensation data from other public companies are utilized when reviewing compensation. We consider our peer group to be companies in our industry that are similar in size to us, that have business models similar to ours and that compete with us for customers, labor and capital.

Our goal is to align total compensation to the competitive market within our peer group while being mindful of internal equity. Salaries are reviewed annually in a process correlated to our performance management program and a competitive base salary market review. Incentives are the primary motivators to achieve business goals and strong business or individual performance can result in above-market incentives.

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Process

Our Compensation Committee. Our compensation committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the compensation and benefits strategy for our employees, including our NEOs, authorizing and ratifying equity grants and other incentive arrangements, and authorizing employment and related agreements. The compensation committee has the full authority of the board of directors to make compensation decisions relating to our NEOs.

Role of Executive Officers. Although our compensation committee has the authority to make final decisions with respect to executive compensation, our Senior Vice President, Human Resources in partnership with our Chief Executive Officer, drive the design and implementation of all executive compensation programs. The goal is to ensure that the design of our compensation programs supports our overall strategy. Except for his own compensation, the Chief Executive Officer has final management-level review of any compensation program or individual element of compensation for our NEOs before they are reviewed by the compensation committee. The Chief Executive Officer and our other NEOs do not participate in discussions regarding their own compensation.

Review and Assessment of Compensation Policies. Prior to establishing our executive compensation program for fiscal 2016, the compensation committee and our management reviewed our executive compensation policies and practices. The compensation committee also conducts on-going assessments of our compensation structure. The committee retained Fred W. Cook & Co. (Cook) to serve as our executive compensation consultant and to assist and advise the compensation committee in connection with executive compensation policies and practices. Cook reviewed the structure and mechanics of the various components of our executive compensation programs and practices. In order to obtain a complete view of the competitive market for talent, Cook considered data from publicly available peer company proxy statements, and, as a secondary view of the market, considered data from published survey sources, which includes industry peers from privately held and publicly traded organizations. In particular, Cook analyzed two key elements: pay magnitude and pay practices. Pay magnitude relates to overall base pay delivery, base salaries, annual and long-term incentive targets and payouts. Pay practices is the assessment of the design attributes of other organizations' incentive plans that provide perspectives on performance measurement, the mix of long-term incentive vehicles, vesting and stockholding requirements.

Cook completed an assessment indicating that the current compensation structure is sound and well-balanced, and demonstrated alignment between company performance and executive compensation.

Survey Comparison Data. In order to provide peer comparison data, Cook utilizes survey data from multiple sources. The primary survey source is LOMA. A secondary source used was Towers Watson where appropriate matches were not found for specific roles in the LOMA data. Cook utilizes a comparison of peer data of same or similar size assets under management in the category of \$4 billion to \$10 billion in assets. There are 22 companies that have participated in this LOMA survey including:

American Family Insurance

Modern Woodmen of America

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.

Mutual of Omaha

CNO Financial Group, Inc.

National Life Group

COUNTRY Financial

Ohio National Financial Services

CUNA Mutual Group

OneAmerica Financial Partners

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Delaware Life

Phoenix Companies

Erie Insurance Group

Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company

FBL Financial Group, Inc.

Symetra

Fidelity & Guaranty Life

The Standard (StanCorp Financial Group)

Foresters Financial

Woodmen of the World Life

Hannover Life Reassurance Co. of America

Zurich North America

Elements of Our Executive Compensation Program

For fiscal 2016, the compensation program for our NEOs consisted of the following key elements:

Base salary;

Short-term incentive compensation;

Long-term incentive compensation; and

Benefits and perquisites.

Each of these elements is considered critical to our executive compensation program. Set forth below is a discussion of each element of compensation, the rationale for each element, and how each element fits into our overall compensation philosophy.

Base Salary. We provide a base salary to our NEOs to compensate them for their services rendered on a day-to-day basis during the year. Base salaries are set to attract and retain executives with qualities necessary to ensure our short-term and long-term financial success. We strive to set base salary levels that are competitive to the salaries of executives in similar positions with similar responsibilities at comparable companies. We target our base salaries to be competitive with our market relative to comparable companies. The determination of a NEO's base salary is based on market compensation rates and individual factors, including personal performance and contribution, experience in the role, scope of responsibility and overall impact on the business. The base salaries of our NEOs are reviewed annually and adjusted when necessary to reflect market conditions as well as individual roles and performance.

The table below shows base salaries for fiscal 2016, which were the same as those reported for fiscal 2015.

Name	Fiscal 2016 Base Salary
Christopher J. Littlefield	\$ 800,000
Rajesh Krishnan	\$ 350,000
Eric L. Marhoun	\$ 350,000
Dennis R. Vigneau	\$ 440,000
John P. O Shaughnessy	\$ 325,000

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Short-Term Incentives. In order to promote our pay for performance culture, we pay annual cash incentives to our NEOs for achieving performance targets that support our corporate goals. The Chief Executive Officer and our executive team develop an annual business plan that includes objectives for the next year to drive short- and long-term business performance. The compensation committee reviews these objectives and establishes performance targets. Performance against plan objectives are reviewed and approved by the compensation committee to establish the bonus pool for each performance period. Short-term incentive payouts require that minimum targets be satisfied and allow for recognition of individual performance and contribution toward those goals.

Effective January 1, 2014, our Employee Incentive Compensation Plan (the EICP), an annual cash-based bonus plan, was amended and restated, and will continue to be used for awards not intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). Also effective January 1, 2014, the company established the 162(m) Plan for cash awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation. The 162(m) Plan was created to attract and retain the best available executive officers to be responsible for the management, growth, and success of the company's business and to provide an incentive for such individuals to exert their best efforts on behalf of the company and its stockholders.

EICP

For fiscal 2016, the EICP included a corporate performance component and an individual performance component, each weighted at 50%. The corporate performance component of the EICP included the following metrics:

2016 Objectives	Weighting
Achieve the Financial Plan	60%
Corporate Initiatives, consisting of:	40%
Completing Merger & Acquisition Activity	
Growth & Digital Strategy	
Executing on our Third Party Administration Strategy	
Capital Management	
Enterprise Risk Management	
Weighting Total	100%

The compensation committee approved the percentage of base salary paid for performance at the target levels depicted below. If a minimum performance measure is satisfied, depending on actual performance, bonus payments under the EICP could range from 50% to 150% of target. As a result of the corporate performance against our goals for fiscal 2016, the bonus pool for determining individual executive incentive awards was 132.1% of target. The awards were paid in December 2016.

Name	2016 Target Bonus (% of Base Salary Earnings)	Actual Bonus Earned (% of Base Salary Earnings)
Christopher J. Littlefield ⁽¹⁾	N/A	N/A
Rajesh Krishnan ⁽¹⁾	N/A	N/A
Eric L. Marhoun ⁽¹⁾	N/A	N/A
Dennis R. Vigneau	50%	75%
John P. O'Shaughnessy ⁽⁴⁾	N/A	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Messrs. Littlefield, Krishnan, Marhoun and O Shaughnessy are participants in our 162(m) Plan.
162(m) Plan

The compensation committee, in its sole discretion, has the authority to select the officers (including officers who are directors) that participate in the 162(m) Plan, to establish the performance goals, and to

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determine the amounts of incentive compensation bonus payable to any participant. Awards will be paid to a participant as a result of the satisfaction of performance goals in each performance period, which may consist of one or more fiscal years designated by the compensation committee in which a performance goal must be satisfied in order for the award or a portion thereof to be payable. Prior to each performance period, the compensation committee will establish a performance goal or goals for each participant and the payout formula for purposes of determining the award payable to such participant upon the attainment of the performance goal. At the time the performance goals are approved by the compensation committee, their outcome must be substantially uncertain. Neither the performance goals nor the payout formula may be changed following their establishment, except that the compensation committee has the authority to adjust such goals and formulas during a performance period for such reasons as it deems equitable to the extent permitted while still satisfying the requirements for qualified performance based compensation under Section 162(m).

The performance goals for fiscal 2016 approved by the compensation committee included the following measures:

Sales

New Business Internal Rate of Return

After-Tax Adjusted Operating Income

Risk-Based Capital

For fiscal 2016, the target percentages of base salary to be paid for performance are as depicted in the table below.

Name	2016 Target Bonus (% of Base Salary Earnings)	Actual Bonus Earned (% of Base Salary Earnings)
Christopher J. Littlefield	150%	150%
Rajesh Krishnan	75%	75%
Eric L. Marhoun	75%	62%
Dennis R. Vigneau ⁽¹⁾	N/A	N/A
John P. O Shaughnessy	60%	54%

⁽¹⁾ Mr. Vigneau, our Chief Financial Officer, is not a Covered Employee for Section 162(m) purposes and therefore instead participates instead in our EICP.

The compensation committee approved the performance of the 162(m) Plan metrics at 127%. Incentive payments under the 162(m) Plan were made in December 2016.

Long-Term Incentives. We believe that equity-based awards link compensation levels with performance results and ensure sustained alignment with stockholder interests. Additionally, we believe equity awards provide an important retention tool for our NEOs, because the awards are subject to multi-year vesting. In furtherance of these objectives,

we grant equity-based awards, including stock options, restricted stock and performance restricted stock units (Performance RSUs) to our NEOs and other employees.

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The target long-term incentive awards are based on a percentage of base salary as well as the number of options or shares offered to be granted. This target is based on the executive's position and level in the organization. For our NEOs, the targets are as follows:

Position Title	Long-Term Incentive Award (% of Base Salary)
Chief Executive Officer	100%
Executive Vice President	50%
Senior Vice President	40%

Options and Restricted Shares

In fiscal 2014 and 2015, our compensation committee approved grants of options and restricted shares to our NEOs. For fiscal 2016, this practice was suspended with respect to all NEOs except for Mr. Littlefield in light of our entry into the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Anbang Insurance Group Co., LTD., AB Infinity Holding, Inc., AB Merger Sub, Inc. and Fidelity & Guaranty Life dated November 8, 2015 (the "Anbang Merger Agreement") and the restrictions contained therein. The Anbang Merger Agreement was terminated on April 17, 2017. For fiscal 2016, the compensation committee approved grants to Mr. Littlefield of 26,406 shares of restricted stock and 118,809 options. The restricted stock and the options granted to Mr. Littlefield vest in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018 subject to continued employment through such dates.

Performance RSUs

In fiscal 2014, our compensation committee approved a grant of Performance RSUs under the Omnibus Plan to all of our NEOs, except for Mr. Littlefield. In fiscal 2015, in connection with Mr. Littlefield's appointment as our President, our compensation committee approved a grant to Mr. Littlefield of Performance RSUs. We granted the Performance RSUs to further incentivize our NEOs to increase stockholder value and to align the compensation of our NEOs with the long-term growth and profitability of our company. In addition, the Performance RSUs have retentive value, because our NEOs were required to remain employed by us in order to realize the value of the awards at the end of the two-year performance period for Mr. Littlefield and the three-year period for all other NEOs. The agreements governing the Performance RSUs contain a performance period and performance metrics, which include a minimum threshold target, and stretch goals and maximum earnings for two key metrics, annual operating income and return on equity (ROE). For Mr. Littlefield, the performance period was from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016, and, for our other NEOs, the performance period was from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016. The payout percentage for reaching these achievement levels are as follows:

Achievement Level Against Target	Payout Percentage
Minimum	50%
Target	100%
Stretch	175%
Maximum	200%

Following the end of the performance period on September 30, 2016, the performance measures were evaluated by the independent sub-committee of our compensation committee. The sub-committee determined the extent to which the performance measures were met following the end of the performance period, and the number of Performance RSUs earned and vested. Performance RSUs were not deemed to have been earned until the sub-committee completed its determination and certified that the performance measures had been attained, and if a NEO had terminated employment with us for any reason prior to September 30, 2016, they would have forfeited all of the Performance RSUs.

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With respect to Mr. Littlefield's Performance RSUs, for each of the two years in the performance period, the number of Performance RSUs as of the grant date was multiplied by 50%, multiplied by the applicable percentage based on attained annual operating income and ROE, which was credited to Mr. Littlefield's account. At the end of the two-year performance period, the number of Performance RSUs in Mr. Littlefield's account were adjusted so that the total number of Performance RSUs were determined as the sum of the following:

Fiscal Year	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs based on Annual Operating Income	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs based on ROE	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs Each Year
2015	50%	50%	50%
2016	50%	50%	50%

With respect to the Performance RSUs for all NEOs other than Mr. Littlefield, for each of the three years in the performance period, the number of Performance RSUs as of the grant date was multiplied by 33 1/3%, multiplied by the applicable percentage based on attained annual operating income and ROE, which were credited to each NEOs account. At the end of the three-year performance period, the number of Performance RSUs in each NEO's account were adjusted so that the total number of Performance RSUs were determined as the sum of the following:

Fiscal Year	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs based on Annual Operating Income	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs based on ROE	Percentage of Credited Performance RSUs Each Year
2014	50%	50%	33 1/3%
2015	50%	50%	33 1/3%
2016	50%	50%	33 1/3%

For fiscal 2014-2016, the independent sub-committee approved the following achievement against target:

Fiscal Year	Annual Operating Income Percentage Achieved	Return on Equity (ROE) Percentage Achieved	Total Combined
2014	87.1%	162.1%	124.6%
2015	118.0%	100.0%	109.0%
2016	160.0%	132.0%	146.0%

Based on the performance over the applicable performance period and the target opportunity granted, the number of Performance RSUs earned by our NEOs, which were settled in cash, was as follows:

Executive	Performance RSUs Granted	Actual # of Performance RSUs Earned	Cash Settlement
Christopher J. Littlefield	32,036	40,846	\$ 951,712
Rajesh Krishnan	72,150	91,294	\$ 2,127,150
Eric L. Marhoun	72,150	91,294	\$ 2,127,150
Dennis R. Vigneau	72,150	91,294	\$ 2,127,150
John O. Shaughnessy	72,150	91,294	\$ 2,127,150

Benefits and Perquisites. Our NEOs are eligible to participate in our tax-qualified 401(k) defined contribution plan and our health and welfare plans on the same basis as our other salaried employees. Our NEOs also participate in a limited number of perquisite programs.

401(k) Plan. Under the 401(k) Plan, our company will match 100% of a participant's contributions up to five percent of compensation, subject to the limits specified in the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). For years

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prior to calendar year 2013, the employer match vests ratably over three years of employment. Effective January 1, 2013, the employer match vests immediately. The 401(k) plan also allows for annual discretionary profit sharing contributions, which historically have been 2% of earnings, subject to limits under the Code. Any profit sharing contributions are immediately vested.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Arrangements. We permit our NEOs to defer on an elective basis a specified portion of their base salaries and performance-based bonus compensation, if any. See the narrative description following the table entitled *Nonqualified Deferred Compensation* below for more information surrounding the terms of the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

Health and Welfare Benefits. We also offer a package of insurance benefits to all salaried employees, including our NEOs, including health, vision and dental insurance, basic life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance and short- and long-term disability insurance.

Limited Executive Perquisites. All of our NEOs are eligible to participate in the Executive Life Insurance Plan. Under this plan, the beneficiary of a participant who dies while employed by us is entitled to a lump sum payment equal to three times his annual base salary at the time of hire. Our NEOs are also offered executive physicals at our cost once biannually. The value of these executive perquisites is reflected in the *All Other Compensation* column of the Summary Compensation Table below.

We maintain no defined benefit pension plans or retiree medical plans.

Employment Agreements

We believe that having employment agreements with our NEOs is beneficial to us because it provides retentive value, subjects the executives to key restrictive covenants, and generally provides us with a competitive advantage in the recruiting process over a company that does not offer employment agreements. In October 2014, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Littlefield, and, in connection with Mr. Littlefield's assumption of the role of Chief Executive Officer, we amended and restated his employment agreement in May 2015. In November 2013, we entered into amended and restated employment agreements with Messrs. Krishnan and O'Shaughnessy, and new employment agreements with Mr. Marhoun and Ms. Young. In January 2014, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Vigneau. These employment agreements include the specific terms set forth in greater detail below in *Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table*.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

During fiscal 2014, the compensation committee approved stock ownership guidelines that require certain of our executive officers to acquire and retain a minimum number of shares of our common stock. The purpose of the guidelines is to align the interests of the executive officers with the interests of our stockholders and to promote our commitment to sound corporate governance. Under the guidelines, executive officers have three years to accumulate the minimum holding amount, which is a multiple of base salary, as follows:

Participant	Multiple of Base Salary
Chief Executive Officer	4x
President	2x

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Executive Vice President	2x
Chief Actuary	1x
Chief Distribution Officer	1x
Chief Financial Officer	1x
Chief Risk Officer	1x

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Participants are required to maintain the minimum holding amount so long as they serve in an executive position covered by the guidelines. Shares of common stock that count toward the minimum holding amount include:

shares owned outright by the participant or his or her immediate family members residing in the same household,

shares of restricted stock, whether vested or not,

shares earned as part of a Performance RSU under a plan that pays out in shares,

shares acquired upon option exercises, and

other shares granted under the Omnibus Plan or similar equity award plan.

The compensation committee may, in its discretion, amend, waive or suspend the guidelines to take into account changes in our common stock, our compensation philosophy, or other factors it deems relevant.

Impact of Tax Considerations

With respect to taxes, Section 162(m) imposes a \$1 million limit on the deduction that a company may claim in any tax year with respect to compensation paid to any Covered Employee, unless certain conditions are satisfied. Certain types of performance-based compensation are generally exempted from the \$1 million limit. Performance-based compensation can include income from stock options, performance-based restricted stock, and certain formula-driven compensation that meets the requirements of Section 162(m). One of the factors that we may consider in structuring the compensation for our NEOs is the deductibility of such compensation under Section 162(m), to the extent applicable. However, this is not the driving or most influential factor. Our compensation committee may approve non-deductible compensation arrangements after taking into account several factors, including our ability to utilize deductions based on projected taxable income, and specifically reserves the right to do so.

Relationship of Compensation Policies and Practices to Risk Management

The company believes that its compensation policies and practices are designed to promote a strong risk management culture. We have reviewed the company's compensation programs, policies and practices for employees and have determined that those programs, policies and practices do not encourage excessive risk taking and are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

Subsequent Event

On May 24, 2017, the company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with CF Corporation, a Cayman Islands exempted company (CF Corp), FGL US Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CF Corp (Parent), FGL Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Parent (Merger Sub), which was amended on June 30, 2017 (as amended, the Merger Agreement). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, at the time of the closing, Merger Sub will merge with and into the

company, with the company continuing as the surviving entity (the Merger). As a result of the Merger, the company will become a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Parent and a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CF Corp.

The Merger Agreement provides that at the effective time of the Merger, each company stock option, restricted stock award and Performance RSU, whether vested or unvested, will become fully vested and automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of (x) the number of shares subject to the award (for Performance RSUs, determined at the actual level of performance for any performance period completed prior to effective time and at the target level of performance for each other performance period) multiplied by (y) the \$31.10 (less the exercise price per share in the case of company stock

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options). In addition, the Merger Agreement provides that at the effective time of the Merger, each stock option (FGLH stock option) and restricted stock unit relating to shares of Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company (FGLH), whether vested or unvested, will become fully vested and automatically converted into the right to receive a cash payment equal to the product of (A) the number of shares of FGLH stock subject to the award multiplied by (B) \$176.32 (less the exercise price in the case of such FGLH Stock Options), and each dividend equivalent held in respect of a share of FGLH stock (a DER), whether vested or unvested, will become fully vested and automatically converted into the right to receive a cash payment equal to the amount accrued with respect to such DER.

Compensation Committee Report

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or filed or incorporated by reference in future filings with the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Our compensation committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this report with our management. Based on that review and discussion, our compensation committee recommended to our board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this report.

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

/s/ James M. Benson

/s/ Andrew McKnight

/s/ William P. Melchionni

/s/ Joseph S. Steinberg

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Name	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation (\$)	Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Christopher J. Littlefield President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2016	800,000		679,955	119,997	1,200,000		20,776	2,820,728
	2015	612,692		1,744,460	146,873	850,000		22,624	3,376,649
Rajesh Krishnan Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer	2016	350,000				262,500		20,273	632,773
	2015	350,000		148,772	26,255	210,000		26,354	761,381
	2014	350,000		1,375,317	46,669	250,442		19,859	2,042,287
Eric L. Marhoun Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2016	350,000				215,338		30,646	595,984
	2015	350,000		148,772	26,255	200,000		56,410	781,437
	2014	347,308		1,375,317	26,255	171,924		50,626	1,971,430
Dennis R. Vigneau ⁽⁴⁾ Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2016	440,000				330,000		24,838	794,838
	2015	429,539		136,014	24,006	300,000		21,592	911,150
	2014	269,231	200,000	1,424,963		107,692		15,851	2,017,737
John O Shaughnessy ⁽⁵⁾ Senior Vice President, Business Development	2016	325,000				174,265		22,820	522,085
	2015	325,000		110,497	19,508	175,000		28,261	658,266
	2014	325,000		1,337,067	19,503	187,668		6,045	1,875,283

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Clarification (FASB ASC) Topic 718. Information on the assumptions used to calculate the value of awards is set forth in Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements in our Original 10-K, which is incorporated by reference herein.

(2) The amounts reported in this column represent the sum of the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock and Performance RSUs. For fiscal 2015, only Mr. Littlefield received Performance RSUs; all other NEOs received Performance RSUs in fiscal 2014. In connection with the outstanding Performance RSUs, if the highest

achievement level against target were attained, the amount reported for Mr. Littlefield for fiscal 2015 would have increased by \$675,000, and the amounts reported for fiscal 2014 for Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, O Shaughnessy and Vigneau would have increased by \$1,226,550. Following the performance period, which ended in fiscal 2016 for all Performance RSUs, the compensation committee certified performance of 124.6%, 109.0% and 146.0% relative to target for fiscal 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. Accordingly, Messrs. Littlefield, Krishnan, Marhoun, O Shaughnessy and Vigneau received cash payouts of \$951,712, \$2,127,150, \$2,127,150, \$2,127,150 and \$2,127,150 respectively. For more detail about the potential payouts of the Performance RSUs, see the discussion within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the heading Performance RSUs.

- (3) The amounts reported for fiscal 2016 in this column reflect the amounts paid out under the 162(m) Plan for all of our NEOs, except for Mr. Vigneau, and the amount paid out for Mr. Vigneau under the EICP.
- (4) Mr. Vigneau commenced his employment with the company on January 27, 2014.
- (5) Mr. O Shaughnessy was our Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary during fiscal 2014-2016. On October 1, 2016, he was appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Business Development.

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The following table sets forth information concerning estimated possible payouts under non-equity and equity incentive plan awards for fiscal 2016 performance and equity incentive plan awards granted in fiscal 2016 to our NEOs. The terms and conditions applicable to these awards are described above in Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts			Estimated Future Payouts under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards	Estimated Future Payouts under Equity Incentive Plan Awards	Number of Shares of Stock or Units	All Other Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	All Other Awards: Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)						
Christopher J. Littlefield	12/1/2015 ⁽¹⁾					26,406			679,955	
	12/1/2015 ⁽²⁾						118,809	25.75	119,997	
	12/21/2015 ⁽³⁾	600,000	1,200,000	1,800,000						
Rajesh Krishnan	12/21/2015 ⁽³⁾	131,250	262,500	393,750						
Eric L. Marhoun	12/21/2015 ⁽³⁾	131,250	262,500	393,750						
Dennis R. Vigneau	12/21/2015 ⁽³⁾	110,000	220,000	330,000						
John P. O Shaughnessy	12/21/2015 ⁽³⁾	97,500	195,000	292,500						

(1) Represents restricted stock granted to Mr. Littlefield under our Omnibus Plan, which vests in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018, subject to continued employment through such date.

(2) Represents non-qualified stock options granted to Mr. Littlefield under our Omnibus Plan, which vests in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

(3) Represents a possible fiscal 2016 payment under our 162(m) Plan or EICP.

Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table**Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers***Employment Agreement with Christopher J. Littlefield*

On May 6, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Littlefield, which is referred to herein as the amended employment agreement. The amended employment agreement provides for a term through September 30, 2016, subject to automatic renewal each year for an additional one-year period unless either party provides prior written notice of non-renewal. Pursuant to the amended employment agreement, Mr. Littlefield's annual base salary was increased from \$500,000 to \$800,000. For fiscal 2016, Mr. Littlefield was eligible for a target

bonus opportunity of \$625,000, and each year thereafter will be eligible for a target bonus opportunity of 100% of his base salary, although actual bonus levels may be more or less than the target based on company and individual performance. On May 11, 2015, pursuant to the terms of the amended employment agreement, Mr. Littlefield received equity grants of 27,033 shares of restricted stock and 24,084 stock options, each of which will vest in equal annual installments on the first three anniversaries of February 1, 2015. Pursuant to the terms of the amended employment agreement, on December 1, 2015, the company granted to Mr. Littlefield restricted stock with a grant date fair market value of \$680,000 and stock options with a grant date fair market value of \$120,000. In annual grant cycles following December 1, 2015, Mr. Littlefield will be eligible for an equity award target grant opportunity equal to 100% of his base salary, although actual grant levels may be more or less than the target based on company and individual performance. The December 1, 2015 grant will vest in equal installments over the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

Under the amended employment agreement, we may terminate Mr. Littlefield's employment at any time for cause and with two weeks' written notice without cause. Mr. Littlefield may terminate his employment with 60 days' written notice. Upon a termination by the company for cause or by Mr. Littlefield without good reason, Mr. Littlefield will be entitled to salary, accrued vacation time and any earned and unpaid bonuses through the

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termination date (the Accrued Obligations). Upon a termination by the company other than for cause or by Mr. Littlefield with good reason other than six months prior to or 18 months following a change in control (as defined in the Omnibus Plan), Mr. Littlefield will be entitled to receive: (i) the Accrued Obligations; (ii) a pro-rated portion of his target annual cash bonus for the year of termination, based on the number of days elapsed in the performance period prior to the date of termination and payable in a lump sum by January 31 of the year following the year of termination; and (iii) continued base salary and target bonus for twelve months.

Mr. Littlefield's amended employment agreement provides that if, within six months prior to or 18 months following a change in control, he is terminated for cause or resigns with good reason, then he will be eligible to receive: (i) the Accrued Obligations; (ii) a pro-rated portion of his target annual cash bonus for the year of termination, based on the number of days elapsed in the performance period prior to the date of termination and payable in a lump sum by January 31 of the year following the year of termination; and (iii) an amount equal to the sum of two times his annual base salary and two times his target annual cash bonus, payable over 12 months following the date of termination.

Mr. Littlefield's amended employment agreement further provides that if payments made to him, whether under his employment agreement or otherwise, would be subject to the excise tax imposed on parachute payments in accordance with Section 280G of the Code, then those payments will be reduced to the extent necessary such that no portion of the payments is subject to the excise tax, but only if the net amount of such payments, as so reduced, is greater than or equal to the net amount of such payments without such reduction.

Mr. Littlefield's amended employment agreement generally defines good reason as (i) a material diminution in title, responsibilities or authorities; (ii) an assignment of duties that are materially inconsistent with his duties as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the company; (iii) any change in the reporting structure such that he no longer reports to the company's Board; (iv) a relocation of his principal office or principal place of employment to a location that is outside the Des Moines, Iowa area; (v) a breach by the company of any material terms of the employment agreement; (vi) the company's non-renewal of the employment agreement; or (vii) the failure of the company to obtain the assumption (in writing or by operation of law) of its obligations under the employment agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of its business or assets upon consummation of any merger, consolidation, sale, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction.

Mr. Littlefield's amended employment agreement generally defines cause as (i) his conviction of, indictment for, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, any felony or any other act involving fraud, theft, misappropriation, dishonesty, or embezzlement; (ii) his commission of intentional and willful acts of misconduct that materially impair the goodwill or business of the company or causing material damage to its or their property, goodwill, or business; (iii) his willful refusal to, or willful failure to, perform in any material respect the duties under the employment agreement; or (iv) his being barred or prohibited from serving in the insurance industry or serving as an officer of the company.

Following any termination of employment, Mr. Littlefield will be subject to a 12-month non-solicitation covenant related to clients and independent marketing organizations of the company; a 12-month non-competition covenant; and an 18-month non-solicitation of employees covenant.

Employment Agreements with Messrs. Krishnan, O Shaughnessy, Marhoun and Vigneau

In November 2013, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with each of Messrs. Krishnan and O Shaughnessy. In addition, in November 2013, we entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Marhoun. In January 2014, we entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Vigneau. Entry into the amended and restated and new employment agreements was approved by our compensation committee in November 2013. Mr. Vigneau's employment agreement was approved by our compensation committee in January 2014. The amended

and restated employment agreements with each of Messrs. Krishnan and O Shaughnessy and the new employment agreements with Messrs. Vigneau and Marhoun are referred to herein together as the employment agreements.

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The employment agreements do not have a fixed term and provide for compensation and benefits at our sole discretion. Under the employment agreements, we may terminate the executive's employment for cause at any time. Either we or the executive may terminate the executive's employment (other than in cases of cause, death or disability) by giving the other party three months' written notice. In the event that either party provides notice, for the duration of the three-month notice period, the executive will continue to receive the base salary that he received immediately prior to the notice and will continue to be eligible for benefits. Except as provided below, the executive will not be eligible for any bonus (either in full or pro rata) otherwise payable after the date on which notice is given, nor be eligible for any benefits after the termination date. Upon a termination of employment, the executive will have the right to elect continuation coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) at his expense.

Under any termination, the executive will be entitled to salary, accrued and unused vacation time and accrued benefits through the termination date. Upon a termination by us other than for cause, provided the executive signs and delivers, and does not revoke, a general release in a form acceptable to us, the executive will be entitled to receive the following severance benefits in a lump sum following the expiration of any revocation period in the release agreement: (i) severance payment equal to two weeks of base salary for every year of employment (counting service to the predecessor entity and its affiliates), subject to a minimum payment of, for Messrs. Vigneau, Krishnan, Marhoun and O' Shaughnessy, 26 weeks and a maximum payment of 52 weeks' base salary; and (ii) if the executive properly elects COBRA coverage, we will make payments to the insurance provider equal to the amount due for the executive's COBRA coverage payments for a period of time equal to the number of weeks of severance payments (or, if sooner, until the executive is eligible to receive health benefits under another medical plan).

Upon a termination for disability, the executive will receive a pro rata bonus for the period when the executive was performing his or her regular duties on a full-time basis. Upon the executive's death, the executive's estate shall be eligible to receive the executive's bonus, if any, for the period up through the executive's death (and in the event the executive's death is prior to the end of a compensation year, the bonus will be prorated).

The employment agreements generally define cause as (i) the executive's breach of his obligations under the employment agreement; (ii) the executive's failure to perform duties assigned to him in a manner satisfactory to the company; (iii) the executive's engagement in acts of dishonesty or moral turpitude, or any unlawful conduct; or (iv) the executive's engagement in conduct that is likely to affect adversely the company's business or reputation.

Under the employment agreements, during the executive's employment and for 18 months following any termination of employment, the executive is subject to a non-solicitation covenant related to clients and employees. In addition, during employment and for six months following any termination of employment, each executive is subject to a non-competition restrictive covenant under the employment agreements.

Named Executive Officer Retention Agreements

On July 10, 2015, we entered into retention award agreements with Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O' Shaughnessy. Mr. Littlefield is not a party to a retention award agreement. The retention award agreements provide that each of Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O' Shaughnessy will receive an amount equal to his annual base salary in effect as of date of the agreement on the earlier to occur of (i) the first anniversary of the completion of a change in control transaction, assuming continued employment with the surviving entity or its subsidiaries through such date, or (ii) the date upon which such NEO is terminated without cause or resigns following the elimination of his or her position and is not offered comparable employment within 12 months following a change in control, as determined under the Fidelity & Guaranty Life 2015 Severance Plan (the Severance Plan). For a description of the Severance Plan, see Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control 2015 Severance Plan.

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Each of our NEOs is eligible to receive a discretionary success bonus upon completion of the Merger assuming continued employment through such date. For Messrs. Littlefield, Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O Shaughnessy these amounts are \$800,000, \$100,000, \$110,000, \$300,000 and \$165,000 respectively.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

In connection with our initial public offering completed in December 2013, we adopted the Omnibus Plan and began sponsorship of various other benefit plans and compensation arrangements for our executive officers. Prior to November 2013, our wholly owned subsidiary, FGLH, sponsored the employee benefit plans and compensation arrangements for our executives under the direction of FGLH's board of directors and compensation committee.

The following table sets forth the outstanding Omnibus Plan equity awards held by our NEOs at the end of fiscal 2016.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Payout Number of Shares or Units	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Payout Value of Shares or Units
Christopher J. Littlefield	2,941 ⁽¹⁾	5,882 ⁽¹⁾	24.87	12/1/2021	6,836 ⁽²⁾	158,527		
	8,028 ⁽³⁾	16,056 ⁽³⁾	20.88	5/11/2022	18,022 ⁽³⁾	417,930		
		118,809 ⁽⁴⁾	25.75	12/1/2022	26,406 ⁽⁴⁾	612,355		
Rajesh Krishnan	9,428 ⁽⁵⁾	4,714 ⁽⁵⁾	17.00	12/12/2020	2,917 ⁽⁶⁾	67,645		
	1,716 ⁽¹⁾	3,432 ⁽¹⁾	24.87	12/1/2021	3,988 ⁽²⁾	92,482		
Eric L. Marhoun	5,304 ⁽⁵⁾	2,652 ⁽⁵⁾	17.00	12/12/2020	2,917 ⁽⁶⁾	67,645		
	1,716 ⁽¹⁾	3,432 ⁽¹⁾	24.87	12/1/2021	3,988 ⁽²⁾	92,482		
Dennis R. Vigneau	1,569 ⁽¹⁾	3,138 ⁽¹⁾	24.87	12/1/2021	3,646 ⁽²⁾	84,551		
John P. O Shaughnessy	3,940 ⁽⁵⁾	1,970 ⁽⁵⁾	17.00	12/12/2020	2,167 ⁽⁶⁾	50,253		
	1,275 ⁽¹⁾	2,550 ⁽¹⁾	24.87	12/1/2021	2,962 ⁽²⁾	68,689		

- (1) Represents non-qualified stock options granted under our Omnibus Plan, which vest in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (2) Represents restricted stock awards granted under our Omnibus Plan, which vest in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (3) Represents a grant of non-qualified stock options and restricted stock under our Omnibus Plan to Mr. Littlefield, which vest in equal installments on February 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (4) Represents a grant of stock options and restricted stock under our Omnibus Plan to Mr. Littlefield, which vest in equal installments on December 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (5) Represents non-qualified stock options granted under our Omnibus Plan, which vest in three equal annual installments on December 12, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (6) Represents restricted stock awards granted under our Omnibus Plan, which vest in three equal annual installments on December 12, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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The following table sets forth the outstanding FGLH legacy plan awards held by our NEOs at the end of fiscal 2016. Such awards now all settle in cash.

Name	FGLH Option Awards		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable		
Christopher J. Littlefield				
Rajesh Krishnan	2,565 ⁽¹⁾		49.45	12/31/2019
Eric L. Marhoun	5,000 ⁽²⁾		38.14	11/2/2018
	5,000 ⁽¹⁾		49.45	12/31/2019
Dennis R. Vigneau				
John P. O Shaughnessy	2,110 ⁽¹⁾		49.45	12/31/2019

- (1) Represents options in respect of shares of Class B common stock of FGLH granted on January 29, 2013, which vested in three equal annual installments on December 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) Represents options in respect of shares of Class A common stock of FGLH granted on November 2, 2011, which vested in three equal annual installments on November 2, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The option exercise and award vesting events that occurred in fiscal 2016 are shown in the tables below:

Name	FGL Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Christopher J. Littlefield	11,865 ⁽¹⁾	319,287
	9,011 ⁽²⁾	224,013
	3,418 ⁽³⁾	87,774
	40,846 ⁽⁴⁾	951,712
Rajesh Krishnan	1,994 ⁽³⁾	51,206
	2,917 ⁽⁵⁾	75,200
	91,294 ⁽⁶⁾	2,127,150
Eric L. Marhoun	1,994 ⁽³⁾	51,206
	2,917 ⁽⁵⁾	75,200
	91,294 ⁽⁶⁾	2,127,150

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Dennis R. Vigneau	1,823 ⁽³⁾	46,815
	91,294 ⁽⁶⁾	2,127,150
John P. O Shaughnessy	1,481 ⁽³⁾	38,032
	2,167 ⁽⁵⁾	55,865
	91,294 ⁽⁶⁾	2,127,150

- (1) Represents restricted stock granted to Mr. Littlefield as a signing bonus, in connection with his appointment as the company's President, which vested on October 6, 2015.
- (2) Represents a grant of restricted stock under our Omnibus Plan to Mr. Littlefield, which vest in equal installments on February 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (3) Represents restricted stock awards granted under our Omnibus Plan, which vest in three equal annual installments on December 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (4) Represents grants of Performance RSUs to Mr. Littlefield, which vested on September 30, 2016.
- (5) Represents restricted stock granted to our NEOs other than Messrs. Littlefield and Vigneau on December 12, 2013, which vested in equal installments on December 12, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (6) Represents grants of Performance RSUs to our NEOs other than Mr. Littlefield, which vested on September 30, 2016.

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The value realized on exercise or vesting of awards issued under the FGLH legacy plans, which now all settle in cash, appears below.

Name	FGLH Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Christopher J. Littlefield		
Rajesh Krishnan		151,688
Eric L. Marhoun		105,592
Dennis R. Vigneau		
John P. O Shaughnessy		124,754

Pension Benefits

We do not provide any defined benefit plans to our NEOs.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The following table provides information concerning the nonqualified deferred compensation of each of the participating NEOs in the Executive Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan of Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings, Inc. (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") as of September 30, 2016.

Name	Aggregate Balance at Beginning of	Executive Contributions in Last	Registrant Contributions in Last	Aggregate Earnings in Last	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Fiscal Year	Aggregate Balance at Last End
	Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽²⁾	Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽³⁾	(\$)	(\$)
Christopher J. Littlefield						
Rajesh Krishnan	212,183	141,346		54,611		408,140
Eric L. Marhoun	146,747	57,519		19,075		223,342
Dennis R. Vigneau						
John P. O Shaughnessy	117,853	32,750		19,501		170,103

(1) Amounts reported in this column are included in the Summary Compensation Table in the "Salary" and "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" columns for fiscal 2016.

(2) Contributions have not been made by the company after fiscal 2013.

(3) Amounts reported in this column are not reported as compensation in the Summary Compensation Table.

The Deferred Compensation Plan permits our participating NEOs and certain other employees to elect to defer up to 50% of their base salary and up to 100% of any performance-based non-equity incentive plan compensation. Any deferral elections are made under the Deferred Compensation Plan pursuant to a participation agreement with the

NEO. We have eliminated the annual discretionary grant to each active participating NEO effective January 2013. Past employer contributions vest 20% for each year of service and are fully vested after five years of service. Deferred amounts and employer contributions are contributed to individual accounts in the FGLH Executive Deferred Compensation Plan Trust. The participants self-direct the notional investment of deferred contribution accounts in investment funds from a selection made available by our retirement committee.

The vested balance of the deferred compensation accounts will be distributed to each participating NEO upon his or her death, disability or separation from service (including retirement). Participants may elect upon initial enrollment to have accounts distributed upon a change in control event, although none of our NEOs have so elected. In-service hardship and education account withdrawals are permitted under the plan with respect to participant deferrals and employer credits.

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Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

Effect of Termination or Change in Control under the Employment Agreements

For a description of the potential payments upon a termination pursuant to the employment agreements with our NEOs, see Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers.

Effect of Termination or Change in Control on Company Options

Termination of Employment. Under the grant agreements, upon termination of employment for any reason other than for cause (as defined in the grant agreements), non-vested options are forfeited, and vested options remain exercisable for up to 30 days. Upon termination of employment for cause, all unexercised options, whether vested or nonvested, are forfeited.

Change in Control. Upon a proposed change in control (as defined in the Omnibus Plan), the plan provides that the compensation committee shall take such action as it deems appropriate and equitable to effectuate the purposes of the plan and to protect participants, which action may include, without limitation, any one or more of the following to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code: (i) acceleration of vesting; (ii) acceleration or change of the exercise and/or expiration dates of any award to require that settlement be made, if at all, prior to the change in control; (iii) cancellation of any award upon payment to the holder in cash of the fair market value of the stock subject to such award as of the date of (and, to the extent applicable, as established for purposes of) the change in control, less the aggregate exercise price, if any, of the award; and (iv) in any case where equity securities of another entity are proposed to be delivered in exchange for or with respect to stock of the company, arrangements to have such other entity replace the awards granted under the Omnibus Plan with awards with respect to such other securities, with appropriate adjustments in the number of shares subject to, and the exercise prices under, the award.

The grant agreements provide that no cancellation, acceleration, vesting, lapse of restrictions or other payments shall occur in connection with a change in control if the compensation committee determines that the options will be honored or assumed, or materially similar (or more favorable) new awards will be granted, in connection with the change in control. If the compensation committee determines that the options will not be honored or assumed, and materially similar (or more favorable) awards will not be granted, in connection with the change in control, then the outstanding nonvested options shall vest, and all outstanding options shall remain exercisable for 30 days following the change in control, unless the compensation committee decides to cash out the options (based on the current spread) or take other actions permitted by the plan (as described above). If an amount payable would result in imposition of the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code, then the payment shall be reduced in order to provide the maximum after-tax benefit to the grantee.

Effect of Termination or Change in Control on Company Restricted Stock

Termination of Employment. Under the grant agreements, upon termination of employment for any reason, nonvested restricted stock is forfeited.

Change in Control. Upon a proposed change in control (as defined in the Omnibus Plan), the plan provides that the compensation committee shall take such action as it deems appropriate and equitable to effectuate the purposes of the plan and to protect participants, which action may include, without limitation, any one or more of the following to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code: (i) acceleration of vesting; (ii) acceleration or change of the exercise and/or expiration dates of any award to require that settlement be made, if at all, prior to the change in control;

(iii) cancellation of any award upon payment to the holder in cash of the fair market value of the stock subject to such award as of the date of (and, to the extent applicable, as established for purposes of) the change in control, less the aggregate exercise price, if any, of the award; and (iv) in any case where equity securities of another entity are proposed to be delivered in exchange for or with

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respect to stock of the company, arrangements to have such other entity replace the awards granted under the Omnibus Plan with awards with respect to such other securities, with appropriate adjustments in the number of shares subject to, and the exercise prices under, the award.

The grant agreements provide that no acceleration of vesting shall occur in connection with a change in control if the compensation committee determines that the restricted stock agreements will be honored or assumed, or materially similar (or more favorable) new awards will be granted, in connection with the change in control. If the compensation committee determines that the restricted stock agreements will not be honored or assumed, and materially similar (or more favorable) awards will not be granted in connection with the change in control, then the outstanding restricted stock shall vest. If an amount payable would result in imposition of the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code, then the payment shall be reduced in order to provide the maximum after-tax benefit to the grantee.

Effect of Termination or Change in Control on Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

For any participating NEO in our deferred compensation plan, the vested balance of the deferred compensation accounts will be distributed upon death, disability or separation from service, and, if elected upon initial enrollment, upon a change-in-control event. None of our participating NEOs have elected to have vested account balances distributed upon a change-in-control event without a separation from service. For more information on our nonqualified deferred compensation plan, see the narrative description entitled Nonqualified Deferred Compensation.

2015 Severance Plan

On June 16, 2015, the compensation committee authorized amendments to the company's severance benefit policies, including the adoption of the Severance Plan. Under the terms of the Severance Plan, Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O'Shaughnessy are eligible to receive severance payments and benefits if, within 12 months following a change in control, (a) the NEO is terminated without cause or (b) the NEO's position is eliminated, the NEO is not offered comparable employment and the NEO voluntarily terminates employment as a result. Upon such a qualifying termination of employment, the NEO will generally be eligible to receive: (i) a lump sum payment equal to the sum of (x) 52 weeks of the NEO's base salary, (y) the NEO's target annual cash bonus and (z) a pro-rated portion of the NEO's target annual cash bonus for the year of termination, based on the number of days elapsed in the performance period prior to the date of termination, generally payable in a lump sum within approximately four weeks after the NEO returns a release of claims to the company; and (ii) subsidized health and medical insurance coverage under COBRA for 52 weeks following the date of termination.

The Severance Plan provides that if payments made to Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O'Shaughnessy, whether under the Severance Plan or otherwise, would be subject to the excise tax imposed on parachute payments in accordance with Section 280G of the Code, then those payments will be reduced to the extent necessary such that no portion of the payments is subject to the excise tax, but only if the net amount of such payments, as so reduced, is greater than or equal to the net amount of such payments without such reduction.

For purposes of the Severance Plan, cause has the meaning set forth in the individual NEO's employment agreement with the company, under which cause generally means: (i) breach of the executive officer's obligations under his or her employment agreement; (ii) failure to perform duties in a manner satisfactory to the company, subject to the obligation of the company to provide the executive officer with prior notice providing reasonable detail of the bases for the unsatisfactory performance and an opportunity to correct the performance deficiencies; (iii) engaging in acts of dishonesty or moral turpitude, or any unlawful conduct; or (iv) engaging in conduct that is likely to affect adversely the business and or reputation of the company.

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For purposes of the Severance Plan, comparable employment generally means: (i) a reduction in base salary by of more than fifteen percent; (ii) a reduction in target annual bonus of more than fifteen percent; and (iii) a relocation of primary worksite, which is more than 50 miles from the primary worksite at the time of the change in control.

Mr. Littlefield is not eligible to participate in the Severance Plan and any payments or benefits that may be provided to him upon a termination of employment will be determined solely in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement, which is discussed above, under Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers Employment Agreement with Christopher J. Littlefield.

Named Executive Officer Retention Award Agreements

For a description of the treatment of the retention awards entered into with Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O Shaughnessy in connection with a change in control, see Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers Named Executive Officer Retention Award Agreements. Mr. Littlefield is not a party to a retention agreement.

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The following table sets forth the estimated amount of compensation each of our NEOs would receive under the termination or change in control situations, as applicable, discussed above. The table assumes that such termination or change in control event occurred on September 30, 2016. The table excludes (i) amounts accrued through the termination date that would be paid in the normal course of continued employment, such as accrued but unpaid salary, (ii) vested account balances under our 401(k) plan that are generally available to all of our employees and (iii) except as indicated in the footnotes below, any post-employment benefit that is available to all of our employees and does not discriminate in favor of our NEOs. In the case of a change in control situation, we assume that the vesting of all options and restricted stock will be accelerated, even though our compensation committee has the discretion to provide for alternative treatment of the awards upon a change in control.

Name ⁽¹⁾	Termination Trigger	Severance (Salary) ⁽²⁾	Severance (Bonus) ⁽³⁾	Nonqualified			Total
				Equity Vesting ⁽⁴⁾	Deferred Compensation ⁽⁵⁾	Other Benefits ⁽⁶⁾	
Christopher J. Littlefield	Involuntary termination w/o cause ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 18,545		\$ 39,562	\$ 2,058,107
	Voluntary termination			18,545		8,431	26,976
	Retirement ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾						
	Death ⁽⁷⁾		1,200,000			8,431	1,208,431
	Disability ⁽⁷⁾		1,200,000			8,431	1,208,431
	Change in control ⁽⁹⁾	1,600,000	2,400,000	1,244,446		55,128	5,299,574
Ajesh Krishnan	Involuntary termination w/o cause	175,000		248,964	408,140	10,393	842,497
	Voluntary termination			248,964	408,140	1,548	658,652
	Retirement ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾						
	Death ⁽⁷⁾		262,500		408,140		670,640
	Disability ⁽⁷⁾		262,500		408,140	1,548	672,188
	Change in control ⁽⁹⁾	350,000	525,000	438,271		19,237	1,332,508
Eric L. Marhoun	Involuntary termination w/o cause	175,000		832,482	223,342	22,291	1,253,114
	Voluntary termination			832,482	223,342	10,083	1,065,907
	Retirement ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾						
	Death ⁽⁷⁾		262,500		223,342		485,842
	Disability ⁽⁷⁾		262,500		223,342	10,083	495,925
	Change in control ⁽⁹⁾	350,000	525,000	1,009,025		34,498	1,918,528
Dennis R. Vigneau	Involuntary termination w/o cause	220,000				28,328	248,328
	Voluntary termination					15,265	15,265
	Retirement ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾						
	Death ⁽⁷⁾		220,000				220,000
	Disability ⁽⁷⁾		220,000			15,265	235,265
	Change in control ⁽⁹⁾	440,000	440,000	84,551		41,392	1,005,943
John P. O. Shaughnessy	Involuntary termination w/o cause	162,500		181,183	170,103	28,853	542,639
	Voluntary termination			181,183	170,103	13,288	364,574
	Retirement ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾						
	Death ⁽⁷⁾		195,000		170,103		365,103
	Disability ⁽⁷⁾		195,000		170,103	13,288	378,391

Change in control ⁽⁹⁾	325,000	390,000	312,319	44,419	1,071,738
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- (1) Entitlements in this table for each event are as set forth in (i) employment agreements in effect as of the relevant date; (ii) retention agreements entered into with Messrs. Krishnan, Marhoun, Vigneau and O Shaughnessy; (iii) the Omnibus Plan and FGLH legacy plans; and (iv) participation agreements under the Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Under the terms of the employment agreements with the other NEOs, severance pays out in a lump sum. Amounts payable in this column are subject to the executive executing and not revoking a release of claims against the company. See Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers.
- (3) Amounts in this column include, if provided in an employment agreement with the NEO, a pro rata bonus for the year of termination upon certain types of terminations.

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- (4) For certain qualifying terminations and a change-in-control event, (i) the value of stock options is calculated by multiplying the number of vested options (including any unvested options that would accelerate on a qualifying termination or change-in-control event) by the excess of the fair market value of the underlying common stock on September 30, 2016 over the applicable exercise price per share and (ii) the value of restricted stock is calculated based on the fair market value of the underlying common stock on September 30, 2016. On September 30, 2016, the fair market value of a share of our common stock was \$23.19 and the fair market value of a share of FGLH common stock was \$123.76. The following table details the valuations of the outstanding unvested equity awards determined using the fair market value of the applicable stock on September 30, 2016 for qualifying terminations and/or a change in control event, assuming the accelerated vesting of all unvested awards:

Name	Company Stock Options	Company Restricted Stock Awards
Christopher J. Littlefield	37,089	1,188,812
Rajesh Krishnan	29,180	160,127
Eric L. Marhoun	16,416	160,127
Dennis R. Vigneau		84,551
John O Shaughnessy	12,194	118,942

- (5) For any participating NEO, the vested balance of the deferred compensation accounts will be distributed upon death, disability or separation from service.
- (6) Amounts include any accrued vacation as of September 30, 2016, which would be paid out upon a termination. For Messrs. Krishnan, and O Shaughnessy, this amount also includes payments by us to the insurance provider equal to the amount due for COBRA coverage payments for a period of time equal to the number of weeks of severance payments.
- (7) Our stock incentive plan does not provide for accelerated vesting on death, disability or retirement.
- (8) As of September 30, 2016, none of our NEOs were retirement eligible.
- (9) In the case of a change in control, we assume that the vesting of all options and restricted stock will be accelerated, although our compensation committee has the discretion to provide for alternative treatment of the awards.
- (10) Amounts include severance under our general severance policy, which is available to all of our employees (who are not otherwise party to an employment agreement) and does not discriminate in favor of our NEOs. Our general severance policy is a discretionary policy that provides for a lump sum severance payment equal to two weeks base salary for each full year of continuous service, with a minimum payment of four weeks base salary upon an involuntary termination as a result of position elimination or restructuring.

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The following table provides summary information concerning compensation paid or accrued by us to our directors for services rendered to us during fiscal 2016.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Change in Pension Value			Total (\$)
				Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	
Omar M. Asali ⁽³⁾	150,000						150,000
William J. Bawden	125,000						125,000
James M. Benson	100,000						100,000
Kevin J. Gregson ⁽³⁾	145,000						145,000
Christopher J. Littlefield							
William P. Melchionni	155,000						155,000
Joseph S. Steinberg	145,000						145,000
L. John H. Tweedie	115,000						115,000
Thomas A. Williams ⁽³⁾	100,000						100,000

- (1) No directors received stock awards in fiscal 2016. A payment of cash in lieu of an equity award was granted to each director in the amount of \$50,000. The aggregate number of unvested shares of restricted stock outstanding at the end of fiscal 2016 held by those who served as directors during fiscal 2016 was as follows:

Name	Number of Shares of Restricted Stock
Omar M. Asali	2,958
William J. Bawden	2,958
James M. Benson	1,708
Kevin J. Gregson	2,958
Christopher J. Littlefield	51,264
William P. Melchionni	2,958
Joseph S. Steinberg	
L. John H. Tweedie	2,958
Thomas A. Williams	2,958

- (2) No directors received option awards in fiscal 2016. The aggregate number of unexercised stock options outstanding at the end of fiscal 2016 held by those who served as directors during fiscal 2016 was as follows:

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Name	Number of Stock Options
Omar M. Asali	5,613
William J. Bawden	5,613
James M. Benson	2,205
Kevin J. Gregson	5,613
Christopher J. Littlefield	151,716
William P. Melchionni	5,613
Joseph S. Steinberg	
L. John H. Tweedie	5,613
Thomas A. Williams	5,613

- (3) Messrs. Asali, Gregson and Williams have resigned from our board of directors on April 14, 2017, October 10, 2016 and December 21, 2016 respectively.

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Our board of directors is compensated according to the rates set forth in the following table:

Annual Cash Retainer for

Non-Employee Directors	Additional Annual Cash Retainers	Annual Cash Award for Non-Employee Directors⁽¹⁾	Other
\$75,000	Chairman - \$30,000	\$50,000	Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with meetings, board duties, etc.
	Audit Committee Chair - \$25,000		
	Other Committee Chair - \$25,000		
	Committee Members - \$15,000		

- (1) Represents a one-time cash payment of \$50,000 to be made in lieu of the \$75,000 stock awards made in fiscal 2014, which were subject to a three year vesting period. The cash payments were made in lieu of stock awards because the Anbang Merger Agreement restricted FGL from making further stock issuances. The amount of the cash payment was designed to provide the directors with the same cash value they would have received in stock for service in fiscal 2016 absent the restrictions in the Anbang Merger Agreement.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY**COMPENSATION PLANS**

The following table presents information as of September 30, 2016, regarding our securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans:

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities
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			reflected in column
			(a)
			(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	962,388	\$ 22.40	1,159,409
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽²⁾	6,816	\$ 17.00	0
Total	969,204	\$ 22.40	1,159,409

- (1) Represents securities issued or issuable under our Omnibus Plan. The outstanding securities consist of options for the purchase of 339,848 shares and 622,540 Performance RSUs. The weighted-average exercise price does not take into account the Performance RSUs.
- (2) Consists of options granted to compensation committee members outside our Omnibus Plan.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

For fiscal 2016, our compensation committee consisted of Messrs. Asali, Gregson, Melchionni and Steinberg. Following Mr. Gregson's departure from the board on October 10, 2016, Mr. Benson was appointed to compensation committee, and Mr. McKnight was appointed to the compensation committee on April 14, 2017. Mr. Asali resigned from our board effective April 14, 2017. Except as described below, during fiscal 2016, no member of the compensation committee served as an officer or employee of the company or any of its subsidiaries. In addition, except as described below, during fiscal 2016, no executive officer of the company

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served as a director or as a member of the compensation committee of a company (i) one of whose executive officers served as a director or as a member of the compensation committee of our company or (ii) which employed a director of our company. Mr. Steinberg is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of HRG Group, Inc. (HRG), and as such, may have a direct or indirect interest in certain related party transactions involving HRG or its affiliates. See Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of August 8, 2017, unless otherwise noted, by (a) each person who is known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock, (b) each director and nominee for director, (c) each named executive officer and (d) the directors and executive officers as a group. The table lists voting securities, including restricted stock held by our directors and executive officers over which they have sole voting power but no investment power. Otherwise, except to the extent noted below, each person identified below has sole voting and investment power over the shares reported. Except as otherwise noted below, we know of no agreements among our stockholders which related to voting or investment power with respect to our common stock and none of the stated shares have been pledged as a security.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner ⁽¹⁾	Beneficial Ownership ⁽¹⁾	Percent of Class ⁽²⁾
HRG Group, Inc	47,000,000 ⁽³⁾	80.4%
FS Holdco II, Ltd	47,000,000 ⁽³⁾	80.4%
William Bawden	18,644 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
James M. Benson	4,032 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Christopher J. Littlefield	156,406 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Andrew A. McKnight	0	*
William Melchionni	13,903 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Joseph S. Steinberg	0	*
L. John H. Tweedie	26,215 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Rajesh Krishnan	27,804 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Eric L. Marhoun	20,638 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
John P. O Shaughnessy	15,505 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
Dennis R. Vigneau	7,842 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	*
All current directors and executive officers as a group (17 persons)	351,766 ⁽⁶⁾	*

* Indicates less than 1% of our outstanding common stock.

(1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Securities beneficially owned by a person may include securities owned by or for, among others, the spouse, children or certain other relatives of such person as well as other securities as to which the person has or shares voting or investment power or has the option or right to acquire within 60 days. The same shares may be beneficially owned by more than one person. Unless otherwise noted below, the address of each beneficial owner listed in the table is Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, 14th Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309.

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- (2) Percentage of beneficial ownership is based on 58,424,372 shares outstanding as of August 8, 2017. Shares issuable pursuant to options are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding such options but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person.
- (3) Based solely on a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on April 8, 2015 by HRG, and FS Holdco II Ltd., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of HRG (FSH , collectively, the Reporting Persons). The shares reported in the Schedule 13D/A are directly held by FSH. HRG does not directly own any of our company s securities. However, as a result of FSH being the wholly owned subsidiary of HRG,

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HRG may be deemed to beneficially own our company's securities directly owned by FSH. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares reported herein except to the extent it or he actually exercises voting or dispositive power with respect to such shares. As of August 8, 2017, HRG may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 47,000,000 shares, constituting 80.4% of the outstanding Shares. HRG has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of none of the shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 47,000,000 shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of none of the shares; and may be deemed to have shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 47,000,000 shares. As of August 8, 2017, FSH may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 47,000,000 shares, constituting 80.4% of the outstanding shares. FSH has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 47,000,000 of the shares and has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 47,000,000 of the shares. The address of the Reporting Persons is 450 Park Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

- (4) Includes shares purchasable by the named person upon the exercise of options granted under our Omnibus Plan: William Bawden (4,878 shares); James Benson (1,470); Christopher J. Littlefield (61,541); William P. Melchionni (4,878 shares); L. John H. Tweedie (4,878 shares); Rajesh Krishnan (17,574 shares); Eric L. Marhoun (11,388 shares); John P. O. Shaughnessy (8,460 shares); and Dennis Vigneau (3,138 shares).
- (5) Includes shares of restricted stock issued to the named person granted under our Omnibus Plan: William Bawden (1,269 shares); James M. Benson (854); Christopher J. Littlefield (68,165); William P. Melchionni (854 shares); L. John H. Tweedie (854 shares); Rajesh Krishnan (1,994 shares); Eric L. Marhoun (1,994 shares); John P. O. Shaughnessy (1,481 shares); and Dennis R. Vigneau (1,823 shares).
- (6) Includes 86,682 shares of restricted stock and 153,660 shares which directors and executive officers have the right to acquire upon the exercise of stock options granted under our Omnibus Plan.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the compensation arrangements with directors and executive officers described above in the section entitled *Executive Compensation*, the following is a description of each transaction since October 1, 2014 and each currently proposed transaction in which (i) we have been or are to be a participant, (ii) the amount involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000 and (iii) any of our directors, nominees for director, executive officers, holders of more than 5% of our common stock, or any member of their immediate families or person sharing their household had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions

Pursuant to our audit committee charter, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders, including their immediate family members, are not permitted to enter into a related person transaction with us without the approval of the audit committee. The audit committee charter provides procedures for the approval of transactions with related persons as set forth in the rules and regulations of the SEC as well as *Affiliate Transactions* that require approval pursuant to the covenants set forth in the indenture governing our company's senior notes.

Related Person Transactions***HRG Ownership; Indemnification***

As of August 8, 2017, HRG owned approximately 80.4% of our common stock and has two representatives, Joseph S. Steinberg and Andrew McKnight, on our board of directors (the *HRG directors*). The HRG directors are considered related persons in the transactions involving HRG described below as a result of their affiliation with HRG and us. Other than as described below, the HRG directors do not have any direct interest in any of the transactions. In addition, our bylaws provide for the indemnification of our directors, including the HRG directors, to the fullest extent permitted by law against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with any threatened, pending or completed

claim or proceeding, whether brought by or in the right of the company or otherwise, in which a director is involved because he or she is or has been a director. In addition, in July 2015,

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we entered into Indemnification Agreements with each of our directors, pursuant to which we agreed to provide further indemnification of our directors. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that we renounce any interest or expectancy in corporate opportunities that are presented to HRG.

Reinsurance Transactions

Effective December 31, 2012, FGL Insurance, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, entered into a reinsurance treaty with FSRCI, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of HRG, FGL's parent, whereby FGL Insurance ceded 10% of its June 30, 2012 in-force annuity block business not already reinsured on a funds withheld basis. Effective September 17, 2014, FGL Insurance entered into a second reinsurance treaty with FSRCI whereby FGL Insurance ceded 30% of any new business of its multi-year guaranteed annuity block of business (MYGA) issued effective September 17, 2014 and later on a funds withheld basis. Under the terms of the agreement, no initial ceding commission was paid as all of the underlying business is new business. The September 17, 2014 treaty was subsequently terminated as to new business effective April 30, 2015, but will remain in effect for policies ceded to FSRCI with an effective date between September 17, 2014 and April 30, 2015. Accordingly, policies issued with an effective date of May 1, 2015 and later will not be ceded to FSRCI.

At June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the company's reinsurance recoverable included \$1,037 million and \$1,120 million, respectively, related to FSRCI and funds withheld for reinsurance liabilities included \$1,104 million and \$1,172 million, respectively, related to FSRCI.

Below are the operating results ceded to FSRCI for the nine months ended June 30, 2017 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 (\$ in millions):

	Year ended September 30, 2016	Nine months ended June 30, 2017
Revenues:		
Premiums	\$ 3	\$ 1
Net investment income	61	35
Net investment gains (losses)	(8)	10
Insurance and investment product fees	3	2
Total revenues	59	48
Benefits and expenses:		
Benefits and other changes in policy reserves	(47)	(27)
Acquisition & operating expenses, net of deferrals	(4)	(3)
Total benefits and expenses	(51)	(30)
Operating income	\$ 8	\$ 18

Loan Participations and Debt Financing Agreement

FGL Insurance invested in collateralized loan obligations (CLO) securities issued by Fortress Credit Opportunities III CLO LP (FCO III) and also invested in securities issued by Fortress Credit BSL Limited (Fortress BSL). The parent of both FCO III and Fortress BSL is Fortress Investment Group LLC, which owns greater than 10% of HRG as of September 30, 2016. In March 2016, Hildene Leveraged Credit, LLC (HLC) sold four CLOs to Fortress Investment Group LLC. The four Hildene CLOs are now managed by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC, Fortress Credit Advisors, LLC. As of September 30, 2016, the Company held two of these CLOs at par with a carrying value of \$25 million. In August 2016, FGL purchased \$15 million of a commercial real estate CLO from Fortress Investment Group LLC.

FGL Insurance participates in loans to third parties originated by Salus Capital Partners, LLC (Salus), an affiliated, limited liability company indirectly owned by HRG. Salus is also considered a VIE as described in

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Note 4. Investments to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. Salus originated senior secured asset-based loans to unaffiliated third-party borrowers. In January 2014, FSRCI acquired preferred equity interests in Salus which have a 10% per annum return and a total par value of \$30 million which is included in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio. Accordingly all income on this asset is ceded to FSRCI. The Company's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its investments in Salus is limited to the carrying value of the preferred equity interests. The carrying value of these investments in Salus as of September 30, 2016 is disclosed in the table below.

During the year ended September 30, 2015, FGL Insurance entered into a transaction with Salus whereby Salus transferred \$14 million of loan participations and \$16 million of CLO subordinated debt (i.e., equity tranche) to FGL Insurance in exchange for retirement of the \$20 million promissory note and \$10 million revolving loan owed by Salus to FGL Insurance resulting in the termination of these facilities. Additionally, FGL Insurance also entered into a transaction with the Salus CLO whereby FGL insurance transferred \$29 million of loan participations into the Salus CLO in exchange for \$27 million of Salus CLO subordinated notes (i.e., equity tranche) and a promissory note of \$3 million from Salus. Both transactions qualified as sales of financial assets accounted for at fair value and therefore did not result in any gain or loss. FGL Insurance also concluded that it is not the primary beneficiary of the Salus CLO before and after these two transactions, and as of September 30, 2016 because FGL Insurance lacks the power to direct the activities that significantly affect the economic performance of the Salus CLO and, FGL Insurance continues to own less than a majority ownership of the Salus CLO subordinated notes after the two transactions. In June of 2016, the Salus promissory note was repaid for \$2 million and all obligations under the note were satisfied.

In August of 2015 and October of 2015, FGL entered into separate engagement letters with Credit Suisse and Jefferies, respectively, pursuant to which Credit Suisse and Jefferies agreed (on a non-exclusive basis) to provide financial advisory services to FGL in connection with a transaction involving a merger or other similar transaction with respect to at least a majority of the capital stock of FGL. During the year ended September 30, 2016, Leucadia National Corp's (Leucadia) ownership interest in HRG's outstanding shares exceeded 10%. Jefferies Group Inc. (Jefferies) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leucadia. HRG, the holder of a majority of shares of outstanding common stock of FGL, is also a party to each engagement letter. Under each engagement letter, Credit Suisse and Jefferies, respectively, are entitled to receive a fee which represents a percentage of the value of the transaction, plus reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Credit Suisse or Jefferies, as applicable, in connection with their engagement. FGL has also agreed to indemnify Credit Suisse and Jefferies for certain liabilities in connection with their engagement. Under each engagement letter, HRG is required to reimburse FGL for compensation paid by FGL to Credit Suisse or Jefferies under certain circumstances. Specifically, if compensation to Credit Suisse or Jefferies becomes payable in respect of a transaction that involves a disposition of shares of FGL held by HRG (and not other stockholders of FGL), HRG will reimburse FGL for the full amount of such compensation. If compensation to Credit Suisse or Jefferies becomes payable in respect of a transaction that involves a disposition of shares of FGL held by HRG and a disposition of not more than 50% of the shares of FGL held by stockholders of FGL other than HRG, HRG will reimburse FGL for its pro rata portion of such compensation (based on its relative number of shares compared to those held by stockholders of FGL other than HRG).

In 2016, HGI Energy Holdings, LLC (HGI Energy) disposed of a significant portion of its assets and HRG used this asset disposal to recapitalize HGI Energy by contributing \$110 million to HGI Energy. HGI Energy used these funds to purchase \$110 million of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. public common stock from another HRG affiliate, HGI Funding, LLC. Concurrent with the asset sale and recapitalization of HGI Energy, FGL Insurance exchanged the notes issued by HGI Energy in 2013 (the Old Notes) with a par value and fair value of \$78 million and \$72 million, respectively, for new notes issued by HGI Energy (the New Notes) with a par value and fair value of \$72 million, respectively. As a result of these transactions, FGL Insurance reflected a change of intent with respect to the Old Notes and recognized an impairment loss of \$6 million. Old Notes with a par value of \$28 million and a fair value of \$26 million were held in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio; accordingly \$2 million of the impairment loss was

ceded to FSRCL. Concurrent with the exchange of Old Notes

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for the New Notes, FGL Insurance transferred, at fair value, the New Notes held in its general account to the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio in exchange for \$46 million cash.

The company's related party investments as of June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, and related net investment income for the nine months ended June 30, 2017 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 are summarized as follows (\$ in millions):

Type	Balance Sheet Classification	June 30, 2017		
		Asset carrying value	Accrued Investment Income	Total carrying value
Fortress Investment Group CLOs	Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	174	2	176
Spectrum Brands, Inc.	Fixed maturities, available for sale	2		2
Salus preferred equity (a)	Equity securities, available-for-sale	1		1
HGI energy loan (b)	Related party loans	71		71

- (a) Salus preferred equity is included in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio, accordingly all income on this asset is ceded to FSRCI.
- (b) The HGI energy loan is included in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio, accordingly the income related to this portion is ceded to FSRCI.

Type	Balance Sheet Classification	September 30, 2016		
		Asset carrying value	Accrued Investment Income	Total carrying value
Salus CLOs	Fixed Maturities, available for sale	\$ 19	\$	\$ 19
Fortress Investment Group CLOs	Fixed Maturities, available for sale	225	2	227
Salus preferred equity(a)	Equity securities, available for sale	3		3
Salus participations (b)	Other Invested Assets	21		21
HGI energy loan (c)	Related Party Loans	71	1	71
Salus 2012 participations	Related Party Loans	4		4

- (a) Salus preferred equity is included in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio, accordingly all income on this asset is ceded to FSRCI.
- (b) Includes loan participations with four different borrowers with an average loan fair value of \$5 as of September 30, 2016.
- (c) The total HFI energy loan is included in the FSRCI funds withheld portfolio, accordingly the income related to this portion is ceded to FSRCI.

Investment Management Agreements

During fiscal 2016, the company had investment management agreements with Salus, CorAmerica Capital, LLC, and Energy & Infrastructure Capital, LLC (EIC), all indirect subsidiaries of HGI Asset Management Holdings, LLC, which is also a wholly owned subsidiary of HRG. The agreement for EIC was terminated in July 2016, and

CorAmerica is no longer a wholly owned subsidiary of HGI Asset Management Holdings. The company paid management fees to these entities for the services provided under these agreements, which are usual and customary for these types of services. During fiscal 2016, the company paid Salus, CorAmerica Capital, LLC and EIC \$371,624, \$2,512,749 and \$251,523 respectively.

Tax Sharing Arrangement

FGL's non-life subsidiaries file as part of HRG's consolidated U.S. Federal income tax return. FGL's insurance company subsidiaries file their own consolidated U.S. Federal life insurance tax return and are not eligible to join the consolidated HRG return until January 1, 2017. The income tax liabilities of the FGL

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members of the consolidated HRG return are calculated using the separate return method with any payable or receivable reflecting an amount they would have recorded had they filed their own return.

DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Our board has determined that Messrs. Bawden, Benson and Melchionni are independent directors under NYSE Rules. Under NYSE Rules, no director qualifies as independent unless our board affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with our company. Based upon information requested from and provided by each director concerning their background, employment and affiliations, including commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and familial relationships, our board has determined that each of the independent directors named above has no material relationship with our company, nor has any such person entered into any material transactions or arrangements with our company or its subsidiaries, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with our company, and is therefore independent under NYSE Rules.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

In accordance with Sarbanes-Oxley, our audit committee charter provides that our board's audit committee has the sole authority and responsibility to pre-approve all audit services, audit-related tax services and other permitted services to be performed for our company by our independent registered public accounting firm and the related fees. Pursuant to its charter and in compliance with rules of the SEC and the PCAOB, our audit committee has established a pre-approval policy and procedures that require the pre-approval of all services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm may be considered for other services not specifically approved as audit services or audit-related services and tax services so long as the services are not prohibited by SEC or PCAOB rules and would not otherwise impair the independence of our independent registered public accounting firm.

The table below sets forth the professional fees paid to our independent registered public accounting firm for professional services rendered during fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015.

	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2015
Audit fees	\$ 2,831,089	\$ 3,193,468
Audit-related fees	251,678	485,417
Tax fees	6,651	14,132
All other fees		
Total fees	\$ 3,089,418	\$ 3,693,017

Audit Fees are fees for professional services for the audit of the consolidated financial statements included in Form 10-K and the review of the consolidated financial statements included in Form 10-Qs or services that are provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, such as statutory audits required for certain foreign subsidiaries.

Audit-Related Fees are fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the consolidated financial statements.

Tax Fees are fees for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

All Other Fees are fees, if any, for any services not included in the first three categories.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF
FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017**

PROXY VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS

INTERNET Access www.voteproxy.com and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Have your proxy card available when you access the web page.

Vote online until 11:59 PM EST the day before the meeting.

MAIL Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided as soon as possible. Proxy cards submitted by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 28, 2017, to be voted at our annual meeting.

IN PERSON - You may vote your shares in person by attending our annual meeting.

COMPANY

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NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIAL:

The Notice of Meeting, Proxy Statement, Proxy Card and Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.fglife.com under the heading Annual Reports.

Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided IF you are not voting via the Internet.

**PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK
YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR**

BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE.

1. Election of directors:

FOR ALL NOMINEES

NOMINEES:

William J. Bawden

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY

L. John H. Tweedi

FOR ALL NOMINEES

FOR ALL EXCEPT

(See instructions below)

2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

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INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark **FOR ALL EXCEPT** and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: 🌑

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method

The Board recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposal 2. This proxy when properly executed and returned in a timely manner will be voted in the manner directed, or if no choice is specified, it will be voted FOR each of the nominees listed in Proposal 1, and FOR Proposal 2. The proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business, including postponements and adjournments, as may properly come before the meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

If you vote your proxy by Internet you do NOT need to mail back your proxy card. Your Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote the shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

Signature

Signature

of

of

Stockholder

Date:

Stockholder

Date:

Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

This proxy is solicited by the board of directors for use at the Fidelity & Guaranty Life Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on September 29, 2017, or at any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.

The undersigned, having read the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement dated August 16, 2017, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby appoint and constitute Eric L. Marhoun and Dennis R. Vigneau, each or any of them, the attorneys and proxies of the undersigned, with full power of substitution to each, for and in the name of the undersigned to vote and act at the annual meeting of stockholders of Fidelity & Guaranty Life (the Company) to be held at Two Ruan Center, 601 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 on Friday, September 29, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof, with respect to all of the shares of the company's common stock, standing in the name of the undersigned or with respect to which the undersigned is entitled to vote or act, with all the powers that the undersigned would possess if personally present and acting, as indicated on the reverse. These proxies are authorized to vote in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This proxy when properly executed and returned in a timely manner, will be voted in the manner directed on the reverse side. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted as the board of directors recommends.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side.)