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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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# BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 1-10275 (Commission File Number) 75-1914582 (IRS Employment Identification No.)

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Dallas, Texas 75240
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 972-980-9917

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

## Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### **Purchase Agreement**

On September 20, 2016, Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and certain of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries Brinker Restaurant Corporation, Brinker Texas, Inc. and Brinker Florida, Inc. (collectively, the "Guarantors") entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, on behalf of itself and the initial purchasers listed in Schedule 1 therein, under which the Company has agreed to sell \$350 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Notes") which will be guaranteed by the Guarantors on a senior unsecured and joint and several basis.

The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company and the Guarantors. Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to indemnify the initial purchasers against certain liabilities.

Certain of the initial purchasers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking, commercial banking and other financial advisory and commercial dealings with the Company and its affiliates. In particular, affiliates of certain of the initial purchasers are the administrative agent and the joint lead arrangers, bookrunners and lenders under the Company's senior unsecured revolving credit facility.

The summary of the Purchase Agreement set forth in this Item 1.01 does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Senior Notes**

## General

On September 23, 2016 (the "Closing Date"), the Company completed the issuance and sale of \$350 million aggregate principal amount of the Notes in a previously announced private offering. The Notes were sold only to qualified institutional buyers in compliance with Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to non-U.S. persons outside of the United States in compliance with Regulation S of the Securities Act.

#### Indenture

The Notes were issued under the indenture, dated as of the Closing Date (the "Indenture"), by and among the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). A copy of the Indenture is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

*Principal, Maturity and Interest.* The Company issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of the Notes on the Closing Date. The Notes are general, unsecured, senior obligations of the Company. The Notes will mature on October 1, 2024. Interest on the Notes is payable at a rate of 5.000% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on each April 1 and October 1, beginning on April 1, 2017, to holders of record for such Notes on the immediately preceding March 15 and September 15, respectively.

*Optional Redemption.* The Company may redeem all or part of the Notes at any time prior to July 1, 2024, at its option, upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such Notes plus the Applicable Premium (as defined in the Indenture) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date.

At any time and from time to time on or after July 1, 2024, the Company may redeem the Notes in whole or in part, at its option, upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date.

The Company will have the right to redeem the Notes at the applicable purchase price, upon not more 30 days' notice following the consummation of any tender for the Notes, if holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in such tender offer and the Company, or any other person making such tender offer, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn.

Change of Control. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in the Indenture), the Company will be required to offer to repurchase the Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the date of such purchase.

*Note Guarantees.* As of the issue date, the Notes are guaranteed fully and unconditionally, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis (the "Note Guarantees"), by the Guarantors. After the issue date, the Company will cause each of its Subsidiaries (as defined in the Indenture) that guarantees certain other debt to guarantee payment of the Notes on the same terms and conditions as those set forth in the Indenture. In the future, the Note Guarantees may be released or terminated under certain circumstances.

Covenants and Restrictions. The Indenture contains certain covenants, including, but not limited to, limitations and restrictions on the ability of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the Indenture) to (i) create liens on Principal Property (as defined in the Indenture), (ii) enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to any property, and (iii) merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or into any other person or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their property. These covenants are subject to a number of important conditions, qualifications, exceptions and limitations.

Neither the Notes nor the Note Guarantees have been or will be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The descriptions and provisions of the Indenture set forth above are summaries only, are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full and complete terms contained in the Indenture and the form of Notes, copies of which are attached as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement**

On September 23, 2016, the Company entered into a \$300 million accelerated share repurchase agreement (the "ASR Agreement") with Bank of America, N.A. ("BofA"). The Company will acquire shares under the ASR Agreement as part of its previously announced share repurchase program.

Pursuant to the terms of the ASR Agreement, the Company will pay BofA \$300 million in cash and will initially receive approximately 4.6 million shares of the Company's common stock. At and/or prior to final settlement, BofA may be required to deliver additional shares of common stock to the Company or, under certain circumstances, the Company

may be required to deliver shares of its common stock at final settlement or may elect to make a cash payment to BofA, based generally on the average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of the Company's common stock during the term of the ASR Agreement, less a discount. The ASR Agreement contains provisions customary for agreements of this type, including provisions for adjustments to the transaction terms, the circumstances generally under which the ASR Agreement may be accelerated, extended or terminated early by BofA and various acknowledgments, representations and warranties made by the parties to one another. Final settlement of the ASR Agreement is expected to be completed by the end of the Company's fiscal 2017 third quarter, although the settlement may be accelerated at BofA's option.

The foregoing description of the ASR Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the ASR Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosure required by this Item 2.03 is contained in Item 1.01 above and is hereby incorporated by reference.

## Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 20, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing pricing of the Notes. On September 23, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing closing of the Notes and execution of the ASR Agreement. Copies of the press releases are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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The following exhibits are being filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Number	<u>Description</u>
4.1	Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, by and among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	Form of 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (included with Exhibit 4.1).
10.1	Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2016, by and among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative to the initial purchasers.
10.2	Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 23, 2016, by and among the Company and Bank of America, N.A.
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on September 20, 2016.
99.2	Press Release issued by the Company on September 23, 2016.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: September 23, 2016

By: /s/ Scarlett May

Scarlett May

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

## SENIOR NOTES INDENTURE

Dated as of September 23, 2016

Among

## BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

## THE GUARANTORS LISTED ON THE SIGNATURE PAGES HERETO

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

5.000% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2024

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Exhibit C Form of Supplemental Indenture to Be Delivered by Subsequent Guarantors

INDENTURE, dated as of September 23, 2016, among Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors listed on the signature pages hereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the creation of and issue of \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Initial Notes"); and

WHEREAS, the Guarantors have duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes.

#### ARTICLE 1

## DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.01 Definitions.

"Additional Notes" means additional Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued from time to time under this Indenture in accordance with Section 2.01.

"Adjusted Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date and as provided by the Company, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15(519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after July 1, 2024, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date, in each case calculated on the third business day immediately preceding the date that the applicable redemption notice is first mailed or sent, in each case, plus 50 basis points.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with") when used with respect to any Person means possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Agent" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.

"Applicable Premium" means with respect to a Note at any redemption date, as provided by the Company, the excess, if any, of (1) the present value at such redemption date of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest due on such Note through July 1, 2024 (but excluding accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Adjusted Treasury Rate, over (2) the principal amount of such Note on such redemption date.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction means, at any date of determination,

- (a) if such Sale and Leaseback Transaction is a Capital Lease Obligation, the amount of Debt represented thereby according to the definition of "Capital Lease Obligation," and
- (b) in all other instances, the present value (discounted at the interest rate borne by the Notes then outstanding, compounded annually) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the remaining term of the lesse included in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended).
  - "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code, as amended, or any similar federal, state or foreign law for the relief of debtors.
- "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such "person" will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition. The terms "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" have a corresponding meaning.
  - "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board.
- "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification.
- "Business Day" means each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close.
- "Capital Lease Obligations" means any obligation under a lease that is required to be capitalized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP; and the amount of Debt represented by such obligation shall be the capitalized amount of such obligations determined in accordance with GAAP; and the Stated Maturity thereof shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty. For purposes of Section 4.08, a Capital Lease Obligation shall be deemed secured by a Lien on the Property being leased.
- "Capital Markets Debt" means any Debt consisting of bonds, debentures, notes or other similar debt securities issued in (a) a public offering registered under the Securities Act, (b) a private placement to institutional investors that is resold in accordance with Rule 144A or Regulation S of the Securities Act, and/or (c) a placement to institutional investors.
- "Capital Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any shares or other equivalents (however designated) of any class of corporate stock or partnership interests or any other participations, rights, warrants, options or other interests in the nature of an equity interest in such Person, including Preferred Stock, but excluding any debt security convertible or exchangeable into such equity interest.

- "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:
- (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries;
  - (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries) or "group" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- (4) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person (other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries), or any Person (other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries) consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other Property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control solely as a result of the Company becoming a direct or indirect Wholly Owned Subsidiary of another company (whether the Company is directly owned by such company or indirectly through other subsidiaries of such company); provided that no "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) is the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of such company.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating Decline; provided that no Change of Control will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company" means the party named as such in the first paragraph of this Indenture or any successor obligor to its obligations under this Indenture and the Notes pursuant to Article 5.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes from the redemption date to July 1, 2024, that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of a maturity most nearly equal to July 1, 2024.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, if clause (2) of the Adjusted Treasury Rate definition is applicable, the average of two, or such lesser number as is obtained by the Company, Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for any period, the net income or loss of the Company and its Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided, however, that there shall be excluded:

- (1) the net income (loss) of joint ventures will be excluded, except that any amount distributed to the Company and its Subsidiaries during such period shall be included as net income;
- (2) the income or loss of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a consolidated Subsidiary of the Company or is merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its consolidated Subsidiaries or the date that such Person's assets are acquired by the Company or any of its consolidated Subsidiaries;
  - (3) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles; and
- (4) any unrealized foreign currency translation or transaction gains or losses in respect of Debt of Company and its Subsidiaries denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Company or such Subsidiary and any unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses relating to translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies;

*provided*, *further*, *however*, that Consolidated Net Income for any period shall be determined after excluding the effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to the Company and its Subsidiaries) in any line item in the Company's consolidated financial statements in such period pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of purchase accounting in relation to any completed acquisition.

In addition, to the extent not already included in Consolidated Net Income for any period, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Consolidated Net Income shall include (i) any expenses and charges that are reimbursed by indemnification or other reimbursement provisions in connection with any investment or any acquisition and (ii) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as the Company has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (A) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (B) in fact is reimbursed within 365 days of the date of such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption.

"Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (1) the aggregate amount of Funded Debt of the Company and its Subsidiaries then outstanding on a consolidated basis that is secured by Liens as of such date of determination to (2) EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters for which financial statements of the Company are publicly available, in each case with pro forma and other adjustments to each of Funded Debt and EBITDA to reflect any Incurrences or repayments of Funded Debt; provided, however, that for purposes of calculating the amount under clause (1) of this definition on any date of determination, the Company may elect to treat amounts of revolving credit indebtedness committed (but undrawn) pursuant to the Credit Agreement or any Debt Facility that may be Incurred by the Company or its Subsidiaries and which, upon Incurrence, will be secured by a Lien, as outstanding, in which case subsequent borrowings, reborrowings, renewals, replacements and extensions of such revolving credit indebtedness, up to such committed amount elected to be treated as outstanding, shall not be deemed additional Incurrences of Funded Debt requiring calculations under this definition.

For purposes of making the computation referred to above, subject to the following paragraph, Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, amalgamations, consolidations and discontinued operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP), in each case with respect to an operating unit of a business, and any operational changes, business realignment projects or initiatives, restructurings or reorganizations that the Company or any Subsidiary has determined to make and/or made during the four-quarter reference period or subsequent to such reference period and on or prior to or simultaneously with the date of determination (each, for purposes of this definition, a "pro forma event") shall be calculated on a pro forma basis assuming that all such Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, amalgamations, consolidations, discontinued operations and other operational changes, business realignment projects or initiatives, restructurings or reorganizations (and the change in EBITDA resulting therefrom) had occurred on the first day of the four fiscal quarter reference period. If since the beginning of such period any Person that subsequently became a Subsidiary or was merged with or into the Company or any Subsidiary since the beginning of such period shall have made any Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, discontinued operation, operational change, business realignment project or initiative, restructuring or reorganization, in each case with respect to an operating unit of a business, that would have required adjustment pursuant to this definition, then the Secured Debt Ratio shall be calculated giving pro forma effect thereto for such period as if such Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, discontinued operation, operational change, business realignment project or initiative, restructuring or reorganization had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four fiscal quarter reference period.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any pro forma event, the pro forma calculations shall be made in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company including adjustments appropriate, in the good faith determination of the Company to reflect operating expense reductions and other operating improvements or synergies expected to result from the applicable pro forma event); *provided* that (x) such operating expense reductions and other operating improvements or synergies are reasonably identifiable, reasonably attributable to the action specified and reasonably anticipated to result from such actions and such actions have been taken or initiated and the benefits resulting therefrom are anticipated by the Company to be realized within twelve (12) months and (y) no amount shall be included to the extent duplicative of any expenses or charges that are otherwise included in calculating EBITDA.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 12.02 or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Holders and the Company.

"Credit Agreement" means the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2015, among the Company, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and the other agents party thereto, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto dated as of November 13, 2015 and the Second Amendment to Credit Facility dated as of September 13, 2016, together with the related documents thereto (including any guarantees and security documents), as amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time, and any agreement (and related document) governing Debt, including an indenture, Incurred to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue other Debt in exchange or replacement for, in whole or in part, the borrowings and commitments then outstanding under such Credit Agreement or a successor Credit Agreement.

- "Custodian" means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Notes in global form, or any successor entity thereto.
- "Debt" means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination (without duplication):
- (1) the principal of and premium (if any) in respect of:
  - (a) debt of such Person for money borrowed, and
  - (b) debt evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments for the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable;
- (2) (i) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person and (ii) all Attributable Debt in respect of Sale and Leaseback Transactions entered into by such Person;
- (3) all obligations of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of Property, all conditional sale obligations of such Person and all obligations of such Person under any title retention agreement (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business);
- (4) all obligations of such Person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar credit transaction (other than obligations with respect to letters of credit securing obligations (other than obligations described in (1) through (3) of this definition) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit are not drawn upon or, if and to the extent drawn upon, such drawing is reimbursed no later than the fifth business day following receipt by such Person of a demand for reimbursement following payment on the letter of credit);
- (5) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (1) through (4) of other Persons the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable for, directly or indirectly, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, including by means of any guarantee; and
- (6) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (1) through (5) of other Persons secured by any Lien on any Property of such Person (whether or not such obligation is assumed by such Person), the amount of such obligation being deemed to be the lesser of the value of such Property or the amount of the obligation so secured.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with the purchase by the Company or any Subsidiary of any business, the term "Debt" will exclude post-closing payment adjustments to which the seller may become entitled to the extent such payment is determined by a final closing balance sheet or such payment depends on the performance of such business after the closing; *provided*, *however*, that, at the time of closing, the amount of any such payment is not determinable and, to the extent such payment thereafter becomes fixed and determined, the amount is paid within 30 days thereafter.

The amount of Debt of any Person at any date shall be the outstanding balance at such date of all unconditional obligations as described above and the maximum liability, upon the occurrence of the contingency giving rise to the obligation, of any contingent obligations at such date; *provided*, *however*, that in the case of Debt sold at a discount, the amount of such Debt at any time will be the accreted value thereof at such time.

"Debt Facility" means one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement) or commercial paper facilities, securities purchase agreements, indentures or similar agreements, in each case, with banks or other institutional lenders or investors providing for revolving loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from lenders against such receivables), letters of credit or the issuance of debt securities, including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and, in each case, as amended, restated, replaced (whether upon or after termination or otherwise), refinanced, supplemented, modified or otherwise changed (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time.

"Default" means any event, act or condition that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Initial Note or Additional Note (bearing the Restricted Notes Legend if the transfer of such Note is restricted by applicable law) that does not include the Global Notes Legend.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in Section 2.03 as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as Depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"DTC" means the Depository Trust Company.

- "EBITDA" for any period means Consolidated Net Income for such period plus without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income, the sum of:
  - (1) consolidated interest expense for such period,
  - (a) provision for taxes based on income or profits or capital, including state, franchise and similar taxes and foreign withholding taxes of the Company and its Subsidiaries paid or accrued during such period, including any penalties and interest relating to any tax examinations, deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income,
    - (b) consolidated depreciation and amortization for such period,
  - (c) any costs, expenses or charges (including advisory, legal and professional fees) related to any equity offering, investments, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or Incurrence of any Debt (including a refinancing thereof (whether or not successful)), including (A) such fees, expenses or charges related to the offering of the Notes and any Debt Facilities and (B) any amendment or modification of the Notes or any Debt Facility,
  - (d) any restructuring expenses or charges for such period, including charges or expenses related to employee severance or facilities closure and/or consolidation,
    - (e) any extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring fees, expenses or charges for such period,

- (f) all other non-cash losses, expenses and charges of Company and its Subsidiaries for such period (excluding any such non-cash charge to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenditures in any future period), including any impairment charges or asset writedowns.
- (g) any non-cash compensation expense, including expenses recorded from grants of stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock or other rights to officers, directors or employees, and in connection with options, restricted stock, restricted stock units or other equity level awards under any Company incentive plan,
  - (h) rent expense as determined in accordance with GAAP not actually paid in cash during such period,
- (i) any losses attributable to sales of assets (including pursuant to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction) out of the ordinary course of business or losses due to the early repayment of Debt or Hedging Obligations,
  - (j) any net after tax losses on disposal of discontinued operations,
- (k) any modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans, settlement costs incurred to annuitize retirees or facilitate lump-sum buyout offers under pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans or mark-to-market adjustments under pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans,
- (l) the amount of any minority interest expense attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary deducted (and not added back) in such period in calculating Consolidated Net Income,
- (m) unrealized or realized foreign exchange losses resulting from the impact of foreign currency changes on the valuation of assets or liabilities on the balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries,
  - (n) the amount of loss on sale of securitization assets and related assets in connection with any securitization financing, and
- (o) any net non-cash unrealized loss resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business and made in accordance with ASC No. 815—Derivatives and Hedging;

minus

- (2) without duplication
  - (a) consolidated income tax benefit for such period,
- (b) any gains attributable to sales of assets out of the ordinary course of business (including pursuant to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction),
  - (c) any net after tax gains on disposal of discontinued operations,
- (d) any net non-cash unrealized gain resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business and made in accordance with ASC No. 815—Derivatives and Hedging,

- (e) extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring item of income for such period,
- (f) rent expense paid in cash that is in excess of rent expense for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP,
- (g) the amount of any minority interest income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary added (and not deducted) in such period from Consolidated Net Income, and
- (h) unrealized or realized foreign exchange gains resulting from the impact of foreign currency changes on the valuation of assets or liabilities on the balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries.
- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.
- "Funded Debt" means all Debt described in clause (1), (2)(i) or (4) (but, in the case of (4), only to the extent such unreimbursed letters of credit remain outstanding for 30 days or more) of the definition thereof having a maturity of more than twelve months from the date as of which the determination is made or having a maturity of twelve months or less but by its terms being renewable or extendable beyond twelve months from such date at the option of the borrower, excluding any Debt owed to the Company or its Subsidiaries, to the extent such Debt would appear as a liability on the balance sheet of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP.
  - "GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect on the Issue Date, including those set forth:
  - (1) in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants,
  - (2) in the statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board,
  - (3) in such other statements by such other entity as approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, and
  - (4) the rules and regulations of the SEC governing the inclusion of financial statements (including pro forma financial statements) in periodic reports required to be filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, including opinions and pronouncements in staff accounting bulletins and similar written statements from the accounting staff of the SEC.

"Government Obligations" means securities which are direct obligations of the United States or obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer or issuers thereof, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligations or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depositary receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the Government Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

- "guarantee" means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Debt of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:
  - (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Debt of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise), or
  - (2) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Debt of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

provided, however, that the term "guarantee" shall not include:

- (1) endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business, or
- (2) a contractual commitment by one Person to invest in another Person for so long as such Investment is reasonably expected to constitute an Investment by the Company or a Subsidiary in any Person if as a result of such Investment such Person is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all its Property to, the Company or a Subsidiary, provided that such Person's primary business is a Related Business.

The term "guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning. The term "guarantor" shall mean any Person guaranteeing any obligation.

"*Guarantee*" means, individually, any guarantee of payment of the Notes and the Company's other obligations under this Indenture by a Guarantor pursuant to the terms of this Indenture and any supplemental indenture hereto, and, collectively, all such Guarantees.

"Guarantor" means each Subsidiary of the Company that executes this Indenture as a guarantor on the Issue Date and each other Subsidiary of the Company, that thereafter executes a supplemental indenture providing its Guarantee pursuant to the terms of this Indenture until, in each case, such Subsidiary is released from its Guarantee in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"Hedging Obligations" of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any interest rate agreement, currency agreement or commodity agreement.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Incur" means, with respect to any Debt or other obligation of any Person, to create, issue, incur (by merger, conversion, exchange or otherwise), extend, assume, guarantee or become liable in respect of such Debt or other obligation or the recording, as required pursuant to GAAP or otherwise, of any such Debt or obligation on the balance sheet of such Person (and "Incurrence" and "Incurred" shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing); provided, however, that any Debt or other obligations of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Subsidiary at the time it becomes a Subsidiary.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Initial Notes" has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

"Interest Payment Date" means April 1 and October 1 of each year to stated maturity of the Notes.

"Investment" by any Person means any direct or indirect loan (other than advances to customers in the ordinary course of business that are recorded as accounts receivable on the balance sheet of such Person), advance or other extension of credit or capital contribution (by means of transfers of cash or other Property to others or payments for Property or services for the account or use of others, or otherwise) to, or Incurrence of a guarantee of any obligation of, or purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities or evidence of Debt issued by, any other Person.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or any other equivalent rating by any Rating Agency, in each case, with a stable or better outlook.

"Issue Date" means September 23, 2016.

"Lien" means, with respect to any Property of any Person, any mortgage or deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, security interest, lien, charge, encumbrance, preference, priority or other security interest (including any Capital Lease Obligation, conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing or any Sale and Leaseback Transaction).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, and its successors.

"Notes" means the Initial Notes and more particularly means any Note authenticated and delivered under this Indenture. For all purposes of this Indenture, the term "Notes" shall also include any Additional Notes that may be issued under a supplemental indenture and Notes to be issued or authenticated upon transfer, replacement or exchange of Notes.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), other monetary obligations, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under the documentation governing any indebtedness.

"Offering Memorandum" means the offering memorandum dated September 20, 2016 related to the offer and sale of the Notes.

"Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or any Executive Vice President of the Company.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers of the Company, at least one of whom shall be the principal executive officer or principal financial officer of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company (including any limited liability company), association, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Preferred Stock" means any Capital Stock of a Person, however designated, that entitles the holder thereof to a preference with respect to the payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of any other class of Capital Stock issued by such Person.

"Principal Property" means all restaurant or related equipment and real property, in each case which is owned by the Company or a Subsidiary and which constitutes all or part of any restaurant located within the United States or Canada.

"*Property*" means, with respect to any Person, any interest of such Person in any kind of property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible, including Capital Stock in, and other securities of, any other Person.

"Quotation Agent" means the Reference Treasury Dealer selected by the Company.

"Rating Agency" means each of Moody's and S&P; provided, that if any of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside our control, the Company may appoint another "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act as a replacement for such Rating Agency; provided, that the Company shall give notice of such appointment to the Trustee.

"Ratings Category" means (i) with respect to S&P, any of the following categories: BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D (or equivalent successor categories), (ii) with respect to Moody's, any of the following categories: Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C and D (or equivalent successor categories) and (iii) the equivalent of any such category of S&P or Moody's used by a replacement Rating Agency selected by the Company under the circumstances permitting the Company to select a replacement Rating Agency and in the manner for selecting a replacement Rating Agency, in each case as set forth in the definition of "Rating Agency". In determining whether the rating of the Notes has decreased by one or more gradations, gradations within ratings categories (+ and – for S&P; 1, 2 and 3 for Moody's; or the equivalent gradations for another Rating Agency) shall be taken into account (e.g., with respect to S&P, a decline in rating from BB+ to BB, as well as from BB to B+, will constitute a decrease of one gradation).

"Rating Decline" means, on any date during the period (the "Trigger Period") commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by us of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as any of the Rating Agencies has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change), (1) the ratings of the Notes are lowered by at least one of the Rating Agencies by one or more gradations (including gradations within Ratings Categories, as well as between Ratings Categories) and (2) the Notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by at least one of the Rating Agencies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Rating Decline otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Rating Decline for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance constituting or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Rating Decline).

- "Record Date" for the interest payable on any applicable Interest Payment Date means the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day) next preceding such Interest Payment Date.
- "Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and its successors and assigns or Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and its successors and assigns.
- "Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Company by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second business day immediately preceding the date that the applicable redemption notice is first mailed or sent.
- "Related Business" means any business that is related, ancillary or complementary to the businesses of the Company and the Subsidiaries on the Issue Date.
- "Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee having direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, or any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.
- "Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Company, other than any Subsidiary of the Company that meets one or more of the following conditions:
  - (1) majority of the operating assets of such Subsidiary is located, or the principal business is carried on, outside the United States and Canada, or which, during the twelve most recent calendar months (or if such Subsidiary has been organized or formed within the last twelve months, such shorter period elapsed since its organization or formation), derived the majority of its gross revenues from sources outside the United States or Canada;
  - (2) the principal business of such Subsidiary consists of financing or assisting in the financing of dealers, distributors or other customers to facilitate (x) the acquisition or disposition of our products or of any of our Subsidiaries or (y) obtaining equipment or machinery used in this acquisition or disposition;
    - (3) the principal business of such Subsidiary consists of owning, leasing, dealing in or developing real property; or
  - (4) substantially all of the assets of such Subsidiary consist of securities of Subsidiaries described in one or more of clauses (1) through (3) of this definition.
    - "S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.
- "Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means any direct or indirect arrangement relating to Property now owned or hereafter acquired whereby the Company or a Subsidiary transfers such Property to another Person and the Company or a Subsidiary leases it from such Person.

- "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.
- "Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that would be a "Significant Subsidiary" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w)(1) or (2) under Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.
- "Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any security, the date specified in such security as the fixed date on which the payment of principal of such security is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase of such security at the option of the holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency beyond the control of the issuer unless such contingency has occurred).

"Subsidiary" means, in respect of any Person, any corporation, company (including any limited liability company), association, partnership, joint venture or other business entity of which a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by:

- (1) such Person,
- (2) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or
- (3) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.
- "Transfer Restricted Notes" means Definitive Notes and any other Notes that bear or are required to bear the Restricted Notes Legend.
- "Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.
- *"Trustee"* means U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.
- "Voting Stock" of any Person means all classes of Capital Stock or other interests (including partnership interests) of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or Trustees thereof.
- "Wholly Owned Subsidiary" means, at any time, a Subsidiary all the Voting Stock of which (except directors' qualifying shares) is at such time owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company and its other Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

#### Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

<u>Term</u>	Defined in Section
"Agent Members"	2.1(c) of Appendix A
"Applicable Procedures"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Authentication Order"	2.02(c)
"Change of Control Offer"	4.10(a)
"Change of Control Payment"	4.10(a)
"Change of Control Payment Date"	4.10(a)

<u>Term</u>	Defined in Section
"Clearstream"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.03
"Definitive Notes Legend"	2.2(e) of Appendix A
"Distribution Compliance Period"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"ERISA Legend"	2.2(e) of Appendix A
"Euroclear"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Event of Default"	6.01(a)
"Expiration Date"	1.05(j)
"Global Note"	2.1(b) of Appendix A
"Global Notes Legend"	2.2(e) of Appendix A
"Guaranteed Obligations"	10.01(a)
"IAI"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"IAI Global Note"	2.1(b) of Appendix A
"Legal Defeasance"	8.02(a)
"Note Register"	2.03(a)
"Paying Agent"	2.03(a)
"QIB"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Registrar"	2.03(a)
"Regulation S"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Regulation S Global Note"	2.1(b) of Appendix A
"Regulation S Notes"	2.1(a) of Appendix A
"Restricted Notes Legend"	2.2(e) of Appendix A
"Rule 144"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Rule 144A"	1.1(a) of Appendix A
"Rule 144A Global Note"	2.1(b) of Appendix A
"Rule 144A Notes"	2.1(a) of Appendix A
"Successor Company"	5.01(a)
"Successor Guarantor"	5.01(c)

## Section 1.03 Rules of Construction.

"Unrestricted Global Note"

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) a term defined in Section 1.01 or 1.02 has the meaning assigned to it therein, and a term used herein that is defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, shall have the meaning assigned to it therein;

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- (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (3) "or" is not exclusive;
- (4) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;
- (5) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

- (6) unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Appendix," "Article," "Section," "clause," "Schedule" or "Exhibit" refers to an Appendix, Article, Section, clause, Schedule or Exhibit, as the case may be, of this Indenture;
- (7) the words "herein," "hereof" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not any particular Article, Section, clause or other subdivision;
  - (8) "including" means including without limitation;
- (9) references to sections of, or rules under, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;
- (10) unless otherwise provided, references to agreements and other instruments shall be deemed to include all amendments and other modifications to such agreements or instruments, but only to the extent such amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Indenture; and
- (11) in the event that a transaction meets the criteria of more than one category of permitted transactions or listed exceptions, the Company may classify such transaction as it, in its sole discretion, determines.

#### Section 1.04 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the Trust Indenture Act as applicable to this Indenture, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following Trust Indenture Act terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

- "Commission" means the SEC;
- "indenture securities" means the Notes;
- "indenture security holder" means a Holder of a Note;
- "indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;
- "indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and
- "obligor" on the Notes and the Guarantees means the Company and the Guarantors, respectively, and any successor obligor upon the Notes and the Guarantees, respectively.

#### Section 1.05 Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments or record or both are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company and the Guarantors. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or the holding by any Person of a Note, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 7.01) conclusive in favor of the Trustee, the Company and the Guarantors, if made in the manner provided in this Section 1.05.

- (b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved (1) by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof or (2) in any other manner deemed reasonably sufficient by the Trustee. Where such execution is by or on behalf of any legal entity other than an individual, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute proof of the authority of the Person executing the same. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient.
  - (c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.
- (d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Note shall bind every future Holder of the same Note and the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Trustee, the Company or the Guarantors in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.
- (e) The Company may set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of Holders entitled to make, give or take any request, demand, authorization, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, or to vote on or consent to any action authorized or permitted to be taken by Holders; *provided* that the Company may not set a record date for, and the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to, the giving or making of any notice, declaration, request or direction referred to in clause (f) below. Unless otherwise specified, if not set by the Company prior to the first solicitation of a Holder made by any Person in respect of any such action, or in the case of any such vote, prior to such vote, any such record date shall be the later of 30 days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or vote or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished to the Trustee prior to such solicitation or vote. If any record date is set pursuant to this clause (e), the Holders on such record date, and only such Holders, shall be entitled to make, give or take such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action (including revocation of any action), whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; *provided* that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless made, given or taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Notes, or each affected Holder, as applicable, on such record date. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Company, at its own expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Trustee in writing and to each Holder in the manner set forth in Section 12.02.
- (f) The Trustee may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to join in the giving or making of (1) any notice of default under Section 6.01(a), (2) any declaration of acceleration referred to in Section 6.02, (3) any direction referred to in Section 6.05 or (4) any request to pursue a remedy as permitted in Section 6.06. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to join in such notice, declaration, request or direction, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; *provided* that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless made, given or taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Notes or each affected Holder, as applicable, on such record date. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Trustee, at the Company's expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Company and to each Holder in the manner set forth in Section 12.02.

- (g) Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled to take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Note may do so with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Note or by one or more duly appointed agents, each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any part of such principal amount. Any notice given or action taken by a Holder or its agents with regard to different parts of such principal amount pursuant to this paragraph shall have the same effect as if given or taken by separate Holders of each such different part.
- (h) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Holder, including a Depositary that is the Holder of a Global Note, may make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders, and a Depositary that is the Holder of a Global Note may provide its proxy or proxies to the beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Note through such Depositary's standing instructions and customary practices.
- (i) The Company may fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Persons who are beneficial owners of interests in any Global Note held by a Depositary entitled under the procedures of such Depositary, if any, to make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders; *provided* that if such a record date is fixed, only the beneficial owners of interests in such Global Note on such record date or their duly appointed proxy or proxies shall be entitled to make, give or take such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action, whether or not such beneficial owners remain beneficial owners of interests in such Global Note after such record date. No such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action shall be effective hereunder unless made, given or taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date.
- (j) With respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section 1.05, the party hereto that sets such record date may designate any day as the "Expiration Date" and from time to time may change the Expiration Date to any earlier or later day; provided that no such change shall be effective unless notice of the proposed new Expiration Date is given to the other party hereto in writing, and to each Holder of Notes in the manner set forth in Section 12.02, on or prior to both the existing and the new Expiration Date. If an Expiration Date is not designated with respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section 1.05, the party hereto which set such record date shall be deemed to have initially designated the 90th day after such record date as the Expiration Date with respect thereto, subject to its right to change the Expiration Date as provided in this clause (j).

#### ARTICLE 2

#### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.01 Form and Dating; Terms.

(a) Provisions relating to the Initial Notes, Additional Notes and any other Notes issued under this Indenture are set forth in Appendix A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall each be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, rules or agreements with national securities exchanges to which the Company or any Guarantor is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

The Notes shall be subject to repurchase by the Company pursuant to a Change of Control Offer as provided in Section 4.10, and otherwise as not prohibited by this Indenture. The Notes shall not be redeemable, other than as provided in Article 3.

Additional Notes ranking *pari passu* with the Initial Notes may be created and issued from time to time by the Company without notice to or consent of the Holders and shall be consolidated with and form a single class with the Initial Notes and shall have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise (other than issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first Interest Payment Date and the first date from which interest will accrue) as the Initial Notes; provided that if any such Additional Notes are not fungible for tax purposes with the Initial Notes, such Additional Notes will have one or more separate CUSIP numbers. Any Additional Notes shall be issued with the benefit of an indenture supplemental to this Indenture.

#### Section 2.02 Execution and Authentication.

- (a) At least one Officer shall execute the Notes on behalf of the Company by manual or facsimile signature. If an Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid.
- (b) A Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been duly authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.
- (c) On the Issue Date, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by an Officer (an "Authentication Order"), authenticate and deliver the Initial Notes. In addition, at any time and from time to time, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate and deliver any Additional Notes in an aggregate principal amount specified in such Authentication Order for such Additional Notes issued hereunder.
- (d) The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders, the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.
- (e) The Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery upon a written order of the Company signed by one Officer of the Company (a) Initial Notes for original issue on the Issue Date in an aggregate principal amount of \$350,000,000, (b) subject to the terms of this Indenture, Additional Notes and (c) any Unrestricted Global Notes issued in exchange for any of the foregoing in accordance with this Indenture. Such order shall specify the amount of the Notes to be authenticated, the date on which the original issue of Notes is to be authenticated and whether the Notes are to be Initial Notes, Additional Notes or other Unrestricted Global Notes.

## Section 2.03 Registrar and Paying Agent.

- (a) The Company shall maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and at least one office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes ("Note Register") and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar, and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to any Holder. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.
- (b) The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes. The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

## Section 2.04 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall, no later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on each due date for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on any of the Notes, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay such amount, such sum to be held in trust for the Holders entitled to the same, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act. The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that such Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by such Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee, a Paying Agent shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

## Section 2.05 Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 312(b). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least two Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders, and the Company shall otherwise comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 312(a).

#### Section 2.06 Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be transferable only upon the surrender of a Note for registration of transfer and in compliance with Appendix A.

- (b) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 or at the Registrar's request.
- (c) No service charge shall be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange (other than pursuant to Section 2.07), but the Holders shall be required to pay any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.06, 4.10 and 9.05).
- (d) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
- (e) Neither the Company nor the Registrar shall be required (1) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (2) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption, or tendered for repurchase (and not withdrawn) in connection with a Change of Control Offer, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed or unpurchased portion of any Note being redeemed or repurchased in part or (3) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal, premium, if any, and (subject to the Record Date provisions of the Notes) interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (g) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 4.02, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more replacement Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount.
- (h) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Global Notes or Definitive Notes are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail, the replacement Global Notes and Definitive Notes which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to in accordance with the provisions of Appendix A.
- (i) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by mail or by facsimile or electronic transmission.

## Section 2.07 Replacement Notes.

If a mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or if a Holder claims that its Note has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the ownership and loss, destruction or theft of such Note, the Company shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are

otherwise met. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be provided by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company may charge the Holder for the expenses of the Company and the Trustee in replacing a Note. Every replacement Note is a contractual obligation of the Company and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.07, in case any mutilated, lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken Note has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Note, pay such Note.

#### Section 2.08 Outstanding Notes.

- (a) The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section 2.08 as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Note; *provided* that Notes held by the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company will not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of Section 3.07(b).
- (b) If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a protected purchaser, as such term is defined in Section 8-303 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the State of New York.
- (c) If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue from and after the date of such payment.
- (d) If a Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on the maturity date, any redemption date or any date of purchase pursuant to a Change of Control Offer, money sufficient to pay Notes payable or to be redeemed or purchased on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

## Section 2.09 Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes beneficially owned by the Company, or by any Affiliate of the Company, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned which have been pledged in good faith shall not be disregarded if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to deliver any such direction, waiver or consent with respect to the Notes and that the pledgee is not the Company or any obligor upon the Notes or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor.

## Section 2.10 Temporary Notes.

Until definitive Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of definitive Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes. Holders and beneficial holders, as the case may be, of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits accorded to Holders, or beneficial holders, respectively, of Notes under this Indenture.

#### Section 2.11 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee or, at the direction of the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall destroy cancelled Notes in accordance with its customary procedures (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act). Certification of the destruction of all cancelled Notes shall, upon the written request of the Company, be delivered to the Company may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

#### Section 2.12 Defaulted Interest.

(a) If the Company defaults in a payment of principal or interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted principal or interest, as the case may be, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such defaulted interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such defaulted interest as provided in this Section 2.12. The Trustee shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; *provided* that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such special record date. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) shall mail or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary to each Holder a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

(b) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.12 and for greater certainty, each Note delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Note shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue interest, which were carried by such other Note.

#### Section 2.13 CUSIP and ISIN Numbers

The Company in issuing the Notes may use CUSIP or ISIN numbers (if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use CUSIP or ISIN numbers in notices of redemption or exchange or in Change of Control Offers as a convenience to Holders; *provided* that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption or exchange or in Change of Control Offers and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption or exchange or Change of Control Offer shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company shall as promptly as practicable notify the Trustee in writing of any change in the CUSIP or ISIN numbers.

#### ARTICLE 3

#### REDEMPTION

## Section 3.01 Notices to Trustee.

If the Company elects to redeem Notes pursuant to Section 3.07, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least two Business Days before notice of redemption is required to be mailed or caused to be mailed to Holders pursuant to Section 3.03 (unless a shorter notice shall be agreed to by the Trustee) but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officers' Certificate setting forth (1) the paragraph or subparagraph of such Note or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (2) the redemption date, (3) the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (4) the redemption price, if then ascertainable.

#### Section 3.02 Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed or Purchased.

- (a) If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed pursuant to Section 3.07 or purchased in a Change of Control Offer at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed or purchased (1) if the Notes are listed on any national securities exchange, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the Notes are listed or (2) if the Notes are not so listed, on a *pro rata* basis, in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary or by such other method as the Trustee in its sole discretion deems to be fair and appropriate. In the event of partial redemption or purchase by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed or purchased shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Trustee from the then outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption or purchase.
- (b) The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption or purchase and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption or purchase, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed or purchased. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000; provided that no Notes of \$2,000 in principal amount or less shall be redeemed in part. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption or purchase also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption or purchase.
- (c) After the redemption date or purchase date, upon surrender of a Note to be redeemed or purchased in part only, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed or unpurchased portion of the original Note, representing the same indebtedness to the extent not redeemed or not purchased, shall be issued in the name of the Holder of the Notes upon cancellation of the original Note (or appropriate book entries shall be made to reflect such partial redemption).

## Section 3.03 Notice of Redemption.

(a) The Company shall mail or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary, or cause to be mailed (or delivered by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary) notices of redemption of Notes not less than 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed pursuant to this Article at such Holder's registered address or otherwise in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with Article 8 or Article 11. Except as set forth in Section 3.07(f), notices of redemption may not be conditional.

- (b) The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed (including CUSIP and ISIN number, if applicable) and shall state:
- (1) the redemption date;
- (2) the redemption price, including the portion thereof representing any accrued and unpaid interest; *provided* that in connection with a redemption under Section 3.07(a), the notice need not set forth the redemption price but only the manner of calculation thereof;
  - (3) if any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount of that Note that is to be redeemed;
  - (4) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (6) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment or the Paying Agent is prohibited from making such payment pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
- (7) the paragraph or subparagraph of the Notes or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed;
- (8) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP or ISIN number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes; and
  - (9) if applicable, any condition to such redemption.
- (c) At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at the Company's expense; *provided* that the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least two Business Days before notice of redemption is required to be sent or caused to be sent to Holders pursuant to this Section 3.03 (unless a shorter notice shall be agreed to by the Trustee), an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in Section 3.03(b).

## Section 3.04 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.03, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price (except as provided for in Section 3.07(f)). The notice, if mailed or delivered by electronic transmission in a manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note designated for redemption in whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Note. Subject to Section 3.05, on and after the redemption date, interest ceases to accrue on Notes or portions of Notes called for redemption.

#### Section 3.05 Deposit of Redemption or Purchase Price.

- (a) No later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the redemption or purchase date (or such later time as such date to which the Trustee may reasonably agree), the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption or purchase price of and accrued and unpaid interest on all Notes to be redeemed or purchased on that date. If a Note is redeemed or purchased on or after a Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Holder of record on such Record Date. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed or repurchased the applicable redemption or purchase price thereof and accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption or purchase price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed or purchased.
- (b) If the Company complies with the provisions of Section 3.05(a), on and after the redemption or purchase date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption or purchase. If a Note is redeemed or purchased on or after a Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption or purchase date in respect of such Note will be paid on such redemption or purchase date to the Person in whose name such Note is registered at the close of business on such Record Date. If any Note called for redemption or purchase shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption or purchase because of the failure of the Company to comply with Section 3.05(a), interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption or purchase date until such principal is paid, and, to the extent lawful, on any interest accrued to but excluding the redemption or purchase date not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01.

## Section 3.06 Notes Redeemed or Purchased in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed or purchased in part, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail to the Holder (or cause to be transferred by book entry) at the expense of the Company a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed or unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered representing the same indebtedness to the extent not redeemed or purchased; *provided* that each new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. It is understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, only an Authentication Order and not an Opinion of Counsel or Officers' Certificate is required for the Trustee to authenticate such new Note.

#### Section 3.07 Optional Redemption

- (a) At any time prior to July 1, 2024, the Company may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice pursuant to Section 3.03 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to but excluding the redemption date. Promptly after the determination thereof, the Company shall give the Trustee notice of the redemption price provided for in this Section 3.07(a), and the Trustee shall not be responsible for such calculation.
  - (b) Except pursuant to clauses (a) and (d) of this Section 3.07, the Notes shall not be redeemable at the Company's option prior to July 1, 2024.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2024, the Company may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice pursuant to Section 3.03 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with any tender for Notes, if Holders of not less than 90% in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in such tender offer and the Company, or any other Person making such tender offer, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon notice given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to such tender offer, to redeem all of the Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a price in cash equal to the price offered to each Holder in such tender offer, plus, to the extent not included in the tender offer payment, accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the date of redemption.
  - (e) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06.
- (f) Any redemption or notice of any redemption may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, completion of an equity offering, other offering or other corporate transaction or event. If such redemption or notice is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice shall describe each such condition, and if applicable, shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied, or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed. The Company shall provide written notice to the Trustee prior to the close of business two Business Days prior to the redemption date if any such redemption has been rescinded or delayed, and upon receipt the Trustee shall provide such notice to each Holder of the Notes in the same manner in which the notice of redemption was given.

## Section 3.08 Mandatory Redemption.

The Company will not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

### ARTICLE 4

### **COVENANTS**

# Section 4.01 Payment of Notes.

- (a) The Company will pay, or cause to be paid, the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary, holds as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City) time, on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.
- (b) The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, at the rate equal to the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

## Section 4.02 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company shall maintain an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company and the Guarantors in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Company may also from time to time designate additional offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.03.

### Section 4.03 Taxes.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments and governmental levies except (a) such as are being contested in good faith and by appropriate negotiations or proceedings or (b) where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders.

## Section 4.04 Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

The Company and each Guarantor covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company and each Guarantor (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenant that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

## Section 4.05 Corporate Existence.

Subject to Article 5, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect (1) its corporate existence and the corporate, partnership, limited liability company or other existence of each of its Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Subsidiary and (2) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries; *provided* that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership, limited liability company or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries, if the Company in good faith shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

## Section 4.06 Reports and Other Information.

(a) Notwithstanding that the Company may not be subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company will file with the SEC within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations that are then applicable to the Company (or if the Company is not then subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, then the time periods for filing applicable to a filer that is not an "accelerated filer" as defined in such rules and regulations)

and make available to the Trustee and Holders within 15 days thereafter, such annual reports and such information, documents and other reports as are specified in Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act and applicable to a U.S. corporation subject to such Sections; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall not be so obligated to file such reports with the SEC if the SEC does not permit such filing, in which event the Company shall make available such information to the Trustee and the Holders within 15 days after the time the Company would be required to file such information with the SEC if it were subject to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(b) The Company will be deemed to have furnished such reports referred to in Section 4.06(a) to the Trustee and the Holders if the Company has filed such reports with the SEC via the EDGAR filing system and such reports are publicly available.

### Section 4.07 Compliance Certificate.

- (a) The Company will deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year ending after the Issue Date, a certificate from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officer with a view to determining whether the Company and each Restricted Subsidiary and Guarantor have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled their obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge, the Company and each Restricted Subsidiary and Guarantor have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every condition and covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company and each Restricted Subsidiary and Guarantor are taking or propose to take with respect thereto).
- (b) When any Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture, the Company will promptly (which shall be within 10 Business Days following the date on which the Company becomes aware of such Default, receives notice of such Default or becomes aware of such action, as applicable) send to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying such event, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

## Section 4.08 Limitation on Liens.

- (a) Neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary will Incur any Debt secured by a Lien on any Principal Property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or on shares of Capital Stock or Debt issued by any Restricted Subsidiary and owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, whether the Principal Property, shares of Capital Stock or Debt were owned on the Issue Date or acquired after the Issue Date, without providing that the Notes (and, in the case of a Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor, its Guarantee) will be concurrently secured equally and ratably with (or, at the Company's option, prior to) all other Debt also secured so long as such Debt is secured. Any Lien created for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes pursuant to the preceding sentence shall provide by its terms that such Lien will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon release and discharge of the initial Lien.
  - (b) The provisions of Section 4.08(a) will not prohibit the Incurrence of the following Liens:  $\frac{1}{2}$ 
    - (1) Liens existing on the Issue Date;

- (2) Liens on any Principal Property acquired, constructed or improved by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date which are created or assumed at the time of, or within 180 days of the acquisition, construction or improvement, to secure or provide for the payment of all or any part of the cost of such acquisition, construction or improvement;
- (3) Liens on Property existing at the time such Property is acquired by the Company whether by merger, consolidation, purchase, lease or some other method, including Liens existing at the time that a Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided*, *however*, that any such Lien may not extend to any other Property of the Company or any Subsidiary; *provided*, *further*, that such Lien shall not have been Incurred in anticipation of or in connection with the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Property was acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary;
  - (4) Liens in favor of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (5) Liens in favor of the state or federal government, any department, agency or subdivision of any state or federal government, or Canada or any political subdivision of Canada, (i) to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments, (ii) to secure other contractual or statutory obligations or (iii) to secure any Debt Incurred to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving the Property that is subject to the Lien, including Liens Incurred in connection with pollution control, industrial revenue or similar financings;
- (6) Liens on any Property created, assumed or otherwise brought into existence in contemplation of the sale or other disposition of the underlying Property, whether directly or indirectly, by way of share disposition or otherwise, if (a) such Property is disposed of within 180 days after the creation of such Liens and (b) the Debt secured by such Liens are without recourse to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective assets (other than such Property);
- (7) Liens imposed by law, including mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, materialmen's, carriers', warehousemen's, vendors' or other liens arising in the ordinary course of business, or federal, state or municipal Liens arising out of contracts for the sale of products or services by us or any Restricted Subsidiary, or deposits or pledges to obtain the release of any of these Liens;
  - (8) pledges or deposits under workmen's compensation or similar laws or under other circumstances;
- (9) Liens in connection with legal proceedings, including Liens arising out of judgments or awards, contested in good faith by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, or Liens Incurred by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to obtain a stay or discharge in the course of legal proceedings, in each case, to the extent not constituting an Event of Default under Section 6.01(a)(6);
- (10) Liens for taxes or assessments not yet due or delinquent, or which can be paid without penalty, or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate GAAP reserves are being maintained;
  - (11) Liens consisting of restrictions on the use of real property which do not interfere materially with the property's use or value;

- (12) any extension, renewal or replacement, as a whole or in part, of any Lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses (1), (2), (3) or (6) or clause (13) below; *provided* that (a) the extension, renewal or replacement Lien must, however, be limited to all or part of the same Property, shares of Capital Stock or Debt that secured the Lien being extended, renewed or replaced, plus improvements on the Property and (b) the Debt secured by the Lien at that time must not be increased;
  - (13) Liens securing the Notes and the Guarantees; and
- (14) Liens securing the Credit Agreement or any securitization financing up to an aggregate principal amount then outstanding and secured by Liens not otherwise permitted not to exceed \$1,000,000,000.
- (c) Clause (a) of this Section 4.08 also does not apply if, at the time and after giving effect to the Incurrence of any Debt secured by a Lien and any related retirement of Debt secured by a Lien, the aggregate amount of all outstanding Debt secured by Liens which would otherwise have been subject to such restrictions (excluding any Debt secured by Liens permitted pursuant to clauses (1) through (13) of Section 4.08(b), but including any Debt then outstanding that is secured by Liens permitted pursuant to clause (14) of Section 4.08(b)), plus (y) the aggregate amount of outstanding Attributable Debt of all Sale and Leaseback Transactions entered into in reliance on Section 4.11(a)(3) of does not exceed such amount that would cause the Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio (for the avoidance of doubt, calculated after giving effect to any Debt then outstanding that is secured pursuant to clause (14) of Section 4.08(b) and any Debt then outstanding Incurred pursuant to clause (1)(y) of Section 4.11(a) to exceed 2.50 to 1.00.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, neither the Credit Agreement nor any extension, renewal or replacement or refunding thereof shall be secured pursuant to clause (1) or (12) of Section 4.08(b), as the Credit Agreement will be unsecured on the Issue Date.
- (e) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.08 and Section 4.11 in the event that Debt secured by a Lien (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of permitted Liens described in clauses (1) through (14) of Section 4.08(b) or is entitled to be Incurred pursuant to clause (c) of this Section 4.08, then the Company may, in its sole discretion, classify or reclassify, or later divide, classify or reclassify (as if Incurred at such later time), such Debt secured by a Lien (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this Section 4.08.

## Section 4.09 Future Guarantors.

(a) The Company will cause each Subsidiary that guarantees any (i) Debt Facility of the Company or any Guarantor or (ii) Capital Markets Debt issued by the Company or any Guarantor, in each case, with an aggregate principal amount or commitment amount, as the case may be, of \$75,000,000 or more, to, within 60 days of the Incurrence of such guarantee, execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture to this Indenture, the form of which is attached as Exhibit C, pursuant to which such Subsidiary will irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee, on a joint and several basis, the full and prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest in respect of the Notes and all other Obligations under this Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth in Article 10.

### Section 4.10 Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem all of the Notes pursuant to Section 3.07, the Company shall make an offer to purchase all of the Notes (the "*Change of Control Offer*") at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the

principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"), subject to the right of Holders of record on a Record Date to receive any interest due on the Interest Payment Date falling on or prior to the date of purchase. Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, or at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the pending Change of Control, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem all of the Notes pursuant to Section 3.07, the Company shall send, by first class mail (or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC), a notice to each Holder of Notes, with a copy to the Trustee, which notice will govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer, stating:

- (1) that a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred and that such Holder has the right to require us to purchase such Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the date of purchase;
  - (2) the circumstances that constitute or may constitute such Change of Control Triggering Event;
- (3) the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent, other than as may be required by law (the "Change of Control Payment Date"); and
- (4) the instructions, as determined by us, consistent with the covenant described hereunder, that a Holder must follow in order to have its Notes purchased.

The notice, if sent prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control being consummated on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date. A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control Triggering Event, conditional upon such Change of Control Triggering Event, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making of such Change of Control Offer.

- (b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful:
- (1) accept or cause a third party to accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit or cause a third party to deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being repurchased.
- (c) The Paying Agent shall promptly mail (or otherwise deliver in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary) to each Holder of Notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or otherwise deliver in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary) (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, no Opinion of Counsel or Officers' Certificate will be required for the Trustee to authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note) equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

- (d) If the Change of Control Payment Date is on or after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest to the Change of Control Payment Date will be paid on the Change of Control Payment Date to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such Record Date.
- (e) The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if a third party involved in the applicable Change of Control makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Section 4.10 applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all the Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.
- (f) The Company will comply in all material respects with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, the Company will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes by virtue of any such conflict.
- (g) At any time, the Company or a third party will have the right to redeem the Notes at a purchase price equal in cash to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the date of purchase, subject to the rights of Holders of Notes on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling on or prior to the date of purchase, following the consummation of a Change of Control if at least 90% of the Notes outstanding prior to such consummation are purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer with respect to such Change of Control.
- (h) Other than as specifically provided in this Section 4.10, any purchase pursuant to this Section 4.10 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.02, 3.05 and 3.06.

## Section 4.11 Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

- (a) The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction with respect to any Property unless:
  - (1) the Company or such Subsidiary would, at the time of entering into such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, otherwise be entitled to Incur Debt secured by a Lien on such Property in reliance upon (x) any of clauses (1) through (13) of Section 4.08(b) or (y) clause (14) of Section 4.08(b) in an amount that is at least equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale and Leaseback Transaction without equally and ratably securing the Notes; or
  - (2) the Company applies, within 180 days after the sale of such Property in connection with such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, an amount equal to the net proceeds received by the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with such sale to:
    - (i) the acquisition of Property by the Company or such Subsidiary;
    - (ii) the retirement of the Notes; or

- (iii) the repayment of Debt other than subordinated Debt; or
- (3) after giving effect thereto, (i) the aggregate amount of outstanding secured Debt Incurred pursuant to Section 4.08(c) and (ii) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Attributable Debt with respect to all Sale and Leaseback Transactions entered into after the Issue Date (excluding any Sale and Leaseback Transactions as would be permitted pursuant to clause (1)(x) or (2) of this Section 4.11(a) or Section 4.11(b), but including any Sale and Leaseback Transactions then outstanding Incurred pursuant to clause (1)(y) of this Section 4.11(a)) does not exceed such amount that would cause the Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio (for the avoidance of doubt, calculated after giving effect to any Debt then outstanding Incurred pursuant to clause (1) (y) of this Section 4.08(b) to exceed 2.50 to 1.00.
  - (b) The foregoing restrictions will not apply to Sale and Leaseback Transactions:
- (1) providing for a lease for a term, including any renewals, of not more than three years, by the end of which term it is intended that the use of such Property by the lessee will be discontinued;
  - (2) between the Company and a Subsidiary or between Subsidiaries;
  - (3) between the Company and a Subsidiary and a joint venture in which the Company or a Subsidiary has an interest; or
  - (4) primarily for the purpose of financing the acquisition, development or construction of restaurants by the Company's franchisees.

### ARTICLE 5

## **SUCCESSORS**

# Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of All or Substantially All Assets.

- (a) The Company shall not merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or into any other Person (other than a merger of a Wholly Owned Subsidiary into the Company), or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Property of the Company and the Subsidiaries, in any one transaction or series of transactions *unless*:
  - (1) the Company shall be the surviving Person or the surviving Person (if other than the Company) (the Company or such surviving Person, as the case may be, the "Surviving Person") formed by such merger, consolidation or amalgamation or to which such sale, transfer, assignment, lease, conveyance or disposition is made shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia;
  - (2) the Surviving Person (if other than the Company) expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, executed and delivered to the Trustee by such Surviving Person, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Company;

- (3) in the case of a sale, transfer, assignment, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all the Property of the Company, such Property shall have been transferred as an entirety or virtually as an entirety to one Person;
- (4) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions on a pro forma basis (and treating, for purposes of this clause (4), any Debt that becomes, or is anticipated to become, an obligation of the Surviving Person or any Subsidiary as a result of such transaction or series of transactions as having been Incurred by the Surviving Person or such Subsidiary at the time of such transaction or series of transactions), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;
- (5) each Guarantor, unless it is the other party to the transactions described above, in which case Section 5.01(c) shall apply, shall have by supplemental indenture confirmed that its Guarantee shall apply to such Surviving Person's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes; and
- (6) the Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Trustee, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such transaction or series of transactions and the supplemental indenture, if any, in respect thereof comply with this covenant and that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction or series of transactions have been satisfied.
- (b) The Surviving Person shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture, but the predecessor company in the case of:
  - (1) a sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition (unless such sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition is of all the assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries as an entirety or virtually as an entirety), or
    - (2) a lease,

shall not be released from any obligation to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes.

- (c) Subject to Section 10.06, the Company shall not permit any Guarantor to merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or into any other Person (other than a merger of a Wholly Owned Subsidiary into such Guarantor) *unless*:
  - (1) such Guarantor shall be the surviving Person or the surviving Person (if other than such Guarantor) (such Guarantor or such surviving Person, as the case may be, the "Surviving Guarantor") formed by such merger, consolidation or amalgamation shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, executed and delivered to the Trustee by such Surviving Person, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by such Guarantor;
  - (2) the Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction or series of transactions have been satisfied; and

- (3) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions on a pro forma basis, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.
- (d) The Surviving Guarantor shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of such Guarantor under this Indenture.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 5.01 shall not apply to any merger, consolidation or amalgamation or sale, transfer, assignment, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any Property between or among the Company and the Guarantors or by a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor to another Restricted Subsidiary or to the Company.

### Section 5.02 Successor Entity Substituted.

Upon any consolidation, merger, wind up, sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or a Guarantor in accordance with Section 5.01, the Company and a Guarantor, as the case may be, will be released from its obligations under this Indenture and the Notes or its Guarantee, as the case may be, and the Successor Company and the Successor Guarantor, as the case may be, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or a Guarantor, as the case may be, under this Indenture, the Notes and such Guarantee; *provided* that, in the case of (i) a sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition (unless such sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition is of all the assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries as an entirety or virtually as an entirety) or (ii) a lease, the Company will not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes.

### ARTICLE 6

#### **DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES**

## Section 6.01 Events of Default.

- (a) Each of the following is an "Event of Default":
- (1) failure to make the payment of any interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable, and such failure continues for a period of 30 days;
- (2) failure to make the payment of any principal of, or premium, if any, on, any of the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, optional redemption or otherwise;
  - (3) failure by the Company or any Guarantor to comply with Section 5.01;
- (4) failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to comply with any other covenant or agreement in the Notes or in this Indenture (other than a failure that is the subject of the foregoing clause (1), (2) or (3)) and such failure continues for 60 days (or, in the case of Section 4.06, 270 days) after written notice is given to the Company as provided below;
- (5) a default under any Debt by the Company or any Subsidiary that results in acceleration of the maturity of such Debt, or failure to pay any such Debt at maturity, in an aggregate amount greater than \$75,000,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent at the time);

- (6) any judgment or judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$75,000,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent at the time) that shall be rendered against the Company or any Subsidiary and that shall not be waived, satisfied or discharged for any period of 30 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement shall not be in effect;
- (7) (i) the Company or a Significant Subsidiary that is a Guarantor or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (A) commences proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent;
  - (B) consents to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking an arrangement of debt, reorganization, dissolution, winding up or relief under applicable Bankruptcy Law;
  - (C) consents to the appointment of a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of it or for all or substantially all of its property;
  - (D) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
  - (E) generally is not paying its debts as they become due;
  - (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (A) is for relief against the Company, any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, in a proceeding in which the Company, any such Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, is to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent;
  - (B) appoints a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company, any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company, any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; or
  - (C) orders the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, or any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; and

(8) a Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of such Guarantee) or a Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Guarantee.

A Default under clause (4) of this Section 6.01(a) is not an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding notifies the Company of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default within the time specified after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default."

### Section 6.02 Acceleration.

- (a) If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in clause (7) of Section 6.01(a) in respect of the Company) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by written notice to the Company, specifying the Event of Default, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may, and the Trustee at the request of such Holders shall, declare the principal, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the Notes to be due and payable. Upon such declaration, such principal, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, will be due and payable. The Trustee shall have no obligation to accelerate the Notes if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers, in good faith, determines acceleration is not in the best interest of the Holders.
- (b) In case an Event of Default described in clause (7) of Section 6.01(a) occurs in respect of the Company and is continuing, the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the Notes will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders.
- (c) In the event of a declaration of acceleration of the Notes because an Event of Default described in clause (5) of Section 6.01(a) has occurred and is continuing, such Event of Default and all consequences thereof (excluding any resulting payment default, other than as a result of acceleration of the Notes) shall be annulled, waived and rescinded, automatically and without any action by the Trustee or the Holders, if:
  - (1) within 30 days after such Event of Default arose, (i) holders of the relevant indebtedness have rescinded or waived the acceleration, notice or action (as the case may be) giving rise to such Event of Default or (ii) the default that is the basis for such Event of Default has been cured; and
  - (2) (A) the annulment of the acceleration of the Notes would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and (B) all existing Events of Default, except nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes that became due solely because of the acceleration of the Notes, have been cured or waived.

(d) The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may, before a judgment or decree based on acceleration is obtained by the Trustee, waive all past Defaults or Events of Default (except with respect to nonpayment of principal, premium or interest) and rescind and annul any acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences if all existing Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in this Indenture.

### Section 6.03 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

### Section 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all Holders waive any existing Default and its consequences hereunder, except:

- (1) a continuing Default in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note held by a non-consenting Holder (including in connection with a Change of Control Offer); and
  - (2) a Default with respect to a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be amended without the consent of each Holder affected,

provided that, subject to Section 6.02, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

## Section 6.05 Control by Majority.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder of a Note (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any such directions are unduly prejudicial to such Holders) or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

### Section 6.06 Limitation on Suits.

Subject to 6.07, no Holder of Notes will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or Trustee, or for any remedy thereunder, unless:

- (1) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (2) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding have made a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
  - (3) such Holders offer to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
  - (4) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity; and
- (5) the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder.

# Section 6.07 Rights of Holders to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the contractual right of any Holder to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on its Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed or provided for in such Note (including in connection with a Change of Control Offer), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

## Section 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a)(1) or (2) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company and any other obligor on the Notes for the whole amount of principal, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes, together with interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel.

# Section 6.09 Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceedings, the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding has been instituted.

### Section 6.10 Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes in Section 2.07, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy are, to the extent permitted by law, cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

## Section 6.11 Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

#### Section 6.12 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee may file proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes, including the Guarantors), its creditors or its property and is entitled and empowered to participate as a member in any official committee of creditors appointed in such matter and to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims. Any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding

## Section 6.13 Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article 6, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

- (1) to the Trustee and its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07, including payment of all reasonable compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;
- (2) to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, respectively; and
  - (3) to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct, including a Guarantor, if applicable.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.13. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this Section 6.13, the Trustee shall cause notice of such record date and payment date to be given to the Company and to each Holder in the manner set forth in Section 12.02.

# Section 6.14 Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.14 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding.

#### ARTICLE 7

#### TRUSTEE

## Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee will exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (1) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.01;
  - (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved in a court of competent jurisdiction that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

- (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to this Section 7.01.
- (e) Subject to this Article 7, if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security reasonably satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

### Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine in good faith to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both subject to the other provisions of this Indenture. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent or attorney appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company or a Guarantor shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Company or such Guarantor.
- (f) None of the provisions of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not assured to it.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a Default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the existence of a Default or Event of Default, the Notes and this Indenture.

- (h) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.
- (i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (j) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any Person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.
  - (k) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers and duties hereunder.

## Section 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee or any Agent in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee or such Agent. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest within the meaning of Trust Indenture Act Section 310(b) it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

### Section 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication on the Notes.

### Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs, is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail (or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC) to each Holder of the Notes notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default specified in clause (1) or (2) of Section 6.01(a), the Trustee may withhold from the Holders notice of any continuing Default if it determines that withholding notice is in the interest of the Holders of the Notes.

### Section 7.06 Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

- (a) Within 60 days after each May 15, beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Notes a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a) (but if no event described in Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c).
  - (b) A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders shall be mailed to the Company.

## Section 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity.

- (a) The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder as the parties shall agree in writing from time to time. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel. The Trustee shall provide the Company reasonable notice of any expenditure not in the ordinary course of business.
- (b) The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall indemnify the Trustee for, and hold each of the Trustee and any predecessor harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims, liability or expense (including attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust and the performance of its duties hereunder (including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company or any Guarantor (including this Section 7.07)) or defending itself against any claim whether asserted by any Holder, the Company or any Guarantor, or liability in connection with the acceptance, exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder). The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct, negligence or bad faith.
- (c) The obligations of the Company and the Guarantors under this Section 7.07 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or the earlier resignation or removal of the Trustee.
- (d) To secure the payment obligations of the Company and the Guarantors in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.
- (e) When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a)(7) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

### Section 7.08 Replacement of Trustee.

- (a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.08. The Trustee may resign in writing at any time by giving 30 days' prior notice of such resignation to the Company and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company may remove the Trustee if:
  - (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
  - (2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
  - (3) a receiver or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
  - (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.
- (b) If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the successor Trustee to replace it with another successor Trustee appointed by the Company.
- (c) If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee (at the Company's expense), the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (d) If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (e) A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; provided that all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and such transfer shall be subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.
  - (f) As used in this Section 7.08, the term "Trustee" shall also include each Agent.

## Section 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation or national banking association, the successor corporation or national banking association without any further act shall be the successor Trustee, subject to Section 7.10.

### Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

- (a) There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation or national banking association organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.
- (b) This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 310(b).

## Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Company.

The Trustee is subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in Trust Indenture Act Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

### **ARTICLE 8**

#### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

### Section 8.01 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may, at its option and at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or Section 8.03 applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

## Section 8.02 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

- (a) Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Company and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to this Indenture, all outstanding Notes and Guarantees on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied ("Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) through (4) below, and to have satisfied all of its other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture, including that of the Guarantors (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:
  - (1) the rights of Holders to receive payments in respect of the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes when such payments are due, solely out of the trust created pursuant to this Indenture referred to in Section 8.04;
  - (2) the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for Note payments held in trust;
    - (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee, and the Company's obligations in connection therewith; and

- (4) this Section 8.02.
- (b) Following the Company's exercise of its Legal Defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default.
- (c) Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.03.

### Section 8.03 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Company and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.03, 4.05, 4.06, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10 and 4.11 with respect to the outstanding Notes, and the Guarantors shall be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all Guarantees, on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied ("Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to this Indenture and the outstanding Notes, the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, an Event of Default specified in Sections 6.01(a)(4) (only with respect to covenants that are released as a result of such Covenant Defeasance), 6.01(a)(5), 6.01(a)(6), 6.01(a)(7) (solely with respect to Significant Subsidiaries)

## Section 8.04 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

- (a) The following shall be the conditions to the exercise of either the Legal Defeasance option under Section 8.02 or the Covenant Defeasance option under Section 8.03 with respect to the Notes:
  - (1) the Company irrevocably deposited in trust with the Trustee money or Government Obligations or a combination thereof for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and the Company specifies (which instructions may be contained in the Officers' Certificate referred to in clause (10) below) whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date; provided that upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of such date, with any deficit as of the date of the redemption only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the date of the redemption. Any such deficit shall be set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such deficit that confirms that such deficit shall be applied toward such redemption;

- (2) the Company has delivered to the Trustee a certificate from a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants, a nationally recognized investment bank or a nationally recognized appraisal or valuation firm expressing their opinion that the payments of principal and interest when due and without reinvestment on the deposited Government Obligations plus any deposited money without investment will provide cash at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to pay principal and interest when due on all the Notes to maturity or the redemption date (with the Applicable Premium calculated as of such date), as the case may be;
- (3) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be (which instructions may be contained in the Officers' Certificate referred to in clause (10) below);
- (4) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit and after giving effect thereto (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Debt and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith);
  - (5) such deposit does not constitute a default under any other agreement or instrument binding on the Company or any Guarantor;
- (6) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions,
  - (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or
  - (B) since the Issue Date there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, to the effect, in either case, that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the beneficial owners of the Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same time as would have been the case if such defeasance had not occurred;
- (7) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the beneficial owners of the Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred;
  - (8) the Holders have a perfected security interest under applicable law in the cash or U.S. Government Obligations deposited;
- (9) such defeasance does not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest with respect to any securities of the Company or the Guarantors; and

(10) the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent to the defeasance and discharge of the Notes have been complied with as required by this Indenture.

## Section 8.05 Deposited Money and Government Obligations to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Subject to Section 8.06, all money and Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.04 in respect of the Notes then outstanding shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company or a Guarantor acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (b) The Company will pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders.
- (c) Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee will deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 8.04 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants, a nationally recognized investment bank or a nationally recognized appraisal or valuation firm expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(a)), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

### Section 8.06 Repayment to the Company.

Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in <a href="The New York Times">The Wall Street Journal</a> (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Company.

# Section 8.07 Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.02 or Section 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or Section 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in

accordance with Section 8.02 or Section 8.03, as the case may be; *provided* that, if the Company makes any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

### ARTICLE 9

### AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

### Section 9.01 Without Consent of Holders.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 9.02, without notice to or consent of any Holder, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees to:
  - (1) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
  - (2) comply with Section 5.01;
  - (3) provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes (provided that the uncertificated notes are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code;
    - (4) add Guarantees;
    - (5) secure the Notes;
  - (6) add to the covenants of the Company or its Subsidiaries for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Subsidiary;
    - (7) make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder of the Notes;
  - (8) make any change to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
  - (9) conform the text of this Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantees to any provision of the "Description of notes" in the Offering Memorandum;
    - (10) comply with the rules of any applicable depositary;
  - (11) release a Guarantor from its obligations under its Guarantee or this Indenture, in each case, in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture;
  - (12) to provide for successor trustees or to add to or change any provisions to the extent necessary to appoint a separate trustee for the Notes;
  - (13) make any amendment to the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer and legending of Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including, without limitation, to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes or, if Incurred in compliance with this Indenture, Additional Notes; provided, however, that (A) compliance with this Indenture as so amended would not result in Notes being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any applicable securities law and (B) such amendment does not materially and adversely affect the rights of Holders to transfer Notes.

- (b) Upon the request of the Company, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 12.04, the Trustee shall join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.
- (c) After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.01 becomes effective, the Company will give to the Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment, supplement or waiver. However, the failure of the Company to give such notice to all the Holders, or any defect in the notice, will not impair or affect the validity of any such amendment, supplement or waiver.

### Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 9.01 and this Section 9.02, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees without notice to any Holder but with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Notes) and, subject to Section 6.06 and Section 6.07, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantees may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, waivers or consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Notes). Section 2.08 and Section 2.09 shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for the purposes of this Section 9.02.
- (b) Upon the request of the Company, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 and Section 12.04, the Trustee shall join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture.
- (c) It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver. It shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance of such proposed amendment, supplement or waiver.
- (d) After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company will give to the Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment, supplement or waiver. However, the failure of the Company to give such notice to all the Holders, or any defect in the notice, will not impair or affect the validity of any such amendment, supplement or waiver.
- (e) Without the consent of each affected Holder, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):
  - (1) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

- (2) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest, on the Notes;
- (3) reduce the principal of or extend the Stated Maturity of the Notes;
- (4) make any Note payable in money other than U.S. dollars;
- (5) amend the contractual right expressly set forth in this Indenture or the Notes of any Holder of Notes to receive payment of principal of and interest on such Holder's Notes on or after the due dates therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's Notes;
  - (6) subordinate the Notes or Guarantees in right of payment to any other obligation of the Company;
- (7) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption of any Notes or change the time at which any Notes may be redeemed, as described under Section 3.07 and (after a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred) Section 4.10;
  - (8) make any change in the amendment provisions or in the waiver provisions which require the consent of each Holder affected thereby; or
- (9) release any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary, or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, from its Guarantee (except in accordance with the terms of such Guarantee) or modify any of the Guarantees of any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary, or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, in any manner adverse to the Holders.
- (f) A consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver of this Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantee by any Holder given in connection with a tender of such Holder's Notes will not be rendered invalid by such tender.

## Section 9.03 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

If this Indenture is qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in an amended or supplemental indenture that complies with the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

### Section 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

(a) Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

(b) The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date pursuant to Section 1.05 for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver.

### Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

- (a) The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.
  - (b) Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

## Section 9.06 Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment, supplement or waiver does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. In executing any amendment, supplement or waiver, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 12.04, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amendment, supplement or waiver is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that such amendment, supplement or waiver is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company and any Guarantor party thereto, enforceable against them in accordance with its terms, subject to customary exceptions, and complies with the provisions hereof (including Section 9.03).

### ARTICLE 10

#### **GUARANTEES**

## Section 10.01 Guarantee.

- (a) Subject to this Article 10, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees, on a senior unsecured basis, to each Holder and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that: (1) the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes shall be promptly paid in full when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other Obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or under the Notes shall be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and (2) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same shall be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration or otherwise collectively, the "Guaranteed Obligations". Failing payment by the Company when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.
- (b) The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the

same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor. Each Guarantor hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that this Guarantee shall not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture, or pursuant to Section 10.06.

- (c) Each of the Guarantors also agrees, jointly and severally, to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) Incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Section 10.01 to the same extent as the Company would be obligated.
- (d) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect.
- (e) Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (1) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article 6 for the purposes of this Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (2) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article 6, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Guarantee. The Guarantors shall have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Guarantees.
- (f) Each Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against the Company for liquidation or reorganization, should the Company become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of the Company's assets, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment and performance of the Notes are, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by any obligee on the Notes or the Guarantees, whether as a "voidable preference," "fraudulent transfer" or otherwise, all as though such payment or performance had not been made. In the event that any payment or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, the Notes shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned.
- (g) In case any provision of any Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- (h) Each payment to be made by a Guarantor in respect of its Guarantee shall be made without set-off, counterclaim, reduction or diminution of any kind or nature.

## Section 10.02 Limitation on Guarantor Liability.

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent conveyance or a fraudulent transfer for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent

Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this Article 10, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. Each Guarantor that makes a payment under its Guarantee will be entitled upon payment in full of all Guaranteed Obligations under this Indenture to a contribution from each other Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Guarantor's *pro rata* portion of such payment based on the respective net assets of all the Guarantors at the time of such payment, determined in accordance with GAAP.

### Section 10.03 Execution and Delivery.

- (a) To evidence its Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01, each Guarantor hereby agrees that this Indenture shall be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by an Officer or person holding an equivalent title.
- (b) Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the absence of the endorsement of any notation of such Guarantee on the Notes.
- (c) If an Officer whose signature is on this Indenture no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note, the Guarantees shall be valid nevertheless.
- (d) The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.
- (e) If required by Section 4.09, the Company shall cause any newly created or acquired Subsidiary to comply with the provisions of Section 4.09 and this Article 10, to the extent applicable.

## Section 10.04 Subrogation.

Each Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights of Holders against the Company in respect of any amounts paid by any Guarantor pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.01; provided that, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no Guarantor shall be entitled to enforce or receive any payments arising out of, or based upon, such right of subrogation until all amounts then due and payable by the Company under this Indenture or the Notes shall have been paid in full.

# Section 10.05 Benefits Acknowledged.

Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that the guarantee and waivers made by it pursuant to its Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

### Section 10.06 Release of Guarantees.

- (a) A Guarantee by a Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged, and no further action by such Guarantor, the Company or the Trustee shall be required for the release of such Guarantor's Guarantee:
  - (1) upon the sale, conveyance or other disposition (including by way of spin-off, consolidation or merger) of such Guarantor, after which such Guarantor is no longer a direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Company;
    - (2) upon the sale, conveyance or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of such Guarantor;
  - (3) at such time as such Guarantor no longer guarantees any (i) Debt Facility of the Company or any Guarantor (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement) or (ii) Capital Markets Debt issued by the Company or any Guarantor, in each case, with an aggregate principal amount or commitment amount, as the case may be, of \$75,000,000 or more, except if such Guarantor no longer guarantees such Debt Facility or Capital Markets Debt as a result of payment under such guarantee;
    - (4) upon the defeasance of the Notes, as provided under Section 8.02 and Section 8.03;
    - (5) upon discharge of this Indenture, as provided under Section 11.01; or
    - (6) as described under Article 9,

in the case of clause (2), other than to the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company and as not prohibited by this Indenture.

- (b) Such Guarantor shall deliver to the Trustee and Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction or release shall have been complied with.
- (c) At the written request of the Company, the Trustee shall execute and deliver any documents reasonably required in order to evidence such release, discharge and termination in respect of the applicable Guarantee.

### **ARTICLE 11**

#### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

## Section 11.01 Satisfaction and Discharge.

This Indenture will be discharged, and will cease to be of further effect as to all Notes issued thereunder, when

(a) either

(1) all of the Notes authenticated and delivered (other than lost, stolen or destroyed notes which have been replaced or paid in accordance with this Indenture) or all Notes for whose payment money or Government Obligations or a combination thereof has been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

- (2) all Notes not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable by reason of the giving of a notice of redemption or otherwise or (ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the notice of redemption, and the Company has (x) irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount in U.S. dollars sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and (y) delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be; provided that upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of such date, with any deficit as of the date of the redemption only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the date of the redemption. Any such deficit shall be set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such deficit that confirms that such deficit shall be applied toward such redemption;
- (b) the Company and the Guarantors have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under this Indenture by the Company or the Guarantors; and
- (c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that (i) all conditions precedent relating to the satisfaction and discharge have been complied with, (ii) no Default with respect to the Notes has occurred and is continuing and (iii) such deposit does not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a Default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party (other than a Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Debt and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith).

## Section 11.02 Application of Trust Money.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal, premium, if any, and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (b) If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Obligations in accordance with Section 11.01 by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 11.01; *provided* that if the Company has made any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent, as the case may be.

#### ARTICLE 12

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 12.01 [Reserved].

Section 12.02 Notices.

(a) Any notice or communication to the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee is duly given if in writing and (1) delivered in person, (2) mailed by first-class mail (certified or registered, return receipt requested), postage prepaid, or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery or (3) sent by facsimile or electronic transmission, to its address:

if to the Company or any Guarantor:

c/o Brinker International, Inc. 6820 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: General Counsel

with a copy to:
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
450 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York 10016
Fax No: (212) 450 - 5704
Email: michael.kaplan@davispolk.com

Attention: Michael Kaplan

if to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association North Galleria Tower #1 13737 Noel Road, Suite 800 Fax No.: (972) 581 - 1660

Email: damien.daley@usbank.com

Attention: Damien Daley

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by like notice, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications,

- (b) All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; on the first date of which publication is made, if by publication; five calendar days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed by first-class mail; the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if mailed by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery; when receipt acknowledged, if sent by facsimile or electronic transmission; *provided* that any notice or communication delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed effective upon actual receipt thereof.
- (c) Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first-class mail (certified or registered, return receipt requested) or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the Note Register or by such other delivery system as the Trustee agrees to accept. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c), to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

- (d) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision herein, where this Indenture provides for notice of any event to any Holder of an interest in a Global Note (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depositary for such Note (or its designee), according to the applicable procedures of such Depositary, if any, prescribed for the giving of such notice.
- (f) The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon notice, instructions or directions pursuant to this Indenture sent by unsecured facsimile or electronic transmission; *provided*, *however*, that (1) the party providing such written notice, instructions or directions, subsequent to such transmission of written instructions, shall provide the originally executed instructions or directions to the Trustee in a timely manner, and (2) such originally executed notice, instructions or directions shall be signed by an authorized representative of the party providing such notice, instructions or directions. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reasonable reliance upon and compliance with such notice, instructions or directions notwithstanding such notice, instructions or directions.
- (g) If a notice or communication is sent in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.
  - (h) If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

## Section 12.03 Communication by Holders with Other Holders.

Holders may communicate pursuant to Trust Indenture Act Section 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of Trust Indenture Act Section 312(c).

## Section 12.04 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company or any Guarantor to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company or such Guarantor, as the case may be, shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (1) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signer(s), all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
- (2) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.05) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been complied with.

## Section 12.05 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to Section 4.07) shall include:

- (1) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with (and, in the case of an Opinion of Counsel, may be limited to reliance on an Officers' Certificate as to matters of fact); and
  - (4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

### Section 12.06 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

## Section 12.07 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members, Partners and Stockholders.

No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guarantor (other than the Company in respect of the Notes and each Guarantor in respect of its Guarantee) under the Notes, the Guarantees or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

## Section 12.08 Governing Law.

THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND ANY GUARANTEE WILL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

## Section 12.09 Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH OF THE COMPANY, THE GUARANTORS AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES, THE GUARANTEES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

### Section 12.10 Force Majeure.

In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software or hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

### Section 12.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

### Section 12.12 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture shall bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in Section 10.06.

### Section 12.13 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

### Section 12.14 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

## Section 12.15 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

# Section 12.16 Facsimile and PDF Delivery of Signature Pages.

The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or portable document format ("*PDF*") transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

## Section 12.17 U.S.A. PATRIOT Act.

The parties hereto acknowledge that in accordance with Section 326 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the Trustee is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account with the Trustee. The parties to this Indenture agree that they will provide the Trustee with such information as it may request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act.

# Section 12.18 Payments Due on Non-Business Days.

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, redemption date or repurchase date or the Stated Maturity of the Notes shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Notes) payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, redemption date or repurchase date, or at the Stated Maturity of the Notes, *provided* that no interest will accrue for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, redemption date, repurchase date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be.

[Signatures on following page]

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Name: Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: /s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President

BRINKER TEXAS, INC., as Guarantor

By: /s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President

BRINKER FLORIDA, INC., as Guarantor

By: /s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President

[Signature page to Indenture]

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Damien Daley

Name: Damien Daley Title: Assistant Vice President

[Signature page to Indenture]

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO INITIAL NOTES AND ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Section 1.1 Definitions.

#### (a) Capitalized Terms.

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix A have the meanings given to them in this Indenture. The following capitalized terms have the following meanings:

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Note or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depositary for such Global Note, Euroclear or Clearstream, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, Société Anonyme, or any successor securities clearing agency.

"Distribution Compliance Period," with respect to any Note, means the period of 40 consecutive days beginning on and including the later of (a) the day on which such Note is first offered to persons other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S) in reliance on Regulation S, notice of which day shall be promptly given by the Company to the Trustee, and (b) the date of issuance with respect to such Note or any predecessor of such Note.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.Y., as operator of Euroclear systems Clearance System or any successor securities clearing agency.

"IAI" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as described in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act and is not a QIB.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means any Note in global form that does not bear or is not required to bear the Restricted Notes Legend.

"U.S. person" means a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S.

# (b) Other Definitions.

Term:	Defined in Section:
"Agent Members"	2.1(c)
"Definitive Notes Legend"	2.2(e)

Term:	Defined in Section:
"ERISA Legend"	2.2(e)
"Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Global Notes Legend"	2.2(e)
"IAI Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Regulation S Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Regulation S Notes"	2.1(a)
"Restricted Notes Legend"	2.2(e)
"Rule 144A Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Rule 144A Notes"	2.1(a)

### Section 2.1 Form and Dating

- (a) The Initial Notes issued on the date hereof shall be (i) offered and sold by the Company to the initial purchasers thereof and (ii) resold, initially only to (1) QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A ("*Rule 144A Notes*") and (2) Persons other than U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S ("*Regulation S Notes*"). Additional Notes may also be considered to be Rule 144A Notes or Regulation S Notes, as applicable.
- (b) Global Notes. Rule 144A Notes shall be issued initially in the form of one or more permanent global Notes in definitive, fully registered form, numbered RA-1 upward (collectively, the "Rule 144A Global Note") and Regulation S Notes shall be issued initially in the form of one or more global Notes, numbered RS-1 upward (collectively, the "Regulation S Global Note"), in each case without interest coupons and bearing the Global Notes Legend and Restricted Notes Legend, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in the Indenture. One or more global Notes in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons and bearing the Global Notes Legend and the Restricted Notes Legend, numbered RIAI-1 upward (collectively, the "IAI Global Note") shall also be issued on the Issue Date, deposited with the Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in this Indenture to accommodate transfers of beneficial interests in the Notes to IAIs subsequent to the initial distribution. The Rule 144A Global Note, the IAI Global Note, the Regulation S Global Note and any Unrestricted Global Note are each referred to herein as a "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and "Global Note" and "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as "Global Note" and "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" are collectively referred to herein as a "Global Note" a Notes." Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified in the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as applicable, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06 of this Indenture and Section 2.2(c) of this Appendix A.
  - (c) Book-Entry Provisions. This Section 2.1(c) shall apply only to a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of the Depositary.

The Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with this Section 2.1(c) and Section 2.02 of this Indenture and pursuant to an order of the Company signed by one Officer of the Company, authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Notes that (i) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Global Note or Global Notes or the nominee of such Depositary and (ii) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depositary or pursuant to such Depositary's instructions or held by the Trustee as Custodian.

Members of, or participants in, the Depositary ("Agent Members") shall have no rights under the Indenture with respect to any Global Note held on their behalf by the Depositary or by the Trustee as Custodian or under such Global Note, and the Depositary may be treated by the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee as the absolute owner of such Global Note for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of such Depositary governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Note.

(d) *Definitive Notes*. Except as provided in Section 2.2 or Section 2.3 of this Appendix A, owners of beneficial interests in Global Notes shall not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Definitive Notes.

#### Section 2.2 *Transfer and Exchange*.

- (a) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. When Definitive Notes are presented to the Registrar with a request:
- (i) to register the transfer of such Definitive Notes; or
- (ii) to exchange such Definitive Notes for an equal principal amount of Definitive Notes of other authorized denominations,

the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Definitive Notes surrendered for transfer or exchange:

- (1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing; and
- (2) in the case of Transfer Restricted Notes, they are being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to Section 2.2(b) of this Appendix A or otherwise in accordance with the Restricted Notes Legend, and are accompanied by a certification from the transferor in the form provided on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A* for exchange or registration of transfers and, as applicable, delivery of such legal opinions, certifications and other information as may be requested pursuant thereto.
- (b) *Restrictions on Transfer of a Definitive Note for a Beneficial Interest in a Global Note*. A Definitive Note may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in a Global Note except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Trustee of a Definitive Note, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar, together with:

- (i) a certification from the transferor in the form provided on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A* for exchange or registration of transfers and, as applicable, delivery of such legal opinions, certifications and other information as may be requested pursuant thereto; and
- (ii) written instructions directing the Trustee to make, or to direct the Custodian to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Note to reflect an increase in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes represented by the Global Note, such instructions to contain information regarding the Depositary account to be credited with such increase,

the Trustee shall cancel such Definitive Note and cause, or direct the Custodian to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between the Depositary and the Custodian, the aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the Global Note to be increased by the aggregate principal amount of the Definitive Note to be exchanged and shall credit or cause to be credited to the account of the Person specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the Global Note equal to the principal amount of the Definitive Note so canceled. If the applicable Global Note is not then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate, upon an Authentication Order, a new applicable Global Note in the appropriate principal amount.

- (c) Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes.
- (i) The transfer and exchange of Global Notes or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the Indenture (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth in Section 2.2(d) of this Appendix A, if any) and the procedures of the Depositary therefor. A transferor of a beneficial interest in a Global Note shall deliver to the Registrar a written order given in accordance with the Depositary's procedures containing information regarding the participant account of the Depositary to be credited with a beneficial interest in such Global Note, or another Global Note and such account shall be credited in accordance with such order with a beneficial interest in the applicable Global Note and the account of the Person making the transfer shall be debited by an amount equal to the beneficial interest in the Global Note being transferred.
- (ii) If the proposed transfer is a transfer of a beneficial interest in one Global Note to a beneficial interest in another Global Note, the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the Global Note to which such interest is being transferred in an amount equal to the principal amount of the interest to be so transferred, and the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and a corresponding decrease in the principal amount of the Global Note from which such interest is being transferred.
- (iii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Appendix A (other than the provisions set forth in Section 2.3 of this Appendix A), a Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole and not in part if the transfer is by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary.
- (d) Restrictions on Transfer of Global Notes; Voluntary Exchange of Interests in Transfer Restricted Global Notes for Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes.
- (i) Transfers by an owner of a beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Note or an IAI Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through another Transfer Restricted Global Note shall be made in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and the Restricted Notes Legend and only upon receipt by the Trustee of a certification from the transferor in the form provided on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A* for exchange or registration of transfers and, as applicable, delivery of such legal opinions, certifications and other information as may be requested pursuant thereto. In addition, in the case of a transfer of a beneficial interest in either a Regulation S Global Note or a Rule 144A Global Note for an interest in an IAI Global Note, the transferee must furnish a signed letter substantially in the form of *Exhibit B* to the Trustee.

- (ii) During the Distribution Compliance Period, beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Note may only be sold, pledged or transferred through Euroclear or Clearstream in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, the Restricted Notes Legend on such Regulation S Global Note and any applicable securities laws of any state of the U.S. Prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, transfers by an owner of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Rule 144A Global Note or an IAI Global Note shall be made only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and the Restricted Notes Legend and upon receipt by the Trustee of a written certification from the transferor of the beneficial interest in the form provided on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A* for exchange or registration of transfers. Such written certification shall no longer be required after the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period. Upon the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Note shall be transferable in accordance with applicable law and the other terms of the Indenture.
- (iii) Upon the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Note may be exchanged for beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note upon certification in the form provided on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A* for an exchange from a Regulation S Global Note to an Unrestricted Global Note.
- (iv) Beneficial interests in a Transfer Restricted Note that is a Rule 144A Global Note or an IAI Global Note may be exchanged for beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note if the Holder certifies in writing to the Registrar that its request for such exchange is in respect of a transfer made in reliance on Rule 144 (such certification to be in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A*) and/or upon delivery of such legal opinions, certifications and other information as the Company or the Trustee may reasonably request.
- (v) If no Unrestricted Global Note is outstanding at the time of a transfer contemplated by the preceding clauses (iii) and (iv), the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate, upon an Authentication Order, a new Unrestricted Global Note in the appropriate principal amount.
  - (e) Legends.
- (i) Except as permitted by Section 2.2(d) and this Section 2.2(e) of this Appendix A, each Note certificate evidencing the Global Notes and the Definitive Notes (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or in substitution thereof) shall bear a legend in substantially the following form (each defined term in the legend being defined as such for purposes of the legend only) ("Restricted Notes Legend"):

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR

OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS [IN THE CASE OF RULE 144A NOTES: ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY)] [IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES: 40 DAYS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE DATE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY) WAS FIRST OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN RULE 902 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S], ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES TO NON-U.S. PERSONS THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(a)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND THAT IS PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ANOTHER INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SECURITIES OF AT LEAST \$250,000 OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE. [IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES: BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER HEREOF REPRESENTS THAT IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON NOR IS IT PURCHASING FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS SECURITY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.]

Each Definitive Note shall bear the following additional legend ("Definitive Notes Legend"):

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

Each Global Note shall bear the following additional legend ("Global Notes Legend"):

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO DTC, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

Each Note shall bear the following additional legend ("ERISA Legend"):

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY, THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (1) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OF A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE") OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS"), OR OF AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (2) THE ACQUISITION, HOLDING AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A SIMILAR VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

(ii) Upon any sale or transfer Restricted Note that is a Definitive Note, the Registrar shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Note for a Definitive Note that does not bear the Restricted Notes Legend and the Definitive Notes Legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Note if the Holder certifies in writing to the Registrar that its request for such exchange is in respect of a transfer made in reliance on Rule 144 (such certification to be in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Form of Note in *Exhibit A*) and provides such legal opinions, certifications and other information as the Company or the Trustee may reasonably request.

(v) Any Additional Notes sold in a registered offering shall not be required to bear the Restricted Notes Legend.

- (f) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Note. At such time as all beneficial interests in a Global Note have either been exchanged for Definitive Notes, transferred in exchange for an interest in another Global Note, redeemed, repurchased or canceled, such Global Note shall be returned by the Depositary to the Trustee for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Trustee. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for Definitive Notes, transferred in exchange for an interest in another Global Note, redeemed, repurchased or canceled, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Registrar (if it is then the Custodian for such Global Note) with respect to such Global Note, by the Registrar or the Custodian, to reflect such reduction.
  - (g) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Notes.
- (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate, Definitive Notes and Global Notes at the Registrar's request.
- (ii) No service charge shall be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax, assessments, or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes, assessments or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.06, 4.10 and 9.05 of this Indenture).
- (iii) Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer of any Note, the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name a Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note is overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (iv) All Notes issued upon any transfer or exchange pursuant to the terms of this Indenture shall evidence the same debt and shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as the Notes surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.
- (v) In order to effect any transfer or exchange of an interest in any Transfer Restricted Note for an interest in a Note that does not bear the Restricted Notes Legend and has not been registered under the Securities Act, if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel, in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that no registration under the Securities Act is required in respect of such exchange or transfer or the re-sale of such interest by the beneficial holder thereof, shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar and the Trustee.
  - (h) No Obligation of the Trustee.
- (i) The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of a Global Note, a member of, or a participant in the Depositary or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of redemption or repurchase) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Notes. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Notes shall be given or made only to the registered Holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee in the case of a Global Note). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Note shall be exercised only through the Depositary subject to the applicable rules and procedures of the Depositary. The Trustee may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(ii) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Note (including any transfers between or among Depositary participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

### Section 2.3 Definitive Notes.

- (a) A Global Note deposited with the Depositary or with the Trustee as Custodian pursuant to Section 2.1 may be transferred to the beneficial owners thereof in the form of Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Global Note, in exchange for such Global Note, only if such transfer complies with Section 2.2 of this Appendix A and (i) the Depositary notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a Depositary for such Global Note or if at any time the Depositary ceases to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act and, in each case, a successor depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days of such notice or after the Company becomes aware of such cessation, or (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Registrar has received a request from the Depository or (iii) the Company, in its sole discretion and subject to the procedures of the Depository, notifies the Trustee in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Definitive Notes under this Indenture. In addition, any Affiliate of the Company or any Guarantor that is a beneficial owner of all or part of a Global Note may have such Affiliate's beneficial interest transferred to such Affiliate in the form of a Definitive Note by providing a written request to the Company and the Trustee and such Opinions of Counsel, certificates or other information as may be required by this Indenture or the Company or Trustee.
- (b) Any Global Note that is transferable to the beneficial owners thereof pursuant to this Section 2.3 shall be surrendered by the Depositary to the Trustee, to be so transferred, in whole or from time to time in part, without charge, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, upon such transfer of each portion of such Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of Definitive Notes of authorized denominations. Any portion of a Global Note transferred pursuant to this Section 2.3 shall be executed, authenticated and delivered only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof and registered in such names as the Depositary shall direct. Any Definitive Note delivered in exchange for an interest in a Global Note that is a Transfer Restricted Note shall, except as otherwise provided by Section 2.2(e) of this Appendix A, bear the Restricted Notes Legend.
- (c) The registered Holder of a Global Note may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action which a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Notes.
- (d) In the event of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Section 2.3(a) of this Appendix A, the Company shall promptly make available to the Trustee a reasonable supply of Definitive Notes in fully registered form without interest coupons.

# [FORM OF FACE OF NOTE]

[Insert the Restricted Notes Legend, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]
[Insert the Global Notes Legend, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]
[Insert the Definitive Notes Legend, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]
[Insert the ERISA Legend, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.]
[[Insert the OID Notes Legend, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.]]

	CUSIP [ ISIN [	] ]1
[RULE 144A][REGULATION S][IAI][GLOBAL] NOTE		

5.000% Senior Notes due 2024

No. [RA-\_] [RS-\_] [RIAI-\_] [U-\_] [Up to]<sup>2</sup> [\$ ]

# BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

promises to pay to [CEDE & CO.]<sup>3</sup> [ ] or registered assigns the principal sum [set forth on the Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note attached hereto]<sup>4</sup> [of \$ Dollars)]<sup>5</sup> on October 1, 2024.

Interest Payment Dates: April 1 and October 1

Record Dates: March 15 and September 15

Rule 144A Note CUSIP: 109641 AH3
Rule 144A Note ISIN: US109641AH39
Regulation S Note CUSIP: U6223W AB0
Regulation S Note ISIN: US0623WAB01

IAI Note CUSIP: 109641 AJ9 IAI Note ISIN: US109641AJ94

Include in Global NotesInclude in Global Notes

5 Include in Definitive Notes

Dated:	
	BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
	By:
	Name: Title:

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:

U.S	S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee
Ву	: Authorized Signatory

Dated:

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#### [Reverse Side of Note]

#### 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- 2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Company shall pay interest on the Notes to the Persons who are registered holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, immediately preceding the related Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such Record Date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. Principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes shall be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest and premium, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their respective addresses set forth in the Note Register; provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds shall be required with respect to principal, premium, if any, and interest on all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent at least five Business Days prior to the applicable payment date. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.
- 3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, U.S. Bank National Association, the Trustee under the Indenture, shall act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to the Holders. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.
- 4. INDENTURE. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "*Indenture*"), among Brinker International, Inc., the Guarantors named therein and the Trustee. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of notes of the Company designated as its 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024. The Company shall be entitled to issue Additional Notes pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Indenture. The Notes and any Additional Notes issued under the Indenture shall be treated as a single class of securities under the Indenture. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the

<sup>6</sup> With respect to the Initial Notes.

With respect to Notes other than the Initial Notes. Fill in date of last interest payment.

Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the Trust Indenture Act for a statement of such terms. Any term used in this Note that is defined in the Indenture shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Indenture. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

- 5. REDEMPTION AND REPURCHASE. The Notes are subject to optional redemption, and may be the subject of a Change of Control Offer, as further described in the Indenture. The Company shall not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.
- 6. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents, and Holders shall be required to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption or tendered for repurchase in connection with a Change of Control Offer, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed or repurchased in part.
  - 7. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 8. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. The Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented as provided in the Indenture.
- 9. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. The Events of Default relating to the Notes are defined in Section 6.01 of the Indenture. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the rights and obligations of the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Holders shall be as set forth in the applicable provisions of the Indenture.
- 10. AUTHENTICATION. This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee.
- 11. GOVERNING LAW. THIS NOTE WILL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 12. CUSIP AND ISIN NUMBERS. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP and ISIN numbers to be printed on the Notes, and the Trustee may use CUSIP and ISIN numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company shall furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to the Company at the following address:

c/o Brinker International, Inc. 6820 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: General Counsel

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# ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:	
	nee's legal name)
(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)	
(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)	
and irrevocably appoint	
Date:	
Your Signature	: <u></u>
	(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Signature Guarantee*:	

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERS OF TRANSFER RESTRICTED NOTES

definitive form by

book-entry or

principal amount of Notes held in (check applicable space)

This certificate relates to \$

the undersigned.

The u	ndersig	ned	(check one box below):
	defin	itive	ested the Trustee by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in a Global Note held by the Depositary a Note or Notes in e, registered form of authorized denominations and an aggregate principal amount equal to its beneficial interest in such Global Note (or the nereof indicated above) in accordance with the Indenture; or
	has re	eque	ested the Trustee by written order to exchange or register the transfer of a Note or Notes.
	nectior ts terms		th any transfer of any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate, the undersigned confirms that such Notes are being transferred in accordance
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	(1)		to the Company or subsidiary thereof; or
	(2)		to the Registrar for registration in the name of the Holder, without transfer; or
	(3)		pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"); or
	(4)		to a Person that the undersigned reasonably believes is a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act (" <i>Rule 144A</i> ")) that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer and to whom notice is given that such transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, in each case pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 144A; or
	(5)		pursuant to offers and sales to non-U.S. persons that occur outside the United States within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securiti-Act (and if the transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, the Notes shall be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream); or
	(6)		to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) that has furnished to the Trustee a signed letter containing certain representations and agreements; or
	(7)		pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or
	(8)		pursuant to another available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Unless one of the boxes is checked, the Trustee will refuse to register any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate in the name of any Person other than the registered Holder thereof; *provided*, *however*, that if box (5), (6), (7) or (8) is checked, the Company or the Trustee may require, prior

Date:	Your Signature
	Signature of Signature Guarantor
TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER	IF (4) ABOVE IS CHECKED.
The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Note investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional bubeing made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such inf pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 1 Dated:	ormation regarding the Company as the undersigned has requested is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned's foregoing
	NOTICE: To be executed by an executive officer Name: Title:
Signature Guarantee*:	
* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other sign	nature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

to registering any such transfer of the Notes, such legal opinions, certifications and other information as the Company or the Trustee has reasonably requested to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of

the Securities Act.

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# TO BE COMPLETED IF THE HOLDER REQUIRES AN EXCHANGE FROM A REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE TO AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2(d)(iii) OF APPENDIX A TO THE INDENTURE<sup>8</sup>

The un	lersigned represents and warrants that either:
	the undersigned is not a dealer (as defined in the Securities Act) and is a non-U.S. person (within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act); or
	the undersigned is not a dealer (as defined in the Securities Act) and is a U.S. person (within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act) who purchased interests in the Notes pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements under the Securities Act; or
	the undersigned is a dealer (as defined in the Securities Act) and the interest of the undersigned in this Note does not constitute the whole or a part of an unsold allotment to or subscription by such dealer for the Notes.
Dated:	
	Your Signature

<sup>8</sup> Include only for Regulation S Global Notes.

# OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 of the Indenture, check the box below:

	[ ] Section	n 4.10	
If you want to elect to have purchased:	ave only part of this Note purchased by the C	Company pursuant to Section 4	4.10 of the Indenture, state the amount you
Date:			(integral multiples of \$1,000, provided that the unpurchased portion must be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000)
		Your Signature:	
			(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
		Tax Identification	on No.:
Signature Guarantee*:			

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

SCHEDIII F	OF EXCHA	NGES OF	INTERESTS	IN THE	CLOBAL	NOTE

. The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an

interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Defin	nitive Note for an interest in this Global Note,
have been made:	
	Principal

			Amount of	
		Amount of	this Global	
		increase	Note	Signature of
		in Principal	following	authorized signatory
	Amount of decrease	Amount of	such	of Trustee,
	in Principal Amount of	this	decrease or	Depositary or
Date of Exchange	this Global Note	Global Note	increase	Custodian
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<sup>\*</sup> This schedule should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

The initial outstanding principal amount of this Global Note is \$

# FORM OF TRANSFEREE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION

Brinker International, Inc. 6820 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: General Counsel

Attention, General Counsel	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
This certificate is delivered to request a transfer of \$[ International, Inc. (the "Company").	] principal amount of the 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Notes") of Brinker
Upon transfer, the Notes would be registered in the name of	the new beneficial owner as follows:
Name:	
Address:	
Taxpayer ID Number:	

The undersigned represents and warrants to you that:

- 1. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")), purchasing for our own account or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor" at least \$250,000 principal amount of the Notes, and we are acquiring the Notes, for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act. We have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we invest in or purchase securities similar to the Notes in the normal course of our business. We, and any accounts for which we are acting, are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.
- 2. We understand that the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and, unless so registered, may not be sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree on our own behalf and on behalf of any investor account for which we are purchasing Notes to offer, sell or otherwise transfer such Notes prior to the date that is one year after the later of the date of original issue and the last date on which the Company or any affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Notes (or any predecessor thereto) (the "Resale Restriction Termination Date") only in accordance with the Restricted Notes Legend (as such term is defined in the indenture under which the Notes were issued) on the Notes and any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States. The foregoing restrictions on resale will not apply subsequent to the Resale Restriction Termination Date. If any resale or other transfer of the Notes is proposed to be made pursuant to clause (e) above prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date, the transferor shall deliver a letter from the transferee substantially in the form of this letter to the Company and the Trustee, which shall provide, among other things, that the transferee is an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act and that it is acquiring such Notes for investment purposes and not for distribution in violation of the Securities Act. Each purchaser acknowledges that the Company and the Trustee reserve the right prior to the offer, sale or other transfer prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date of the Notes with respect

to applicable transfers described in the Restricted Notes Legend to require the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certifications and/or other information
satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee.

TRANSFEREE:	
by:	

# FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS

Supplemental Indenture (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of [ ] [ ], 20[ ], among (the "Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a subsidiary of Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, each of the Company and the Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture referred to below) has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "*Indenture*"), dated as of September 23, 2016, providing for the issuance of an unlimited aggregate principal amount of 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "*Notes*");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein and under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders as follows:

- 1. Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.
- 2. <u>Guarantor</u>. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees to be a Guarantor under the Indenture and to be bound by the terms of the Indenture applicable to Guarantors, including Article 10 thereof.
- 3. <u>Governing Law.</u> THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WILL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 4. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH OF THE GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, THE INDENTURE, THE NOTES, THE GUARANTEES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.
- 5. <u>Counterparts</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the Sections of this Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Supplemental Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first above written.			
	[NAME OF GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY]		
	Ву:		
	Name:		
	Title:		
	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee		
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Name: Title:

## BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

\$350,000,000 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024

## Purchase Agreement

September 20, 2016

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

As Representative of the several Initial Purchasers listed in Schedule 1 hereto

c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC 383 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10179

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Initial Purchasers listed in Schedule 1 hereto (the "<u>Initial Purchasers</u>"), for whom you are acting as representative (the "<u>Representative</u>"), \$350,000,000 principal amount of its 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "<u>Securities</u>"). The Securities will be issued pursuant to an Indenture to be dated as of September 23, 2016 (the "<u>Indenture</u>") among the Company, the guarantors listed in Schedule 2 hereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>").

The Company and the Guarantors hereby confirm their agreement with the several Initial Purchasers concerning the purchase and resale of the Securities, as follows:

## 1. Offering Memorandum and Transaction Information.

The Securities will be sold to the Initial Purchasers without being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), in reliance upon an exemption therefrom. The Company and the Guarantors have prepared a preliminary offering memorandum dated September 13, 2016 (the "Preliminary Offering Memorandum") and will prepare an offering memorandum dated the date hereof (the "Offering Memorandum") setting forth information concerning the Company, the Guarantors and the Securities. Copies of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum have been, and copies of the Offering Memorandum will be, delivered by the Company to the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the terms of this purchase agreement (the "Agreement"). The Company hereby confirms that it has authorized the use of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the other Time of Sale Information (as defined below) and the Offering Memorandum in connection with the offering and resale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers in the manner contemplated by this Agreement. References herein to the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum shall be deemed to refer to and include any document incorporated by reference therein and any reference to "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Preliminary Offering Memorandum or the Offering Memorandum shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed after such date and incorporated by reference therein. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum

At or prior to the time when sales of the Securities were first made (the "<u>Time of Sale</u>"), the Company had prepared the following information (collectively, the "<u>Time of Sale Information</u>"): the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, as supplemented and amended by the written communications listed on Annex A hereto.

The Company intends to use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities to repurchase up to \$300 million of its common stock, repay up to \$50 million of its outstanding indebtedness under the Credit Agreement dated as of March 12, 2015, by and among the Company, Brinker Restaurant Corporation, as guarantor, the banks party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent (the "Credit Agreement"), and the remainder for general corporate purposes. The Company, Brinker Restaurant Corporation, Brinker Florida, Inc. and Brinker Texas, Inc., as guarantors, the banks party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent entered into an amendment to the Credit Agreement (the "Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement") on September 13, 2016.

### 2. Purchase and Resale of the Securities.

- (a) The Company agrees to issue and sell the Securities to the several Initial Purchasers as provided in this Agreement, and each Initial Purchaser, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective principal amount of Securities set forth opposite such Initial Purchaser's name in Schedule 1 hereto at a price equal to 98.75% of the principal amount of the Securities plus accrued interest, if any, from September 23, 2016 to the Closing Date. The Company will not be obligated to deliver any of the Securities except upon payment for all the Securities to be purchased as provided herein.
- (b) The Company understands that the Initial Purchasers intend to offer the Securities for resale on the terms set forth in the Time of Sale Information. Each Initial Purchaser, severally and not jointly, represents, warrants and agrees that:
  - (i) it is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (a "QIB") and an accredited investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act ("Regulation D");
  - (ii) it has not solicited offers for, or offered or sold, and will not solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act; and
  - (iii) it has not solicited offers for, or offered or sold, and will not solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities as part of their initial offering except:
    - (A) to persons whom it reasonably believes to be QIBs in transactions pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A") and in connection with each such sale, it has taken or will take reasonable steps to ensure that the purchaser of the Securities is aware that such sale is being made in reliance on Rule 144A; or
    - (B) in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Annex C hereto.
- (c) Each Initial Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the Company and, for purposes of the "no registration" opinions to be delivered to the Initial Purchasers pursuant to Sections 6(f) and 6(g), counsel for the Company and counsel for the Initial Purchasers, respectively, may rely upon the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Initial Purchasers, and compliance by the Initial Purchasers with their agreements, contained in paragraph (b) above (including Annex C hereto), and each Initial Purchaser hereby consents to such reliance.
- (d) The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Initial Purchasers may offer and sell Securities to or through any affiliate of an Initial Purchaser and that any such affiliate may offer and sell Securities purchased by it to or through any Initial Purchaser.
- (e) Payment for and delivery of the Securities will be made at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017 at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on September 23, 2016, or at such other time or place on the same or such other date, not later than the fifth business day thereafter, as the Representative and the Company may agree upon in writing. The time and date of such payment and delivery is referred to herein as the "Closing Date".
- (f) Payment for the Securities shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account(s) specified by the Company to the Representative against delivery to the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), for the account of the Initial Purchasers, of one or more global notes representing the Securities (collectively, the "Global Note"), with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Securities duly paid by the Company. The Global Note will be made available for inspection by the Representative not later than 1:00 P.M., New York City time, on the business day prior to the Closing Date.

- (g) The Company and the Guarantors acknowledge and agree that each Initial Purchaser is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company and the Guarantors with respect to the offering of Securities contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of the offering) and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Company, the Guarantors or any other person. Additionally, neither the Representative nor any other Initial Purchaser is advising the Company, the Guarantors or any other person as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction. The Company and the Guarantors shall consult with their own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making their own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Initial Purchasers shall have no responsibility or liability to the Company or the Guarantors with respect thereto. Any review by the Representative or any Initial Purchaser of the Company, the Guarantors, and the transactions contemplated hereby or other matters relating to such transactions will be performed solely for the benefit of the Representative or such Initial Purchaser, as the case may be, and shall not be on behalf of the Company, the Guarantors or any other person.
- 3. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company and the Guarantors</u>. The Company and the Guarantors jointly and severally represent and warrant to each Initial Purchaser that:
- (a) Preliminary Offering Memorandum, Time of Sale Information and Offering Memorandum. The Preliminary Offering Memorandum, as of its date, did not, the Time of Sale Information, at the Time of Sale, did not, and at the Closing Date, will not, and the Offering Memorandum, in the form first used by the Initial Purchasers to confirm sales of the Securities and as of the Closing Date, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company and the Guarantors make no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Initial Purchaser furnished to the Company in writing by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum.
- (b) Additional Written Communications. The Company and the Guarantors (including their agents and representatives, other than the Initial Purchasers in their capacity as such) have not prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or refer to any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities (each such communication by the Company and the Guarantors or their agents and representatives (other than a communication referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) below) an "Issuer Written Communication") other than (i) the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, (ii) the Offering Memorandum, (iii) the documents listed on Annex A hereto, including a term sheet substantially in the form of Annex B hereto, which constitute part of the Time of Sale Information, and (iv) any electronic road show or other written communications, in each case used in accordance with Section 4(c). Each such Issuer Written Communication, when taken together with the Time of Sale Information at the Time of Sale, did not, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company and the Guarantors make no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in each such Issuer Written Communication in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Initial Purchaser furnished to the Company in writing by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in any Issuer Written Communication.
- (c) *Incorporated Documents*. The documents incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, when filed with the Commission, conformed or will conform, as the case may be, in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (d) *Financial Statements*. The financial statements and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of their operations and the consolidated changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis

throughout the periods covered thereby; and the other financial information included or incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and presents fairly the information shown thereby. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in each of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

- (e) No Material Adverse Change. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, (i) there has not been (a) any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries except as contemplated by the stock based compensation plans and share repurchases pursuant to the plan authorized by the board of directors of the Company as disclosed in the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, or (b) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, or (c) any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, rights, assets, management, financial position, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or agreement that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (iii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except in each case as otherwise disclosed in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.
- (f) Organization and Good Standing. The Company and each of its subsidiaries have been duly organized and are validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged, except where the failure to be so qualified, in good standing or have such power or authority would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, rights, assets, management, financial position, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or on the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their obligations under this Agreement, the Securities and the Guarantees (a "Material Adverse Effect"). The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed on Schedule 3 hereto. The subsidiaries listed in Schedule 4 hereto are the only significant subsidiaries of the Company.
- (g) Capitalization. The Company has the capitalization as set forth in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum under the heading "Capitalization" and all the outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party (collectively, "Liens"), except for Liens pursuant to capital leases, as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.
- (h) *Due Authorization*. The Company and each of the Guarantors have full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, the Securities, and the Indenture (including each Guarantee set forth therein) (collectively, the "<u>Transaction Documents</u>") and to perform their respective obligations hereunder and thereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery of each of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby has been duly and validly taken.
- (i) *The Indenture*. The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and each of the Guarantors and on the Closing Date will be duly executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Guarantors and, when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by each of the parties thereto, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company and each of the Guarantors enforceable against the Company and each of the

Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability (collectively, the "Enforceability Exceptions").

- (j) The Securities and the Guarantees. The Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered as provided in the Indenture and paid for as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and outstanding and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture; and the Guarantees have been duly authorized by each of the Guarantors and, when the Securities have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered as provided in the Indenture and paid for as provided herein, will be valid and legally binding obligations of each of the Guarantors, enforceable against each of the Guarantors in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
  - (k) Purchase Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Guarantors
- (l) *Credit Agreement*. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Guarantors and will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company and each of the Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and each of the Guarantors in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions.
- (m) *Descriptions of the Transaction Documents*. Each Transaction Document conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.
- (n) No Violation or Default. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (o) No Conflicts. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company and each of the Guarantors of each of the Transaction Documents to which each is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the issuance of the Guarantees and compliance by the Company and each of the Guarantors with the terms thereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, result in the termination, modification or acceleration of, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iii) result in the violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (i) and (iii) above, for any such conflict, breach, violation, default, lien, charge or encumbrance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (p) *No Consents Required*. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company and each of the Guarantors of each of the Transaction Documents to which each is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the issuance of the Guarantees and compliance by the Company and each of the Guarantors with the terms thereof and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, except for such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders and registrations or qualifications as may be required under applicable state securities laws in connection with the purchase and resale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers.

- (q) *Legal Proceedings*. Except as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, there are no legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, actions, demands, claims, suits, arbitrations, inquiries or proceedings ("<u>Actions</u>") pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is or may be a party or to which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is or may be the subject that, individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and no such Actions are threatened or, to the best knowledge of the Company and each of the Guarantors, contemplated by any governmental or regulatory authority or threatened by others.
- (r) *Independent Accountants*. KPMG LLP, who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act.
- (s) *Title to Real and Personal Property*. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to, or have valid rights to lease or otherwise use, all items of real and personal property that are material to the respective businesses of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and defects and imperfections of title except those that (i) do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries or (ii) could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (t) Intellectual Property. (i) The Company and its subsidiaries own or have the right to use all patents, patent applications, trademarks, service marks, trade names, trademark registrations, service mark registrations, domain names and other source indicators, copyrights and copyrightable works, know-how, trade secrets, systems, procedures, proprietary or confidential information and all other worldwide intellectual property, industrial property and proprietary rights (collectively, "Intellectual Property") material to the conduct of their respective businesses; (ii) the Company and its subsidiaries' conduct of their respective businesses does not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate any Intellectual Property of any person in any material respect; (iii) the Company and its subsidiaries have not received any written notice of any material claim relating to Intellectual Property; and (iv) to the knowledge of the Company and any Guarantor, the Intellectual Property of the Company and their subsidiaries is not being infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated by any person.
- (v) No Undisclosed Relationships. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, or other affiliates of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other, that would be required by the Securities Act to be described in a registration statement on Form S-1 to be filed with the Commission and that is not so described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.
- (w) *Investment Company Act*. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors is, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, none of them will be, an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "<u>Investment Company Act</u>").
- (x) *Taxes*. The Company and its subsidiaries have paid all federal, state and material other taxes and filed all federal, state and material other tax returns required to be paid or filed through the date hereof; and except as otherwise disclosed in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, there is no material tax deficiency that has been, or could reasonably be expected to be, asserted against the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets.
- (y) *Licenses and Permits*. The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, sub-licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by, and have made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in each of the Time of Sale

Information and the Offering Memorandum, except where the failure to possess or make the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received notice of any revocation or modification of any such license, sub-license, certificate, permit or authorization or has any reason to believe that any such license, certificate, permit or authorization will not be renewed in the ordinary course.

- (z) *No Labor Disputes*. No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the best knowledge of the Company and each of the Guarantors, is contemplated or threatened and neither the Company nor any Guarantor is aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by, or dispute with, the employees of any of the Company's or any of the Company's subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of cancellation or termination with respect to any collective bargaining agreement to which it is a party.
- (aa) Compliance With Environmental Laws, (i) The Company and its subsidiaries (x) are, and at all prior times were, in compliance with any and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, requirements, decisions and orders relating to the protection of human health or safety, the environment, natural resources, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "Environmental Laws"); (y) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations or approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses; and (z) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability under or relating to any Environmental Laws, including for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice, and (ii) there are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries, except in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, for any such failure to comply, or failure to receive required permits, licenses or approvals, or cost or liability, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) except as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, (x) there are no proceedings that are pending, or that are known to be contemplated, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Laws in which a governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceedings regarding which it is reasonably believed no monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more will be imposed, (y) the Company and its subsidiaries are not aware of any issues regarding compliance with Environmental Laws, or liabilities or other obligations under Environmental Laws or concerning hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position of the Company and its subsidiaries, and (z) none of the Company and its subsidiaries anticipates material capital expenditures relating to any Environmental Laws.
- (bb) Compliance with ERISA. (i) Each employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), that is sponsored, maintained or contributed to by the Company or any member of its "Controlled Group" (defined as any organization which is a member of a controlled group of corporations within the meaning of Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) (each, a "Plan") has been maintained in compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Code; (ii) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred with respect to any Plan excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption; (iii) for each Plan that is subject to the funding rules of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, no Plan has failed (whether or not waived), or is reasonably expected to fail, to satisfy the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code) applicable to such Plan; (iv) no Plan is, or is reasonably expected to be, in "at risk status" (within the meaning of Section 303(i) of ERISA) or "endangered status" or "critical status" (within the meaning of Section 305 of ERISA); (v) the fair market value of the assets of each Plan exceeds the present value of all benefits accrued under such Plan (determined based on those assumptions used to fund such Plan); (vi) no "reportable event" (within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (vii) each Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification and (viii) neither the Company nor any member of the Controlled Group has incurred, nor reasonably expects to i

"multiemployer plan", within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA), except in each case with respect to the events or conditions set forth in (i) through (viii) hereof, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (cc) *Disclosure Controls*. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.
- (dd) Accounting Controls. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain systems of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in each of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as disclosed in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, there are no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the Company's internal controls.
- (ee) *Insurance*. The Company and its subsidiaries have insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and businesses, including business interruption insurance, which insurance is in amounts and insures against such losses and risks as are adequate to protect the Company and its subsidiaries and their respective businesses; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has (i) received notice from any insurer or agent of such insurer that capital improvements or other expenditures are required or necessary to be made in order to continue such insurance or (ii) any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage at reasonable cost from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.
- (ff) No Unlawful Payments. None of the Company and its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or benefit to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any applicable law or regulation implementing the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, or committed an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 of the United Kingdom, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe or other unlawful benefit, including, without limitation, any rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful or improper payment or benefit. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce, and will continue to maintain and enforce, policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.

(gg) Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Guarantors, threatened.

(hh) No Conflicts with Sanctions Laws. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject or the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. government, (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("OFAC") or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, the designation as a "specially designated national" or "blocked person"), the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("HMT"), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of the Guarantors located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or target of Sanctions, including, without limitation, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria and Crimea (each, a "Sanctioned Country"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject or target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, initial purchaser, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in any dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject or the target of Sanctions or with any Sanction

- (ii) *No Restrictions on Subsidiaries*. No subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, under any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or is subject, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock or similar ownership interest, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's properties or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company.
- (jj) *No Broker's Fees*. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against any of them or any Initial Purchaser for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities.
- (kk) *Rule 144A Eligibility*. On the Closing Date, the Securities will not be of the same class as securities listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Exchange Act or quoted in an automated inter-dealer quotation system; and each of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Offering Memorandum, as of its respective date, contains or will contain all the information that, if requested by a prospective purchaser of the Securities, would be required to be provided to such prospective purchaser pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.
- (ll) *No Integration*. Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 501(b) of Regulation D) has, directly or through any agent, sold, offered for sale, solicited offers to buy or otherwise negotiated in respect of, any security (as defined in the Securities Act), that is or will be integrated with the sale of the Securities in a manner that would require registration of the Securities under the Securities Act.

(mm) *No General Solicitation or Directed Selling Efforts*. None of the Company or any of its affiliates or any other person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to which no representation is made) has (i) solicited offers for, or offered or sold, the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act or (ii) engaged in any directed selling efforts within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"), and all such persons have complied with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S.

- (nn) Securities Law Exemptions. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Initial Purchasers contained in Section 1(b) (including Annex C hereto) and their compliance with their agreements set forth therein, it is not necessary, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers and the offer, resale and delivery of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum, to register the Securities under the Securities Act or qualify the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.
- (oo) *No Stabilization*. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.
- (pp) *Margin Rules*. Neither the issuance, sale and delivery of the Securities nor the application of the proceeds thereof by the Company as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum will violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other regulation of such Board of Governors.
- (qq) *Forward-Looking Statements*. No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) included or incorporated by reference in any of the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.
- (rr) *Statistical and Market Data*. Nothing has come to the attention of the Company or any Guarantor that has caused the Company or such Guarantor to believe that the statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.
- (ss) *Sarbanes-Oxley Act*. There is and has been since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.
- 4. <u>Further Agreements of the Company and the Guarantors</u>. The Company and the Guarantors jointly and severally covenant and agree with each Initial Purchaser that:
- (a) *Delivery of Copies*. The Company will deliver, without charge, to the Initial Purchasers as many copies of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, any other Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication and the Offering Memorandum (including all amendments and supplements thereto) as the Representative may reasonably request.
- (b) Offering Memorandum, Amendments or Supplements. Before finalizing the Offering Memorandum or making or distributing any amendment or supplement to any of the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum or filing with the Commission any document that will be incorporated by reference therein, the Company will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Initial Purchasers a copy of the proposed Offering Memorandum or such amendment or supplement or document to be incorporated by reference therein for review, and will not distribute any such proposed Offering Memorandum, amendment or supplement or file any such document with the Commission to which the Representative reasonably objects.
- (c) Additional Written Communications. Before making, preparing, using, authorizing, approving or referring to any Issuer Written Communication, the Company and the Guarantors will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Initial Purchasers a copy of such written communication for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve or refer to any such written communication to which the Representative reasonably objects.
- (d) *Notice to the Representative*. The Company will advise the Representative promptly, and confirm such advice in writing, (i) of the issuance by any governmental or regulatory authority of any order preventing or

suspending the use of any of the Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose; (ii) of the occurrence of any event at any time prior to the completion of the initial offering of the Securities as a result of which any of the Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when such Time of Sale Information, Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading; and (iii) of the receipt by the Company of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; and the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such order preventing or suspending the use of any of the Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum or suspending any such qualification of the Securities and, if any such order is issued, will obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

- (e) *Time of Sale Information*. If at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which any of the Time of Sale Information as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Information to comply with law, the Company will immediately notify the Initial Purchasers thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (b) above, furnish to the Initial Purchasers such amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Information (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in any of the Time of Sale Information as so amended or supplemented (including such documents to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, be misleading or so that any of the Time of Sale Information will comply with law.
- (f) Ongoing Compliance. If at any time prior to the completion of the initial offering of the Securities (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Offering Memorandum as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Offering Memorandum is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Offering Memorandum to comply with law, the Company will immediately notify the Initial Purchasers thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (b) above, furnish to the Initial Purchasers such amendments or supplements to the Offering Memorandum (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Offering Memorandum as so amended or supplemented (including such document to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Offering Memorandum is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Offering Memorandum will comply with law.
- (g) *Blue Sky Compliance*. The Company will qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative shall reasonably request and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for the offering and resale of the Securities; provided that neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors shall be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or other entity or as a dealer in securities in any such jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file any general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction if it is not otherwise so subject.
- (h) *Clear Market*. During the period from the date hereof through and including the date that is 90 days after the date hereof, the Company and each of the Guarantors will not, without the prior written consent of the Representative, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of the Guarantors and having a tenor of more than one year.
- (i) *Use of Proceeds*. The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum under the heading "Use of proceeds".
- (j) Supplying Information. While the Securities remain outstanding and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, the Company and each of the Guarantors will, during any

period in which the Company is not subject to and in compliance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, furnish to holders of the Securities and prospective purchasers of the Securities designated by such holders, upon the request of such holders or such prospective purchasers, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

- (k) DTC. The Company will assist the Initial Purchasers in arranging for the Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through DTC.
- (l) *No Resales by the Company*. The Company will not, and will not permit any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) to, resell any of the Securities that have been acquired by any of them, except for Securities purchased by the Company or any of its affiliates and resold in a transaction registered under the Securities Act.
- (m) *No Integration*. Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 501(b) of Regulation D) will, directly or through any agent, sell, offer for sale, solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of, any security (as defined in the Securities Act), that is or will be integrated with the sale of the Securities in a manner that would require registration of the Securities under the Securities Act.
- (n) *No General Solicitation or Directed Selling Efforts*. None of the Company or any of its affiliates or any other person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to which no covenant is given) will (i) solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act or (ii) engage in any directed selling efforts within the meaning of Regulation S, and all such persons will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S.
- (o) *No Stabilization*. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.
- 5. <u>Certain Agreements of the Initial Purchasers</u>. Each Initial Purchaser hereby represents and agrees that it has not and will not use, authorize use of, refer to, or participate in the planning for use of, any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities other than (i) the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Offering Memorandum, (ii) any written communication that contains either (a) no "issuer information" (as defined in Rule 433(h)(2) under the Securities Act) or (b) "issuer information" that was included (including through incorporation by reference) in the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum, (iii) any written communication listed on Annex A or prepared pursuant to Section 4(c) (including any electronic road show) above, (iv) any written communication prepared by such Initial Purchaser and approved by the Company and the Representative in advance in writing or (v) any written communication relating to or that contains the preliminary or final terms of the Securities or their offering and/or other information that was included (including through incorporation by reference) in the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum.
- 6. <u>Conditions of Initial Purchasers' Obligations.</u> The obligation of each Initial Purchaser to purchase Securities on the Closing Date as provided herein is subject to the performance by the Company and each of the Guarantors of their respective covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:
- (a) *Representations and Warranties*. The representations and warranties of the Company and the Guarantors contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date; and the statements of the Company, the Guarantors and their respective officers made in any certificates delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date.
- (b) No Downgrade. Subsequent to the earlier of (A) the Time of Sale and (B) the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Securities or any other debt securities or preferred stock issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, or has changed its outlook with respect to, its rating of the Securities or of any other debt securities or preferred stock issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading).

- (c) No Material Adverse Change. No event or condition of a type described in Section 3(e) hereof shall have occurred or shall exist, which event or condition is not described in each of the Time of Sale Information (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Offering Memorandum (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) the effect of which in the judgment of the Representative makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.
- (d) Officer's Certificate. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date a certificate of an executive officer of the Company and of each Guarantor who has specific knowledge of the Company's or such Guarantor's financial matters and is satisfactory to the Representative (i) confirming that such officer has carefully reviewed the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum and, to the best knowledge of such officer, the representations set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) hereof are true and correct, (ii) confirming that the other representations and warranties of the Company and the Guarantors in this Agreement are true and correct and that the Company and the Guarantors have complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date and (iii) to the effect set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) above.
- (e) *Comfort Letters*. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, KPMG LLP shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in each of the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off" date no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.
- (f) *Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Company*. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representative, at the request of the Company, their written opinion and 10b-5 statement, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, to the effect set forth in Annex D hereto.
- (g) *Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Initial Purchasers.* The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date an opinion and 10b-5 statement, addressed to the Initial Purchasers, of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, with respect to such matters as the Representative may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.
- (h) *No Legal Impediment to Issuance*. No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any federal, state or foreign governmental or regulatory authority that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or the issuance of the Guarantees; and no injunction or order of any federal, state or foreign court shall have been issued that would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or the issuance of the Guarantees.
- (i) *Good Standing*. The Representative shall have received on and as of the Closing Date satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the Company, the Guarantors and the Company's significant subsidiaries set out on Schedule 4 hereto in their respective jurisdictions of organization and their good standing in such other jurisdictions as the Representative may reasonably request, in each case in writing or any standard form of telecommunication, from the appropriate governmental authorities of such jurisdictions.
  - (j) DTC. The Securities shall be eligible for clearance and settlement through DTC.
- (k) *Indenture and Securities*. The Indenture shall have been duly executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Company, each of the Guarantors and the Trustee, and the Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee.

- (l) *Credit Agreement*. Concurrently with or prior to the Closing Date, the Company and the Guarantors shall have entered into the Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement consistent in all material respects with the terms described in the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum and the Representative shall have received conformed counterparts thereof.
- (m) *Additional Documents*. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company and the Guarantors shall have furnished to the Representative such further certificates and documents as the Representative may reasonably request.

All opinions, letters, certificates and evidence mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Initial Purchasers.

#### 7. <u>Indemnification and Contribution</u>.

- (a) Indemnification of the Initial Purchasers. The Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Initial Purchaser, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls such Initial Purchaser within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees and expenses are incurred), joint or several, that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, any of the other Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to any Initial Purchaser furnished to the Company in writing by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use therein.
- (b) Indemnification of the Company and the Guarantors. Each Initial Purchaser agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of the Guarantors, each of their respective directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any of the Guarantors within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) above, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liabilities that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to such Initial Purchaser furnished to the Company in writing by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, any of the other Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication or the Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the following paragraphs in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Offering Memorandum: the fourth sentence of the seventh paragraph and the ninth paragraph of the "Plan of distribution" section.
- (c) *Notice and Procedures*. If any suit, action, proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation), claim or demand shall be brought or asserted against any person in respect of which indemnification may be sought pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) above, such person (the "<u>Indemnified Person</u>") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnification may be sought (the "<u>Indemnifying Person</u>") in writing; provided that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under paragraph (a) or (b) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided, further, that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an Indemnified Person otherwise than under paragraph (a) or (b) above. If any such proceeding shall be brought or asserted against an Indemnified Person and it shall have notified the Indemnifying Person thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person (who shall not, without the consent of the Indemnified Person, be counsel to the Indemnifying Person) to represent the Indemnified Person and any others entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Section 7 that the Indemnifying Person may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel related to such proceeding, as incurred. In any

such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the Indemnifying Person has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person; (iii) the Indemnified Person shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it that are different from or in addition to those available to the Indemnifying Person; or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood and agreed that the Indemnifying Person shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons, and that all such fees and expenses shall be paid or reimbursed as they are incurred. Any such separate firm for any Initial Purchaser, its affiliates, directors and officers and any control persons of such Initial Purchaser shall be designated in writing by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and any such separate firm for the Company, the Guarantors, their respective directors and officers and any control persons of the Company and the Guarantors shall be designated in writing by the Company. The Indemnifying Person shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the Indemnifying Person agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an Indemnified Person shall have requested that an Indemnifying Person reimburse the Indemnified Person for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this paragraph, the Indemnifying Person shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by the Indemnifying Person of such request and (ii) the Indemnifying Person shall not have reimbursed the Indemnified Person in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No Indemnifying Person shall, without the written consent of the Indemnified Person, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Person is or could have been a party and indemnification could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Person, unless such settlement (x) includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (y) does not include any statement as to or any admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Person.

(d) Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) or (b) above is unavailable to an Indemnified Person or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each Indemnifying Person under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Person thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Person as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Initial Purchasers on the other from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Initial Purchasers on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Initial Purchasers on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds (before deducting expenses) received by the Company from the sale of the Securities and the total discounts and commissions received by the Initial Purchasers in connection therewith, as provided in this Agreement, bear to the aggregate offering price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand and the Initial Purchasers on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or any Guarantor or by the Initial Purchasers and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, a

(e) *Limitation on Liability*. The Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Initial Purchasers were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (d) above. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Person as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (d) above shall

be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses incurred by such Indemnified Person in connection with any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, in no event shall an Initial Purchaser be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total discounts and commissions received by such Initial Purchaser with respect to the offering of the Securities exceeds the amount of any damages that such Initial Purchaser has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Initial Purchasers' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to their respective purchase obligations hereunder and not joint.

- (f) *Non-Exclusive Remedies*. The remedies provided for in this Section 7 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies that may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Person at law or in equity.
  - 8. Effectiveness of Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.
- 9. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated in the absolute discretion of the Representative, by notice to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and on or prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on the New York Stock Exchange or the over-the-counter market; (ii) trading of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of the Guarantors shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or New York State authorities; or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis, either within or outside the United States, that, in the judgment of the Representative, is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Time of Sale Information and the Offering Memorandum.

### 10. Defaulting Initial Purchaser.

- (a) If, on the Closing Date, any Initial Purchaser defaults on its obligation to purchase the Securities that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers may in their discretion arrange for the purchase of such Securities by other persons satisfactory to the Company on the terms contained in this Agreement. If, within 36 hours after any such default by any Initial Purchaser, the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities, then the Company shall be entitled to a further period of 36 hours within which to procure other persons satisfactory to the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers to purchase such Securities on such terms. If other persons become obligated or agree to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Initial Purchaser, either the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers or the Company may postpone the Closing Date for up to five full business days in order to effect any changes that in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Initial Purchasers may be necessary in the Time of Sale Information, the Offering Memorandum or in any other document or arrangement, and the Company agrees to promptly prepare any amendment or supplement to the Time of Sale Information or the Offering Memorandum that effects any such changes. As used in this Agreement, the term "Initial Purchaser" includes, for all purposes of this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires, any person not listed in Schedule 1 hereto that, pursuant to this Section 10, purchases Securities that a defaulting Initial Purchaser agreed but failed to purchase.
- (b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers by the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Initial Purchaser to purchase the principal amount of Securities that such Initial Purchaser agreed to purchase hereunder plus such Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers for which such arrangements have not been made.
- (c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers by the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities that remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate

principal amount of all the Securities, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in paragraph (b) above, then this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10 shall be without liability on the part of the Company or the Guarantors, except that the Company and each of the Guarantors will continue to be liable for the payment of expenses as set forth in Section 11 hereof and except that the provisions of Section 7 hereof shall not terminate and shall remain in effect.

(d) Nothing contained herein shall relieve a defaulting Initial Purchaser of any liability it may have to the Company, the Guarantors or any non-defaulting Initial Purchaser for damages caused by its default.

#### 11. Payment of Expenses.

- (a) Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to pay or cause to be paid all costs and expenses incident to the performance of their respective obligations hereunder, including without limitation, (i) the costs incident to the authorization, issuance, sale, preparation and delivery of the Securities and any taxes payable in that connection; (ii) the costs incident to the preparation and printing of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, any other Time of Sale Information, any Issuer Written Communication and the Offering Memorandum (including any amendment or supplement thereto) and the distribution thereof; (iii) the costs of reproducing and distributing each of the Transaction Documents; (iv) the fees and expenses of the Company's and the Guarantors' counsel and independent accountants; (v) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration or qualification and determination of eligibility for investment of the Securities under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative may designate and the preparation, printing and distribution of a Blue Sky Memorandum (including the related fees and expenses of counsel for the Initial Purchasers); (vi) any fees charged by rating agencies for rating the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any paying agent (including related fees and expenses of any counsel to such parties); (viii) all expenses and application fees incurred in connection with the approval of the Securities for book-entry transfer by DTC; and (ix) all expenses incurred by the Company in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors.
- (b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9 (other than clause (i), (iii) or (iv) thereof), (ii) the Company for any reason fails to tender the Securities for delivery to the Initial Purchasers or (iii) the Initial Purchasers decline to purchase the Securities for any reason permitted under this Agreement, the Company and each of the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to reimburse the Initial Purchasers for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees and expenses of their counsel) reasonably incurred by the Initial Purchasers in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.
- 12. <u>Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and any controlling persons referred to herein, and the affiliates of each Initial Purchaser referred to in Section 7 hereof. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein. No purchaser of Securities from any Initial Purchaser shall be deemed to be a successor merely by reason of such purchase.
- 13. <u>Survival</u>. The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of the Company, the Guarantors or the Initial Purchasers pursuant to this Agreement or any certificate delivered pursuant hereto shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Securities and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company, the Guarantors or the Initial Purchasers.
- 14. <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) except where otherwise expressly provided, the term "<u>affiliate</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (b) the term "<u>business day</u>" means any day other than a day on which banks are permitted or required to be closed in New York City; (c) the term "<u>subsidiary</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (d) the term "<u>Exchange Act</u>" collectively means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; (e) the term "<u>written communication</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; and (f) the term "<u>significant subsidiary</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

15. <u>Compliance with USA Patriot Act</u>. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Initial Purchasers are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Initial Purchasers to properly identify their respective clients.

#### 16. Miscellaneous.

- (a) *Authority of the Representative*. Any action by the Initial Purchasers hereunder may be taken by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC on behalf of the Initial Purchasers, and any such action taken by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC shall be binding upon the Initial Purchasers.
- (b) *Notices*. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted and confirmed by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Initial Purchasers shall be given to the Representative c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179 (fax: (212) 270-1063), Attention: Tim Donahue. Notices to the Company and the Guarantors shall be given to them at 6820 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240 (fax: (972) 770-1256); Attention: General Counsel.
- (c) Governing Law. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.
- (d) *Submission to Jurisdiction*. The Company and each of the Guarantors hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Company and each of the Guarantors waive any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such suit or proceeding in such courts. Each of the Company and each of the Guarantors agrees that final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company and each Guarantor, as applicable, and may be enforced in any court to the jurisdiction of which Company and each Guarantor, as applicable, is subject by a suit upon such judgment.
- (e) Waiver of Jury Trial. Each of the parties hereto hereby waives any right to trial by jury in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.
- (f) *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- (g) *Amendments or Waivers*. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor any consent or approval to any departure therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.
- (h) *Headings*. The headings herein are included for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please indicate your acceptance of this Agreement by signing in the space provided below.

Very truly yours,

### BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Name: Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Title: EVP and Chief Financial Officer

# BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President and Secretary

### BRINKER TEXAS, INC.

/s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President and Secretary

# BRINKER FLORIDA, INC.

By: /s/ Bryan McCrory

Name: Bryan McCrory

Title: President and Secretary

Accepted as of the date first written above

For itself and on behalf of the several Initial Purchasers listed in Schedule 1 hereto.

# J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Edward S. Pine

Name: Edward S. Pine
Title: Executive Director

Initial Purchasers	Principal Amount of the Securities
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$ 157,500,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	\$ 105,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$ 49,000,000
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.	\$ 21,000,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	\$ 17,500,000
Total	\$ 350,000,000

# Guarantors

Brinker Restaurant Corporation Brinker Texas, Inc. Brinker Florida, Inc.

#### **Company Subsidiaries**

BI INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BI MEXICO HOLDING CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation

BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL PAYROLL COMPANY, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

BRINKER AIRPORTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BRINKER ALABAMA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER ARKANSAS, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER ASIA, INC., a British Virgin Islands corporation

BRINKER BRAZIL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BRINKER CB, LP, a Texas limited partnership

BRINKER CB MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BRINKER CANADIAN HOLDING CO., ULC, a British Columbia unlimited liability company

BRINKER CANADIAN RESTAURANT CO., ULC, a British Columbia unlimited liability company

BRINKER FHC B.V., a Netherlands private company

BRINKER FLORIDA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER FREEHOLD, INC., a New Jersey corporation

BRINKER GEORGIA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER LOUISIANA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER MHC B.V., a Netherlands private company

BRINKER MICHIGAN, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER MISSISSIPPI, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER MISSOURI, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER NEVADA, INC., a Nevada corporation

BRINKER NEW JERSEY, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER NORTH CAROLINA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation

BRINKER OF CARROLL COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation

BRINKER OF CECIL COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation

BRINKER OKLAHOMA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER OPCO, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BRINKER PENN TRUST, a Pennsylvania business trust

BRINKER PURCHASING, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER RHODE ISLAND, INC., a Rhode Island corporation

BRINKER SERVICES CORPORATION, a Florida corporation

BRINKER SOUTH CAROLINA, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER TEXAS, INC., a Delaware corporation

BRINKER VIRGINIA, INC., a Delaware corporation

CHILI'S BEVERAGE COMPANY, INC., a Texas corporation

CHILI'S, INC., a Delaware corporation

CHILI'S, INC., a Tennessee corporation

CHILI'S INTERNATIONAL BASES, B.V., a Netherlands private company

CHILI'S OF BEL AIR, INC., a Maryland corporation

CHILI'S OF KANSAS, INC., a Kansas corporation

CHILI'S OF MARYLAND, INC., a Maryland corporation

CHILI'S OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC., a West Virginia corporation

LAS NUEVAS DELICIAS GASTRONOMICAS, S. de R.L. de C.V.

MAGGIANO'S, INC., an Illinois corporation

MAGGIANO'S BEVERAGE COMPANY, a Texas corporation

MAGGIANO'S HOLDING CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation

MAGGIANO'S OF ANNAPOLIS, INC., a Maryland corporation

MAGGIANO'S OF HOWARD COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation

MAGGIANO'S OF TYSON'S, INC., a Virginia corporation

MAGGIANO'S TEXAS, INC., a Delaware corporation PEPPER DINING HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation PEPPER DINING, INC., a Delaware corporation PEPPER DINING VERMONT, INC., a Vermont corporation
BIPC GLOBAL PAYROLL COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BIPC MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BIPC ME DMCC, a Dubai Free-Zone company

BIPC INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

BRINKER FAMILY FUND, INC., a Delaware non-profit corporation

# Significant Subsidiaries

Brinker Restaurant Corporation Brinker Texas, Inc. Brinker Florida, Inc.

# **Time of Sale Information**

Pricing Term Sheet, dated September 20, 2016, substantially in the form of Annex B.

Pricing Term Sheet, dated September 20, 2016 to Preliminary Offering Memorandum dated September 13, 2016 Strictly Confidential

#### BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

This pricing term sheet is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Preliminary Offering Memorandum (the "Preliminary Offering Memorandum"). The information in this pricing term sheet supplements the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and updates and supersedes the information in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum. Terms used and not defined herein have the meanings assigned in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum.

The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction. The notes may not be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S) except in transactions exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the notes are being offered only to (1) persons reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act and (2) outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**Issuer:** Brinker International, Inc.

**Security Description:** 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024

**Distribution:** Rule 144A / Regulation S

Aggregate Principal Amount:\$350,000,000Gross Proceeds:\$350,000,000Maturity Date:October 1, 2024

**Coupon:** 5.000%

**Issue Price:** 100% of face amount

Yield to Maturity: 5.000%

**Spread to Benchmark Treasury:** +344 basis points

**Benchmark Treasury:** 2.375% due August 15, 2024

**Interest Payment Dates:** April 1 and October 1, commencing April 1, 2017.

**Record Dates:** March 15 and September 15

**Optional Redemption:** Prior to July 1, 2024 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), make-whole call at T+50 bps.

On or after July 1, 2024 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), at par.

**Trade Date:** September 20, 2016

**Settlement Date:** T+3; September 23, 2016

CUSIP: 109641 AH3 (144A) / U6223W AB0 (Reg S) / 109641 AJ9 (IAI)

ISIN: US109641AH39 (144A) / USU6223WAB01 (Reg S) / US109641AJ94 (IAI)

Ratings\*: [Intentionally Omitted]

**Denominations/Multiple:** \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Joint Bookrunners: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Co-Managers: Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA) Inc.

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

This material is confidential and is for your information only and is not intended to be used by anyone other than you. This information does not purport to be a complete description of these notes or the offering. Please refer to the Preliminary Offering Memorandum for a complete description.

This communication is being distributed solely to persons reasonably believed to be Qualified Institutional Buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and outside the United States solely to Non-U.S. persons as defined under Regulation S.

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

\* A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Any disclaimer or other notice that may appear below is not applicable to this communication and should be disregarded. Such disclaimer or notice was automatically generated as a result of this communication being sent by Bloomberg or another email system.

#### **Restrictions on Offers and Sales Outside the United States**

In connection with offers and sales of Securities outside the United States:

- (a) Each Initial Purchaser acknowledges that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.
  - (b) Each Initial Purchaser, severally and not jointly, represents, warrants and agrees that:
  - (i) Such Initial Purchaser has offered and sold the Securities, and will offer and sell the Securities, (A) as part of their distribution at any time and (B) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering of the Securities and the Closing Date, only in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S") or Rule 144A or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.
  - (ii) None of such Initial Purchaser or any of its affiliates or any other person acting on its or their behalf has engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Securities, and all such persons have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S.
  - (iii) At or prior to the confirmation of sale of any Securities sold in reliance on Regulation S, such Initial Purchaser will have sent to each distributor, dealer or other person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases Securities from it during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or notice to substantially the following effect:

The Securities covered hereby have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering of the Securities and the date of original issuance of the Securities, except in accordance with Regulation S or Rule 144A or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

(iv) Such Initial Purchaser has not and will not enter into any contractual arrangement with any distributor with respect to the distribution of the Securities, except with its affiliates or with the prior written consent of the Company.

Terms used in paragraph (a) and this paragraph (b) and not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

(c) Each Initial Purchaser acknowledges that no action has been or will be taken by the Company that would permit a public offering of the Securities, or possession or distribution of any of the Time of Sale Information, the Offering Memorandum, any Issuer Written Communication or any other offering or publicly available material relating to the Securities, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Form of Opinion of Counsel for the Company and the Guarantors



September 23, 2016

To: Brinker International, Inc.

6820 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway

Dallas, TX 75240

Attn: Joe Taylor Telephone: [\*\*]
Email: [\*\*]

From Bank of America, N.A.

c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park

New York, NY 10036 Attn: Jake Mendelsohn Telephone: [\*\*] Facsimile: [\*\*]

Re: Issuer Forward Repurchase Transaction

(BofAML Reference Number: [\*\*])

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this communication (this "Confirmation") is to confirm the terms and conditions of the Transaction entered into between Bank of America, N.A. ("BofA") and Brinker International, Inc. ("Counterparty") on the Trade Date specified below (the "Transaction"). The terms of the Transaction shall be set forth in this Confirmation. This Confirmation shall constitute a "Confirmation" as referred to in the ISDA Master Agreement specified below.

1. This Confirmation is subject to, and incorporates, the definitions and provisions of the 2002 ISDA Equity Derivatives Definitions (the "**Equity Definitions**"), as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("**ISDA**").

This Confirmation evidences a complete and binding agreement between BofA and Counterparty as to the terms of the Transaction to which this Confirmation relates. This Confirmation shall be subject to an agreement (the "**Agreement**") in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (the "**ISDA Form**") as if BofA and Counterparty had executed an agreement in such form (without any Schedule but with the elections set forth in this Confirmation and the election that the "Cross Default" provisions of Section 5(a)(vi) of the Agreement will apply to BofA as if (w) the phrase ", or becoming capable at such time of being declared," were deleted from Section 5(a)(vi)(1) of the Agreement, (x) the "Threshold Amount" with respect to BofA were three percent (3%) of shareholders' equity of Bank of America Corporation ("**BAC**") as of the date hereof, (y) "Specified Indebtedness" had the meaning specified in Section 14 of the Agreement, except that such term shall not include obligations in respect of deposits received in the ordinary course of BofA's banking business and (z) the following language were added to the end of such Section 5(a)(vi): "Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default under subsection (2) hereof shall not constitute an Event of Default if (1) the default was caused solely by error or omission of an administrative or operational nature; (2) funds were available to enable the party to make the payment when due; and (3) the payment is made within two Local Business Days of such party's receipt of written notice of its failure to pay."). The Transaction shall be the only Transaction under the Agreement.

If there exists any ISDA Master Agreement between BofA and Counterparty or any confirmation or other agreement between BofA and Counterparty pursuant to which an ISDA Master Agreement is deemed to exist between BofA and Counterparty, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary in such ISDA Master Agreement, such confirmation or agreement, or any other agreement to which BofA and Counterparty are parties, the Transaction shall not be considered a Transaction under, or otherwise governed by, such existing or deemed ISDA Master Agreement, and the occurrence of any Event of Default or Termination Event under the Agreement with respect to either party or the Transaction shall not, by itself, give rise to any right or obligation under any such other agreement or deemed agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other agreement between the parties or their Affiliates, the Transaction shall not be a "Specified Transaction" (or similarly treated) under any other agreement between the parties or their Affiliates.

All provisions contained in, or incorporated by reference to, the Agreement will govern this Confirmation except as expressly modified herein. In the event of any inconsistency between this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement, the following will prevail for purposes of the Transaction in the order of precedence indicated: (i) this Confirmation; (ii) the Equity Definitions; and (iii) the Agreement. The Transaction is a Share Forward Transaction within the meaning set forth in the Equity Definitions.

2. The terms of the particular Transaction to which this Confirmation relates are as follows:

#### General Terms:

Trade Date: As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

Seller: BofA

Buyer: Counterparty

Shares: The common stock of Counterparty, as described on Bloomberg Screen "EAT <Equity> DES"

Prepayment/Variable Obligation: Applicable

Prepayment Amount: As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

Prepayment Date: One (1) Exchange Business Day following the Trade Date.

Exchange: The New York Stock Exchange

Related Exchange(s): All Exchanges

Calculation Agent: BofA. Whenever the Calculation Agent is required to act or to exercise judgment in any way with respect to the Transaction hereunder, it will do so in good faith and in a commercially reasonable

manner. Following the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default pursuant to Section 5(a)(vii) of the Agreement with respect to which BofA is the Defaulting Party, Counterparty shall have the right to designate an independent, nationally recognized equity derivatives dealer to replace BofA as Calculation Agent, and the parties shall work in good faith to execute any appropriate documentation required by such replacement Calculation Agent.

Following any determination, adjustment or calculation by the Calculation Agent, the Hedging Party or the Determining Party hereunder, the Calculation Agent, the Hedging Party or the Determining Party, as the case may be, will within five Exchange Business Days of a request by Counterparty, provide to Counterparty a report (in a commonly used file format for the storage and manipulation of financial data without disclosing any proprietary or confidential models or

other information that is proprietary or confidential) displaying in reasonable detail the basis for such determination, adjustment or calculation, as the case may be.

Valuation Terms:

Averaging Dates: Each of the consecutive Exchange Business Days commencing on, and including, the Exchange

Business Day immediately following the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Final

Averaging Date.

Final Averaging Date: The Scheduled Final Averaging Date; *provided* that BofA shall have the right, in its absolute

discretion, at any time to accelerate the Final Averaging Date, in whole or in part, to any date that

is on or after the Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date

by written notice to Counterparty no later than 8:00 P.M., New York City time, on the Exchange Business Day immediately following the accelerated Final Averaging Date.

In the case that BofA accelerates the Final Averaging Date in part ("**Partial Acceleration**"), the portion of the Transaction subject to Partial Acceleration must be greater than or equal to USD 100,000,000 (or such lesser amount that is the entirety of the remaining Prepayment Amount), BofA shall specify in its written notice to Counterparty accelerating the Final Averaging Date the corresponding percentage of the Prepayment Amount that is subject to valuation on the related Valuation Date, and the Calculation Agent shall adjust the terms of the Transaction to account for such Partial Acceleration (including cumulative adjustments to account for all Partial Accelerations that occur during the term of the Transaction).

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

The Final Averaging Date.

Modified Postponement, provided that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, if a Market Disruption Event occurs on any Averaging Date, the Calculation Agent shall, as appropriate in light of market conditions or regulatory considerations, determine whether: (i) such Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day in full, in which case the VWAP Price for such Disrupted Day shall not be included for purposes of determining the Settlement Price or the Elapsed Price and the Scheduled Final Averaging Date shall be postponed in accordance with Modified Postponement (as modified herein) or (ii) such Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day only in part, in which case the Calculation Agent shall (x) determine the VWAP Price for such Disrupted Day based on Rule 10b-18 eligible transactions in the Shares on such Disrupted Day taking into account the nature and duration of such Market Disruption Event, (y) determine (1) the Settlement Price and (2) the Elapsed Price in respect of each Interim Share Calculation Date on or after such Averaging Date, in each case, based on an appropriately weighted average instead of the arithmetic average described under "Settlement Price" below or "Elapsed Price" below, as the case may be, with such weighting based solely on the duration of such Market Disruption Event and the volume, historical trading patterns and price of the Shares and (z) determine the Elapsed Percentage in respect of each Interim Share Calculation Date on or after such Averaging Date based on an appropriate weighting taking into account such partially disrupted Averaging Date. Any Scheduled Trading Day on which, as of the date hereof, the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its normal close of trading shall be deemed not to be an Exchange Business Day. If a closure of the Exchange prior to its normal close of trading on any Exchange Business Day is scheduled following the date hereof, then such Exchange Business Day shall be deemed to be a Disrupted Day in full. Section 6.6(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting clause (i) thereof.

Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date:

Valuation Date:

Averaging Date Disruption:

Market Disruption Events:

Regulatory Disruption:

### Settlement Terms:

Initial Share Delivery:

Initial Share Delivery Date:

**Initial Shares:** 

Interim Share Delivery:

Interim Share Delivery Dates:

**Interim Share Calculation Dates:** 

Interim Shares:

The Calculation Agent shall promptly provide Counterparty written notice of the occurrence of any Disrupted Day and any adjustments to the terms of the Transaction as a result thereof.

"Rule 10b-18 eligible transactions" means, for any Exchange Business Day, only those trades that are reported during the period of time during which Counterparty could purchase its own shares under Rule 10b-18(b)(2) and are effected pursuant to the conditions of Rule 10b-18(b)(3), each under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Section 6.3(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended (A) by deleting the words "during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time, Latest Exercise Time, Knock-in Valuation Time or Knock-out Valuation Time, as the case may be" in clause (ii) thereof, and (B) by replacing the words "or (iii) an Early Closure." therein with "(iii) an Early Closure, or (iv) a Regulatory Disruption."

Section 6.3(d) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the remainder of the provision following the term "Scheduled Closing Time" in the fourth line thereof.

Any event that BofA, in its good faith and reasonable discretion based on the advice of counsel, determines makes it appropriate with regard to any legal, regulatory or self-regulatory requirements or related policies and procedures for BofA similarly applicable to accelerated share repurchase transactions and consistently applied, to refrain from or decrease any market activity in connection with the Transaction. BofA shall notify Counterparty as soon as reasonably practicable that a Regulatory Disruption has occurred (but, in any event, within one Exchange Business Day of the date of its occurrence) and the Averaging Date(s) affected by it.

On the Initial Share Delivery Date, BofA shall deliver to Counterparty the Initial Shares.

One (1) Exchange Business Day following the Trade Date.

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

On each Interim Share Delivery Date, BofA shall delivery to Counterparty the Interim Shares.

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, one (1) Exchange Business Day following such Interim Share Calculation Date.

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, a number of Shares equal to the greater of (x) zero and (y) (i) (a) the Prepayment Amount *divided* by the Estimated Price for such Interim Share Calculation Date, *multiplied* by (b) the Interim Share Delivery Percentage for such Interim Share Calculation Date, *minus* (ii) the aggregate number of Initial Shares and Interim Shares delivered by BofA to Counterparty for the Transaction as of such Interim Share Calculation Date.

Interim Share Delivery Percentage:
Estimated Price:

Elapsed Price:

Elapsed Percentage:

Remaining Percentage:

Settlement Date:

Settlement:

Number of Shares to be Delivered:

For each Interim Share Calculation Date, as provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, (i) the Elapsed Percentage for such Interim Share Calculation Date, *multiplied by* Elapsed Price for such Interim Share Calculation Date, plus (ii) the Remaining Percentage for such Interim Share Calculation Date, *multiplied by* the greater of (x) the official closing price of the Shares on such Interim Share Calculation Date (as described on Bloomberg Screen "EAT <Equity> HP" (or any successor thereto)) and (y) the Elapsed Price for such Interim Share Calculation Date.

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, (i) the total number of Averaging Dates that are not Disrupted Days in full from, and including, the Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date to, and including, such Interim Share Calculation Date, *divided by* (ii) the total number of Scheduled Trading Days from, and including, the Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date to, and including, the Scheduled Final Averaging Date (other than any Scheduled Trading Days prior to such Interim Share Calculation Date that are Disrupted Days in full); *provided that*, for the purposes of the foregoing, (i) any Scheduled Trading Day on which, as of the date hereof, the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its normal close of trading shall be deemed not to be a Scheduled Trading Day and (ii) if a closure of the Exchange prior to its normal close of trading on any Exchange Business Day is scheduled following the date hereof, then such Exchange Business Day shall be deemed not to be a Scheduled Trading Day.

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, the arithmetic average of the VWAP Prices for each Averaging Date from, and including, the Exchange Business Day immediately following the Trade Date to, and including, such Interim Share Calculation Date

In respect of any Interim Share Calculation Date, 100% *minus* the Elapsed Percentage for such Interim Share Calculation Date.

Three (3) Exchange Business Days following the Valuation Date; *provided* that if (i) the Final Averaging Date is March 29, 2017, the Settlement Date shall be the second (2nd) Exchange Business Day following the Valuation Date and (ii) the Final Averaging Date is March 30, 2017, the Settlement Date shall be the first (1st) Exchange Business Day following the Valuation Date.

On the Settlement Date, BofA shall deliver to Counterparty the Number of Shares to be Delivered, if a positive number. If the Number of Shares to be Delivered is a negative number, the Counterparty Settlement Provisions in Annex A shall apply.

A number of Shares equal to (i) the Prepayment Amount *divided by* (ii) the Settlement Price; *provided* that the Number of Shares to be Delivered shall be reduced by the aggregate number of Initial Shares and Interim Shares delivered by BofA to Counterparty for the Transaction as of the Settlement Date.

Settlement Price:

The arithmetic average of the VWAP Prices for all Averaging Dates *minus* the Price Adjustment Amount.

VWAP Price:

For any Averaging Date, the Rule 10b-18 dollar volume weighted average price per Share for such day as reported on Bloomberg Screen "EAT <Equity> AQR SEC" (or any successor thereto) or, in the event such price is not so reported on such day for any reason or is manifestly incorrect, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent using a volume weighted method.

Price Adjustment Amount:

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

Excess Dividend Amount:

For the avoidance of doubt, all references to the Excess Dividend Amount in Section 9.2(a)(iii) of the Equity Definitions shall be deleted.

Other Applicable Provisions:

To the extent either party is obligated to deliver Shares hereunder, the provisions of the last sentence of Section 9.2 and Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the Issuer of the Shares) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction.

Dividends:

Dividend:

Excess Dividend:

Consequences of Excess Dividend:

Ordinary Dividend Amount:

Early Ordinary Dividend Payment:

Any dividend or distribution on the Shares other than any dividend or distribution of the type described in Sections 11.2(e)(i), 11.2(e)(ii)(A) or 11.2 (e)(ii)(B) of the Equity Definitions.

For any calendar quarter, any Dividend with an ex-dividend date occurring during such calendar quarter the amount or value of which per Share (as determined by the Calculation Agent), when aggregated with the amount or value (as determined by the Calculation Agent) of any and all previous Dividends with ex-dividend dates occurring in the same calendar quarter, exceeds the Ordinary Dividend Amount.

The declaration by the Issuer of any Excess Dividend, the ex-dividend date for which occurs or is scheduled to occur during the Relevant Dividend Period, shall, at BofA's election, constitute an Additional Termination Event in respect of the Transaction, with Counterparty as the sole Affected Party and the Transaction as the sole Affected Transaction.

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

The occurrence of an ex-dividend date for any Dividend that is not an Excess Dividend during any calendar quarter occurring (in whole or in part) during the Relevant Dividend Period that is prior to the Scheduled Ex-Dividend Date for the relevant calendar quarter shall, at BofA's election, constitute an Additional Termination Event in respect of the Transaction, with Counterparty as the sole Affected Party and the Transaction as the sole Affected Transaction.

Scheduled Ex-Dividend Dates:

Relevant Dividend Period:

Relevant Dividend Period End Date:

Agreement Regarding Dividends:

Share Adjustments:

Method of Adjustment:

**Extraordinary Events:** 

Consequences of Merger Events:

(a) Share-for-Share:

(b) Share-for-Other:

(c) Share-for-Combined:

Tender Offer:

As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

The period from, and including, the first Averaging Date to, and including, the Relevant Dividend Period End Date.

If Annex A applies, the last Settlement Valuation Date; otherwise, the Final Averaging Date.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement to the contrary, in calculating any adjustment pursuant to Article 11 of the Equity Definitions or any amount payable in respect of any termination or cancellation of the Transaction pursuant to Article 12 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6 of the Agreement, the Calculation Agent may take into account changes in stock price, volatility, interest rates, stock loan rates or liquidity relevant to the Shares, but shall not take into account changes to any dividends since the Trade Date. For the avoidance of doubt, if an Early Termination Date occurs in respect of the Transaction, the amount payable pursuant to Section 6 of the Agreement in respect of such Early Termination Date may take into account changes in stock price, volatility, interest rates, stock loan rates or liquidity relevant to the Shares, but shall be determined without regard to the difference between actual dividends declared and expected dividends as of the Trade Date.

Calculation Agent Adjustment; *provided* that (i) the declaration or payment of Dividends shall not be a Potential Adjustment Event and (ii) repurchases effected in accordance with Section 6(e) below shall not constitute a Potential Adjustment Event.

It shall constitute an additional Potential Adjustment Event if the Scheduled Final Averaging Date is postponed pursuant to the language opposite the caption "Averaging Date Disruption" above, in which case the Calculation Agent shall adjust any relevant terms of the Transaction, based on stock price, volatility, interest rates, stock loan rates, liquidity and the number of Averaging Dates, as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Transaction of such postponement (taking into consideration any postponement pursuant to the language opposite the caption "Averaging Date Disruption" above).

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Cancellation and Payment

Component Adjustment

Applicable; *provided* that (x) Section 12.1(d) of the Equity Definitions shall be amended by replacing (i) "10%" in the third line thereof with "25%" and (ii) "voting shares of the Issuer" in the fourth line thereof with "Shares", (y) Section 12.1(e) of the Equity Definitions shall be amended by replacing "voting shares" in the first line thereof with "Shares" and (z) Section 12.1(l) of the Equity Definitions shall be amended by replacing "voting shares" in the fifth line thereof with "Shares".

Consequences of Tender Offers:

(a) Share-for-Share: Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment (b) Share-for-Other: Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment (c) Share-for-Combined: Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Composition of Combined Consideration:

Not Applicable New Shares:

In the definition of New Shares in Section 12.1(i) of the Equity Definitions, the text in clause (i) thereof shall be deleted in its entirety (including the word "and" following such clause (i)) and replaced with "publicly quoted, traded or listed on any of the New York Stock Exchange, The

NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective

successors)".

Nationalization, Insolvency or Delisting: Cancellation and Payment; provided that in addition to the provisions of Section 12.6(a)(iii) of

> the Equity Definitions, it shall also constitute a Delisting if the Exchange is located in the United States and the Shares are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of the New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Market or The NASDAQ Global Select Market (or their respective successors); if the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any such exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall thereafter be

deemed to be the Exchange.

Additional Disruption Events:

Change in Law: Applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Equity Definitions, a Change in Law

> described in clause (Y) of Section 12.9(a)(ii) of the Equity Definitions shall not constitute a Change in Law and instead shall constitute an Increased Cost of Hedging as described in Section

12.9(a)(vi) of the Equity Definitions.

Failure to Deliver: Applicable Insolvency Filing: Applicable Hedging Disruption: Not Applicable

Increased Cost of Hedging: Applicable solely with respect to a "Change in Law" described in clause (Y) of Section 12.9(a)

(ii) of the Equity Definitions as set forth in the last sentence opposite the caption "Change in

Law" above.

Loss of Stock Borrow: Applicable

Maximum Stock Loan Rate: As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

Increased Cost of Stock Borrow: **Applicable** 

Initial Stock Loan Rate: As provided in Annex B to this Confirmation.

**Hedging Party:** For all applicable Potential Adjustment Events and Extraordinary Events, BofA; provided that

when making any determination or calculation as "Hedging Party," BofA shall be bound by the same obligations relating to required acts of the Calculation Agent as set forth in Section 1.40 of the Equity Definitions and this Confirmation as if the Hedging Party were the Calculation Agent. Determining Party: For all Extraordinary Events, BofA; *provided* that when making any determination or calculation

as "Determining Party," BofA shall be bound by the same obligations relating to required acts of the Calculation Agent as set forth in Section 1.40 of the Equity Definitions and this Confirmation

as if the Determining Party were the Calculation Agent.

Non-Reliance: Applicable

Agreements and Acknowledgments Regarding

Hedging Activities:

Applicable

Additional Acknowledgments: Applicable

#### 3. Account Details:

- (a) Account for payments to Counterparty: To be provided separately upon request
- (b) Account for payments to BofA:

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## 4. Offices:

- (a) The Office of Counterparty for the Transaction is: Counterparty is not a Multibranch Party
- (b) The Office of BofA for the Transaction is: New York
- 5. Notices: For purposes of this Confirmation:
  - (a) Address for notices or communications to Counterparty:

Brinker International, Inc.

6820 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway

Dallas, TX 75240

Attn: Joe Taylor, Vice President – Investor Relations and Treasury

Telephone: [\*\*] Email: [\*\*]

(b) Address for notices or communications to BofA:

Bank of America, N.A.

c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park

New York, NY 10036

Attn: Jake Mendelsohn

Telephone: [\*\*]
Facsimile: [\*\*]

### 6. Additional Provisions Relating to Transactions in the Shares.

(a) Counterparty acknowledges and agrees that the Initial Shares delivered on the Initial Share Delivery Date may be sold short to Counterparty. Counterparty further acknowledges and agrees that BofA may, during (i) the period from the date hereof to the Valuation Date or, if later, the Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date without regard to any adjustment thereof pursuant to "Special Provisions regarding Transaction Announcements" below, and (ii) the period from and including the first Settlement Valuation Date to and including the last Settlement Valuation Date, if any (together, the "Relevant Period"), purchase Shares in connection with the Transaction,

which Shares may be used to cover all or a portion of such short sale or may be delivered to Counterparty. Such purchases will be conducted independently of Counterparty. The timing of such purchases by BofA, the number of Shares purchased by BofA on any day, the price paid per Share pursuant to such purchases and the manner in which such purchases are made, including without limitation whether such purchases are made on any securities exchange or privately, shall be within the absolute discretion of BofA. It is the intent of the parties that the Transaction comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) (i)(A) and (B) of the Exchange Act, and the parties agree that this Confirmation shall be interpreted to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c) and Counterparty shall not take any action that results in the Transaction not so complying with such requirements. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, Counterparty acknowledges and agrees that (A) Counterparty does not have, and shall not attempt to exercise, any influence over how, when or whether BofA effects any purchases of Shares in connection with the Transaction, (B) during the period beginning on (but excluding) the date of this Confirmation and ending on (and including) the last day of the Relevant Period, neither Counterparty nor its officers or employees shall, directly or indirectly, communicate any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares to any employee of BofA or its Affiliates responsible for trading the Shares in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, but may communicate with Roger Matthews, Ravi Mani, David Finkelstein, Isaac Taylor, Gary Rosenblum or such other "private side" employees designated by BofA or its Affiliates, (C) Counterparty is entering into the Transaction in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade compliance with federal securities laws including, without limitation, Rule 10b-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act and (D) Counterparty will not alter or deviate (within the meaning of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1)(i)(C) under the Exchange Act) from this Confirmation or enter into or alter a corresponding hedging transaction with respect to the Shares. Counterparty also acknowledges and agrees that any amendment, modification, waiver or termination of this Confirmation must be effected in accordance with the requirements for the amendment or termination of a "plan" as defined in Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Exchange Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any such amendment, modification, waiver or termination shall be made in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions of Rule 10b-5 under the Exchange Act, and no such amendment, modification or waiver shall be made at any time at which Counterparty or any officer or director of Counterparty is aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares.

- (b) The Shares are not, and Counterparty will not cause the Shares to be, subject to a "restricted period" (as defined in Regulation M promulgated under the Exchange Act) at any time during the Relevant Period unless Counterparty has provided written notice to BofA of such restricted period not later than the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding the first day of such "restricted period." Counterparty acknowledges that any such notice may cause a Disrupted Day to occur. Accordingly, Counterparty acknowledges that its delivery of such notice must comply with the standards set forth in Section 6(a) above.
- (c) Counterparty represents and warrants to BofA that neither it nor any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 10b-18")) has made any purchases of blocks pursuant to the once-a-week block exception contained in Rule 10b-18(b)(4) during either the four calendar weeks preceding the Trade Date or the calendar week in which the Trade Date occurs. Counterparty shall, at least one day prior to the first day of any Relevant Period pursuant to clause (ii) of the definition thereof, notify BofA of the total number of Shares purchased in Rule 10b-18 purchases of blocks pursuant to the once-a-week block exception contained in Rule 10b-18(b)(4) by or for Counterparty or any of its "affiliated purchasers" (as defined in Rule 10b-18) during each of the four calendar weeks preceding the first day of such Relevant Period and during the calendar week in which the first day of such Relevant Period occurs ("Rule 10b-18 purchase", "blocks" and "affiliated purchaser" each being used as defined in Rule 10b-18).
- (d) During the Relevant Period, Counterparty shall (i) notify BofA prior to the opening of trading in the Shares on any day on which Counterparty makes, or expects to be made, any public announcement (as defined in Rule 165(f) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) of any merger, acquisition, or similar transaction involving a recapitalization relating to Counterparty as contemplated by Rule 10b-18(a)(13)(iv) under the Exchange Act (other than any such transaction in which the consideration consists solely of cash and there is no valuation period), (ii) promptly notify BofA following any such announcement that such announcement has been made, and (iii) promptly deliver to BofA following the making of any such announcement a certificate indicating (A) Counterparty's average daily Rule 10b-18 purchases (as defined in Rule 10b-18) during the three full calendar months preceding the date of the announcement of such transaction that were not effected through BofA or its affiliates and (B) Counterparty's block purchases (as defined in Rule 10b-18) effected pursuant to paragraph (b)(4) of Rule 10b-18 during the three full calendar months preceding the date of the announcement of such transaction that were not effected through BofA or its affiliates. In addition, Counterparty shall promptly notify

BofA of the earlier to occur of the completion of such transaction and the completion of the vote by target shareholders. Counterparty acknowledges that any such public announcement may result in a Regulatory Disruption and may cause the Relevant Period to be suspended. Accordingly, Counterparty acknowledges that its actions in relation to any such announcement or transaction must comply with the standards set forth in Section 6(a) above.

(e) Without the prior written consent of BofA, Counterparty shall not, and shall cause its "affiliated purchasers" (as defined in Rule 10b-18) not to, directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by means of a cash-settled or other derivative instrument) purchase, offer to purchase, place any bid or limit order that would effect a purchase of, or commence any tender offer relating to, any Shares (or an equivalent interest, including a unit of beneficial interest in a trust or limited partnership or a depository share) during the Relevant Period, except through BofA or its Affiliate and, if BofA or its Affiliate is requested to make any such purchases, BofA or its Affiliate will cooperate in good faith with Counterparty to execute mutually acceptable documentation pursuant to which BofA or its Affiliate shall make any such purchases. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall (i) limit Counterparty's ability, pursuant to its employee incentive plans, to re-acquire Shares in connection with the related equity transactions, (ii) limit Counterparty's ability to withhold shares to cover tax liabilities associated with such equity transactions or (iii) limit Counterparty's ability to grant stock, restricted stock units and options to "affiliated purchasers" (as defined in Rule 10b-18) or the ability of such affiliated purchasers to acquire such stock, restricted stock units or options, in connection with Counterparty's compensation policies for directors, officers and employees. Further, (i) Counterparty or an "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18) may effect purchases of Shares or derivative instruments relating to the Shares during the Relevant Period through BofA or its Affiliate pursuant to any Rule 10b5-1 repurchase plan or Rule 10b-18 repurchase (each, a "Permitted OMR Transaction"), so long as such purchases do not in the aggregate exceed, on any Exchange Business Day, 5% of the ADTV (as defined in Rule 10b-18) for the Shares (it being understood that BofA shall not unreasonably withhold or delay consent to the purchase of a higher percentage of ADTV for the Shares if the Calculation Agent determines that the purchase of such increased percentage would not have an adverse (to BofA) economic effect on the value of the Transaction or would not require BofA to reduce its market activity related to the Transaction), (ii) an agent independent of Counterparty may purchase Shares effected by or for an issuer plan of Issuer in accordance with the requirements of Section 10b-18(a)(13)(ii) under the Exchange Act (with "issuer plan" and "agent independent of Counterparty" each being used herein as defined in Rule 10b-18) and (iii) Counterparty or any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18) may purchase Shares in (x) unsolicited transactions or (y) privately negotiated (off-market) transactions (but excluding by means of derivative transactions relating to the Shares), in each case, that are not expected to result in market purchases, in each case, without BofA's consent.

#### 7. Representations, Warranties and Agreements.

- (a) In addition to the representations, warranties and agreements in the Agreement and those contained elsewhere herein, Counterparty represents and warrants to and for the benefit of, and agrees with, BofA as follows:
  - (i) As of the Trade Date, Counterparty is not aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Counterparty or the Shares.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of Section 13.1 of the Equity Definitions, Counterparty acknowledges that BofA is not making any representations or warranties or taking any position or expressing any view with respect to the treatment of the Transaction under any accounting standards including ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, or ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity* (or any successor issue statements) or under FASB's Liabilities & Equity Project.
  - (iii) Prior to the Trade Date, Counterparty shall deliver to BofA a resolution of Counterparty's board of directors authorizing the Transaction. Counterparty has publicly disclosed its intention to institute a program for the acquisition of Shares.
  - (iv) Counterparty is not entering into this Confirmation to create actual or apparent trading activity in the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or to raise or depress or otherwise manipulate the price of the Shares (or any security convertible into or exchangeable for Shares) or otherwise in violation of the Exchange Act, and will not engage in any other securities or derivative transaction to such ends.

- (v) Counterparty is not, and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (vi) On the Trade Date, the Prepayment Date and the Initial Share Delivery Date, Counterparty is not, or will not be, "insolvent" (as such term is defined under Section 101(32) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (Title 11 of the United States Code) (the "Bankruptcy Code")) and Counterparty would be able to purchase the Shares hereunder in compliance with the corporate laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.
- (vii) Counterparty understands no obligations of BofA to it hereunder will be entitled to the benefit of deposit insurance and that such obligations are not, as of the date hereof, guaranteed by any affiliate of BofA or any governmental agency.
- (b) Each of BofA and Counterparty agrees and represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in Section 1a(18) of the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
- (c) Each of BofA and Counterparty acknowledges that the offer and sale of the Transaction is intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act, by virtue of Section 4(a)(2) thereof. Accordingly, each party represents and warrants to the other that (i) it has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Transaction and is able to bear a total loss of its investment, (ii) it is an "accredited investor" as that term is defined in Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act, (iii) it is entering into the Transaction for its own account and without a view to the distribution or resale thereof, and (iv) the assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Transaction has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and is restricted under this Confirmation, the Securities Act and state securities laws.
- (d) Counterparty agrees and acknowledges that BofA is a "financial institution," "swap participant" and "financial participant" within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 101(53C) and 101(22A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The parties hereto further agree and acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that (A) this Confirmation is (i) a "securities contract," as such term is defined in Section 741(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "settlement payment," within the meaning of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) a "swap agreement," as such term is defined in Section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to which each payment and delivery hereunder or in connection herewith is a "termination value," "payment amount" or "other transfer obligation" within the meaning of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and a "transfer," as such term is defined in Section 101(54) of the Bankruptcy Code and a "payment or other transfer of property" within the meaning of Sections 362 and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (B) BofA is entitled to the protections afforded by, among other sections, Sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(17), 362(o), 546(e), 546(g), 548(d)(2), 555, 560 and 561 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) BofA agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts, during any Relevant Period, to make purchases of Shares in connection with the Transaction (other than any purchases made by BofA in connection with dynamic hedge adjustments of BofA's exposure to the Transaction as a result of any equity optionality contained in the Transaction) in a manner that would comply with the limitations set forth in clauses (b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(4) of Rule 10b-18 (it being understood that, for purposes of calculating the volume restriction in paragraph (b)(4) of Rule 10b-18, purchases on each Exchange Business Day in connection with the Transaction shall be aggregated with purchases on such Exchange Business Day under any Permitted OMR Transaction), as if such rule was applicable to such purchases and taking into account any applicable Securities and Exchange Commission no-action letters as appropriate, and subject to any delays between the execution and reporting of a trade of the Shares and other circumstances beyond BofA's control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BofA shall not be responsible for any failure to comply with Rule 10b-18(b)(3) to the extent any transaction that was executed (or deemed to be executed) by or on behalf of Counterparty or an affiliated purchaser pursuant to a separate agreement is not deemed to be an "independent bid" or an "independent transaction" for purposes of Rule 10b-18(b)(3).

### 8. Agreements and Acknowledgements Regarding Hedging.

Counterparty acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) During the Relevant Period, BofA and its Affiliates may buy or sell Shares or other securities or buy or sell options or futures contracts or enter into swaps or other derivative securities in order to adjust its hedge position with respect to the Transaction;
  - (b) BofA and its Affiliates also may be active in the market for Shares other than in connection with hedging activities in relation to the Transaction;
- (c) BofA shall make its own determination as to whether, when or in what manner any hedging or market activities in Counterparty's securities shall be conducted and shall do so in a manner that it deems appropriate to hedge its price and market risk with respect to the Settlement Price and/or the VWAP Price; and
- (d) Any market activities of BofA and its Affiliates with respect to Shares may affect the market price and volatility of Shares, as well as the Settlement Price and/or the VWAP Price, each in a manner that may be adverse to Counterparty.

#### 9. Special Provisions regarding Transaction Announcements.

- (a) If a Transaction Announcement occurs on or prior to the Settlement Date, the Calculation Agent shall make, in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, such adjustment to the exercise, settlement, payment or any of the other terms of the Transaction (with such adjustments limited to those to account for changes in stock price, volatility, stock loan rate and liquidity relevant to the Shares or the Transaction) as of the date of such Transaction Announcement to account for the economic effect on the Transaction of such Transaction Announcement (and, for the avoidance of doubt, in such event the Number of Shares to be Delivered may be reduced below zero). If a Transaction Announcement occurs after the Trade Date but prior to the Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date, the Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date shall be adjusted to be the date of such Transaction Announcement.
- (b) "Transaction Announcement" means (i) the announcement by Counterparty of an Acquisition Transaction, (ii) an announcement by Counterparty that Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries has entered into an agreement, a letter of intent or an understanding to enter into an Acquisition Transaction, (iii) the announcement by Counterparty of an intention to solicit or enter into, or to explore strategic alternatives or other similar undertaking that includes, an Acquisition Transaction, (iv) any public announcement by Counterparty that in the good faith and commercially reasonable judgment of the Calculation Agent may result in an Acquisition Transaction, or (v) any announcement of any change or amendment to any previous Transaction Announcement by Counterparty (including any announcement of the abandonment of any such previously announced Transaction Announcement, agreement, letter of intent, understanding or intention).

"Acquisition Transaction" means (i) any Merger Event (and for purposes of this definition the definition of Merger Event shall be read with the references therein to "100%" being replaced by "75%" and as if the clause beginning immediately following the definition of Reverse Merger therein to the end of such definition were deleted) or Tender Offer, or any other transaction involving the merger of Counterparty with or into any third party, (ii) the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of Counterparty to a person or entity other than Counterparty or a subsidiary of Counterparty, (iii) a recapitalization, reclassification, binding share exchange or other similar transaction with respect to Counterparty, (iv) any acquisition, lease, exchange, transfer, disposition (including by way of spin-off or distribution) of assets (including any capital stock or other ownership interests in subsidiaries) or other similar event by Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries (other than an acquisition, lease, exchange, transfer, disposition or other similar event between and/or among solely Counterparty and/or one or more subsidiaries of Counterparty) where the aggregate consideration transferable or receivable by or to Counterparty or its subsidiaries exceeds 25% of the market capitalization of Counterparty and (v) any transaction in which Counterparty or its board of directors has a legal obligation to make a recommendation to its shareholders in respect of such transaction (whether pursuant to Rule 14e-2 under the Exchange Act or otherwise).

#### 10. Other Provisions.

(a) Alternative Calculations and Payment on Early Termination and on Certain Extraordinary Events. If either party would owe the other party any amount pursuant to Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.6, 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or pursuant to Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement (a "Payment Obligation"), Counterparty shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to satisfy or to require BofA to satisfy, as the case may be, any such Payment Obligation, in whole or in part, by the Share Termination Alternative (as defined below) by giving irrevocable telephonic notice to BofA, confirmed in writing within one Scheduled Trading Day, no later than 9:30 A.M. New York City time on the Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable ("Notice of Share Termination"); provided that Counterparty shall not have the right to so elect in the event of (i) an Insolvency, a Nationalization, a Merger Event or a Tender Offer, in each case, in which the consideration or proceeds to be paid to holders of Shares consists solely of cash or (ii) an Event of Default in which Counterparty is the Defaulting Party or a Termination Event in which Counterparty is the Affected Party, which Event of Default or Termination Event resulted from an event or events within Counterparty's control; provided further that Counterparty acknowledges its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of any such election. Upon such Notice of Share Termination, the following provisions shall apply on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, Early Termination Date or date of cancellation or termination in respect of an Extraordinary Event, as applicable, with respect to the Payment Obligation or such portion of the Payment Obligation for which the Share Termination Alternative has been elected (the "

Share Termination Alternative:

Applicable and means, if delivery pursuant to the Share Termination Alternative is owed by BofA, that BofA shall deliver to Counterparty the Share Termination Delivery Property on the date on which the Payment Obligation would otherwise be due pursuant to Section 12.7 or 12.9 of the Equity Definitions or Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement, as applicable, or such later date as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine (the "Share Termination Payment Date"), in satisfaction of the Payment Obligation or the Applicable Portion, as the case may be. If delivery pursuant to the Share Termination Alternative is owed by Counterparty, paragraphs 2 through 6 of Annex A shall apply as if such delivery were a settlement of the Transaction to which Net Share Settlement (as defined in Annex A) applied, the Cash Settlement Payment Date were the Early Termination Date, the Forward Cash Settlement Amount were zero (0) *minus* the Payment Obligation (or the Applicable Portion, as the case may be) owed by Counterparty, and "Shares" as used in Annex A were replaced by "Share Termination Delivery Units."

Share Termination Delivery Property:

A number of Share Termination Delivery Units, as calculated by the Calculation Agent, equal to the Payment Obligation (or the Applicable Portion, as the case may be) *divided by* the Share Termination Unit Price. The Calculation Agent shall adjust the Share Termination Delivery Property by replacing any fractional portion of a security therein with an amount of cash equal to the value of such fractional security based on the values used to calculate the Share Termination Unit Price.

Share Termination Unit Price:

The value of property contained in one Share Termination Delivery Unit on the date such Share Termination Delivery Units are to be delivered as Share Termination Delivery Property, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion by commercially reasonable means and notified by the Calculation Agent to the parties at the time of notification of the Payment Obligation.

Share Termination Delivery Unit:

In the case of a Termination Event, Event of Default, Delisting or Additional Disruption Event, one Share or, in the case of an Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer, one Share or a unit consisting of the number or amount of each type of property received by a holder of one Share (without consideration of any requirement to pay cash or other consideration in lieu of

fractional amounts of any securities) in such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer. If such Insolvency, Nationalization, Merger Event or Tender Offer involves a choice of consideration to be received by holders, such holder shall be deemed to have elected to receive the maximum possible amount of cash.

Failure to Deliver:

Applicable

Other applicable provisions:

If Share Termination Alternative is applicable, the provisions of Sections 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11 (except that the Representation and Agreement contained in Section 9.11 of the Equity Definitions shall be modified by excluding any representations therein relating to restrictions, obligations, limitations or requirements under applicable securities laws arising as a result of the fact that Counterparty is the issuer of the Shares or any portion of the Share Termination Delivery Units) and 9.12 of the Equity Definitions will be applicable as if "Physical Settlement" applied to the Transaction, except that all references to "Shares" shall be read as references to "Share Termination Delivery Units".

(b) *Equity Rights*. BofA acknowledges and agrees that this Confirmation is not intended to convey to it rights with respect to the Transaction that are senior to the claims of common stockholders in the event of Counterparty's bankruptcy. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the preceding sentence shall not apply at any time other than during Counterparty's bankruptcy to any claim arising as a result of a breach by Counterparty of any of its obligations under this Confirmation or the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties acknowledge that this Confirmation is not secured by any collateral that would otherwise secure the obligations of Counterparty herein under or pursuant to any other agreement.

## (c) [Reserved].

- (d) Staggered Settlement. If BofA would owe Counterparty any Shares pursuant to the "Settlement Terms" above, BofA may, by notice to Counterparty on or prior to the Settlement Date (a "Nominal Settlement Date"), elect to deliver the Shares deliverable on such Nominal Settlement Date on two or more dates (each, a "Staggered Settlement Date") or at two or more times on the Nominal Settlement Date as follows: (i) in such notice, BofA will specify to Counterparty the related Staggered Settlement Dates (each of which will be on or prior to such Nominal Settlement Date) or delivery times and how it will allocate the Shares it is required to deliver under "Settlement Terms" above among the Staggered Settlement Dates or delivery times; and (ii) the aggregate number of Shares that BofA will deliver to Counterparty hereunder on all such Staggered Settlement Dates and delivery times will equal the number of Shares that BofA would otherwise be required to deliver on such Nominal Settlement Date.
- (e) *Adjustments*. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the Calculation Agent is called upon to make an adjustment pursuant to the terms of this Confirmation or the Equity Definitions to take into account the effect of an event, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment by reference to the effect of such event on the Hedging Party, assuming that the Hedging Party maintains a commercially reasonable hedge position.
- (f) *Transfer and Assignment*. BofA may transfer or assign its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Agreement, in whole or in part, to (i) any of its Affiliates or (ii) any entities sponsored or organized by, or on behalf of or for the benefit of, BofA, in either case without the consent of Counterparty; *provided* that such Affiliate of BofA or other entity (1) has a long term senior credit rating that is equal to or better than BofA's credit rating at the time of such transfer or assignment, or (2) whose obligations hereunder will be guaranteed, pursuant to the terms of a customary guarantee in a form used by BofA generally for similar transactions, by BAC; *provided further* that such transfer and/or assignment shall be permitted only so long as (i) an Event of Default or Termination Event will not occur as a result of such transfer and assignment and (ii) as a result of such transfer and assignment (x) Counterparty will not be required to pay or deliver to the transferee on any payment date or delivery date an amount (including, without limitation, under Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement) or a number of Shares, as applicable, greater than the amount or the number of Shares, respectively, that Counterparty would have been required to pay or delivery date an amount (including, without limitation, under Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement) or a number of Shares, as applicable, lesser than the amount or the number of Shares, respectively, that BofA would have been required to pay or deliver, as the case may be, to Counterparty in the absence of such transfer and assignment.

- (g) Additional Termination Event. It shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to which the Transaction is the sole Affected Transaction and Counterparty is the sole Affected Party, and BofA shall be the party entitled to designate an Early Termination Date pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Agreement, if, at any time during the Relevant Period, the closing price of the Shares on the Exchange for any three consecutive Exchange Business Days is below the Threshold Price (as provided in Annex B to this Confirmation) on each such Exchange Business Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent.
  - (h) Amendments to Equity Definitions. The following amendments shall be made to the Equity Definitions:
  - (i) Section 11.2(a) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the words "a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares" and replacing them with the words "a material economic effect on the relevant Transaction";
  - (ii) Section 11.2(c) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (x) replacing the words "a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof with "a material economic effect on the Transaction", (y) replacing the words "diluting or concentrative" in the sixth to last line thereof with the words "material economic" and (z) deleting the phrase "(provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)" and replacing it with the words "(and, for the avoidance of doubt, except in the case of a Potential Adjustment Event as described in Section 11.2(e)(i), Section 11.2(e)(ii) (A), Section 11.2(e)(ii)(B), Section 11.2(e)(iv) or Section 11.2(e)(v), adjustments may be made to account solely for changes in volatility, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares; in the case of a Potential Adjustment Event as described in Section 11.2(e)(i), Section 11.2(e)(ii)(A), Section 11.2(e)(ii)(B), Section 11.2(e)(iv) or Section 11.2(e)(v), no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Shares)";
  - (iii) Section 11.2(e)(vii) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the words "that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares" and replacing them with the words "that is the result of a corporate event within the Issuer's control involving Issuer or its securities that has a material economic effect on the relevant Transaction";
  - (iv) Section 12.9(b)(iv) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) deleting (1) subsection (A) in its entirety, (2) the phrase "or (B)" following subsection (A) and (3) the phrase "in each case" in subsection (B); and (B) deleting the phrase "neither the Non-Hedging Party nor the Lending Party lends Shares in the amount of the Hedging Shares or" in the penultimate sentence; and
  - (v) Section 12.9(b)(v) of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by (A) adding the phrase ", *provided* that the Non-Hedging Party may not elect to terminate the Transaction unless concurrently with electing to terminate the Transaction, it represents and warrants to the Hedging Party in writing that it acknowledges its responsibilities under applicable securities laws, and in particular Section 9 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, in respect of such election" at the end of subsection (C) and (B) deleting clause (X) in the final sentence thereof.
  - (i) [Reserved].
- (j) *Delivery of Cash*. For the avoidance of doubt, other than payment of the Prepayment Amount by Counterparty, nothing in this Master Confirmation shall be interpreted as requiring Counterparty to cash settle the Transaction, except in circumstances where cash settlement is within Counterparty's control or in those circumstances in which holders of the Shares would also receive cash.
- (k) Calculations and Payment Date upon Early Termination. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 6(d)(ii) of the Agreement or Article 12 of the Equity Definitions, all amounts calculated as being due in respect of an Early Termination Date under Section 6(e) of the Agreement or upon cancellation or

termination of the Transaction under Article 12 of the Equity Definitions will be payable on the day that notice of the amount payable is effective; *provided* that if Counterparty elects to receive or deliver Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units in accordance with Section 10(a) above, such Shares or Share Termination Delivery Units shall be delivered on a date selected by the Calculation Agent as promptly as practicable thereafter.

- (l) *No Netting and Set-off.* Each party waives any and all rights it may have to set off obligations arising under the Agreement and the Transaction against other obligations between the parties, whether arising under any other agreement, applicable law or otherwise.
- (m) *Disclosure*. Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning the Transaction, Counterparty and each of its employees, representatives, or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Transaction and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to Counterparty relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.
- (n) *Designation by BofA*. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Confirmation to the contrary requiring or allowing BofA to purchase, sell, receive or deliver any Shares or other securities to or from Counterparty, BofA (the "**Designator**") may designate any of its Affiliates (the "**Designee**") to deliver or take delivery, as the case may be, and otherwise perform its obligations to deliver, if any, or take delivery of, as the case may be, any such Shares or other securities in respect of the Transaction, and the Designee may assume such obligations, if any. Such designation shall not relieve the Designator of any of its obligations, if any, hereunder. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the Designee shall have performed the obligations, if any, of the Designator hereunder, then the Designator shall be discharged of its obligations, if any, to Counterparty to the extent of such performance.
- (o) Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010. The parties hereby agree that none of (i) Section 739 of the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 (the "WSTAA"), (ii) any similar legal certainty provision included in any legislation enacted, or rule or regulation promulgated, on or after the Trade Date, (iii) the enactment of the WSTAA or any regulation under the WSTAA, (iv) any requirement under the WSTAA or (v) any amendment made by the WSTAA shall limit or otherwise impair either party's right to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend or supplement this Confirmation or the Agreement, as applicable, arising from a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased cost, regulatory change or similar event under this Confirmation, the Equity Definitions or the Agreement (including, but not limited to, any right arising from any Change in Law, Increased Cost of Hedging or Illegality).

## (p) Tax Matters

- (i) FATCA. "Tax" and "Indemnifiable Tax", each as defined in Section 14 of the Agreement, shall not include any U.S. federal withholding tax imposed or collected pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code (a "FATCA Withholding Tax"). For the avoidance of doubt, a FATCA Withholding Tax is a Tax the deduction or withholding of which is required by applicable law for the purposes of Section 2(d) of the Agreement.
- (ii) Dividends and 871(m).
  - (1) "Tax" as used in the Payer Tax Representation in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Agreement and "Indemnifiable Tax" as defined in Section 14 of the Agreement shall not include any: (x) tax imposed on payments or deemed payments that may constitute dividends from sources within the United States or (y) Dividend Equivalent Tax.
  - (2) The following shall be added in the flush language at the end of Section 2(d)(ii) of the Agreement after the phrase "except to the extent Y has satisfied" in line one: "(including by making a payment to X pursuant to Section 2(d)(iii))".

- (3) The following shall be added at the end of Section 2(d) of the Agreement as a new Section 2(d)(iii):
  - "(iii) Amounts for Dividend Equivalent Taxes. For all purposes of this Section 2(d), the requirement that X remit any amount of Dividend Equivalent Tax (without regard to whether there is a payment under the Transaction from which to withhold or deduct such Tax) shall be treated as a requirement to withhold or deduct Tax with respect to a payment under the Transaction. If at any time, X is required to remit an amount of Dividend Equivalent Tax with respect to the Transaction, then without duplication for (1) any amount that X has deducted on account of such Tax from any amount paid to Y or (2) any amount that X has paid from money or other property of Y, with respect to Dividend Equivalent Tax required to be remitted on or after the date of this Schedule, the amount so required to be remitted shall be payable by Y to X on the date on which the remittance of Dividend Equivalent Tax is required to be made."
- (4) The following terms shall be added to Section 14 of the Agreement:
  - ""Dividend Equivalent Tax" means any tax imposed on payments treated as dividends from sources within the United States under Section 871(m) or the United States Treasury Regulations thereunder."
- (iii) *Tax Representations*. Each party represents that it is (1) a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (2) a "U.S. person" (as that term is used in section 1.1441-4(a)(3)(ii) of United States Treasury Regulations) for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
- (iv) Tax documentation. Each party shall provide to the other party a valid U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, or any successor thereto,(i) on or before the date of execution of this Confirmation and (ii) promptly upon learning that any such tax form previously provided has become obsolete or incorrect.
- (q) *Termination Currency*. The Termination Currency shall be USD.
- (r) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH OF COUNTERPARTY AND BOFA HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES (ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS) ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR THE ACTIONS OF BOFA OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE NEGOTIATION, PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF.
- (s) Governing Law; Jurisdiction. THIS CONFIRMATION AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS CONFIRMATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING HERETO AND WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE IN, AND ANY CLAIM OF INCONVENIENT FORUM WITH RESPECT TO, THESE COURTS.
- (t) *Counterparts*. This Confirmation may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party hereto may execute this Confirmation by signing and delivering one or more counterparts.
- (u) *Maximum Share Delivery*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation, in no event shall BofA be required to deliver any Shares, or any Shares or other securities comprising Share Termination Delivery Units, in respect of the Transaction in excess of the Maximum Number of Shares as set forth in Annex B to this Confirmation.



Please confirm your agreement to be bound by the terms stated herein by executing the copy of this Confirmation enclosed for that purpose and returning it to us by mail or facsimile transmission to the address for Notices indicated above.

Yours sincerely,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By: /s/ Jake Mendelsohn

Name: Jake Mendelsohn
Title: Managing Director

Confirmed as of the date first above written:

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.

Name: Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.
Title: EVP; Chief Financial Officer

#### COUNTERPARTY SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS

1. The following Counterparty Settlement Provisions shall apply to the extent indicated under the Confirmation:

Settlement Currency: USD

Settlement Method Election: Applicable; provided that Section 7.1 of the Equity Definitions is hereby amended by deleting the

word "Physical" in the sixth line thereof and replacing it with the words "Net Share".

Electing Party: Counterparty

Settlement Method Election Date: The date that is the earlier of (i) the Scheduled Final Averaging Date and (ii) the second Exchange

Business Day immediately following the Valuation Date.

Default Settlement Method: Net Share Settlement

Forward Cash Settlement Amount: The Number of Shares to be Delivered *multiplied by* the Settlement Valuation Price.

Settlement Valuation Price: The arithmetic average of the VWAP Prices for all Settlement Valuation Dates, subject to Averaging

Date Disruption, determined as if each Settlement Valuation Date were an Averaging Date (with Averaging Date Disruption applying as if the last Settlement Valuation Date were the Final Averaging

Date and the Settlement Valuation Price were the Settlement Price).

Settlement Valuation Dates: A number of Scheduled Trading Days selected by BofA in its reasonable discretion, beginning on the

Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the earlier of (i) the Scheduled Final Averaging Date

and (i) the Exchange Business Day immediately following the Final Averaging Date.

Cash Settlement: If Cash Settlement is applicable, then Counterparty shall pay to BofA the absolute value of the

Forward Cash Settlement Amount on the Cash Settlement Payment Date.

Cash Settlement Payment Date: The date one Settlement Cycle following the last Settlement Valuation Date.

Net Share Settlement Procedures: If Net Share Settlement is applicable, Net Share Settlement shall be made in accordance with

paragraphs 2 through 6 below.

2. Net Share Settlement shall be made (i) by delivery on the Cash Settlement Payment Date (such date, the "Net Share Settlement Date") of a number of Shares satisfying the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 below (the "Registered Payment Shares"), or a number of Shares not satisfying such conditions (the "Restricted Payment Shares"), in either case, with a value equal to the absolute value of the Forward Cash Settlement Amount (which value shall, in the case of Restricted Payment Shares, take into account a commercially reasonable illiquidity discount resulting from the fact that the Restricted Payment Shares will not be registered for resale), in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent (the "Payment Share Value"), and (ii) by delivery of the Make-Whole Payment Shares (as defined below), if any, as described in paragraph 5 below. For the avoidance of doubt, Counterparty shall not be required to pay any underwriting spread, commission, private placement fee or similar fee to BofA, any Affiliate thereof or an initial purchaser(s) in connection with the delivery or subsequent resale of any Shares pursuant to this Annex A, it being understood and agreed that the illiquidity discount described in this paragraph 2 does not constitute such an underwriting spread, commission, private placement fee or similar fee.

- 3. Counterparty may only deliver Registered Payment Shares pursuant to paragraph 2 above if:
- (a) a registration statement covering public resale of the Registered Payment Shares by BofA (the "Registration Statement") shall have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act and been declared or otherwise become effective on or prior to the date of delivery, and no stop order shall be in effect with respect to the Registration Statement; a printed prospectus relating to the Registered Payment Shares (including, without limitation, any prospectus supplement thereto, the "Prospectus") shall have been delivered to BofA, in such quantities as BofA shall reasonably have requested, on or prior to the date of delivery;
- (b) the form and content of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (including, without limitation, any sections describing the plan of distribution) shall be satisfactory to BofA;
- (c) as of or prior to the date of delivery, BofA and its agents shall have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation with respect to Counterparty customary in scope for underwritten offerings of equity securities by issuers of comparable size to Counterparty and the results of such investigation are satisfactory to BofA, in its good faith discretion; and
- (d) as of the date of delivery, an agreement (the "**Underwriting Agreement**") shall have been entered into with BofA in connection with the public resale of the Registered Payment Shares by BofA substantially similar to underwriting agreements customary for underwritten offerings of equity securities by issuers of comparable size to Counterparty, in form and substance satisfactory to BofA, which Underwriting Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such underwriting agreements relating, without limitation, to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, BofA and its Affiliates and the provision of customary opinions, accountants' comfort letters and lawyers' negative assurance letters.
  - 4. If Counterparty delivers Restricted Payment Shares pursuant to paragraph 2 above:
- (a) All Restricted Payment Shares shall be delivered to BofA (or any Affiliate of BofA designated by BofA) pursuant to the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 4(a)(2) thereof.
- (b) As of or prior to the date of delivery, BofA (or any Affiliate of BofA designated by BofA) and any potential purchaser of any such Restricted Payment Shares from BofA (or any Affiliate of BofA designated by BofA) identified by BofA shall be afforded a commercially reasonable opportunity to conduct a due diligence investigation with respect to Counterparty customary in scope for private placements of equity securities by issuers of comparable size to Counterparty (including, without limitation, the right to have made available to them for inspection all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and other information reasonably requested by them); *provided* that Counterparty may require that BofA or such Affiliate or such potential purchaser sign a customary confidentiality agreement with Counterparty in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Counterparty prior to and in connection with such investigation.
- (c) As of the date of delivery, Counterparty shall enter into an agreement (a "**Private Placement Agreement**") with BofA (or any Affiliate of BofA designated by BofA) in connection with the private placement of such Restricted Payment Shares by Counterparty to BofA (or any such Affiliate) and the private resale of such Restricted Payment Shares by BofA (or any such Affiliate), substantially similar to private placement purchase agreements customary for private placements of equity securities by issuers of comparable size to Counterparty, in form and substance commercially reasonably satisfactory to BofA, which Private Placement Agreement shall include, without limitation, provisions substantially similar to those contained in such private placement purchase agreements relating to the indemnification of, and contribution in connection with the liability of, BofA and its Affiliates, and shall provide for the payment by Counterparty of all reasonable, out-of-pocket fees and expenses in connection with such resale, including all reasonable fees and expenses of outside counsel for BofA, and shall contain representations, warranties and agreements of Counterparty reasonably necessary or advisable to establish and maintain the availability of an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for such resales.

(d) Counterparty shall not (i) take or cause to be taken any action that would make unavailable the exemption set forth in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act for the sale of any Restricted Payment Shares by Counterparty to BofA or (ii) on and after the Settlement Method Election Date, take or cause to be taken any action that would make unavailable any exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act reasonably acceptable to BofA for resales of Restricted Payment Shares by BofA (or an Affiliate of BofA) and identified by BofA to Counterparty on the Settlement Method Election Date.

(e) Counterparty expressly agrees and acknowledges that the public disclosure of all material information relating to Counterparty is within Counterparty's control.

5. If Registered Payment Shares or Restricted Payment Shares are delivered in accordance with this Annex A, on the last Settlement Valuation Date, a balance (the "Settlement Balance") shall be established with an initial balance equal to the absolute value of the Forward Cash Settlement Amount. Following the delivery of Registered Payment Shares or Restricted Payment Shares and any Make-Whole Payment Shares (together, the "Payment Shares"), BofA or its Affiliate or any underwriter(s) shall sell all such Payment Shares in a commercially reasonable manner as promptly as reasonably practicable commencing on the Cash Settlement Payment Date and continuing until the date on which the Settlement Balance has been reduced to zero (such date, the "Final Resale Date"). Upon each such sale the Settlement Balance shall be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate proceeds received by BofA or its Affiliate upon the sale of such Payment Shares. If, on any Exchange Business Day, all Payment Shares have been sold and the Settlement Balance has not been reduced to zero, Counterparty shall (i) deliver to BofA or as directed by BofA one Settlement Cycle following such Exchange Business Day an additional number of Registered Payment Shares in compliance with paragraph 3 or Restricted Payment Shares in compliance with paragraph 4 above, as the case may be (the "Make-Whole Payment Shares"), in either case, equal to (x) the Settlement Balance as of such Exchange Business Day divided by (y) the Payment Share Value of the Make-Whole Payment Shares as of such Exchange Business Day or (ii) promptly deliver to BofA cash in an amount equal to the then remaining Settlement Balance. Such Make-Whole Payment Shares shall be sold by BofA in accordance with the provisions above. This provision shall be applied successively until either the Settlement Balance is reduced to zero or the aggregate number of Payment Shares equals the Maximum Deliverable Number. Once the proceeds of any sale(s) of Payment Shares made by BofA or its Affiliate or any underwriter(s) has been reduced to zero, BofA, its Affiliate and any such underwriter(s) shall immediately cease selling any Payment Shares at such time. If on any Exchange Business Day, Payment Shares remain unsold and the Settlement Balance has been reduced to zero, BofA, its Affiliate and/or such underwriter(s) shall promptly (but in any event no later than the third Clearance System Business Day following the Final Resale Date) return such unsold Payment Shares to Counterparty.

6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall Counterparty be required to deliver more than the Maximum Deliverable Number of Shares hereunder. "Maximum Deliverable Number" means the number of Shares set forth as such in Annex B to this Confirmation. Counterparty represents and warrants to BofA (which representation and warranty shall be deemed to be repeated on each day from the date hereof to the Settlement Date or, if Counterparty has elected to deliver any Payment Shares hereunder, to the Final Resale Date) that the Maximum Deliverable Number is equal to or less than the number of authorized but unissued Shares of Counterparty that are not reserved for future issuance in connection with transactions in such Shares (other than the transactions under this Confirmation) on the date of the determination of the Maximum Deliverable Number (such Shares, the "Available Shares"). In the event Counterparty shall not have delivered the full number of Shares otherwise deliverable as a result of this paragraph 6 (the resulting deficit, the "Deficit Shares"), Counterparty shall be continually obligated to deliver, from time to time until the full number of Deficit Shares have been delivered pursuant to this paragraph, Shares when, and to the extent that, (i) Shares are repurchased, acquired or otherwise received by Counterparty or any of its subsidiaries after the date hereof (whether or not in exchange for cash, fair value or any other consideration), (ii) authorized and unissued Shares reserved for issuance in respect of other transactions prior to such date which prior to the relevant date become no longer so reserved or (iii) Counterparty additionally authorizes any unissued Shares that are not reserved for other transactions. Counterparty shall immediately notify BofA of the occurrence of any of the foregoing events (including the number of Shares subject to clause (i), (ii) or (iii) and the corresponding number of Shares to be delivered) and promptly deliver such Shares thereafter.

Trade Date:	[]	
Prepayment Amount:	USD []	
Initial Price:	The official closing price of the Shares on the Trade Date, as described on Bloomberg Screen "EAT <equity> HP"</equity>	
Scheduled Final Averaging Date:	[] (or if such date is not an Exchange Business Day, the next following Exchange Business Day).	
Scheduled Earliest Acceleration Date:	[] (or if such date is not an Exchange Business Day, the next following Exchange Business Day).	
Initial Shares:	A number of Shares equal to (i) the Prepayment Amount divided by the Initial Price, <i>multiplied</i> by (ii) []%.	
Interim Share Calculation Dates and Interim Share Delivery Percentages:	The Interim Share Calculation Dates and corresponding Interim Share Delivery Percentage for each respective Interim Share Calculation Date shall be as follows:	
	Interim Share Calculation Dates	Interim Share Delivery Percentages
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	If any Interim Share Calculation Date is not an Exchange Business Day shall be the Interim Sh	
Price Adjustment Amount:	USD []	
Maximum Stock Loan Rate:	[] basis points	
Initial Stock Loan Rate:	[] basis points	
Threshold Price:	USD []	
Maximum Deliverable Number:	[] Shares	
Maximum Number of Shares:	[] Shares	
Ordinary Dividend Amount:	For any calendar quarter, USD []	
Scheduled Ex-Dividend Dates:	[]	
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#### BRINKER INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES PRICING OF NOTES OFFERING

DALLAS (Sept. 20, 2016) – Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) (the "Company") today announced that it has priced its previously announced notes offering and has agreed to issue and sell \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 5.000% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be sold to investors at 100% of the principal amount.

The Notes will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of the Company's subsidiaries that guarantees its amended revolving credit facility. Net proceeds from the offering of the Notes will be used to repurchase up to \$300 million of the Company's common stock and repay up to \$50 million of outstanding indebtedness under the Company's revolving credit facility. The closing of the Notes offering is scheduled to occur on Sept. 23, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions.

The Notes have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. persons absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. Accordingly, the Notes will be offered and sold only to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions outside the United States in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. This release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Notes in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

#### **About Brinker**

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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business are general business and economic conditions, financial and credit market conditions, credit availability, reduced disposable income, the impact of competition, the impact of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other strategic transactions, franchisee success, the seasonality of the company's business, increased minimum wages, increased health care costs, adverse weather conditions, future commodity prices, product availability, fuel and utility costs and availability, terrorist acts, consumer perception of food safety, changes in consumer taste, health epidemics or pandemics, changes in demographic trends, availability of employees, unfavorable publicity, the company's ability to meet its business strategy plan, acts of God, governmental regulations, inflation, technology failures, and failure to protect the security of data of our guests and teammates, as well as the risks described under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# BRINKER INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF NOTES OFFERING AND ACCELERATED SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

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Pursuant to the terms of the ASR Agreement, the Company will pay BofA \$300 million in cash and will initially receive approximately 4.6 million shares of the Company's common stock. Final settlement of the ASR Agreement is expected to be completed by the end of the Company's 2017 fiscal third quarter. The Company expects to continue to repurchase shares in the open market from time to time, subject to market and other conditions.

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