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The New York Times
Company

**Notice of 2009
Annual Meeting and
Proxy Statement**

620 Eighth Avenue
New York, NY 10018

tel 212-556-1234

Invitation to 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: TheTimesCenter

242 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10018

March 11, 2009

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

Please join me at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2009, where we will ask you to vote on the election of our Board of Directors and the ratification of the selection of our auditors. We are pleased to announce that all of our directors have agreed to stand for re-election at this year's Annual Meeting.

This year, we are taking advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to provide their stockholders with access to proxy materials over the Internet. On or about March 11, 2009, we will begin mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to our stockholders informing them that our Proxy Statement, 2008 Annual Report and voting instructions are available online. As more fully described in that Notice, all stockholders may choose to access our proxy materials on the Internet or may request to receive paper copies of the proxy materials. This allows us to conserve natural resources and reduces the costs of printing and distributing the proxy materials, while providing our stockholders with access to the proxy materials in a fast and efficient manner.

In addition to the formal items of business at our Annual Meeting, my colleagues and I will review the major Company developments over the past year and share with you our plans for the future. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and express your views to the senior management of The New York Times Company. Members of the Board of Directors will also be present.

Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Meeting in person, it is important that your shares be represented. Please vote your shares using the Internet or a toll-free telephone number, or by requesting a printed copy of the proxy materials and completing and returning by mail the proxy card you will receive in response to your request. Instructions on each of these voting methods are outlined in the enclosed Proxy Statement. Please vote as soon as possible.

I hope to see you on April 23rd.

ARTHUR SULZBERGER, JR.
Chairman of the Board

**620 Eighth Avenue
New York, NY 10018**

tel 212-556-1234

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To be held Thursday, April 23, 2009

To the Holders of Class A and Class B Common Stock of The New York Times Company:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The New York Times Company will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at TheTimesCenter, 242 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10018, for the following purposes:

1. To elect a Board of 15 members;
2. To consider and act upon a proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as auditors for the fiscal year ending December 27, 2009; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Holders of the Class A and Class B common stock as of the close of business on February 27, 2009, are entitled to notice of and to attend this meeting as set forth in the Proxy Statement. Class A stockholders are entitled to vote for the election of five of the 15 directors. Class A and Class B stockholders, voting together as a single class, are entitled to vote on the proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors for the 2009 fiscal year. Class B stockholders are entitled to vote for the election of 10 of the 15 directors and on all other matters presented to the meeting.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, PLEASE VOTE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE USING THE INTERNET OR THE AVAILABLE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER, OR BY REQUESTING A PRINTED COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS AND COMPLETING AND RETURNING BY MAIL THE PROXY CARD YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING A QUORUM AT THE MEETING.

New York, NY
March 11, 2009

By Order of the Board of Directors

KENNETH A. RICHIERI
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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The New York Times Company

Proxy Statement

Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on April 23, 2009

Voting on Matters Before the Annual Meeting

Q: [What am I voting on?](#)

A: There are two items that stockholders are asked to vote on at the 2009 Annual Meeting:

Proposal 1: Election of the Board of Directors.

Proposal 2: Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors for the fiscal year ending December 27, 2009.

Q: [Who is entitled to vote?](#)

A: The New York Times Company has two classes of outstanding voting securities: Class A common stock and Class B common stock. Stockholders of record of Class A or Class B stock as of the close of business on February 27, 2009, may vote at the 2009 Annual Meeting. As of February 27, 2009, there were 143,139,846 shares of Class A stock and 825,634 shares of Class B stock outstanding. Each share of stock is entitled to one vote.

Proposal 1: Class A stockholders vote for the election of five of the 15 directors. Class B stockholders vote for the election of 10 of the 15 directors.

Proposal 2: Class A and B stockholders, voting together as a single class, vote on this proposal.

Q: [Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of the proxy materials instead of a paper copy of the proxy materials?](#)

A: In accordance with rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to furnish to our stockholders this Proxy Statement and our 2008 Annual Report by providing access to these documents on the Internet rather than mailing printed copies. Accordingly, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") is being mailed to our stockholders of record and beneficial owners (other than those who previously requested printed copies or electronic delivery of our proxy materials), which will direct stockholders to a Web site where they can access our proxy materials and view instructions on how to vote online or by telephone. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice.

Q: [How do I get electronic access to the proxy materials?](#)

A: The Notice will provide you with instructions regarding how to:

View our proxy materials for the Annual Meeting on the Internet; and

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Request to receive our proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by e-mail.

In addition, stockholders may request to receive all future stockholder communications (*i.e.*, the annual report, proxy statement and other correspondence) electronically, instead of in print, and we encourage you to do so.

Q:

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

A:

Stockholder of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with the Company's transfer agent, BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, you are considered the "stockholder of record" of those shares and the Notice is being sent directly to you by the Company.

Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in street name (also called a "street name" holder), and the Notice is being forwarded to you by your broker, bank or nominee, who is considered the stockholder of record of those shares. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee on how to vote the shares held in your account.

Q:

How do I cast my vote if I am a stockholder of record?

A:

If you are a stockholder of record (also called a registered stockholder) you can vote your shares in one of two ways: either by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting. If you choose to vote by proxy you may do so by using the Internet or a toll-free telephone number, or by requesting a printed copy of our proxy materials and completing and returning by mail the proxy card you will receive in response to your request. See "Voting Methods" on page 3 for more details.

Whichever method you use, each valid proxy received in time will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. To ensure that your proxy is voted, it should be received by the close of business on April 22, 2009. If you submit a proxy without giving instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Q:

How do I cast my vote if I am a beneficial owner of shares held in street name?

A:

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not a stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you bring with you a legal proxy from the stockholder of record. A legal proxy may be obtained from your broker, bank or nominee.

If you do not wish to vote in person or you will not be attending the Annual Meeting, you may vote over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, you will receive voting instructions from your broker, bank, or nominee describing the available processes for voting your stock.

Q:
Who will serve as inspector of elections?

A:
BNY Mellon Shareowner Services has been engaged as the independent inspector of election to tabulate stockholder votes at the Annual Meeting.

Q:
How does the Board of Directors recommend voting?

A:
The Board of Directors recommends voting:

FOR each nominee to the Board of Directors; and

The Audit Committee of the Board recommends voting:

FOR ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors.

Q:
How will my stock be voted on other business brought up at the Annual Meeting?

A:
By submitting your proxy, you authorize the persons named as proxies to use their discretion in voting on any other matter brought before the Annual Meeting. The New York Times Company does not know of any other business to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

Q:
Can I change my vote or revoke my proxy?

A:
Yes. You can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting by executing a later-voted proxy on the Internet, by telephone or mail or by voting by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Q:
What is the quorum requirement for the Annual Meeting?

A:
The holders of record of a majority of the Company's shares of stock issued and outstanding on the record date and entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. However, as described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company provides that Class A stockholders, voting separately, are entitled to elect 30% of the Board of Directors (or the nearest larger whole number) and the Class B stockholders, voting separately, are entitled to elect the balance of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, with respect to the election of Directors, the holders of a majority of the shares of each of the Class A and Class B stock, respectively, constitutes a quorum for the election of the Board of Directors. Abstentions and broker non-votes (as described below) are counted as present for establishing a quorum.

Q:
Will abstentions or broker non-votes affect the voting results?

A:
Abstentions or withheld votes will have no effect on Proposal 1; abstentions will have the same effect as negative votes on Proposal 2.

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If a broker that is the record holder of shares indicates on a proxy form that it does not have discretionary authority to vote those shares on a proposal, or if shares are voted in other circumstances in which proxy authority is defective or has been withheld on such proposal, those non-voted shares ("broker non-votes") will be counted as present for quorum purposes but as not voting on the proposal. This will have no effect on Proposal 1 and will have the same effect as a negative vote on Proposal 2.

Q:

What is the date of distribution of the Notice?

A:

The Notice will be distributed to our stockholders beginning on or about March 11, 2009.

Q:

Who pays for the solicitation of proxies and how are they solicited?

A:

Proxies are being solicited by our Board of Directors. We will bear the costs of the solicitation of the proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors. Our Directors, officers or employees may solicit proxies in person, or by mail, telephone, facsimile or electronic transmission. The costs associated with the solicitation of proxies will include the cost of preparing, printing, and mailing this Proxy Statement, the Notice and any other information we send to stockholders. In addition, we must pay banks, brokers, custodians and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares held in street name certain fees associated with:

Forwarding the Notice to beneficial owners of our common stock;

Forwarding printed proxy materials by mail to beneficial owners who specifically request them; and

Obtaining beneficial owners' voting instructions.

We will also reimburse those firms for their reasonable expenses in accordance with applicable rules. If you choose to access the proxy materials and/or vote on the Internet, you are responsible for Internet access charges you may incur. If you choose to vote by telephone, you are responsible for telephone charges you may incur. We have engaged Georgeson Inc. to assist in soliciting proxies, and we expect to pay this firm a fee of \$10,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

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Voting Methods

We have been advised by our legal counsel that the procedures that have been put in place are consistent with the requirements of applicable state law. **Please remember that if your stock is held through a broker or bank, you will receive voting instructions from your bank or broker describing the available processes for voting your stock.**

Voting in Person at the Annual Meeting

All registered stockholders may attend the Annual Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at TheTimesCenter, 242 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10018.

Please note that even if you hold your stock in street name, you can still vote in person at the Annual Meeting if you obtain a legal proxy from your bank or broker. Please contact your bank or broker for information.

Internet Voting (Available 24 hours a day)

All registered stockholders may vote on the Internet by following the instructions in the Notice or by accessing:

<http://www.proxyvoting.com/nyt>

All street name holders may vote on the Internet by accessing:

<http://www.proxyvote.com>

Have your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction form in hand and follow the instructions.

Telephone Voting (Available 24 hours a day)

All registered stockholders may vote by calling the following toll-free telephone number:

1-866-540-5760

Follow the voice prompts.

If you are a street name holder, and you requested to receive printed proxy materials, you may vote by telephone if your bank or broker makes that method available to you in the voting instruction form enclosed with the proxy materials that your bank or broker sends to you.

Proxy Card Voting by Mail

If you are a registered stockholder and you requested to receive printed proxy materials:

Mark your selections on the proxy card.

Date and sign your name as it appears on the proxy card.

Mail the completed proxy card in the return envelope provided.

Note: If you voted on the Internet or by telephone, do not return your proxy card by mail.

If you are a street name holder, and you requested to receive printed proxy materials, you can vote by mailing your completed voting instruction form that you receive from your bank or broker.

[Where to Find More Information on The New York Times Company](#)

Documents Filed with the SEC

This Proxy Statement is accompanied by our 2008 Annual Report, which includes our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, that we have previously filed with the SEC and that includes audited financial statements.

You can obtain any of the documents that we file with the SEC (including a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008) by contacting us or the SEC (see below for information on contacting the SEC). To obtain documents from us, please direct requests in writing or by telephone to:

The New York Times Company
620 Eighth Avenue
New York, NY 10018
Phone: (212) 556-1234
Attention: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel & Secretary

We will send you the requested documents without charge, excluding exhibits.

If you would like to request documents from us, including any documents we may subsequently file with the SEC prior to the Annual Meeting, please do so by April 9, 2009, so that you will receive them before the Annual Meeting.

Additional Information

There are a number of other sources for additional information on The New York Times Company:

The Securities and Exchange Commission. We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC, much of which can be accessed through the SEC's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) or can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call (800) 732-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room.

The New York Stock Exchange. As the Class A stock of The New York Times Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, reports and other information on the Company can be reviewed at the office of the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, NY 10005.

The New York Times Company Web site. Our Web site at <http://www.nytcocom> provides ongoing information about the Company and its performance, including documents filed with the SEC. In addition, printable versions of the following materials can be found on the Corporate Governance section of our Web site at http://www.nytcocom/corporate_governance/index.html:

Corporate Governance Principles

Board Committee Charters:

Audit Committee

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Compensation Committee

Nominating & Governance Committee

Finance Committee

Foundation Committee

Code of Ethics for the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Vice Chairman and Senior Financial Officers

Code of Ethics for Directors

Business Ethics Policy

Policy on Transactions with Related Persons

Copies of the foregoing are available in print at no charge to any stockholder. To obtain documents from us, please direct requests in writing or by telephone to:

The New York Times Company
620 Eighth Avenue
New York, NY 10018
Phone: (212) 556-1234
Attention: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Please note that information contained on our Web site does not constitute part of this Proxy Statement.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This Proxy Statement is dated March 11, 2009. You should not assume that the information contained in this Proxy Statement is accurate as of any date other than such date, and the furnishing of this Proxy Statement to stockholders shall not create any implication to the contrary.

General Information

The 1997 Trust

Since the purchase of The New York Times newspaper by Adolph S. Ochs in 1896, control of The New York Times and related properties has rested with his family. Family members have taken an active role in the stewardship and management of The New York Times Company. The title of Publisher of The New York Times has been held by various family members, from Adolph S. Ochs to the current Publisher, Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., who also serves as the current Chairman of the Board.

In February 1990, on the death of Adolph S. Ochs's daughter, Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger ("Mrs. Sulzberger"), control passed to her four children through the automatic termination of a trust established by Mr. Ochs. That trust held 83.7% of the Class B stock of the Company, which is not publicly traded and the holders of which have the right to elect approximately 70% of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Sulzberger's four children are: Marian S. Heiskell, Ruth S. Holmberg, Judith P. Sulzberger and Arthur Ochs Sulzberger (the "grantors").

In 1997, the grantors executed an indenture (the "Trust Indenture") creating a trust (the "1997 Trust") for the benefit of each of the grantors and his or her family. The grantors transferred to the 1997 Trust all shares of Class B stock previously held by the trust established by Adolph S. Ochs, together with a number of shares of Class A stock. The 1997 Trust currently holds 738,810 shares of Class B stock and 1,400,000 shares of Class A stock. The primary objective of the 1997 Trust is to maintain the editorial independence and the integrity of The New York Times and to continue it as an independent newspaper, entirely fearless, free of ulterior influence and unselfishly devoted to the public welfare ("the primary objective of the 1997 Trust").

The current trustees of the 1997 Trust are Daniel H. Cohen, James M. Cohen, Lynn G. Dolnick, Susan W. Dryfoos, Michael Golden, Carolyn D. Greenspon, Eric M. A. Lax and Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. (the "Trustees").

The 1997 Trust will continue in existence until the expiration of 21 years after the death of the last remaining survivor of all descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger living on December 14, 2000. The Trust Indenture is subject to the terms and provisions of a 1986 shareholders agreement (the "Shareholders Agreement") among the grantors, their children and the Company, which restricts the transfer of Class B stock that is held by the trust by requiring, prior to any sale or transfer, the offering of those shares among the other family stockholders and then to the Company at the Class A stock market price then prevailing (or if the Company is the purchaser, at the option of the selling stockholder, in exchange for Class A stock on a share-for-share basis). The Shareholders Agreement provides for the conversion of such shares into Class A stock if the purchase rights are not exercised by the family stockholders or the Company and such shares of Class A stock are to be transferred to a person or persons other than family stockholders or the Company. There are certain exceptions for gifts and other transfers within the family of Adolph S. Ochs provided that the recipients become parties to the Shareholders Agreement.

In addition, the Shareholders Agreement provides that if the Company is a party to a merger (other than a merger solely to change the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation), consolidation or plan of liquidation in which such Class B stock is exchanged for cash, stock, securities or any other property of the Company or of any other corporation or entity, each signing stockholder will convert his or her shares of such Class B stock into Class A stock prior to the effective date of such transaction so that a holder of such shares will receive the same cash, stock or other consideration that a holder of Class A stock would receive in such a transaction. Except for the foregoing, each signing stockholder has agreed not to convert any shares of such Class B stock received from a trust created under the will of Adolph S. Ochs into Class A stock. The Shareholders Agreement will terminate upon the expiration of 21 years after the death of the last remaining survivor of all descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger living on August 5, 1986.

The Trustees, subject to the limited exceptions described below, are directed to retain the Class B stock held in the 1997 Trust and not to sell, distribute or convert such shares into Class A stock and to vote such Class B stock against any merger, sale of assets or other transaction pursuant to which control of The New York Times passes from the Trustees, unless they determine that the primary objective of the 1997 Trust can be achieved better by the sale, distribution or conversion of such stock or by the implementation of such transaction. If upon such determination any Class B stock is distributed to the beneficiaries of the 1997 Trust, it must be distributed only to descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger, subject to the provisions of the Shareholders Agreement (if it is still in effect). Similarly, any sale by the 1997 Trust of Class B stock upon such determination can be made only in compliance with the Shareholders Agreement.

The Trustees are granted various powers and rights, including among others: (i) to vote all of the shares of Class A and Class B stock held by the 1997 Trust; (ii) to nominate the successor trustees who may also serve on the Company's Board of Directors; and (iii) to amend certain provisions of the Trust Indenture, but not the provisions relating to retaining the Class B stock or the manner in which such shares may be distributed, sold or converted. The Trustees act by the affirmative vote of six of the eight Trustees. Generally, a Trustee may be removed by the

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agreement of six of the remaining seven Trustees. In general, four of the trustees will be appointed by all eight trustees; the remaining four trustees will be elected by the beneficiaries of the 1997 Trust.

Upon the termination of the 1997 Trust at the end of the stated term thereof, the shares of Class A and Class B stock held by such trust will be distributed to the descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger then living.

The Trustees also control, through a limited liability company, an additional 4,300,197 shares of Class A stock that are held in various family limited partnerships.

We have been informed by representatives of the Ochs-Sulzberger family that the aggregate holdings of the 1997 Trust and the descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger represent approximately 19% of the Company's total equity (*i.e.*, Class A and Class B common stock of the Company).

Principal Holders of Common Stock

The following table sets forth the only persons who, to the knowledge of management, owned beneficially on February 27, 2009, more than 5% of the outstanding shares of either Class A or Class B stock:

Name and Address	Shares (%)			
	Class A		Class B	
1997 Trust ^{1,2} 230 West 41 st Street New York, NY 10018	6,439,007	(4.5%)	738,810	(89.5%)
Daniel H. Cohen ^{1,2,3} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,660,050	(4.6%)	740,430	(89.7%)
James M. Cohen ^{1,2,4} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,701,274	(4.7%)	740,430	(89.7%)
Lynn G. Dolnick ^{1,2,5} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,638,706	(4.6%)	739,928	(89.6%)
Susan W. Dryfoos ^{1,2,6} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,921,334	(4.8%)	739,770	(89.6%)
Michael Golden ^{1,2,7} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,953,150	(4.8%)	739,930	(89.6%)
Carolyn D. Greenspon ^{1,2,8} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,459,086	(4.5%)	739,170	(89.5%)
Eric M. A. Lax ^{1,2,9} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	6,465,133	(4.5%)	738,810	(89.5%)
Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. ^{1,2,10} 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018	7,522,771	(5.2%)	739,770	(89.6%)
Harbinger Capital Partners Group ¹¹ 555 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022	28,488,434	(19.9%)		
Carlos Slim Helú ¹² Paseo de las Palmas 736 Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec 11000 México, D.F., México	25,950,000	(16.3%)		
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ¹³ 100 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202	13,626,989	(9.5%)		
Emigrant Bank Group ¹⁴ 5 East 42nd Street New York NY 10017	6,700,000	(4.7%)		

1.

Each of the Trustees shares voting and investment power with respect to the shares owned by the 1997 Trust. Thus, under SEC regulations, each may be deemed a beneficial owner of the shares held by the 1997 Trust. Such shares are therefore included in the amounts listed in this table for each of them. As a result of this presentation, there are substantial duplications in the number of shares and percentages shown in the table. By virtue of their being co-trustees of the 1997 Trust, the Trustees could be deemed to comprise a "group" within the meaning of SEC regulations. Such group is the beneficial owner in the aggregate of 8,962,355 Class A stock, representing approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Class A stock, which shares include 746,568 shares issuable upon the

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conversion of 746,568 shares of Class B stock and 1,127,170 shares of Class A stock that could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options and 42,000 restricted stock units of Class A stock, in each case, granted under the Company's 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan (the "NYT Stock Plan"), or its Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan or Non-Employee Directors' Stock Incentive Plan (together, the "Directors' Plans"). In addition, we have been informed by representatives of the Ochs-Sulzberger family that the aggregate holdings of the 1997 Trust and the descendants of Mrs. Sulzberger represent approximately 19% of the Company's total equity (*i.e.*, Class A and Class B common stock of the Company).

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2. Class B stock is convertible into Class A stock on a share-for-share basis. Ownership of Class B stock is therefore deemed to be beneficial ownership of Class A stock under SEC regulations. For purposes of the table of Class A stock ownership, it has been assumed that each person listed therein as holding Class B stock has converted into Class A stock all shares of Class B stock of which that person is deemed the beneficial owner. Thus all shares of Class B stock held by the 1997 Trust and by the Trustees have been included in the calculation of the total amount of Class A stock owned by each such person as well as in the calculation of the total amount of Class B stock owned by each such person. As a result of this presentation, there are substantial duplications in the number of shares and percentages shown in the table.
3. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Daniel H. Cohen include (a) 4,078 shares of Class A stock held jointly with his wife, 4,943 shares of Class A stock held solely and 1,620 shares of Class B stock held solely, (b) 146,585 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Mr. Cohen and his brother, James M. Cohen, are members, (c) 8,000 shares of Class A stock which could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options granted under the Directors' Plans (d) 3,330 shares of Class A stock held by two trusts of which Mr. Cohen is a trustee, (e) 3,830 shares of Class A stock held by two trusts for unrelated individuals of which Mr. Cohen is sole trustee, (f) 11,000 shares of Class A stock held by a trust created by Mr. Cohen for the benefit of his wife and children of which Mr. Cohen is a co-trustee and (g) 37,657 shares of Class A stock held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Cohen is a co-trustee. Mr. Cohen disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares held by the trusts described in (d), (e), (f) and (g) above. The holdings of Class A stock reported for Mr. Cohen exclude 11,000 shares of Class A stock held by a trust of which his wife is a co-trustee, the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Cohen and his children. In addition, 3,354 Class A stock units have been credited to Mr. Cohen's account under the Company's Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan.
4. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for James M. Cohen include (a) 64,594 shares of Class A stock and 1,620 shares of Class B stock held solely, (b) 146,585 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Mr. Cohen and his brother, Daniel H. Cohen, are members, (c) 37,657 shares of Class A stock held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Cohen is a co-trustee and (d) 11,811 shares of Class A stock held by trusts created by Mr. Cohen for the benefit of his sons and step-son, of which Mr. Cohen is a sole trustee. The holdings of Class A stock reported for Mr. Cohen exclude 1,035 shares of Class A stock held by his wife. Mr. Cohen disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares as well as all shares held by the trusts described in (c) and (d) above.
5. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Ms. Dolnick include (a) 11,640 shares of Class A stock and 1,118 shares of Class B stock held jointly with her husband, (b) 139,515 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Ms. Dolnick and her siblings, including Michael Golden, are members, (c) 16,000 shares of Class A stock that could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options granted under the Directors' Plans, (d) 30,861 shares of Class A stock held by two trusts of which Ms. Dolnick is the sole trustee and (e) 565 shares of Class A stock held by a trust of which Ms. Dolnick is a co-trustee. These trusts were created by Ms. Dolnick's brother, Michael Golden, for the benefit of his daughters. Ms. Dolnick disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. The holdings of Class A stock reported for Ms. Dolnick exclude 30,685 shares of Class A stock held by trusts of which Ms. Dolnick's husband is the sole trustee and the beneficiaries are their children and excludes 9,901 shares of Class A stock held by trusts of which her brother, Michael Golden, is trustee and the beneficiaries are her children. In addition, 5,757 Class A stock units have been credited to Ms. Dolnick's account under the Company's Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan.
6. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Ms. Dryfoos include (a) 305,972 shares of Class A stock and 960 shares of Class B stock held solely, (b) 6,911 shares of Class A stock held by a trust of which Ms. Dryfoos is co-trustee, (c) 11,500 shares of Class A stock held by a charitable trust of which Ms. Dryfoos and her siblings are trustees, (d) 142,984 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Ms. Dryfoos and her siblings are members and (e) 14,000 shares of Class A stock which could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options granted under the NYT Stock Plan. Ms. Dryfoos disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the shares described in (b) and (c) above.
7. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Michael Golden include (a) 18,423 shares of Class A stock and 1,120 shares of Class B stock held solely and 30,514 shares of Class A stock held jointly with his wife, (b) 139,515 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Michael Golden and his siblings, including Ms. Dolnick, are members, (c) 302,670 shares which could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options granted under the NYT Stock Plan, (d) 9,901 shares of Class A stock held by a trust created by Ms. Dolnick for the benefit of her children of which Mr. Golden is trustee and (e) 12,000 restricted stock units of Class A stock granted under the NYT Stock Plan. The

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holdings of Class A stock reported for Michael Golden exclude (i) 700 shares of Class A stock owned by his wife and (ii) 140,000 stock options under the NYT Stock Plan which were transferred to a limited partnership of which his wife is a general partner. Mr. Golden disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the shares described in (d) above.

8.

In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Ms. Greenspon include (a) 3,875 shares of Class A stock and 360 shares of Class B stock held solely and (b) 15,844 shares of Class A stock held by two trusts of which Ms. Greenspon is co-trustee. Ms. Greenspon disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the shares described in (b) above.

9.

In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Mr. Lax include 18,586 shares of Class A stock held jointly with his wife, 5,000 shares of Class A stock held as custodian for his children and 2,540 shares of Class A stock held by Mr. Lax as trustee of two trusts held for his children. The holdings of Class A stock reported for Mr. Lax exclude (a) 24,696 shares of Class A stock and 960 shares of Class B stock owned by his wife, (b) 30,353 shares of Class A stock held for the benefit of his children by his wife as custodian, (c) 141,235 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Mr. Lax's wife and her siblings, including Mr. Sulzberger, Jr., are members and (d) 450 shares of Class A stock held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Lax's wife and her siblings, including Mr. Sulzberger, Jr., are trustees. Mr. Lax disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above.

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10. In addition to the amounts of Class A and Class B stock described in notes 1 and 2, the holdings for Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. include (a) 2,871 shares held solely and 75,488 shares of Class A stock and 960 shares of Class B stock held jointly with his wife, (b) 141,235 shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by a limited liability company of which Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. and his siblings, including Mr. Lax's wife, are members, (c) 46,260 shares of Class A stock held by trusts of which Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. is a co-trustee, which were created by certain of Mr. Sulzberger, Jr.'s cousins for the benefit of the latter and/or their children, (d) 450 shares of Class A stock held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. and his siblings, including Mr. Lax's wife, are trustees, (e) 786,500 shares that could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of options granted under the NYT Stock Plan and (f) 30,000 restricted stock units of Class A stock granted under the NYT Stock Plan. The holdings of Class A stock reported for Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. exclude (i) 25,920 shares of Class A stock held by trusts of which Mr. Sulzberger, Jr.'s wife is a co-trustee and the beneficiaries of which are their children and (ii) 75,000 stock options under the NYT Stock Plan which were transferred to his wife.
11. According to information contained in filings with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of November 17, 2008, the Harbinger Capital Partners Group (as defined below) beneficially owned 28,488,434 shares of Class A stock. According to the filings, the shares are held by persons, referred to in this Proxy Statement as the Harbinger Capital Partners Group, consisting of: Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., HMC Investors, L.L.C., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, HMC New York, Inc., Harbert Management Corporation, Philip Falcone, Raymond J. Harbert, Michael D. Luce, Harbinger Capital Partners NY, LLC, Firebrand Investments, LLC and Scott Galloway. See "Interests of Related Persons in Certain Transactions of the Company Expired Agreement with HCP Investors" on page 16 for a description of the Agreement, now expired, entered into by the Company and the Harbinger Capital Partners Group.
12. According to information contained in filings with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, as of February 20, 2009, Inmobiliaria Carso, S.A. de C.V. ("Inmobiliaria") owns, directly or indirectly 10,050,000 shares of Class A stock. In addition, each of Inmobiliaria and Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A.B. de C.V. ("GFI"), as the parent company of Banco Inbursa S.A., Institución de Banca Múltiple, Grupo Financiero Inbursa, owns, directly or indirectly, warrants to purchase 7,950,000 shares of Class A stock at a price of \$6.3572 per share. The warrants, which are subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments, may be exercised at any time prior to January 15, 2015. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) of the Exchange Act, each of Inmobiliaria and GFI is deemed to beneficially own 7,950,000 shares of Class A stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants. Furthermore, according to the filings, Carlos Slim Helú, Carlos Slim Domit, Marco Antonio Slim Domit, Patrick Slim Domit, María Soumaya Slim Domit, Vanessa Paola Slim Domit and Johanna Monique Slim Domit (collectively, the "Slim Family"), are beneficiaries of a trust which in turn owns all of the outstanding voting securities of Inmobiliaria and a majority of the outstanding voting equity securities of GFI. As a result, the Slim Family may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly (a) the shares of Class A stock beneficially owned by Inmobiliaria and (b) the warrants and the shares of Class A stock that may be obtained and beneficially owned by Inmobiliaria and GFI upon exercise of the warrants. See "Interests of Related Persons in Certain Transactions of the Company Transaction with Carlos Slim Helú and Affiliates" on page 17 for a description of the transaction entered into by the Company and Mr. Slim, members of his family and certain affiliated entities.
13. According to information contained in filings with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, as of December 31, 2008, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("T. Rowe Price") beneficially owned 13,626,989 shares of Class A stock. According to the filing by T. Rowe Price, the reported shares are owned by various individual and institutional investors for which T. Rowe Price serves as investment adviser with power to direct investments and/or sole power to vote the securities. For purposes of the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, T. Rowe Price is deemed to be a beneficial owner of such securities; however, T. Rowe Price expressly disclaims that it is, in fact, the beneficial owner of such securities. The filing also states that, to the best of the holder's knowledge, the shares were acquired in the ordinary course of such holder's business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Company.
14. According to information contained in a filing with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, as of December 26, 2008, the Emigrant Bank Group (as defined below) beneficially owned 6,700,000 shares of Class A stock. According to this filing, the shares are held by persons, referred to in this Proxy Statement as the Emigrant Bank Group, consisting of Emigrant Portfolio Management Company, LLC ("EPM"), Emigrant Bank ("EB"), Emigrant Bancorp, Inc. ("EBI"), New York Private Bank & Trust Corporation ("NYPBTC") and Paul Milstein Revocable 1998 Trust (the "Trust"). EPM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EB, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EBI, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NYPBTC. The Trust owns 100% of the voting stock of NYPBTC. According to this filing, EB, EBI, NYPBTC and the Trust may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of shares of Class A stock owned directly by EPM and EB. In addition, according to this filing, as of January 5, 2009, Builtland Partners LLC ("BP") and PM Partners ("PMP") beneficially own 2,000,000 shares of Class A stock. PMP is the sole member of BP. Howard Milstein is a trustee of the Trust and the managing partner of PMP. According to the filing, EPM, EB, EBI, NYPBTC, the Trust, BP and PMP may

be deemed to be members of a group although they disclaim such membership.

Security Ownership of Management and Directors

The following table shows the beneficial ownership, reported to the Company as of February 27, 2009, of Class A and Class B stock, including shares as to which a right to acquire ownership exists (by the exercise of stock options or the conversion of Class B stock into Class A stock) within the meaning of Rule 13d-3(d)(1) under the Exchange Act of each Director named in this Proxy Statement, the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer and the three other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company during 2008 and all Directors and executive officers of the Company, as a group. A portion of the shares reported below are held by the 1997 Trust, whose Trustees share voting and, in some cases, investment power with respect thereto. See "The 1997 Trust." The table also shows, under "Class A Stock Units," in the case of non-employee Directors, stock units credited under the Company's Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan and, in the case of executive officers, cash-settled restricted stock units awarded under the NYT Stock Plan. Distributions with respect to the stock units are made in cash to Directors subsequent to retirement and to executive officers upon the vesting of the restricted stock units.

	Class A Stock	Percent of Outstanding Class A Stock	Class A Stock Units	Class B Stock	Percent of Outstanding Class B Stock
P. Steven Ainsley ¹ Publisher, The Boston Globe	267,080	*	9,000	0	
Raul E. Cesan ² Director	61,000	*	26,436	0	
Daniel H. Cohen ^{3,4} Director	6,660,050	4.6%	3,354	740,430	89.7%
Robert E. Denham ² Director	19,000	*	1,816	0	
Lynn G. Dolnick ^{3,4} Director	6,638,706	4.6%	5,757	739,928	89.6%
James M. Follo ¹ Chief Financial Officer	77,500	*	10,000	0	
Scott Galloway ^{2,5} Director	4,000	*	1,816	0	
Michael Golden ^{3,4} Vice Chairman and Director	6,953,150	4.8%	12,000	739,930	89.6%
Scott Heekin-Canedy ¹ President and General Manager, The New York Times	288,806	*	13,000	0	
William E. Kennard ² Director	29,200	*	21,490	0	
James A. Kohlberg ² Director	4,000	*	1,816	0	
Dawn G. Lepore ² Director	4,000	*	1,816	0	
David E. Liddle ² Director	38,600	*	5,757	0	
Ellen R. Marram ² Director	40,000	*	17,359	0	
Thomas Middelhoff ² Director	22,709	*	5,757	0	
Janet L. Robinson ¹ President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	1,020,441	*	50,000	0	
Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. ^{3,4} Chairman of the Board, Publisher, The New York Times, and Director	7,522,771	5.2%	50,000	739,770	89.6%
Doreen A. Toben ² Director	20,500	*	17,129	0	
All Directors and Executive Officers ³ (22 individuals)	10,845,198	7.6%	285,303	743,628	90.1%

*

Indicates beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

1. The amounts reported include shares of Class A stock that could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of stock options under the NYT Stock Plan, as follows: Mr. Ainsley: 238,245 shares; Mr. Follo: 52,000 shares; Mr. Heekin-Canedy: 248,370 shares and Ms. Robinson: 809,750 shares. Also, the amounts reported include restricted stock units, pursuant to which an executive would be awarded shares of Class A stock upon vesting, granted under the NYT Stock Plan as follows: Mr. Ainsley: 25,500 shares; Mr. Follo: 15,500 shares, Mr. Heekin-Canedy: 31,000 shares and Ms. Robinson: 164,000 shares.
2. The amounts reported include shares of Class A stock that could be acquired within 60 days upon the exercise of stock options under the Directors' Plans, as follows: Mr. Cesan: 36,000; Mr. Denham: 4,000; Mr. Galloway: 4,000; Mr. Kennard: 27,000; Mr. Kohlberg: 4,000; Ms. Lepore: 4,000; Dr. Liddle: 36,000; Ms. Marram: 36,000; Dr. Middelhoff: 20,000; and Ms. Toben: 20,000.
3. Class B stock is convertible into Class A stock on a share-for-share basis. Ownership of Class B stock is therefore deemed to be beneficial ownership of Class A stock under SEC regulations. For purposes of the presentation of ownership of Class A stock in this table, it has been assumed that each Director and executive officer has converted into Class A stock all shares of Class B stock of which that person is deemed the beneficial owner. Thus, all shares of Class B stock held by the Directors and executive officers, including shares held by the 1997 Trust, have been included in the calculation of the total amount of Class A stock owned by such persons as well as in the calculation of the total amount of Class B stock owned by such persons. As a result of this presentation, there are duplications in the number of shares and percentages shown in this table.
4. See "Principal Holders of Common Stock" and "The 1997 Trust" for a discussion of this person's holdings.
5. Mr. Galloway is a member of the Harbinger Capital Partners Group referred to in footnote 11 under "Principal Holders of Common Stock."

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

The Company's Directors and executive officers and the beneficial holders of more than 10% of the Class A stock are required to file reports with the SEC of changes in their ownership of Company stock. Based on its review of such reports, the Company believes that all such filing requirements were met during 2008.

Proposal Number 1
Election of Directors

Fifteen Directors will be elected to the Board of The New York Times Company at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Nominees proposed for election as Directors are listed below. Directors will hold office until the next Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified. Each of the nominees is now a member of the Board of Directors and was elected at the 2008 Annual Meeting for which proxies were solicited.

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Company provides that Class A stockholders have the right to elect 30% of the Board of Directors (or the nearest larger whole number). Accordingly, Class A stockholders will elect five of the 15 Directors; Class B stockholders will elect 10. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Although approximately 30% of the Directors are elected by the holders of the Company's Class A common stock and the remaining Directors by the holders of the Company's Class B common stock, once elected, our Directors have no ongoing status as "Class A" or "Class B" Directors and have the same duties and responsibilities to all stockholders. Our Board serves as one Board with fiduciary responsibilities to all stockholders of the Company.

Class A Nominees (5)

Scott Galloway
William E. Kennard
James A. Kohlberg
David E. Liddle
Ellen R. Marram

Class B Nominees (10)

Raul E. Cesan
Daniel H. Cohen
Robert E. Denham
Lynn G. Dolnick
Michael Golden
Dawn G. Lepore
Thomas Middelhoff
Janet L. Robinson
Arthur Sulzberger, Jr.
Doreen A. Toben

If any of the nominees become unavailable for election, all uninstructed proxies will be voted for such other person or persons designated by the Board. The Board has no reason to anticipate that this will occur.

Proxies will be used to vote for the election of the nominees named above unless you withhold the authority to do so when you vote your proxy. Each person nominated for election has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and has agreed to serve if elected.

Notes on Nominees:

Michael Golden and Lynn G. Dolnick are siblings.

Daniel H. Cohen, Lynn G. Dolnick and Michael Golden, and Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. are cousins.

Profiles of Nominees for the Board of Directors

The following information was provided by the nominees:

Class A Nominees

SCOTT GALLOWAY

Age: 44
Director Since: 2008
Principal Occupation: Founder and Chief Investment Officer, Firebrand Partners LLC (an operational activist investment firm) (from 2005)
Recent Business Experience: Clinical Associate Professor, New York University Stern School of Business (from 2002); Founder (1992), Chairman (from 2000 to 2002) and Chief Executive Officer (from 1992 to 2000), Prophet Brand Strategy, Inc. (brand consulting firm); Founder (1997) and Chairman (from 1997 to 2000), RedEnvelope Inc. (Internet gift retailer)
Committee Memberships: Nominating & Governance

WILLIAM E. KENNARD

Age: 52
Director Since: 2001
Principal Occupation: Managing Director, The Carlyle Group (a global private investment firm) (from 2001)
Recent Business Experience: Chairman (from 1997 to 2001), General Counsel (from 1993 to 1997), U.S. Federal Communications Commission
Committee Memberships: Finance and Nominating & Governance (Chair)

JAMES A. KOHLBERG

<i>Age:</i>	51
<i>Director Since:</i>	2008
<i>Principal Occupation:</i>	Co-Founder and Chairman, Kohlberg & Company (a middle market private equity firm) (from 1987)
<i>Recent Business Experience:</i>	Co-Founder and Chairman (from 2005), Helium Group LLC (Internet media firm d/b/a HalogenGuides.com); Chairman (from 2004), ClearEdge Power; Investment Professional (from 1984 to 1987), Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
<i>Committee Memberships:</i>	Compensation

DAVID E. LIDDLE

Age: 64
Director Since: 2000
Principal Occupation: Partner, U.S. Venture Partners (a venture capital firm) (from 2000)
Recent Business Experience: Chairman (1999), President (from 1992 to 1999) and Co-Founder of Interval Research Corporation; Vice President, New Systems Development, Personal Systems, International Business Machines Corporation (1991); President, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder, Metaphor Computer Systems, Inc. (from 1982 to 1991)
Committee Memberships: Audit and Compensation (Chair)

ELLEN R. MARRAM

Age: 62
Director Since: 1998
Principal Occupation: President, The Barnegat Group, LLC (a business advisory firm) (from 2006)
Recent Business Experience: Operating Advisor (from 2006), Managing Director, (from 2000 to 2005), North Castle Partners, LLC; President and Chief Executive Officer of efdex, Inc. (the Electronic Food & Drink Exchange) (from 1999 to 2000); President (from 1993 to 1998) and Chief Executive Officer (from 1997 to 1998), Tropicana Beverage Group; Executive Vice President, The Seagram Company Ltd. and Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Inc. (from 1993 to 1998); Senior Vice President, Nabisco Foods Group, and President and Chief Executive Officer, Nabisco Biscuit Company (from 1988 to 1993)
Other Directorships: Eli Lilly and Company and Ford Motor Company
Committee Memberships: Finance (Chair), Compensation and Nominating & Governance

Class B Nominees

RAUL E. CESAN

Age: 61
Director Since: 1999
Principal Occupation: Founder and Managing Partner, Commercial Worldwide LLC (an investment firm) (from 2001)
Recent Business Experience: President and Chief Operating Officer of Schering-Plough Corporation (from 1998 to 2001), Executive Vice President of Schering-Plough Corporation and President of Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals (from 1994 to 1998),

President of Schering Laboratories (from 1992 to 1994),
President of Schering-Plough International (from 1988 to
1992)
Audit (Chair) and Finance

Committee Memberships:

DANIEL H. COHEN

Age: 56
Director Since: 2007
Principal Occupation: President, DeepSee, LLC (an oceanic exploration and submarine leasing company) (from 2007)
Recent Business Experience: President, Dan Cohen & Sons, LLC (from 1999 to 2006); Senior Vice President, Advertising (from 1996 to 1999), Vice President, Advertising (from 1995 to 1996), Group Director, Promotion (from 1993 to 1995) and Managing Director, Sales (from 1992 to 1993), The New York Times
Committee Memberships: Finance

ROBERT E. DENHAM

Age: 63
Director Since: 2008
Principal Occupation: Partner, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (from 1998)
Recent Business Experience: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Salomon Inc. (from 1992 to 1998), General Counsel of Salomon Inc. and Salomon Brothers (from 1991 to 1992); Managing Partner of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (from 1985 to 1991); Partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (from 1973 to 1991)
Other Directorships: Chevron Corporation, Fomento Económico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. and Wesco Financial Corporation
Committee Memberships: Audit and Nominating & Governance

LYNN G. DOLNICK

Age: 57
Director Since: 2005
Principal Occupation: Director of various non-profit corporations
Recent Business Experience: Associate Director, Exhibits and Outreach (from 1998 to 2004), Head, Division of Exhibits (from 1993 to 1998), Head, Office of Exhibit Interpretation (from 1991 to 1993), Special Assistant to Director (from 1986 to 1991), Director, NOAHS Center (New Opportunities in Animal Health Sciences) (from 1985 to 1987), Smithsonian's National Zoological Park
Committee Memberships: Finance and Foundation (Chair)

MICHAEL GOLDEN

Age: 59
Director Since: 1997
Principal Occupation: Vice Chairman of the Company (from 1997)
Recent Business Experience: Publisher, The International Herald Tribune (from 2003 to January 2008); Senior Vice President of the Company (from 1997 to 2004); Vice President, Operations Development, of the Company (from 1996 to 1997); Executive Vice President, NYT Sports/Leisure Magazines, and Vice President and Publisher, *Tennis* magazine (from 1994 to 1996) and Executive Vice President and General Manager (from 1991 to 1994), NYT Women's Magazines
Committee Memberships: Foundation

DAWN G. LEPORE

Age: 54
Director Since: 2008
Principal Occupation: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, drugstore.com, inc. (an online provider of health, beauty, vision and pharmacy products) (from October 2004)
Recent Business Experience: Vice Chairman, Technology, Active Trader, Operations, Business Strategy, and Administration (from August 2003 to October 2004), Vice Chairman, Technology, Operations, Business Strategy, and Administration (from May 2003 to August 2003), Vice Chairman, Technology, Operations and Administration (from 2002 to 2003), Vice Chairman, Technology and Administration (from 2001 to 2002); and Vice Chairman and Chief Information Officer (from 1999 to 2001), Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer (from 1993 to 1999), Vice President, Applications Development Support (from 1987 to 1993), The Charles Schwab Corporation and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
Other Directorships: drugstore.com, inc. and eBay Inc.
Committee Memberships: Compensation and Finance

THOMAS MIDDELHOFF

Age: 55
Director Since: 2003
Principal Occupation: Founder, Partner and Executive Chairman, BLM Partners (special purpose acquisition company) (from February 2009)
Recent Business Experience: Chief Executive Officer (from 2005 to February 2009) and Non-executive Chairman (from 2004 to 2005) of Arcandor AG; Managing Director, Investcorp Ltd. (from 2003 to 2005); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (from 1997 to 2002), Head of Corporate Development and Coordinator of Multimedia Business (from 1994 to 1998), and Member of The Board Industry Division (from 1990 to 1994), Bertelsmann AG; Managing Director (from 1989 to 1990), Mohndruck, Calandar Publishing Company
Other Directorships: Germany 1 Acquisition (Co-non-executive Chairman), moneybookers.com (Non-executive Chairman), Senator Entertainment AG (Non-executive Chairman) and Thomas Cook Group plc (Non-executive Chairman)
Committee Memberships: Compensation and Finance

JANET L. ROBINSON

Age: 58
Director Since: 2004
Principal Occupation: President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company (from 2005)
Recent Business Experience: Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company (2004); Senior Vice President, Newspaper Operations, of the Company (from 2001 to 2004); President and General Manager, The New York Times (from 1996 to 2004)
Committee Memberships: Foundation

ARTHUR SULZBERGER, JR.

Age: 57
Director Since: 1997
Principal Occupation: Chairman of the Company (from 1997) and Publisher, The New York Times (from 1992)
Recent Business Experience: Deputy Publisher (from 1988 to 1992) and Assistant Publisher (from 1987 to 1988), The New York Times

DOREEN A. TOBEN

Age: 59
Director Since: 2004
Principal Occupation: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Verizon Communications, Inc. (from 2002)
Recent Business Experience: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Telecom Group, Verizon Communications, Inc. (from 2000 to 2002), Vice President and Controller (from 1999 to 2000) and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Telecom/Network, Bell Atlantic Inc. (from 1997 to 1999)
Other Directorships: Verizon Wireless Inc.
Committee Memberships: Audit and Foundation

Interests of Related Persons in Certain Transactions of the Company

Policy on Transactions with Related Persons. See "Policy on Transactions with Related Persons" on page 21 for a description of the Company's policy regarding any transaction between the Company and a "related person."

Interests of Directors in Certain Transactions of the Company. In the ordinary course of business, the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time engage in transactions with other corporations whose officers or directors are also Directors of the Company. These include the Company's purchase of products and services from Verizon Communications, Inc. and the running of advertising in Company properties for the products and services of Ford Motor Company and Verizon Communications, Inc., as well as other Director-affiliated companies. All of these arrangements are conducted on an arm's-length basis. The relevant outside Director does not participate in these business relationships nor profit directly from them. Due to the nature of these transactions, they may not even come to the attention of the Company's Board or the relevant Director.

Members of the Ochs-Sulzberger Family Employed by the Company. During 2008, Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. was employed as Chairman of the Company and Publisher of The New York Times, and Michael Golden was employed as Vice Chairman of the Company and Publisher of the International Herald Tribune. See "Compensation of Executive Officers" for a description of Mr. Sulzberger, Jr.'s and Mr. Golden's compensation. In 2008, James Dryfoos was employed as Manager, The New York Times Company (Enterprise Services), and was paid a total of \$157,231. In 2008, Michael Greenspon was employed as Project Director, The New York Times (Strategic Planning), and was paid a total of \$186,485. In 2008, Rachel B. Golden joined the Company as a Marketing Associate for NYTimes.com, and was paid a total of \$44,423. In 2009, Arthur Gregg Sulzberger joined the Company as a staff reporter for The New York Times.

Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. is a cousin of Daniel H. Cohen and of Lynn G. Dolnick and Mr. Golden, who are also siblings. Messrs. Dryfoos and Greenspon are each the son of a cousin of Messrs. Sulzberger, Jr., Golden and Cohen and Ms. Dolnick. Ms. Golden is Mr. Golden's daughter. Mr. Sulzberger is the son of Mr. Sulzberger, Jr.

Expired Agreement with HCP Investors. On March 17, 2008, we and Harbinger Capital Partners NY, LLC, together with certain of its affiliates and Firebrand Investments, LLC (collectively, the "HCP Investors"),

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entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") terminating a then-pending proxy contest with respect to the election of directors at our 2008 Annual Meeting. The HCP Investors had planned to seek representation on our Board by nominating a slate of four candidates, including Scott Galloway and James A. Kohlberg, for election as directors at the Annual Meeting. Pursuant to the Agreement, which has since expired, we agreed, among other things:

to increase the size of the Board from 13 to 15 directors effective as of the end of the 2008 Annual Meeting;

to nominate each of Messrs. Galloway and Kohlberg as a director for terms to expire at our 2009 Annual Meeting;

to name, upon their election to the Board, at least one of Messrs. Galloway and Kohlberg to each of the Nominating & Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee of the Board; and

to reimburse the HCP Investors for actual out-of-pocket expenses in connection with their nominations and related filings, up to a maximum amount of \$250,000.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the HCP Investors agreed to irrevocably withdraw the nominations to the Board they had previously made and to terminate the pending proxy contest, to vote their shares in favor of the Board's slate of nominees at the 2008 Annual Meeting and against any stockholder nominations for director which are not approved and recommended by the Board; and to refrain from taking certain actions with respect to the election of directors (such as soliciting proxies or written consents) from March 17, 2008 to November 23, 2008.

Transaction with Carlos Slim Helú and Affiliates. On January 19, 2009, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement (the "Securities Purchase Agreement") with Inmobiliaria Carso, S.A. de C.V. and Banco Inbursa S.A., Institución de Banca Múltiple, Grupo Financiero Inbursa (each an "Investor" and collectively the "Investors"), pursuant to which the Company issued to the Investors for an aggregate purchase price of \$250,000,000 (net of a \$4,500,000 investor funding fee) (1) \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 14.053% Senior Unsecured Notes due January 15, 2015 (the "Notes"), and (2) detachable warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase 15,900,000 shares of the Company's Class A stock at a price of \$6.3572 per share. Each Investor purchased an equal number of Notes and Warrants. The closing of this transaction occurred on January 21, 2009. Carlos Slim Helú and members of his family are beneficiaries of a trust which in turn owns all of the outstanding voting securities of Inmobiliaria Carso and a majority of the outstanding voting equity securities of Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A. B. de C.V., which is the parent company of Banco Inbursa. As a result of the issuance of the Warrants, Mr. Slim, members of his family and the Investors are deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 16.3% of the Company's outstanding Class A stock.

Preemptive Rights Offering. As a result of the agreement to issue the Warrants to the Investors, under clause (VI) of Article Fourth of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Section 622 of the New York Business Corporation Law, each holder of the Company's Class B stock received a non-transferable preemptive right to purchase, for each share of Class B stock owned, 0.1112 warrants (the "Preemptive Warrants"), at a price of \$1.33 per warrant, to purchase shares of the Company's Class A stock, at a price of \$6.35 per share. The terms of the Preemptive Warrants were substantially the same as those of the Warrants issued to the Investors.

As previously mentioned on page 5, the 1997 Trust holds 738,810 shares of Class B stock of the Company, or approximately 89% of the outstanding shares of the Class B stock. The 1997 Trust and the Trustees holding an aggregate of 745,450 shares of Class B stock waived their preemptive rights triggered by the agreement to issue the Warrants to the Investors. Accordingly, an aggregate of 8,917 Preemptive Warrants were offered to the holders of an aggregate of 80,184 shares of Class B stock, and an aggregate of 559 Preemptive Warrants were issued to holders who accepted the offer.

Board of Directors and Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the direction, affairs and management of the Company. The Board recognizes its fiduciary duty to both Class A and Class B stockholders.

The following highlights key corporate governance practices applicable to the Board:

Corporate Governance Principles. The New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules require listed companies to adopt corporate governance principles. A printable copy of the current version of the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, most recently amended on February 21, 2008, is available on our Web site and is also available in print to any stockholder requesting it. Such request can be submitted in writing or by telephone as described on page 4.

Majority Voting for Directors. Our Corporate Governance Principles provide that each nominee for election to the Board must agree to resign upon the request of the Board if, in an uncontested election, he or she is elected to the Board but fails to receive a majority of the votes cast. In determining whether to require the Director to resign, the Board, with such person not participating, will consider all relevant facts and circumstances. The Board must make the request within 60 days and the Company must disclose the Board's decision within 65 days.

Director Nominee Rotation. Our Corporate Governance Principles provide that it is the policy of the Company to have an annual rotation of the nominees for election to the Board by holders of the publicly traded, Class A common stock. It is intended that each of the independent directors be nominated for election by the Class A stockholders at least once every three years and that the annual slate of Class A nominees include at least one member of each of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating & Governance Committees.

This policy reinforces the principle that, once elected, our directors have no ongoing status as "Class A" or "Class B" directors. They all owe fiduciary duties and responsibilities to all of our stockholders.

Director Election. All Directors stand for election annually. Voting is not cumulative. Under our Certificate of Incorporation, 30% (or the next highest whole number) of the Directors are elected by the holders of the Company's Class A common stock and the remaining Directors are elected by the holders of the Company's Class B common stock. Under the New York Business Corporation Law and our Corporate Governance Principles, once elected, our Directors have no ongoing status as "Class A" or "Class B" Directors and have the same duties and responsibilities to all stockholders. Our Board serves as one Board with fiduciary responsibilities to the Company and all of our stockholders.

Director Attendance at Annual Meetings. All Directors are expected to attend the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. All Directors attended the Company's 2008 annual meeting of stockholders in person, except for Thomas Middelhoff and Doreen Toben, who could not attend due to last-minute scheduling conflicts.

Director Retirement Age. None of our Directors will stand for re-election after his or her 70th birthday, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Directors as Stockholders. All Directors are expected to own stock in the Company equal in value to at least three times the annual Board cash retainer as set from time to time by the Board. Each Director is expected to accumulate this stock over a reasonable period of time. Stock units held by a Director under any deferral plan are included in calculating the value of ownership to determine whether this minimum ownership has been accumulated. Each Director, other than those new to the Board in 2008, was in compliance during 2008. As a result of the recent decline of stock prices, the current market value of the holdings of certain Directors is below the guidelines.

Director Orientation. The Company has a comprehensive orientation program for all new non-employee Directors with respect to their role as directors and as members of the particular Board committees on which they will serve. It includes one-on-one meetings with senior management and top New York Times editors and extensive written materials on each of the Company's different business units. The senior management meetings cover a corporate overview, the Company's strategic plans, its significant financial, accounting and risk management issues, its compliance programs, and its business conduct policies. All other Directors are also invited to attend each orientation program.

Ongoing Director Education. From time to time, the Company will provide Directors with additional educational materials and presentations from Company and/or third-party experts on subjects that would enable them to perform better their duties and to recognize and deal appropriately with issues that arise. In addition, the Company will pay all reasonable expenses for any Director who wishes to attend a director continuing education program.

"Controlled Company" Exception to NYSE Rules. The Company's Board of Directors has determined not to take advantage of an available exception from certain of the NYSE rules. A company of which more than

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50% of the voting power is held by a single entity, a "controlled company," need not comply with the requirements for a majority of independent directors or for independent compensation and nominating/corporate governance committees. As a result of the 1997 Trust's holdings of Class B stock, the Company would qualify as a controlled company and could elect not to comply with these independence requirements. However, the Company's Board of Directors has determined to comply in all respects with the NYSE rules.

Independent Directors. The NYSE rules require listed companies to have a board of directors with at least a majority of independent directors. The Company has now, and has had for many years, a majority of independent Directors.

The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Cesan, Denham, Galloway, Kennard and Kohlberg, Ms. Lepore, Dr. Liddle, Ms. Marram, Dr. Middelhoff and Ms. Toben are independent. Of the remaining Directors, Messrs. Sulzberger, Jr. and Golden and Ms. Robinson are executive officers of the Company, Ms. Dolnick is a cousin of Mr. Sulzberger, Jr. and a sister of Mr. Golden and Mr. Cohen is a cousin of Messrs. Sulzberger, Jr. and Golden. Due to their family relation to Messrs. Sulzberger, Jr. and Golden, Ms. Dolnick and Mr. Cohen, who are cousins, are not considered independent.

The NYSE rules specify five categories of relationships between an individual and a listed company that render the individual ineligible to be independent. The Board has determined that none of the Company's independent Directors has a relationship with the Company that falls within these categories.

Under the NYSE rules, a Director qualifies as "independent" so long as he or she has none of these impermissible relationships with the Company and upon the Board affirmatively determining that he or she has no other material relationship with the Company (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company).

The NYSE rules permit the adoption of, and the Board of the Company has adopted, categorical standards defining "material relationships" for the purpose of determining independence. Under these standards, the Board has determined that the following relationships provided they are not required to be disclosed in the Company's public filings by SEC rules are immaterial to the Company for this purpose:

if the Director does business with the Company, or is affiliated with an entity with which the Company does business, so long as payments by or to the Company do not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000 or, in the case of an affiliated entity, 2% of the annual revenues of the other entity; or

if the Director serves as an officer or director of a charitable organization to which the Company, The New York Times Company Foundation or The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund makes a donation, so long as the aggregate annual donations do not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000 or 2% of that organization's annual charitable receipts.

The Board has determined that each of the Company's independent Directors has only immaterial relationships with the Company under these categorical standards.

Board Committees. Both the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the NYSE rules require the Company to have an audit committee comprised solely of independent directors, and the NYSE rules also require the Company to have independent compensation and nominating/corporate governance committees. The Company is in compliance with these requirements.

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, members of an audit committee must have no affiliation with the issuer, other than the Board seat, and receive no compensation in a capacity other than as a director/committee member. Each member of our Audit Committee meets this independence standard.

Audit Committee Financial Experts. Rules promulgated by the SEC under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act require the Company to disclose annually whether our Audit Committee has one or more "audit committee financial experts," as defined by the SEC. The Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee, including the Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr. Cesan, qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert."

Codes of Ethics. The Company has adopted a Business Ethics Policy, applicable to all employees, a code of ethics that applies not only to the Company's CEO and senior financial officers, as required by the SEC, but also to its Chairman and Vice Chairman, and a code of ethics for Directors. A printable version of each of these documents is available on our Web site and is also available in print to any stockholder requesting it. Such request can be submitted in writing or by telephone as described on page 4.

Non-Employee Directors. The NYSE rules require that the non-employee directors of a listed company meet periodically in executive sessions. The Company's non-employee Directors meet separately at the end of each regular meeting of the Board. Additionally, at least once a year the independent Directors meet in executive session. Ms. Dolnick and Mr. Cohen are non-employee Directors who, due to their family

relation to Messrs. Sulzberger, Jr. and Golden, are not considered independent.

Presiding Director. Ms. Marram currently serves as our Presiding Director. In addition to chairing all executive sessions of our non-employee and independent Directors, our Presiding Director:

serves as a liaison between our Chairman, our CEO and our independent Directors;

reviews proposed plans for Board meeting presentations;

consults with any of the senior executives of the Company as to any concerns the executive might have; and

makes herself available for direct consultation with major stockholders.

Interested parties may express their concerns to the Company's non-employee Directors or the independent Directors by contacting the Presiding Director, care of the Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, The New York Times Company, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018. All such correspondence will be relayed to the Presiding Director.

Communications with the Board. Stockholders may communicate with the Board of Directors care of the Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, The New York Times Company, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018. All such correspondence will be relayed to the entire Board of Directors.

Board and Committee Evaluations. Our Board has a Board and Committee evaluation process to examine and discuss how our Board and Committees function as groups and with senior management of our Company. We believe that our stockholders' interests can be best protected by acknowledging the separate responsibilities of management and our Board and its Committees and by ensuring an open environment for Board and management discussions and actions.

No Interlocking Directorships. The Chairman of the Board, as Publisher of The New York Times, does not sit on any other company board. Although other members of senior management without editorial responsibilities are not so precluded, none sit on the boards of directors of any company at which one of our Directors is the chief executive officer or chief operating officer.

Succession Planning. Recognizing the critical importance of executive leadership to the success of the Company, the Board works with senior management to ensure that effective plans are in place for both short-term and long-term executive succession at The New York Times Company.

Senior Management Evaluation. In consultation with all non-employee Directors, the Compensation Committee annually evaluates the performance of our Chairman, President and CEO and Vice Chairman.

Corporate Financial Ethics Hotline. The Company has established a corporate financial ethics hotline to allow an employee to lodge a complaint, confidentially and anonymously, about any accounting, internal control or auditing matter that is of concern.

Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines. Those executive officers named in the "Summary Compensation Table" are subject to stock ownership guidelines. The Chairman is required to own shares of Class A stock equal to three times his base salary. The President and CEO, the Vice Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer are required to hold an amount equal in value to two times his or her base salary in Company stock. All other named executive officers are required to hold an amount equal in value to their base salary in Company stock. Restricted stock units are counted in calculating ownership. An executive officer's stock holdings are valued at the greater of the fair market value at year end or the officer's tax basis in the shares (or in the case of restricted stock units, the grant date fair market value). An affected executive officer has five years to attain the holding requirements. All of our named executive officers are in compliance with the guidelines.

Board Policy on Recoupment of Bonuses Upon Restatement Due to Fraud or Misconduct. In the event of a restatement of the Company's financial statements due to fraud or intentional misconduct, the Board will review performance-based bonuses to executive officers whose fraud or intentional misconduct caused the restatement, and the Company will seek to recoup bonuses paid for performance during the period or periods that are the subject of the restatement.

Independent Compensation Consultant. The Compensation Committee has directly engaged an independent compensation consultant, Exequity LLP. In 2008, Exequity reported on its review of data from nationally recognized compensation surveys. The review analyzed salary, annual and long-term cash incentive bonuses and equity compensation, as well as total compensation, for comparable executive positions at a comparative group of companies that includes traditional newspaper companies, other print publishing companies, news and information companies, and a selection of similarly-sized general industry companies and, for operating unit positions, at other comparable media companies. Exequity also provided general advice on executive compensation trends and programs and made compensation recommendations for our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. See "Compensation Discussion & Analysis."

Policy on Transactions with Related Persons. The Board of Directors recognizes the fact that transactions with related persons present a heightened risk of conflicts of interests and/or improper valuation (or the perception thereof).

Any transaction with the Company in which a Director, executive officer or beneficial holder of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of either Class A or Class B stock, or any immediate family member of the foregoing (each, a "related person") has a direct or indirect material interest, and where the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, must be specifically disclosed by the Company in its public filings.

Any such transaction would be subject to the Company's written policy respecting the review, approval or ratification of related person transactions.

Under this policy:

the Company or any of its subsidiaries may employ a related person in the ordinary course of business consistent with the Company's policies and practices with respect to the employment of non-related persons in similar positions; and

any other related person transaction that would be required to be publicly disclosed must be approved or ratified by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof or if it is impractical to defer consideration of the matter until a Board or committee meeting, by the Chair of the Nominating & Governance Committee (or, if he or she is not disinterested, by the Presiding Director).

If the transaction involves a related person who is a Director or an immediate family member of a Director, that Director may not participate in the deliberations or vote. In approving or ratifying a transaction under this policy, the Board of Directors, the committee or Director considering the matter must determine that the transaction is fair and reasonable to the Company.

A printable version of this written policy is available on our Web site and is also available in print to any stockholder requesting it. Such request can be submitted in writing or by telephone as described on page 4.

Our Code of Ethics applicable to Directors discourages Directors from engaging in transactions that present a conflict of interest or the appearance of one. Our Business Ethics Policy applicable to employees, including executive officers and others who may be "related persons" similarly discourages transactions where there is or could be an appearance of a conflict of interest. In addition, that policy requires specific approval by designated members of management of transactions involving the Company and in which employees have an interest. Specifically, an employee's retention for the provision of goods or services to the Company of any business in which he or she has an interest must be approved by the employee's supervisor, and an employee's direct or indirect financial interest in a business enterprise that does business with the Company must be approved by or on behalf of the President/CEO of that employee's operating unit. There are exceptions for small holdings in public companies. These provisions of the Code of Ethics applicable to Directors and the Company's Business Ethics Policies are intended to operate in addition to, and independently of, the policy on transactions with related persons described above.

See "Interests of Related Persons in Certain Transactions of the Company" for a description of transactions between the Company and related persons in 2008 and 2009 through the date of this Proxy Statement.

Board Meetings and Attendance

Board Meetings in 2008: Seven

Board Committees: Five Standing Committees: Audit, Compensation, Finance, Foundation, and Nominating & Governance. See "Board Committees" for Committee descriptions and membership.

Total Committee Meetings in 2008: 23

2008 Attendance: All Directors attended 75% or more of the total Board and Committee meetings.

Board Committees

Name of Committee and Members	Principal Functions of the Committee	Meetings in 2008
Audit Raul E. Cesan, Chair Robert E. Denham David E. Liddle Doreen A. Toben	Engages the Company's independent auditors, subject to ratification by the stockholders, and receives periodic reports from the auditors and management regarding the auditors' independence and other matters. Recommends appropriate action to ensure the auditors' independence. Reviews with management and the independent auditors the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements and other financial disclosures, the adequacy of internal controls and major issues regarding accounting principles and practices, including any changes resulting from amendments to SEC or Financial Accounting Standards Board rules. Meets regularly with the Company's senior internal audit executive, representatives of management and the independent auditors in separate executive sessions. Reviews and approves the scope of the audit at the outset and reviews the performance of the independent auditors and any audit problems or difficulties encountered. Reviews the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies. Reviews the organization, resources and competence of the Company's internal audit department. Prepares the report to stockholders included in the annual Proxy Statement.	7
Compensation David E. Liddle, Chair James A. Kohlberg Dawn G. Lepore Ellen R. Marram Thomas Middelhoff	Approves compensation arrangements for the Company's executive officers other than the Chairman, the CEO and the Vice Chairman, including base salaries, salary increases, incentive compensation plans and awards. Reviews the reasonableness and appropriateness of all such compensation. In consultation with all non-employee Directors, annually evaluates the performance of the Chairman, the CEO and the Vice Chairman and, together with the other independent Directors, approves their compensation arrangements. Adopts and oversees the administration of incentive compensation and executive stock plans and determines awards granted to executive officers under such plans. Advises the Board on the reasonableness and appropriateness of executive compensation plans and levels generally, including whether these effectively serve the interests of the Company and its stockholders by creating appropriate incentives for high levels of individual and Company performance. Appoints the ERISA Management Committee, which oversees administration of the Company's health, benefit and savings plans and which reports to the Compensation Committee once a year. Has sole authority to engage an executive compensation consultant. Reviews and discusses the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and prepares a report to stockholders stating that it has recommended that it be	4

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the annual Proxy Statement.

Nominating & Governance

William E. Kennard,
Chair
Robert E. Denham
Scott Galloway
Ellen R. Marram

Makes recommendations to the Board regarding the composition of the Board and its Committees, including size and qualifications for membership. Recommends candidates to the Board for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting. Advises the Board on appropriate compensation for outside directors. Advises the Board on corporate governance matters. Oversees periodic evaluation of the Board. Has sole authority to engage a search firm to identify director candidates.

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Finance

Ellen R. Marram, Chair
Raul E. Cesan
Daniel H. Cohen
Lynn G. Dolnick
William E. Kennard
Dawn G. Lepore
Thomas Middelhoff

Reviews the Company's financial policies, including, without limitation, dividend policy, investment of cash, stock repurchase, short-and long-term financing, foreign currency, hedging and derivative transactions, material acquisitions and dispositions and capital expenditures. Establishes (and adjusts from time to time) investment policies for the Company's retirement and savings plans. Appoints the Pension Investment Committee, which appoints and reviews the performance of the trustees and investment managers for the Company's retirement and savings plans and which reports to the Finance Committee from time to time.

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Foundation

Lynn G. Dolnick, Chair
Michael Golden
Janet L. Robinson
Doreen A. Toben

Advises the Board on the policies and direction of The New York Times Company Foundation and The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund. Reviews and makes recommendations to the Board with respect to the Company's contributions to The New York Times Company Foundation.

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Nominating & Governance Committee

Our Nominating & Governance Committee consists of four non-employee Directors, William E. Kennard, Chair, Robert E. Denham, Scott Galloway and Ellen R. Marram. Our Board has determined that each Committee member is "independent" under the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE.

The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The principal functions of the Committee include making recommendations to the Board regarding the composition of the Board and its Committees, including size and qualifications for membership, to recommend nominees to the Board for election and to advise the Board on corporate governance matters. The chart set forth in "Board Committees" describes the principal functions of the Committee under its charter. A printable version of the charter is available on our Web site and is also available in print to any stockholder requesting it. Such request can be submitted in writing or by telephone as described on page 4.

Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board due to expansion of the Board's size or the resignation or retirement of an existing Director, the Committee begins its process of identifying and evaluating potential Director nominees. The Committee considers recommendations of management, stockholders and others. The Committee has sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm to be used to identify Director candidates, including approving its fees and other retention terms. In this regard, from time to time the Committee has retained a global executive recruiting firm, whose function is to bring specific Director candidates to the attention of the Committee. As discussed elsewhere in this Proxy Statement, the 1997 Trust, as holder of a majority of our Class B stock, has the right to elect 70% of our Board. The Committee considers, among other potential nominees, recommendations of the trustees of the 1997 Trust for nominees to be elected by the holders of the Class B stock.

As noted, the Committee will consider Director candidates recommended by stockholders. Stockholders wishing to recommend Director candidates for consideration by the Committee may do so by writing to the Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, giving the recommended nominee's name, biographical data and qualifications, accompanied by the written consent of the recommended nominee.

Consistent with the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, the Committee considers various criteria in Board candidates, including, among others, independence, diversity, character, judgment and business experience, as well as their appreciation of the Company's core purpose, core values and journalistic mission, and whether they have time available to devote to Board activities. The Committee also considers whether a potential nominee would satisfy:

the NYSE's criteria of director "independence";

the NYSE's "financial literacy" and "financial management expertise" standards; and

the SEC's definition of "audit committee financial expert."

Director candidates are evaluated in light of the then-existing composition of the Board, including its overall size, structure, backgrounds and areas of expertise of existing Directors and the relative mix of independent and management Directors. The Committee also considers the specific needs of the various Board committees. The Committee recommends potential Director nominees to the full Board, and final approval of a candidate is determined by the full Board. This evaluation process is the same for Director nominees who are recommended by our stockholders.

Compensation Committee

Compensation Committee Procedures

Our Board of Directors has established a Compensation Committee and charged it with the responsibility to review and either act on behalf of the Board or make recommendations to the Board concerning executive compensation and employee benefits. The Compensation Committee consists of the following individuals:

David E. Liddle, Chair
James A. Kohlberg
Dawn G. Lepore
Ellen R. Marram
Thomas Middelhoff

The Committee consists solely of non-employee Directors of the Company. Our Board has determined that each Committee member is "independent" under the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE.

The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A printable version of the charter is available on our Web site and is also available in print to any stockholder requesting it. Such request can be submitted in writing or by telephone as described on page 4. The chart set forth in "Board Committees" describes the principal functions of the Committee under its charter, as well as the number of its meetings in 2008.

Together with the other non-employee members of the Board, the Committee evaluates the performance of our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Vice Chairman and together with the other independent Directors approves their compensation. In addition, the Committee approves all compensation for our other executive officers and discusses with management in general terms the compensation of non-executive employees.

In the past, the Committee has delegated, and may in the future on an annual basis delegate, the authority to make option and other equity grants in limited circumstances, such as to newly hired or recently promoted employees, to a three-member management committee authorized to grant a limited number of options and other equity awards under specified parameters. To ensure compliance with its longstanding procedures, the Committee has adopted a written grant policy.

Under its charter, the Committee has sole authority to retain and terminate a consulting firm to assist in its evaluation of executive compensation. In accordance with this authority, in 2008, it directly engaged an independent compensation consultant, Exequity LLP. Exequity reported on its review of data from nationally recognized compensation surveys. The review analyzed salary, annual and long-term cash incentive bonuses and equity compensation, as well as total compensation, for comparable executive positions at a comparative group of companies that includes traditional newspaper companies, other print publishing companies, news and information companies, and a selection of similarly-sized general industry companies and, for operating unit positions, at other comparable media companies. Exequity also provided general advice on executive compensation trends and programs and made compensation recommendations for our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. In the course of advising the Committee, Exequity occasionally is asked to provide guidance and support to management in connection with matters that are reviewed by the Committee. These matters may pertain to, among other things, competitive analysis, program design recommendations, technical support and cost modeling.

The Committee generally consults with management regarding executive compensation matters, and our Chief Executive Officer makes compensation recommendations for executive officers, excluding herself and our Chairman. The Company's human resources department supports the Committee in its work.

Throughout the year, the Committee meets to discuss the Company's executive compensation program and related matters. In February of each year, the Committee generally takes the following actions:

sets salaries for the year;

sets annual bonus potentials and the related financial targets for the year;

sets award potentials and the financial targets and performance period for the upcoming long-term performance cycle; and