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Forrester Research, Inc.

60 Acorn Park Drive

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

George F. Colony

Chairman of the Board

and Chief Executive Officer

April 2, 2019

To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Forrester Research, Inc., which will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The Annual Meeting will be a virtual stockholder meeting, conducted via live audio webcast, through which you can submit questions and vote online. You may attend the meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019) and entering your 16-digit control number included with these proxy materials.

On the following pages, you will find the formal notice of the Annual Meeting and our proxy statement. At the Annual Meeting you are being asked to elect eight Directors, to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, and to approve by non-binding vote our executive compensation.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend. Thank you for your continued support and investment in Forrester.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Colony

Chairman of the Board

and Chief Executive Officer

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Forrester Research, Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 14, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Forrester Research, Inc. will be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The annual meeting will be a virtual stockholder meeting, conducted via live audio webcast, through which you can submit questions and vote online. You may attend the meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019) and entering your 16-digit control number included with these proxy materials. The purpose of the annual meeting will be the following:

1. To elect the eight directors named in the accompanying proxy statement to serve until the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019; and
3. To approve by non-binding vote our executive compensation.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2019 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be open to examination by any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during normal business hours for a period of ten days before the meeting at our corporate offices at 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140, and online during the meeting accessible at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019).

If you are unable to participate in the annual meeting online, please vote your shares as provided in this proxy statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ryan D. Darrah

Secretary

Cambridge, Massachusetts

April 2, 2019

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES OVER THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH ON THE PROXY CARD, OR COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ONLINE.



FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 14, 2019

PROXY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of Forrester Research, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is soliciting proxies from our stockholders. The proxy will be used at our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any adjournments thereof. You are invited to attend the meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The annual meeting will be held virtually, conducted via live audio webcast, through which you can submit questions and vote online. You may attend the meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019). Be sure to have your 16-digit control number included with these proxy materials in order to access the annual meeting. This proxy statement was first made available to stockholders on or about April 2, 2019.

This proxy statement contains important information regarding our annual meeting. Specifically, it identifies the proposals upon which you are being asked to vote, provides information that you may find useful in determining how to vote and describes voting procedures.

We use several abbreviations in this proxy statement. We call our Board of Directors the “Board”, refer to our fiscal year which began on January 1, 2018 and ended on December 31, 2018 as “fiscal 2018,” and refer to our fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 as “fiscal 2019”. We also refer to ourselves as “Forrester” or the “Company.”

Who May Attend and Vote?

Stockholders who owned our common stock at the close of business on March 20, 2019 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. We refer to this date in this proxy statement as the “record date.” As of the record date, we had 18,419,705 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter to come before the meeting.

How Do I Vote?

If you are a stockholder of record of our common stock:

1. You may vote over the internet. If you have internet access, you may vote your shares from any location in the world by following the Vote by Internet instructions on the enclosed proxy card. In addition, you may attend the annual meeting via the internet and vote during the annual meeting. Please have your 16-digit control number included with these proxy materials in order to access the annual meeting.
2. You may vote by telephone. You may vote your shares by following the “Vote by Phone” instructions on the enclosed proxy card.
3. You may vote by mail. If you choose to vote by mail, simply mark your proxy card, date and sign it, and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

By voting over the internet or by telephone, or by signing and returning the proxy card according to the enclosed instructions, you are enabling the individuals named on the proxy card (known as “proxies”) to vote your shares at the meeting in the manner you indicate. We encourage you to vote in advance even if you plan to attend the meeting. In this way, your shares will be voted even if you are unable to attend the meeting. Your shares will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If a proxy card is signed and received by our Secretary, but no instructions are indicated, then the proxy will be voted “FOR” the election of the nominees for directors, “FOR” ratifying the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2019, and “FOR” approval of the non-binding vote on our executive compensation.

#### How Do I Vote if My Shares are Held in Street Name?

If you hold shares in “street name” (that is, through a bank, broker, or other nominee), the bank, broker, or other nominee, as the record holder of your shares, is required to vote your shares according to your instructions. In order to vote your shares, you will need to follow the directions your brokerage firm provides you. Many brokers also offer the option of voting over the internet or by telephone, instructions for which would be provided by your brokerage firm on your voting instruction form. Please follow the instructions on that form to make sure your shares are properly voted. If you hold shares in “street name” and would like to attend the annual meeting and vote online, you must contact the person in whose name your shares are registered and follow directions provided to obtain a proxy card from that person and have it available for the annual meeting.

#### What Does the Board of Directors Recommend?

The Board recommends that you vote FOR the election of nominees for directors identified in Proposal One, FOR ratifying the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm as described in Proposal Two, and FOR approval by non-binding vote of our executive compensation as provided in Proposal Three.

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If you are a record holder and submit the proxy card but do not indicate your voting instructions, the persons named as proxies on your proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. If you hold your shares in “street name”, and you do not indicate how you wish to have your shares voted, your nominee has discretion to instruct the proxies to vote on Proposal Two but does not have the authority, without your specific instructions, to vote on the election of directors or on Proposal Three, and those votes will be counted as “broker non-votes”.

#### What Vote is Required for Each Proposal?

A majority of the shares entitled to vote on a particular matter, present in person or represented by proxy, constitutes a quorum as to any proposal. The nominees for election of the directors at the meeting (Proposal One) who receive the greatest number of votes properly cast for the election of directors will be elected. As a result, shares that withhold authority as to the nominees recommended by the Board will have no effect on the outcome. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and voting is required to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal Two) and to approve the non-binding vote on our executive compensation (Proposal Three).

Shares represented by proxies that indicate an abstention or a “broker non-vote” (that is, shares represented at the annual meeting held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will be counted as shares that are present and entitled to vote on the matter for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but are not considered to have been voted, and have the practical effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to achieve a majority for those matters requiring the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting (Proposals Two and Three) by reducing the total number of shares from which the majority is calculated. However, because directors are elected by a plurality vote, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome on Proposal One.

#### May I Change or Revoke My Vote After I Return My Proxy Card or After I Have Voted My Shares over the Internet or by Telephone?

Yes. If you are a stockholder of record, you may change or revoke a proxy any time before it is voted by:

- returning to us a newly signed proxy bearing a later date;
- delivering a written instrument to our Secretary revoking the proxy; or
- attending the annual meeting via the internet and voting online. Simply attending the annual meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

If you hold shares in “street name”, you should follow the procedure in the instructions that your nominee has provided to you.

#### Who Will Bear the Cost of Proxy Solicitation?

We will bear the expense of soliciting proxies. Our officers and regular employees (who will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries) may solicit proxies. In addition to soliciting proxies through the mail, our officers and regular employees may solicit proxies personally, as well as by mail, telephone, and telegram from brokerage houses and other stockholders. We will reimburse brokers and other persons for reasonable charges and expenses incurred in forwarding soliciting materials to their clients.

#### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on May 14, 2019

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This proxy statement and our Annual Report to Stockholders are available on-line at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). These materials will be mailed to stockholders who request them.

How Can I Obtain an Annual Report on Form 10-K?

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 is available on our website at [www.forrester.com/aboutus](http://www.forrester.com/aboutus). If you would like a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, we will send you one without charge. Please contact Investor Relations, Forrester Research, Inc., 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140, Tel: (617) 613-6000.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table and notes provide information about the beneficial ownership of our outstanding common stock as of March 8, 2019 (except as otherwise noted) by:

- (i) each person who we know beneficially owns more than 5% of our common stock;
- (ii) each of the executive officers named below in the Summary Compensation Table;
- (iii) each member of our Board of Directors; and
- (iv) our directors and executive officers as a group.

Except as otherwise indicated, each of the stockholders named in the table below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of our common stock beneficially owned. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and includes voting or investment power with respect to the shares. Shares subject to exercisable options and vesting restricted stock units include options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 8, 2019 and shares underlying restricted stock units scheduled to vest within 60 days of March 8, 2019.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned			Percentage of Outstanding Shares
	Shares Beneficially Owned	Vesting Restricted Stock Units	Shares Subject to Exercisable Options and	
George F. Colony c/o Forrester Research, Inc. 60 Acorn Park Drive Cambridge, MA 02140(1)	7,764,198	—		42.2 %
Wellington Management Group LLP c/o Wellington Management Company LLP 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210(2)	1,965,275	—		10.7 %
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10022(3)	1,499,011	—		8.1 %
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, PA 19355(4)	1,049,801	—		5.7 %
Jean Birch	2,781	—		*
David Boyce	2,582	—		*
Neil Bradford	2,502	—		*
Tony Friscia	5,158	—		*
Robert Galford	25,387	12,000		*

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Gretchen Teichgraeber	13,548	24,000	*
Yvonne Wassenaar	5,158	—	*
Mack Brothers	7,677	10,000	*
Michael Doyle	25,423	85,875	*
Kelley Hippler	5,957	22,500	*
Steven Peltzman	8,592	—	*
Directors, named executive officers, and other executive			
officers as a group (16 persons)(1)	7,877,247	195,084	43.4 %

(1) Includes 1,580 shares held by Mr. Colony's wife as to which Mr. Colony disclaims beneficial ownership.

(2) Beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2018, as reported in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2019, stating that Wellington Management Group LLP, Wellington Group Holdings LLP, and Wellington Investment Advisors Holdings LLP

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each has shared voting power with respect to 1,514,596 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 1,965,275 shares, and Wellington Management Company, LLP has shared voting power with respect to 1,505,416 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 1,956,095 shares.

(3) Beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2018, as reported in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 4, 2019, stating that BlackRock, Inc. has sole voting power with respect to 1,473,542 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 1,499,011 shares.

(4) Beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2018, as reported in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2019, stating that The Vanguard Group has sole voting power with respect to 21,033 shares, shared voting power with respect to 964 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 1,028,814 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 20,987 shares.

\*Less than 1%

#### PROPOSAL ONE:

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our directors are elected annually by the stockholders. The Board has nominated Jean Birch, David Boyce, Neil Bradford, George Colony, Anthony Friscia, Robert Galford, Gretchen Teichgraeber and Yvonne Wassenaar to serve one-year terms that will expire at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These individuals all currently serve on our Board and were all elected at last year's Annual Meeting.

The proxies intend to vote each share for which a proper proxy card has been returned or voting instructions received and not revoked in favor of the nominees named above. If you wish to withhold the authority to vote for the election of any of the nominees, your voting instructions must so indicate or your returned proxy card must be marked to that effect.

It is expected that each of the nominees will be able to serve, but if any of them is unable to serve, the proxies reserve discretion to vote, or refrain from voting, for a substitute nominee or nominees.

The following section provides information about each nominee, including information provided by each nominee about his or her principal occupation and business experience for the past five years and the names of other publicly-traded companies, if any, for which he or she currently serves as a director or has served as a director during the past five years. In addition to the information presented with respect to each nominee's experience, qualifications and skills that led our Board to conclude that he or she should serve as a director, we also believe that each of the nominees has demonstrated business acumen and a significant commitment to our company, and has a reputation for integrity and adherence to high ethical standards.

#### NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Jean M. Birch, age 59, became a director of Forrester in February 2018. Ms. Birch currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc., a position she has held since September of 2016. She joined the PMI board in April of 2015 and, from January through July of 2017, Ms. Birch served as interim President and CEO. Ms. Birch also serves as an independent director of CorePoint Lodging, Inc., a position she has held since September 2018. At CorePoint, Ms. Birch sits on the audit and nominating and governance committees. Ms. Birch is the President and CEO of Birch Company, LLC., a small consulting practice, a position she has held since the company's formation in 2007. Ms. Birch has previously served on the board of Darden Restaurants, Inc. from 2014-2016. Additionally, she served on the board of Cosi, Inc. from 2013-2016. Prior to that, from 2009 through 2012, Ms. Birch served as President of IHOP Restaurants, Inc., a division of DineEquity, Inc. We believe Ms. Birch's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include her more than two decades of operating experience leading large consumer businesses and her experience as a public company board member.

David Boyce, age 51, became a director of Forrester in June 2017. Mr. Boyce is the Chief Strategy Officer of InsideSales.com, Inc., a software company offering a leading sales acceleration platform. Prior to joining InsideSales.com, Mr. Boyce was the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Fundly, Inc., a crowdfunding site for online fundraising from 2010 to 2013. Previously, Mr. Boyce was global VP of Strategy at Oracle from 2005 to 2010. We believe Mr. Boyce's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his extensive experience as an operating executive at several software companies and his expertise in product, strategy and marketing.

Neil Bradford, age 46, became a director of Forrester in February 2018. From 2017 to March 2019, Mr. Bradford served as the Chief Executive Officer of Financial Express, Ltd., an investment ratings and fund research agency based in the United Kingdom. Prior to joining FE, Mr. Bradford was the Chief Executive Officer of Argus Media, a provider of price assessments, business intelligence and market data for the global energy and commodities markets from 2015 to 2017, where he also served as Chief Operating Officer from 2010 to 2015. In 1997, Mr. Bradford co-founded Fletcher Research Limited, a UK-based technology research

firm that was acquired by Forrester in 1999. Mr. Bradford served in executive roles with Forrester until 2006. We believe Mr. Bradford's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his years of experience in the research and advisory business, having both founded and led companies in the industry, his prior experience as an executive officer of Forrester, and his perspective on European business as a UK citizen having worked for firms headquartered in London.

George F. Colony, age 65, is the founder of Forrester and since 1983, he has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He also has served as Forrester's President since September 2001, and he previously was Forrester's President from 1983 to 2000. We believe Mr. Colony's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors and as its Chairman include his extensive experience in the research industry, including more than 30 years as our chief executive officer, and his significant ownership stake in the Company.

Anthony Friscia, age 63, became a director of Forrester in June 2017. Mr. Friscia is currently an independent business consultant. From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Friscia was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Eduventures, Inc., a research and advisory firm that provides proprietary research and strategic advice to higher education leaders. Previously, from 2011 to 2014, Mr. Friscia served as a consultant and special advisor to the President of the New School, a private university in New York City. In 1986, Mr. Friscia founded AMR Research, a provider of research and advice on global supply chain and enterprise technology to operations and IT executives, and served as its President and Chief Executive Officer until 2009. We believe Mr. Friscia's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his extensive experience in business leadership and providing strategic advice to senior leaders.

Robert M. Galford, age 66, became a director of Forrester in November 1996. Since November 2007, Mr. Galford has been the managing partner of the Center for Leading Organizations, an organizational development firm he founded in Concord, Massachusetts. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Galford was a managing partner of the Center for Executive Development, an executive education provider in Boston, Massachusetts. We believe Mr. Galford's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his many years of organizational development and executive education experience, along with his more recent corporate governance experience as an instructor for the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Gretchen G. Teichgraeber, age 65, became a director of Forrester in December 2005. Ms. Teichgraeber is the chair of the board of Leadership Directories, Inc., a premier information services company that publishes biographical and contact data on leaders in the private and public sectors. Previously, Ms. Teichgraeber was an independent consultant to digital media companies and various non-profit organizations from 2007 to 2009. From 2000 to 2007, Ms. Teichgraeber was the chief executive officer of Scientific American, Inc., publisher of the science and technology magazine, Scientific American. Prior to joining Scientific American, Ms. Teichgraeber served as general manager, publishing, and vice president, marketing and information services at CMP Media, Inc., a leading provider of technology news and information. We believe Ms. Teichgraeber's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include her significant general management and marketing experience in the publishing and information services business, including on-line and print media.

Yvonne Wassenaar, age 50, became a director of Forrester in June 2017. Ms. Wassenaar is the Chief Executive Officer of Puppet, Inc., an information technology automation software company. From 2017 to 2018, Ms. Wassenaar was the Chief Executive Officer of Airware, an enterprise drone solutions company. From 2014 to 2017, Ms. Wassenaar was with New Relic, Inc., a cloud-based SaaS company, most recently as Chief Information Officer. Prior to joining New Relic, Ms. Wassenaar held senior positions at VMware, Inc. from 2010 to 2014. We believe Ms. Wassenaar's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include her thought leadership in the areas of cloud computing, big data analytics and business digitization and her extensive experience in senior leadership positions at technology companies.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.**

## Corporate Governance

We believe that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Forrester is managed for the long-term benefit of its stockholders. Based on our continuing review of the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market, our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, an amended and restated charter for the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, and a charter for the Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines include stock retention guidelines applicable to executive officers and directors. The guidelines require executive officers and directors of the Company to retain at least 50% of the net shares of Forrester common stock delivered to them upon the exercise or vesting of stock-based awards granted on and after January 1, 2010. Net shares are the number of shares remaining after shares are sold or netted to pay the exercise price of stock-based awards and applicable withholding taxes. For directors, the applicable withholding tax is presumed to be the minimum withholding tax applicable to an employee. These

guidelines may be waived, at the discretion of the Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, if compliance with the guidelines would create severe hardship or prevent an executive officer or director from complying with a court order.

We also have a written code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and persons performing similar functions. You can access our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines and our current committee charters on our website, at [www.forrester.com/aboutus](http://www.forrester.com/aboutus).

#### Information With Respect to Board of Directors

##### Board Meetings and Committees

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the current directors, with the exception of Mr. Colony, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is independent under applicable NASDAQ standards as currently in effect.

Our Board of Directors held nine meetings during fiscal 2018. Each director attended at least 75 percent of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of each committee of which he or she is a member. Forrester does not require directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Colony, who presided at the meeting, attended the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, as did Mr. Galford. Historically, very few stockholders have attended our annual meeting and we have not found it to be a particularly useful forum for communicating with our stockholders. The Board of Directors currently has two standing committees, the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Nominating Committee, whose members consist solely of independent directors.

Our Audit Committee consists of four members: Jean M. Birch, Chair, Neil Bradford, Tony Friscia, and Yvonne Wassenaar, each of whom, in addition to satisfying the NASDAQ independence standards, also satisfies the Sarbanes-Oxley independence requirements for audit committee membership. In addition, the Board has determined that Ms. Birch is an “audit committee financial expert” under applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and all of the members of the Audit Committee satisfy the financial literacy standards of NASDAQ. The Audit Committee held five meetings during fiscal 2018. The responsibilities of our Audit Committee and its activities during fiscal 2018 are described in the committee’s amended and restated charter, which is available on our website at [www.forrester.com/aboutus](http://www.forrester.com/aboutus). The charter will also be made available without charge to any stockholder who requests it by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Attn: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140.

Our Compensation and Nominating Committee consists of three members: Robert M. Galford, Chairman, David Boyce, and Gretchen G. Teichgraeber. The Compensation and Nominating Committee held five meetings during fiscal 2018. The Compensation and Nominating Committee has authority, as specified in the committee’s charter, to, among other things, evaluate and approve the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer, review and approve the compensation of our other executive officers, administer our stock plans, and oversee the development of executive succession plans for the CEO and other executive officers. The committee also has the authority to identify and recommend to the Board qualified candidates for director. The Compensation and Nominating Committee charter is available on our website at [www.forrester.com/aboutus](http://www.forrester.com/aboutus). The charter will also be made available without charge to any stockholder who requests it by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Attn: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140.

##### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No person who served during the past fiscal year as a member of our Compensation and Nominating Committee is or was an officer or employee of Forrester, or had any relationship with Forrester requiring disclosure in this proxy statement. During the past fiscal year, none of our executive officers served as a member of the board of directors of

another entity, any of whose executive officers served as one of our directors.

#### Board Leadership Structure

At the present time, Mr. Colony serves as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Colony is a significant stakeholder in Forrester, beneficially owning approximately 42% of our outstanding common stock. As such, we believe it is appropriate that he set the agenda for the Board of Directors in addition to serving as the Chief Executive Officer. We also do not believe that the size of the Company warrants the division of these responsibilities.

In 2017, the Board of Directors selected Robert Galford to act as lead independent director. In this role, Mr. Galford presides at executive sessions of the independent directors and will bear such further responsibilities as the Board as a whole may designate from time to time.

## The Board's Role in Risk Oversight; Risk Considerations in our Compensation Programs

The Board's role in the Company's risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of management on areas of material risk to the Company, including financial, strategic, operational, cybersecurity, legal and regulatory risks. The full Board (or the appropriate Committee in the case of risks that are under the purview of a particular Committee) receives these reports from the appropriate manager within the Company. When a committee receives such a report, the Chairman of the relevant Committee reports on the discussion to the full Board during the Committee reports portion of the next Board meeting, enabling the full Board to coordinate the risk oversight role, particularly with respect to risk interrelationships.

Our Compensation and Nominating Committee does not believe that our compensation programs encourage excessive or inappropriate risk taking. We structure our pay programs to consist of both fixed and variable compensation, with the fixed base salary portion providing steady income regardless of our stock price performance. The variable components, consisting of cash bonus and stock-based awards, and for our chief sales officer, sales commissions, are designed to reward both short and long-term performance. Targets under our bonus plans are a function of bookings and profit (described in greater detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis below), important financial metrics for our business. For long-term performance, we generally award restricted stock units vesting over four years. We believe that the variable elements of compensation are a sufficient percentage of overall compensation to motivate executives to produce excellent short and long-term results for the Company, while fixed base salary is also sufficiently high such that the executives are not encouraged to take unnecessary or excessive risks. In addition, our bonus plan funding metrics apply company-wide, regardless of function or client group, which we believe encourages relatively consistent behavior across the organization. While sales commissions are not capped, we cap our bonus at 1.95 times target company performance. Therefore, even if Company performance dramatically exceeds target performance, bonus payouts are limited. Conversely, we have a minimum threshold on Company performance under our executive bonus plan approved by the Compensation and Nominating Committee so that the bonus plan is not funded at performance below a certain level. We also believe that our Executive Severance Plan adopted in 2014 and described in detail below, which provides severance compensation in the event of involuntary termination of employment without cause and in connection with a change in control, promotes stability and continuity of operations.

## Director Candidates

As noted above, the Compensation and Nominating Committee has responsibility for recommending nominees for election as directors of Forrester. Our stockholders may recommend individuals for this committee to consider as potential director candidates by submitting their names and background to the "Forrester Research Compensation and Nominating Committee", c/o Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140. The Compensation and Nominating Committee will consider a recommended candidate for the next annual meeting of stockholders only if biographical information and background material are provided no later than the date specified below under "Stockholder Proposals" for receipt of director nominations.

The process that the Compensation and Nominating Committee will follow to identify and evaluate candidates includes requests to Board members and others for recommendations, meetings from time to time to evaluate biographical information and background material relating to potential candidates, and interviews of selected candidates by members of the Compensation and Nominating Committee. Assuming that biographical and background material is provided for candidates recommended by the stockholders, the Compensation and Nominating Committee will evaluate those candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as for candidates submitted by Board members.

In considering whether to recommend any candidate for inclusion in the Board's slate of recommended director nominees, including candidates recommended by stockholders, the Compensation and Nominating Committee will apply the criteria set forth in the committee's charter and in the Corporate Governance Guidelines. These criteria include, among others, the candidate's integrity, age, experience, commitment, diligence, conflicts of interest and the

ability to act in the interests of all stockholders. Although the Compensation and Nominating Committee considers as one of many factors in the director identification and nomination process diversity of race, gender and ethnicity, as well as geography and business experience, it has no specific diversity policy. The Compensation and Nominating Committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. We believe that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors, considered as a group, should provide a composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities, including direct operating experience, that will allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities.

In addition, our by-laws permit stockholders to nominate directors for election at an annual meeting of stockholders, other than as part of the Board's slate. To nominate a director, in addition to providing certain information about the nominee and the nominating stockholder, the stockholder must give timely notice to Forrester, which, in general, requires that the notice be received by us no less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the preceding annual meeting of stockholders. In accordance with our by-laws, the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on May 12, 2020.

#### Communications from Stockholders

The Board will give appropriate attention to communications on issues that are submitted by stockholders, and will respond if and as appropriate. Absent unusual circumstances or as contemplated by committee charters, the Compensation and Nominating

Committee, with the assistance of the Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, will be primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and will provide copies of summaries of such communications to the other directors as deemed appropriate.

Stockholders who wish to send communications on any topic to the Board should address such communications to the Forrester Research Compensation and Nominating Committee, c/o Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Forrester Research, Inc., 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

#### Executive Summary

We have implemented an executive compensation program that rewards performance. Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, retain and motivate the key individuals who are most capable of contributing to the success of our Company and building long-term value for our stockholders. The elements of our executives' total compensation are base salary, cash incentive awards, equity incentive awards and other employee benefits. We have designed a compensation program that makes a substantial portion of executive pay variable, subject to increase when performance targets are exceeded, and subject to reduction when performance targets are not achieved.

#### 2018 Business Results

Our financial results were strong in 2018, reflecting continued progress in our strategic shift to capitalize on the opportunity presented by the Age of the Customer. Although the Company slightly missed its organic revenue plan for the year, it exceeded its annual sales plan and exceeded or met its revenue, pro forma operating margin and pro forma earnings per share guidance for the year, with revenues increasing by 6% to \$357.6 million.

#### Compensation for Performance

A substantial amount of the total compensation of our executive officers is linked to our performance, both through short-term cash incentive compensation and long-term equity incentive compensation. We believe this aligns our executives' incentives with our objective of enhancing stockholder value over the longer term.

**Cash Compensation.** A significant portion of the current cash compensation opportunity for our executive officers is achieved through our Amended and Restated Executive Cash Incentive Plan (the "Executive Cash Incentive Plan"). As described in more detail below, payments under the plan are based on company financial performance metrics (for 2018, booked sales accounts or "bookings" and adjusted operating profit). By design, our plan pays more when we perform well and less, or nothing, when we do not.

**Equity Awards.** Another key component of compensation for our executive officers consists of long-term equity incentives, principally in the form of restricted stock units (RSUs). In 2018, all RSUs granted to executive officers vest over time, with 25% to vest annually over four years. We believe these awards have retention value and reflect a balance between short-term financial performance and long-term shareholder return, supporting our performance-based compensation. Consistent with past years, we did not grant equity awards in 2018 to George Colony, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who is the beneficial owner of approximately 42% of our common stock.

## Compensation Program Changes in 2018

**Base Salary and Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation.** Based on a review of market data, and taking into account the contributions of the named executive officers and our financial performance in 2017, during its annual executive compensation review our Compensation and Nominating Committee (the “Committee”) increased the base salaries of the named executive officers by an average of approximately 2.4% over 2017, while increasing the target cash incentive bonus amount of the named executive officers by an average of 3.4% over 2017, as discussed further below. The Committee also decided to set the effectiveness of the compensation adjustments at April 1, 2018, while in 2017 the applicable adjustments were made as of July 1.

**Executive Cash Incentive Plan.** As was the case in 2017, while the Committee approved the same performance matrix for purposes of both the Executive Cash Incentive Plan and the Forrester Employee Bonus Plan, the Committee decided to place a stronger emphasis on exceeding, rather than just meeting, the target metrics for the executive team. Accordingly, the Committee approved different percentage payouts at various performance levels for the Executive Cash Incentive Plan than the Forrester

Employee Bonus Plan, with executive officers achieving less compensation if 2018 performance were to meet or fall short of the targeted levels, and additional compensation for performance above the targeted levels.

**Chief Executive Officer Bonus.** In 2018, in addition to his target cash incentive bonus under the Executive Cash Incentive Plan, the Committee approved an additional potential bonus of up to \$100,000 for Mr. Colony upon achievement of certain innovation-related criteria, as discussed in more detail below.

**Say on Pay Stockholder Vote.** As we have done each year since 2011, in 2018 we submitted our executive compensation program to an advisory vote of our stockholders and, consistent with the results of our previous say on pay votes, it received the support of 99% of the total votes cast at our annual meeting. We pay careful attention to any feedback we receive from our stockholders about our executive compensation program, including the say on pay vote. The Committee considered this feedback when setting our executive cash compensation program and granting equity awards to executives in 2018 and will continue to consider stockholder feedback in its subsequent executive compensation decision making.

### Compensation Objectives and Strategy

The primary purpose of our executive compensation program is to attract, retain and motivate the key individuals who are most capable of contributing to the success of our Company and building long-term value for our stockholders. Our principal objectives and strategy concerning our executive compensation program are as follows:

- encourage achievement of key Company values — including client service, quality, collaboration, courage and integrity — that we believe are critical to our continued growth;
- base cash compensation on individual achievement and responsibility, teamwork, and our short-term financial performance;
- align employees' incentives with our objective of enhancing stockholder value over the longer term through long-term incentives, principally in the form of RSUs; and
- emphasize individual excellence and encourage employees at all levels, as well as executive officers, to take initiative and lead individual projects that enhance our performance.

These objectives and strategy are reviewed each year by the Committee, which oversees our executive compensation program. In furtherance of these objectives, the Committee takes the following actions each year:

- reviews the performance of George Colony, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, including his demonstration of leadership and his overall contribution to the financial performance of the Company;
- reviews the assessment by Mr. Colony of the performance of the other executive officers against their individual and team goals;
- reviews the company-wide financial goals that are used in the calculation of the cash incentive compensation for our executives;
- reviews all components of compensation for each executive officer: base salary, short-term cash incentive compensation, and long-term equity incentive compensation;
- assesses relevant market data; and
  - holds executive sessions (without our management present) as appropriate to accomplish the above actions.

Mr. Colony also plays a substantial role in the compensation process for the other executive officers, primarily by recommending annual goals for the executives reporting directly to him, evaluating their performance against those goals, and providing recommendations on their compensation to the Committee.

The Committee did not engage an independent compensation consultant in 2018 for its general executive compensation analysis because the members were comfortable relying on their independent review of the market data, surveys and other supporting information provided by management, taking into account that the Company does not offer special perquisites, deferred compensation plans, or other special executive compensation arrangements. The

Committee believes it is adequately experienced to address relevant issues and discharge its responsibilities consistent with the Company's compensation objectives and philosophy.

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The Committee has not historically used formal benchmarking data to establish compensation levels, but has relied instead on relevant market data and surveys to design compensation packages that it believes are competitive with other similarly situated companies or those with whom we compete for talent. While compensation surveys provide useful data for comparative purposes, the Committee believes that successful compensation programs also require the application of sound judgment and subjective determinations of individual and Company performance.

The Committee believes it is helpful to utilize data compiled from a wide array of companies and believes it important to consider comparative data from companies of comparable size and revenue, operating within a comparable industry, and located or operating within our principal geographic markets. In setting executive compensation for 2018, the Committee primarily considered data from the Radford Global Technology Survey and Radford Global Sales Survey, which included companies with annual revenues from \$200 million to \$500 million, as well as comparable companies in the geographies applicable to our executives. For each of the Company's executive officers, the data the Committee reviewed included comparative market percentiles for base salary and total annual cash compensation opportunity (or "on-target earnings"). The Committee determined that the base salaries and on-target earnings of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Colony, were generally at or substantially near the 50th percentile of the comparative market data and, accordingly, made its decisions regarding 2018 executive compensation with the goal of maintaining that status.

Since Mr. Colony owns such a substantial percentage of our common stock, the Committee generally does not deem the available market data on chief executive officer compensation as comparable and does not place substantial weight on that data when setting his executive compensation.

#### Elements of Compensation

Compensation for our named executive officers consists of the following principal components:

- base salary;
- short-term cash incentive compensation;
- long-term equity incentive compensation, principally in the form of RSUs;
- severance and change-of-control benefits; and
- other benefits available generally to all full-time employees.

We do not have an express policy for weighting different elements of compensation or for allocating between long-term and short-term compensation, but we do attempt to maintain compensation packages that will advance our overall compensation objectives. In reviewing and setting the compensation of each executive officer, we consider the individual's position with the Company and his or her ability to contribute to achievement of strategic and financial objectives.

In 2018, as illustrated below, base salaries for our named executive officers other than Mr. Colony represented an average of approximately 38.4% of total target compensation for these individuals, while the base salary for Mr. Colony represented 44.5% of his total target compensation. Because of Mr. Colony's significant ownership of our common stock, the Committee generally does not grant equity-based awards to him, resulting in a higher ratio of base salary to total target compensation than that of the other named executive officers.

**Base Salary.** The Committee approves the base salaries of our named executive officers annually by evaluating the responsibilities of their position, the experience and performance of the individual, and as necessary or appropriate, survey and market data. The base salary of a named executive officer is also considered together with the other components of his or her compensation to ensure that both the executive's total cash compensation opportunity (or "on-target earnings") and the allocation between base salary and variable compensation for the executive are in line with our overall compensation philosophy and business strategy. Additionally, the Committee may adjust base salary more frequently than annually to address retention issues or to reflect promotions or other changes in the scope or breadth of an executive's role or responsibilities.

Our goal is to pay base salaries to our named executive officers that are competitive with the base salaries of companies that are similarly situated or with which we compete to attract and retain executives, while taking into account total on-target earnings, and remaining consistent with our overall compensation objectives with respect to variable compensation. In March 2018, taking into account the market data discussed above, the respective tenures, experience and performance of the named executive officers and our financial performance in 2017, the Committee decided to increase the base salaries of Mr. Colony, Michael Doyle, our Chief Financial Officer, Kelley Hippler, our Chief Sales Officer, and Steven Peltzman, our Chief Business Technology Officer, by an average of 3.0% over 2017, with such changes effective as of April 1, 2018. Effective upon Mack Brothers' promotion from Chief Consulting Officer to Chief Product Officer as of November 1, 2018, the Committee approved a 12.8% increase in Mr. Brothers' base salary.

**Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation.** A significant portion of each of our named executive officers' total annual cash compensation is dependent on our achievement of annual financial objectives set forth under our Executive Cash Incentive Plan. Payouts under the plan are made annually in arrears.

An individual named executive officer's annual bonus payout under the Executive Cash Incentive Plan is based on the following factors, which are discussed in more detail below:

- the named executive officer's target award;
- the Company's financial performance; and
- if applicable, the named executive officer's individual and/or team performance.

Effective April 1, 2018, as part of its executive compensation reviews, the Committee increased the target cash incentive bonus amounts for each of the named executive officers by an average of approximately 3.4%, taking into account the Company's financial performance in 2017, the market data discussed above, and the respective tenures, experience and performance of our named executive officers. After giving effect to these increases, the average annual target cash incentive bonus amount for our named executive officers, other than Ms. Hippler, was approximately 66.5% of that person's base salary. Ms. Hippler's 2018 target cash incentive bonus amount under our Executive Cash Incentive Plan was \$106,750, or 34.5% of her base salary, because as Chief Sales Officer, a significant portion of her target cash incentive amount was tied to sales commissions. Ms. Hippler's 2018 commission-based target cash incentive amount was set at \$200,000, or 64.7% of her base salary.

For purposes of the Executive Cash Incentive Plan, the financial performance of our Company for 2018 was measured based on booked sales accounts (referred to as "bookings") and adjusted operating profit, the same measures used by the Committee in connection with the Executive Cash Incentive Plan in 2017. The Committee selected bookings as one of the metrics because we believe that bookings provide an important measure of our current business activity and estimated future revenues. The Committee selected adjusted operating profit ("operating profit"), meaning the Company's pro forma operating profit assuming cash incentive compensation payouts under the Executive Cash Incentive Plan and the Forrester Employee Bonus Plan at target levels, as the other key metric because we believe operating profit provides a comprehensive measure of our financial performance that takes into account the importance of both revenue growth and expense management. In addition, by linking payouts under the plan to the Company's profitability, we provide our employees with the opportunity to share in our profits while assuring that payouts are only made if we achieve a satisfactory, pre-approved level of profitability, taking into account the nature

of our business, planned investments to support growth of the business, and the economic environment. Our pro forma operating profit excludes amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, reorganization costs, costs associated with acquisition activities, stock-based compensation and net gains or losses from investments. The Committee may also adjust the operating profit metric, as it deems appropriate, to include or exclude particular non-recurring items to avoid unanticipated results and to promote, and provide appropriate incentives for, actions and decisions that are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

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The Executive Cash Incentive Plan was structured as follows in 2018, similar in structure to that in 2017:

A matrix for 2018 containing bookings on the x axis and operating profit on the y axis was approved by the Committee under the plan based on the Company's 2018 operating plan approved by the Board of Directors. Minimum bookings and operating profit levels were set taking into account the Company's recent levels of bookings and operating profit and planned investments to support growth of the business. Failure of our Company to meet either of these minimum levels would result in each executive officer being ineligible to receive any bonus payout. The minimum, target and maximum levels of bookings and operating profit under the Executive Cash Incentive Plan approved by the Committee were as follows (all dollars in thousands):

	Bookings	Operating Profit
Minimum	\$309,528	\$ 29,515
Target	\$343,920	\$ 36,894
Maximum	\$378,312	\$ 44,273

If the Company's target bookings and operating profit were both exactly achieved, the Executive Cash Incentive Plan allowed for the payment of 95% of a named executive officer's target award.

If both bookings and operating profit were above the minimum thresholds but neither exceeded the target, the bonus payout would be between 0% and 75% of the target award.

If both bookings and operating profit were above the minimum thresholds but only operating profit exceeded the target, the bonus payout would be between 65% and 100% of the target award.

If both bookings and operating profit were above the minimum thresholds but only bookings exceeded the target, the bonus payout would be between 40% and 125% of the target award.

If both of the applicable target bookings and operating profit were exceeded, the plan allowed for the payment of up to 195% of a named executive officer's target award.

The Company's actual bookings and operating profit for 2018 were \$370.6 million and \$37.3 million, respectively, resulting in 80% of each named executive officer's target award being payable, as is set forth in the Summary Compensation Table under the heading "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation." This illustrates the pay for performance structure of the compensation awarded to our named executive officers, as our 2018 bookings exceeded our target level but our 2018 operating profit was approximately 4% below our target level. The total cash incentive plan compensation paid to Ms. Hippler for 2018 also included commissions of \$192,835, or 96% of her targeted commissions for 2018.

In 2018, the Committee determined to offer Mr. Colony an additional potential innovation bonus of up to \$100,000 upon achievement of either the development of a new product tested by clients prior to the end of 2018 that provides a reasonable likelihood of \$25 million in net new revenue during 2019, or an acquisition that increases revenues by fifty percent, is consummated prior to the end of the first quarter of 2019, and provides a reasonable likelihood of additive revenue during 2019. The amount of the payout was to be at the discretion of the Committee based on the development and/or acquisition of new revenue-generating products or companies. Based upon our results in 2018, including the acquisitions of SiriusDecisions, FeedbackNow and GlimpzIt, the Committee elected to pay Mr. Colony the full amount of this additional bonus.

**Long-term Equity Incentive Compensation.** Our equity awards to executive officers historically have consisted of stock options and RSUs granted under our equity incentive plan. Beginning in 2016, the Committee revised the Company's stock-based compensation program for executive officers to consist solely of RSUs, with the number of RSUs awarded to be calculated with reference to a specific compensation value divided by the share price of our common stock on the award date.

All stock-based compensation awards granted to our executive officers are granted by the Committee. We believe that stock-based awards help to motivate and retain executives and also align management's incentives with long-term

stock price appreciation. In general, we believe that time-based equity-based awards serve to encourage retention while further aligning the interests of executives and stockholders, as the awards have value only if the recipient continues to provide service to the Company through the vesting date, and, while the RSUs have immediate compensatory value to recipient upon vesting, increases in our share price provide significant additional compensatory value to the recipient, and decreases in the share price reduce the original compensation value of the award. Neither the Company nor our board of directors, including the Committee, has any plan, program or practice of timing equity incentive awards in coordination with the release or withholding of material non-public information.

In determining the size and nature of stock-based awards for 2018, the Committee considered the aggregate number of stock-based awards outstanding relative to the Company's total shares outstanding, the average aggregate size of stock-based awards made to executive officers of companies that are similarly situated or with which we compete to attract and retain executives, and the individuals that they believed were most likely to contribute to or influence a return to the Company's historical growth levels and improvement in the Company's operating margin. On July 24, 2018, the Committee reviewed and approved the grant of time-based RSUs to each of Messrs. Brothers, Doyle and Peltzman and Ms. Hippler, effective August 1, 2018, as part of a grant of equity-based compensation to key employees across the Company. Mr. Brothers was granted 7,454 RSUs, Mr. Doyle and Ms. Hippler were each granted 7,987 RSUs and Mr. Peltzman was granted 5,857 RSUs. The Committee determined that the RSUs would vest 25% annually over four years.

Given Mr. Colony's significant ownership of our common stock, the Committee did not grant stock options or RSUs to Mr. Colony in 2018.

**Severance and Change in Control Agreements.** Effective May 15, 2014, we adopted the Forrester Research, Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan"), applicable to all of our executive officers, including the named executive officers. Similar to plans maintained by many other companies, our Severance Plan provides for payments and benefits to our executive officers upon a qualifying termination of employment, including in connection with a change in control. Further detail on the Severance Plan is contained below under the heading "Severance and Change-of-Control Benefits." We believe that the Severance Plan functions as a retention tool for our executive officers to remain with the Company and enable the executive officers to focus on the continuing business operations and, as applicable, the success of a potential business combination that the Board of Directors has determined to be in the best interests of the shareholders. We believe this results in stability and continuity of operations.

#### Other Benefits

As employees of our Company, our executive officers are eligible to participate in all Company-sponsored benefit programs on the same basis as other full-time employees, including health and dental insurance and life and disability insurance. In addition, our executive officers are eligible to receive the same employer match under our 401(k) plan as is applicable for all participating employees and to participate in our employee stock purchase plan, pursuant to which participants may elect to purchase shares of our stock on a semi-annual basis at a 15% discount based on the lower of the price of our stock at the beginning and end of each period. We do not offer any supplemental executive health and welfare or retirement programs, or provide any other supplemental benefits or perquisites, to our executives.

#### Stock Retention Guidelines

In April 2010, we introduced stock retention guidelines as part of our Corporate Governance Guidelines to further align the interests of our directors and executive officers with those of our stockholders. Members of our executive team and Board of Directors are subject to these stock retention guidelines for so long as they remain an executive officer, or serve as a director, of the Company. The guidelines require executive officers and directors of the Company to retain at least 50% of the net shares of Forrester common stock delivered to them upon the exercise or vesting of stock awards granted on and after January 1, 2010. Net shares are the number of shares remaining after shares are sold or netted to pay the exercise price of equity awards and applicable withholding taxes. For directors, the applicable withholding tax is presumed to be the minimum withholding tax applicable to an employee. These guidelines may be waived, at the discretion of the Committee, if compliance with the guidelines would create severe hardship or prevent an executive officer or director from complying with a court order. Our directors and executive officers have complied in full with these guidelines since their initial adoption.

#### Impact of Tax and Accounting on Compensation Decisions

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the deductibility of compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to any one “covered employee” (as defined by the Code, but generally including the Company’s named executive officers) during any fiscal year. Under the rules in effect before 2018, compensation that qualified as “performance-based” under Section 162(m) was deductible without regard to this \$1 million limit.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law December 22, 2017, eliminated the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), effective January 1, 2018, subject to a special rule that “grandfathers” certain awards and arrangements that were in effect on or before November 2, 2017 and later not materially modified. Each individual who is a covered employee after December 31, 2016 will remain a covered employee for all future tax years. As a result, compensation previously structured with the intent of qualifying as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) that is paid on or after January 1, 2018 may not be fully deductible, depending on the application of the special grandfather rules, and compensation paid after termination of employment to covered employees such as severance benefits will not be deductible. Moreover, from and after January 1, 2018, compensation awarded in excess of \$1,000,000 to our covered employees, including now our chief financial officer, generally will not be deductible.

Compensation amounts paid to our executive officers have largely been below this threshold. Accordingly, in many cases the Committee has not structured compensation arrangements with our executive officers to preserve the deductibility of that compensation in light of Section 162(m) and the Committee has not adopted a policy requiring all compensation to be deductible under Section 162(m). Despite the changes to Section 162(m) the Compensation Committee currently expects to structure the Company's executive compensation programs such that a significant portion of executive compensation is linked to the performance of the Company.

When determining amounts of equity awards to executives and employees under our equity incentive program, the Committee considers the compensation charges associated with the awards. We recognize compensation expense for stock-based awards based upon the fair value of the award. Grants of stock options result in compensation expense equal to the fair value of the options, which is calculated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. Restricted stock unit awards result in compensation expense equal to the fair value of the award on the award date, which is calculated using the closing stock price of the underlying shares on the date of the award, as adjusted to reflect the absence of dividend credits prior to vesting of the restricted stock units. Stock-based compensation is recognized as an expense over the vesting period of the award.

#### Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this proxy statement with management and, based on this review and discussion, recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

#### Compensation and Nominating Committee

Robert M. Galford, Chair

David Boyce

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The information contained in the report above shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference in any such filing.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows the compensation earned by our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and each of our three other most highly compensated executive officers as of December 31, 2018. We refer to these officers as the “named executive officers.”

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)(3)	Total (\$)
George F. Colony	2018	407,500	—	—	—	426,000	17,395	850,895
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2017	400,000	—	—	—	340,000	12,852	752,852
	2016	400,000	—	—	—	360,000	12,702	772,702
Mack Brothers(4)	2018	334,785	—	335,389	—	172,308	9,906	852,388
Chief Product Officer	2017	326,500	—	358,036	—	172,125	9,756	866,417
	2016	216,667	25,000	435,672	124,972	120,000	6,469	928,779
Michael A. Doyle	2018	395,106	—	359,371	—	184,725	13,002	952,204
Chief Financial Officer	2017	382,500	—	358,036	—	189,125	12,852	942,513
	2016	380,000	—	358,455	—	198,000	12,702	949,157
Kelley Hippler(5)	2018	306,750	—	359,371	—	278,235	15,116	959,472
Chief Sales Officer	2017	261,346	—	334,164	—	160,295	4,548	760,353
Steven Peltzman	2018	347,650	—	263,533	—	116,565	9,330	737,078

(1) Amount represents a one-time bonus for Mr. Brothers in connection with his hiring as Chief Consulting Officer.

(2) These amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock unit and option awards.

Assumptions used in the calculation of grant date fair value of stock options are included in footnote 1 to the Company’s consolidated financial statements included in our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units is based upon the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant, as adjusted to reflect the absence of dividend credits prior to vesting of the restricted stock units. The amounts set forth may be more or less than the value ultimately realized by the named executive officer based upon, among other things, the value of the Company’s common stock at the time of exercise of the options or vesting of the restricted stock units and whether the options or restricted stock units actually vest.

(3) 2018 amounts include the following amounts of Company matching contributions under our 401(k) plan:

Mr. Colony, \$8,250; Mr. Brothers, \$8,250; Mr. Doyle, \$8,250; Ms. Hippler, \$8,250; and Mr. Peltzman, \$8,250. Other amounts consist of group term life insurance premiums and miscellaneous other items.

(4) Mr. Brothers became our Chief Consulting Officer on May 2, 2016 and our Chief Product Officer on November 1, 2018.

(5) Ms. Hippler became our Chief Sales Officer on July 7, 2017.

## GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS FOR 2018

The following table sets forth information with respect to plan-based awards granted to named executive officers in 2018.

Name	Grant Date	Committee Approval Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock (#)	All Other Option Awards: of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise Price of Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(2)
			Non-Equity Awards(1) Threshold (\$)	Incentive Plan Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
George F. Colony	—	—	163,000	407,500	794,625	—	—	—	
	—	—	N/A	100,000	100,000	—	—	—	
Mack Brothers	—	—	86,154	215,385	420,001	—	—	—	
	08/01/18	07/24/18	—	—	—	7,454	—	335,389	
Michael A. Doyle	—	—	92,362	230,906	450,267	—	—	—	
	08/01/18	07/24/18	—	—	—	7,987	—	359,371	
Kelley Hippler	—	—	42,700	306,750	N/A	—	—	—	
	08/01/18	07/24/18	—	—	—	7,987	—	359,371	
Steven Peltzman	—	—	58,282	145,706	284,127	—	—	—	
	08/01/18	07/24/18	—	—	—	5,857	—	263,533	

(1) Except with respect to Mr. Colony and Ms. Hippler, consists of awards under our Executive Cash Incentive Plan, a non-equity incentive plan, with payouts thereunder made annually in arrears. Our Executive Cash Incentive Plan is described in detail, including calculation of threshold, target and maximum awards under the plan, in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above. Actual amounts awarded are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table above. Mr. Colony's "Target" amounts include the target amount he was eligible to receive under our Executive Cash Incentive Plan of \$407,500 and a targeted additional bonus of \$100,000. Ms. Hippler's "Target" amount includes the target amount she was eligible to receive under our Executive Cash Incentive Plan of \$106,750 and target sales commissions of \$200,000. There is no cap on Ms. Hippler's "Maximum" amount because there is no cap on possible commission payments.

(2) Assumptions used in the calculation of option awards are included in footnote 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units is based upon the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, as adjusted to

reflect the absence of dividend credits prior to vesting of the restricted stock units.

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## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2018 FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table sets forth information for the named executive officers regarding outstanding option awards and stock awards held as of December 31, 2018.

Name	Option Awards		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Stock Awards Equity Incentive Plan	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Exercised Options (#) Unexercisable			Equity Awards: Market or Unearned Shares/Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Payout Value of Awards in Dollars, Not Vested (\$)(1)
George F. Colony	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mack Brothers	—	—	—	—	3,500(2)	56,450
	—	—	—	—	6,760(3)	2,172
	—	—	—	—	7,454(4)	3,194
	10,000	10,000(5)	36.83	5/31/2026	—	—
Michael A. Doyle	—	—	—	—	1,875(6)	8,813
	—	—	—	—	4,642(7)	2,497
	—	—	—	—	6,760(3)	2,172
	—	—	—	—	7,987(4)	5,019
	14,000	—	29.86	3/31/2020	—	—
	14,000	—	33.03	6/30/2021	—	—
	15,000	—	33.81	5/13/2022	—	—
	17,500	—	36.18	6/2/2023	—	—
	22,500	—	38.43	7/31/2024	—	—
	16,875	5,625(8)	33.16	8/2/2025	—	—
Kelley Hippler	—	—	—	—	6,309(3)	2,012
	—	—	—	—	7,987(4)	5,019
	3,000	—	25.25	6/30/2019	—	—
	3,125	—	29.86	3/31/2020	—	—
	2,500	—	33.03	6/30/2021	—	—
	5,125	—	33.81	5/13/2022	—	—
	8,750	—	36.18	6/2/2023	—	—
Steven Peltzman	—	—	—	—	1,041(6)	4,533

—	—	—	—	3,404(7)	52,159
—	—	—	—	4,957(3)	21,578
—	—	—	—	5,857(4)	261,808
—	3,125(8)	33.16	8/2/2025	—	—

- (1) The market value was calculated based on \$44.70, the closing price per share of our common stock on December 31, 2018.
- (2) Consists of time-based restricted stock units that vest as to 50% of the shares subject to the award on each of June 1, 2019 and June 1, 2020.
- (3) Consists of time-based restricted stock units that vest as to one third of the shares subject to the award on each of August 1, 2019, August 1, 2020 and August 1, 2021.
- (4) Consists of time-based restricted stock units that vest as to 25% of the shares subject to the award on each of August 1, 2019, August 1, 2020, August 1, 2021 and August 1, 2022.
- (5) Stock options become exercisable as to 5,000 shares on June 1, 2019 and 5,000 shares on June 1, 2020.
- (6) Consists of time-based restricted stock units that vest on August 3, 2019.
- (7) Consists of time-based restricted stock units that vest as to 50% of the shares subject to the award on each of August 1, 2019 and August 1, 2020.
- (8) Stock options become exercisable on August 3, 2019.

## OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED TABLE FOR 2018

The following table sets forth information for the named executive officers regarding the value realized during 2018 by the executives pursuant to option exercises and the vesting of RSUs.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting
George F. Colony	—	—	—	—
Mack Brothers	—	—	4,004	180,200
Michael A. Doyle	—	—	8,325	387,578
Kelley Hippler	—	—	2,104	98,783
Steven Peltzman	29,780	268,639	5,542	180,765

## Pension Benefits

We have no defined benefit pension plans or long-term incentive plans applicable to the named executive officers.

## Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

We have no nonqualified defined contribution or deferred compensation plans.

## Severance and Change-of-Control Benefits

Effective May 15, 2014, our Board of Directors adopted and approved the Forrester Research, Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the “Severance Plan”), which is applicable to all of the Company’s executive officers, including the named executive officers. The Severance Plan provides for the payment of severance and other benefits to each executive officer in the event of a termination of employment with the Company without cause and also, in the case of a change in control, by an executive officer for good reason, each as defined in the Severance Plan (each, a “Qualifying Termination”). In the event of a Qualifying Termination and subject to the executive’s execution of a general release of claims against the Company, in addition to any accrued obligations such as unpaid base salary, vacation and earned bonuses, the Severance Plan provides for the following severance payments and benefits:

- In the event of a Qualifying Termination other than following a change in control:
- continued payment of the executive officer’s base salary in installments for one year, and in the case of Mr. Colony (or any successor CEO), for 18 months, after the Qualifying Termination;
- payment in a lump sum of an amount equal to the lesser of the executive officer’s (x) annual target bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions, as in effect on the date of the Qualifying Termination, or (y) the average of the actual bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions, earned by the executive officer under the applicable plans for the two fiscal years preceding the year of the Qualifying Termination (or for such shorter period that the executive officer

was employed by the Company); and in the case of the chief executive officer, payment in a lump sum of an amount equal to one and one-half times the lesser of the chief executive officer's (x) annual target bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions, as in effect on the date of the Qualifying Termination, or (y) the average of the actual bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions earned by the chief executive officer under the applicable plans for the two fiscal years preceding the year of the Qualifying Termination;

payment in cash during the 12-month period following a Qualifying Termination for executive officers other than the chief executive officer, and during the 18-month period following a Qualifying Termination for the chief executive officer, of an amount equal to the Company's portion of the cost for medical and dental coverage under applicable Company plans; and

6 months of outplacement assistance, subject to extension for an additional 6 months upon request of the executive officer and at the discretion of the Company.

In the event of a Qualifying Termination during the 18-month period following a change in control (as defined in the Severance Plan):

payment in a lump sum of the executive officer's annual base salary, and in the case of the chief executive officer, two times annual base salary;

payment in a lump sum of an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (x) the executive officer's annual target bonus amount and/or annual target sales commission amount pro-rated as of the Qualifying Termination, over (y) the amount paid or payable for the actual bonus and/or sales commissions earned through the Qualifying Termination; payment of the higher of the executive officer's (x) target annual incentive opportunity, including target bonus opportunity and, if applicable, target sales commissions, or (y) the average of the actual bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions, earned by the executive under the applicable plans for the two fiscal years preceding the year of the Qualifying Termination (or such shorter period that the executive officer was employed by the Company); and in the case of the chief executive officer, the higher of two times his or her (x) target annual incentive opportunity, including target bonus opportunity and, if applicable, target sales commissions, or (y) the average of the actual bonus and, if applicable, sales commissions, earned by the chief executive officer under applicable plans for the two fiscal years preceding the year of the Qualifying Termination;

- payment in cash in a lump sum of an amount equal to 12 months for executive officers other than the chief executive officer, and 24 months for the chief executive officer, of the Company's portion of the cost for medical and dental coverage under applicable Company plans;
- 12 months of outplacement assistance; and
- without limiting an executive officer's rights under any equity plans or agreements, accelerated vesting of, or cancellation and payment of merger consideration for (net of exercise price, if any), all unvested equity and equity-based awards, with performance-based awards, if any, vesting at target level of performance.

The Severance Plan shall also reimburse each executive officer whose termination of employment results from a change of control all reasonable legal fees and expenses incurred to obtain or enforce rights or benefits under the Severance Plan if the executive officer prevails in substantial part on the material issues of the proceeding.

The Severance Plan does not provide for a gross-up payment to any of the executive officers to offset any excise taxes that may be imposed on excess parachute payments under Section 4999 ("Excise Tax") of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Instead, the Severance Plan provides that in the event that the severance payments and benefits described above, and any other parachute payments, would, if paid, be subject to the Excise Tax, then the severance payments and benefits under the Severance Plan will be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of the payments or benefits under the Severance Plan are subject to the Excise Tax, provided that there shall be no such reduction if the net amount of the payments received by the executive officer after giving effect to all applicable taxes is greater than the net amount of the payments received by the executive officer after giving effect to the reduction.

We entered into an employment offer letter on July 24, 2007 with Mr. Doyle that provides for severance benefits following a termination of his employment by the Company without Cause (as defined in the offer letter). In the event of such a termination, we must continue to pay Mr. Doyle his base salary for the 6 months following his termination, subject to his signing a separation agreement in a form acceptable to us that includes a general release of all claims. The Severance Plan provides that there will be no duplication of benefits between the Severance Plan and Mr. Doyle's employment offer letter. We have not entered into agreements providing for severance benefits with any of the other named executive officers. Each of our named executive officers other than Mr. Colony has entered into stock option and restricted stock unit grant agreements that provide for full acceleration of vesting upon a change of control of the Company, unless there is an assumption, substitution or cash-out of the options or restricted stock units in connection with the change of control.

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The following table provides the details of payments that would have been paid to, or value that would have been received by, the named executive officers in connection with either a change of control, a termination of employment without cause or for good reason in connection with a change of control, or a termination of employment without cause in the absence of a change of control, in each case effective as of December 31, 2018.

Name	Event (1)	Salary Continuation (\$)	Annual Incentive Compensation (\$)	Payment in Lieu of Medical and Dental (\$)	Outplacement Assistance (\$)(2)	Value of Unvested Accelerated Equity (\$)(3)	Total (\$)
George F. Colony	Change in Control	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Termination Upon Change in Control	820,000	1,096,500	38,993	20,000	—	1,975,493
	Not for Cause Termination	615,000	525,000	29,245	10,000	—	1,179,245
Mack Brothers	Change in Control	—	—	—	—	870,516	870,516
	Termination Upon Change in Control	370,000	258,462	18,354	20,000	870,516	1,537,332
	Not for Cause Termination	370,000	146,063	18,354	10,000	—	544,417
Michael A. Doyle	Change in Control	—	—	—	—	1,015,414	1,015,414
	Termination Upon Change in Control	398,475	277,087	12,071	20,000	1,015,414	1,723,047
	Not for Cause Termination	398,475	193,563	12,071	10,000	—	614,109
Kelley Hippler	Change in Control	—	—	—	—	639,031	639,031
	Termination Upon Change in Control	309,000	335,265	19,497	20,000	639,031	1,322,793

	Not for Cause Termination	309,000	86,621	19,497	10,000	—	425,118
Steven Peltzman	Change in Control	—	—	—	—	718,141	718,141
	Termination Upon Change in Control	350,200	174,847	19,497	20,000	718,141	1,282,685
	Not for Cause Termination	350,200	121,375	19,497	10,000	—	501,072

- (1) None of the named executive officers has an agreement to receive any salary continuation, variable cash compensation, benefits continuation, acceleration of equity or gross-up in the event such named executive officer dies, becomes disabled, voluntarily terminates his or her employment with Forrester without “Good Reason” or if that named executive officer is terminated by Forrester for cause.
- (2) Estimated cost of 12 months of outplacement service in the event of a change in control and 6 months of outplacement service in the event of termination without a change in control.
- (3) Calculated using \$44.70, the closing price per share of our common stock on December 31, 2018. In the case of unvested options, calculated using the difference between \$44.70 and the exercise price of the applicable option, multiplied by the number of unvested shares. In the case of unvested restricted stock units (RSUs), calculated using \$44.70 multiplied by the number of shares underlying such unvested RSU.

## Director Compensation

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE FOR 2018

The following table shows the compensation that we paid during the year ended December 31, 2018 to each of our directors, other than Mr. Colony, who was not paid additional compensation for his service as a director and whose compensation is reflected in “Executive Compensation” above.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in			All Other Compensation (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
	Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)(2)(3)			
Jean M. Birch	39,750	147,589	—	—	187,339
Dave Boyce	35,000	117,736	—	—	152,736
Neil Bradford	33,750	147,589	—	—	181,339
Tony Friscia	35,000	117,736	—	—	152,736
Robert M. Galford	50,000	117,736	—	—	167,736
George R. Hornig	10,750	—	10,000	—	20,750
Gretchen G. Teichgraeber	35,000	117,736	—	—	152,736
Yvonne Wassenaar	35,000	117,736	—	—	152,736

(1) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock unit awards for 2018. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units is based upon the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant, as adjusted to reflect the absence of dividend credits prior to vesting of the restricted stock units. The amounts set forth may be more or less than the value ultimately realized by the named director based upon, among other things, the value of the Company’s Common Stock at the time of vesting of the restricted stock units and whether such restricted stock units actually vest.

(2) On February 1, 2018, each of Ms. Birch and Mr. Bradford received 664 restricted stock units. On June 1, 2018, each of the directors, other than Mr. Colony and Mr. Hornig, received 2,823 restricted stock units.

(3) At December 31, 2018, the non-employee directors held options to purchase, and restricted stock units for, the number of shares listed next to their names below:

Name	Number of Shares	
	Options	RSUs
Jean M. Birch	—	1,412
Dave Boyce	—	1,412
Neil Bradford	—	1,412
Tony Friscia	—	1,412
Robert M. Galford	12,000	4,121
Gretchen G. Teichgraeber	24,000	4,121
Yvonne Wassenaar	—	1,412

(4) Amount represents a donation made by the Company to the President and Fellows of Harvard College in connection with Mr. Hornig's retirement from the Board of Directors in May of 2018.

Our non-employee directors receive an annual retainer of \$30,000 and members of each Board committee receive an additional annual retainer of \$5,000 for each committee on which they serve, with the Chairman of the Audit Committee receiving an additional \$8,000 per year and the Chairman of the Compensation and Nominating Committee receiving an additional \$5,000 per year. Our lead independent director receives an additional \$10,000 annual retainer. Each of these annual fees is payable quarterly in arrears. Members of our Board of Directors are reimbursed for their expenses incurred in connection with attending any meeting.

The Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has the authority under the Forrester Research, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan ("Equity Incentive Plan") to grant stock options and RSUs to non-employee directors in such amounts and on such terms as it shall determine at the time of grant. On February 1, 2018, in connection with their election to the Board of Directors, Ms. Birch and Mr. Bradford each received 664 restricted stock units, which equals the number of whole shares calculated by dividing \$30,000 by \$45.15, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of award. These RSUs vested fully on June 1, 2018. On June 1, 2018, our seven non-employee directors at that time each received 2,823 restricted stock units, which equals the number of whole shares calculated by dividing \$120,000 by \$42.50, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of award. These RSUs vest in four equal quarterly installments over a one-year period. RSUs granted under the Equity Incentive Plan become vested in full upon a change of control of the Company, unless there is an assumption, substitution or cash-out of such RSUs in connection with the change of control.

Options granted to our non-employee directors prior to our 2012 annual meeting and currently outstanding were made pursuant to our 2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors, as amended.

## CEO PAY RATIO

Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 requires most companies with publicly traded stock in the United States to identify the median annual total compensation of their worldwide employee population (other than the chief executive officer) and to compare that amount with the annual total compensation of their chief executive officer. The pay ratio information included below is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K.

We identified our median employee using our total employee population as of October 1, 2018 by applying a consistently applied compensation measure across our global employee population. For our consistently applied compensation measure, we used cash compensation (base salary plus bonuses and commissions) paid in the nine months ending September 30, 2018. We used cash compensation as our consistently applied compensation measure as we believe that this measure provides a reasonably accurate depiction of total earnings for the purpose of identifying our median employee. We then calculated the median employee's total annual compensation in accordance with the requirements of the Summary Compensation Table. Earnings of our employees outside the U.S. were converted to U.S. dollars using the currency exchange rates used for organizational planning purposes, which consider historical and forecasted rates as well as other factors. We did not use any other material estimates, assumptions, adjustments or statistical sampling to determine the worldwide median employee.

Our median employee's total 2018 compensation (other than the CEO) was \$108,357. Our Chief Executive Officer's total 2018 compensation was \$850,895, as reported in the Summary Compensation Table. Accordingly, our 2018 CEO to Median Employee Pay Ratio was 7.9 to 1.

Please keep in mind that under the SEC's rules and guidance, there are numerous ways to determine the compensation of a company's median employee, including the employee population sampled, the elements of pay and benefits used, any assumptions made and the use of statistical sampling. In addition, no two companies have identical employee populations or compensation programs, and pay, benefits and retirement plans differ by country even within the same company. As such, our pay ratio may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported by other companies.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has appointed an Audit Committee composed of four non-employee directors: Ms. Birch (Chair), Mr. Bradford, Mr. Friscia and Ms. Wassenaar. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is “independent” as defined under the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. The Board has determined that Ms. Birch is an “audit committee financial expert” under applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), and the members of the Audit Committee satisfy the NASDAQ financial literacy standards.

The Audit Committee is responsible for providing independent oversight of Forrester’s accounting functions and internal controls. The Audit Committee oversees Forrester’s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors, reviews financial disclosures, and meets privately, outside of the presence of management, with Forrester’s internal auditor and with representatives of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also selects and appoints the independent registered public accounting firm, reviews the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm, and reviews the independent registered public accounting firm’s fees. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed Forrester’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 with Forrester’s management and with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PricewaterhouseCoopers”), Forrester’s independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also reviewed the report of management contained in Forrester’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC, as well as PricewaterhouseCoopers’ report included in Forrester’s Annual Report on Form 10-K related to its audit of (i) the consolidated financial statements and (ii) the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers the matters required to be discussed under the rules adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”). The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers required by the PCAOB regarding PricewaterhouseCoopers’ communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers their independence.

Based on the Audit Committee’s review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, the inclusion of the audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 for filing with the SEC.

AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS

Jean M. Birch, Chair

Neil Bradford

Tony Friscia

Yvonne Wassenaar

The information contained in the report above shall not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or to be “filed” with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate

it by reference in any such filing.

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires our officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish to us copies of all Forms 3, 4 and 5 they file. Based solely on our review of copies of such forms which we received, we believe that all of our officers, directors, and greater than 10% beneficial owners complied on a timely basis with all filing requirements with respect to transactions during 2018, except for one report filed for Scott Chouinard, our Chief Accounting Officer, with respect to the grant of restricted stock units in 2017. On February 12, 2019, Wellington Management Group LLP filed an amendment to its previously filed Schedule 13G disclosing that its beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2018 had changed from its beneficial ownership as of December 29, 2017, though it remained in excess of 10%. Wellington Management Group LLP has not made any filing on Form 4 with respect to this change in beneficial ownership.

### Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

**Registration Rights and Non-Competition Agreement.** At the time of our initial public offering, we entered into a registration rights and non-competition agreement with Mr. Colony which provides that if Mr. Colony’s employment with us is terminated he will not compete with us for the one year period after the date of such termination. The agreement also provides that in the event we propose to file a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to an offering by us for our own account or the account of another person, or both, Mr. Colony shall be entitled to include shares held by him in such a registration, subject to the right of the managing underwriter of any such offering to exclude some or all of such shares from such registration if and to the extent the inclusion of the shares would adversely affect the marketing of the shares to be sold by us. The agreement also provides that Mr. Colony may require us to register shares under the Securities Act with a fair market value of at least \$5 million, except that we are not required to effect such registration more than twice or at certain times described in the agreement. The agreement also provides that we will pay all expenses incurred in connection with such registration.

### Related Person Transactions

Pursuant to its amended and restated charter, our Audit Committee has responsibility for the review and approval of all transactions between the Company and any related parties or affiliates of the Company, its officers, and directors.

Related persons can include any of our directors or executive officers, certain of our stockholders, and any of their immediate family members. In evaluating related person transactions, the committee members apply the same standards they apply to their general responsibilities as members of a committee of the board of directors and as individual directors. The committee will approve a related person transaction when, in its good faith judgment, the transaction is in the best interest of the Company. To identify related person transactions, each year we require our directors and officers to complete a questionnaire identifying any transactions with the Company in which the officer or director or their family members have an interest. In addition, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics includes our expectation that all directors, officers and employees who may have a potential or apparent conflict of interest will notify our legal department.

The daughter of one of our executive officers is a non-officer employee of the Company within our sales organization. The Company reviewed this arrangement with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, noting that the compensation of the employee is within comparable market ranges for similar positions, and the Audit Committee approved this relationship.



## PROPOSAL TWO:

## RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

## AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

## FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audited our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Our Audit Committee has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Although stockholder approval of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not required by law, our Board of Directors believes that it is advisable to give stockholders an opportunity to ratify this selection.

If stockholders do not approve this proposal at the 2019 annual meeting, our Audit Committee will reconsider its selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. If stockholders do ratify this appointment, the Audit Committee, which has direct authority to engage our independent registered public accounting firm, may appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that the change would be in the best interests of Forrester and our stockholders.

The Audit Committee has approved all services provided to Forrester by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP during 2018. Representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are expected to be present at the 2019 annual meeting. They will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

## Independent Auditors' Fees and Other Matters

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed or expected to be billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") and its affiliates for fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017.

	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017
Audit Fees(1)	\$1,321,000	\$1,105,261
Audit-Related Fees(2)	270,000	45,000
Tax Fees(3)	165,175	92,629
All Other Fees(4)	2,756	1,800
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$1,758,931</b>	<b>\$1,244,690</b>

(1) Audit fees are fees related to professional services rendered by PwC and its affiliates in connection with the audit of our financial statements and our internal controls over financial reporting, the reviews of our interim financial statements included in each of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, international statutory audits, and review of other SEC filings.

(2) Audit-related fees are for assurance and related services by PwC and its affiliates that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements.

(3) Tax fees are fees billed for professional services related to tax compliance and tax consulting services.

(4) All other fees include licenses to web-based accounting and finance reference materials.

Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee approves the engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm to render any audit or non-audit services. At a regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting, management or a representative of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm summarizes the services to be provided by the firm and the fees that will be charged for the services. Thereafter, if new services or dollar amounts in excess of those pre-approved at the meeting are proposed, they are either presented for pre-approval at the next meeting of the Audit Committee or approved by the Chairman of the Audit Committee pursuant to delegated authority. At subsequent meetings, the Audit Committee is provided a listing of any newly pre-approved services since the last meeting, and an updated projection for the current year of the estimated annual fees to be paid to the firm for all pre-approved audit and permissible non-audit services.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT

THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC

ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

PROPOSAL THREE:

NON-BINDING VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

We have implemented an executive compensation program that rewards performance. Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, retain and motivate the key individuals who are most capable of contributing to the success of our Company and building long-term value for our stockholders. The elements of our executives' total compensation are base salary, cash incentive awards, equity incentive awards, severance and change of control benefits, and other employee benefits. We have designed a compensation program that makes a substantial portion of executive pay variable, subject to increase when performance targets are exceeded, and subject to reduction when performance targets are not achieved.

We believe our executive compensation program strikes the appropriate balance between utilizing responsible, measured pay practices and providing incentives to our executives to create value for our stockholders. We believe this is evidenced by the following:

- The mix of compensation among base salary and cash incentives.
  - Generally our compensation policies and practices are uniform across each of our business units and geographic regions.
  - Our bonus plan for executive officers provides for multiple payout levels based on targets established and approved by our Compensation and Nominating Committee during the first quarter of the applicable plan year.
  - We require that minimum threshold performance targets be achieved before any bonuses under our executive cash incentive plan are paid, and bonus payouts under our executive cash incentive plan are capped.
  - We use multiple performance measures under our executive cash incentive plan, including bookings and operating profit.
  - We currently grant equity-based awards to executives under our equity incentive plan subject to multi-year vesting criteria, and require that the executive remain employed through the vesting date to realize the value of these awards.
- The Board endorses the Company's executive compensation program and recommends that stockholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement under "Executive Compensation", including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the tabular and narrative disclosure contained in this proxy statement.

Because the vote is non-binding, neither the Board of Directors nor the Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board will be required to take any action as a result of the outcome of the vote on this proposal. The Compensation and Nominating Committee will carefully consider the outcome of the vote when evaluating future executive compensation arrangements.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Stockholder proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2020 must be received by November 29, 2019 to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting.

Stockholders who wish to make a proposal at the 2020 annual meeting, other than proposals included in our proxy materials, or who wish to nominate individuals for election as directors, must notify us between January 15, 2020 and February 13, 2020. If the stockholder does not notify us by February 13, 2020, the proxies will have discretionary authority to vote on a stockholder's proposal brought before the meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors has no knowledge of any other matter that may come before the annual meeting and does not, itself, currently intend to present any other such matter.

## FORM 10-K

A copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission will be sent to stockholders without charge by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Investor Relations, 60 Acorn Park Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140.

VOTE BY INTERNET Before The Meeting - Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 13, 2019. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form. During The Meeting - Go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019) You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions. VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903 Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 13, 2019. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions. VOTE BY MAIL Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717. FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC. 60 ACORN PARK DRIVE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140 E69455-P19480 For All Withhold All For All Except FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC. To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed, and FOR Proposals 2 and 3. ! ! ! 1. Election of Directors Nominees: 01) Jean M. Birch 02) David Boyce 03) Neil Bradford 04) George F. Colony 05) Anthony Friscia 06) Robert M. Galford 07) Gretchen Teichgraeber 08) Yvonne Wassenaar For Against Abstain ! ! ! 2. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2019. ! ! ! 3. To approve, by non-binding vote, executive compensation. ! For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated. Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). E69456-P19480 FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC. Annual Meeting of Stockholders May 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors. The stockholder(s) hereby appoint(s) George F. Colony and Ryan D. Darrah, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint their substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of common stock of FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC. that the stockholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time on May 14, 2019, online at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/FORR2019), and any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations. Address Changes/Comments: (If you noted any Address Changes and/or Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.) Continued and to be signed on reverse side