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DOLLAR TREE, INC.
500 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on
Thursday, June 16, 2016

To Our Shareholders:

We will hold the annual meeting of shareholders of Dollar Tree, Inc. at The Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464 on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. local time, for the following purposes:

To elect eleven director nominees to the Company's Board of Directors as identified in the attached proxy statement, each to serve as a director for a one-year term;

To approve, by a non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers;

To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year 2016;

To approve the material terms of performance goals under the Omnibus Incentive Plan; and

To act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on April 15, 2016 will receive notice of and be allowed to vote at the meeting.

Your vote is important to us. We encourage you to read the attached proxy statement and then vote by Internet, by phone or sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience. Sending in your proxy card will not prevent you from voting your shares at the meeting, if you desire to do so.

By Order of the Board of Directors

WILLIAM A. OLD, JR.
Corporate Secretary

Chesapeake, Virginia
May 18, 2016

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16, 2016**

The Company's proxy statement and annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016 are available at
<http://www.dollartreeinfo.com/investors/financial/annuals/>

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

Dollar Tree's Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at the annual meeting of shareholders. This proxy statement summarizes the information you need to know to vote at the meeting.

We began mailing these proxy materials on or about May 18, 2016 to all shareholders entitled to vote. The Dollar Tree 2015 Annual Report, which includes our financial statements, is being sent with this proxy statement.

The principal executive offices of Dollar Tree are located at, and our mailing address is, 500 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23320; telephone: (757) 321-5000.

When and where is the annual meeting?

As shown in the Notice of Annual Meeting, the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Dollar Tree, Inc. will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at The Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464 at 8:00 a.m. local time.

Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

You are entitled to vote if you were a shareholder of record of our common stock as of the close of business on April 15, 2016. Holders of record have one vote for each share held at the close of business on the record date. At that time, there were 235,565,412 shares of Dollar Tree, Inc. common stock outstanding. Votes will be tabulated by our transfer agent, Computershare.

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

If your shares are registered directly in your name with the Company's transfer agent, Computershare, you are a shareholder of record. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, or similar institution, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name." The institution holding your account is considered the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct the institution on how to vote the shares held in your account.

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How can I cast my vote?

Shareholder of Record

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the annual meeting, vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card or vote over the telephone or the Internet.

To vote in person, we will give you a ballot to vote your shares when you arrive at the meeting.

To vote using the enclosed proxy card, simply complete, sign, date and return it promptly in the envelope provided.

To vote by Internet, go to www.investorvote.com/DLTR and follow the steps outlined on the secured website.

To vote by telephone, dial toll free, 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) within the USA, US territories and Canada any time on a touch tone telephone. Follow the instructions provided by the recorded message.

If you vote your shares more than one time by any method, your shares will be voted in accordance with the vote that is received on the latest date.

Internet

Telephone

Mail

www.investorvote.com/DLTR
Vote 24/7

Visit
www.investorvote.com/DLTR
You will need the 15 digit number included in your proxy card, voter instruction form or notice.

1-800-652-VOTE (8683)

Call 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) or the number on your voter instruction form.
You will need the 15 digit number included in your proxy card, voter instruction form or notice.

Cast your ballot, sign your proxy card
and send by pre-paid mail
Send your completed and signed proxy card or voter instruction form to the address on your proxy card or voter instruction form.

Beneficial Owner

To vote using the enclosed proxy card, simply complete, sign, date and return it promptly in the envelope provided.

To vote by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com and follow the steps outlined on the secured website.

To vote by telephone, dial toll free, 1-800-454-8683 (please note that beneficial shareholders may receive a different number based on their broker).

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If you vote your shares more than one time by any method, your shares will be voted in accordance with the vote that is received on the latest date.

Internet	Telephone	Mail
<p>www.proxyvote.com Vote 24/7</p> <p>Visit www.proxyvote.com You will need the control number included in your proxy card, voter instruction form or notice.</p>	<p>1-800-454-VOTE (8683)</p> <p>Call 1-800-454-VOTE (8683) or the number on your voter instruction form. You will need the control number included in your proxy card, voter instruction form or notice.</p>	<p>Cast your ballot, sign your proxy card and send by pre-paid mail Send your completed and signed proxy card or voter instruction form to the address on your proxy card or voter instruction form.</p>
<p>Shareholders who own their shares in street name are not able to vote at the annual meeting unless they have a proxy executed in their favor from the holder of record of their shares.</p>		

What are the Board's voting recommendations?

PLEASE VOTE	BOARD RECOMMENDATION
1 The eleven director nominees for the Board of Directors	For Each Nominee
2 Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers	For
3 Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered accounting firm for the fiscal year 2016	For
4 Management proposal to approve the material terms of the performance goals under the Omnibus Incentive Plan.	For

Can I change my voting instructions before the meeting?

You may revoke your proxy by sending in a signed proxy card with a later date, providing subsequent telephone or Internet voting instructions, providing a written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary of Dollar Tree, Inc. at the address on page 1 prior to the annual meeting or attending the annual meeting to cast your vote in person.

What constitutes a quorum?

A quorum is necessary for the transaction of business at the annual meeting. A quorum exists when holders of a majority of the total number of issued and outstanding shares of common stock that are entitled to vote at the annual meeting are present in person or by proxy.

Who will count the votes?

A representative of Computershare, our transfer agent, will act as the Inspector of Election, determine the presence of a quorum and tabulate the votes.

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What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes?

The inspector will treat valid proxies marked "abstain" or proxies required to be treated as broker "non-votes" as present for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum at the annual meeting. A broker "non-vote" occurs when you fail to provide your broker with voting instructions on a particular proposal and the broker does not have discretionary authority to vote your shares on that particular proposal because the proposal is not a "routine" matter under the applicable rules. Abstentions and broker "non-votes" with respect to the matters to be voted on at the 2016 annual meeting will have no effect on the outcome.

Unless your broker receives appropriate instructions from you, your broker may not use discretionary authority to vote your shares on any of the matters to be considered at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders other than the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm. Therefore, we strongly urge you to vote your shares.

If I share an address with another shareholder and we receive only one paper copy of proxy materials, how can I obtain an additional copy of proxy materials?

In some cases, only one proxy statement is being delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the shareholders. Upon written or oral request, we will deliver a separate copy of the proxy statement to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the proxy statement was delivered. You can notify our Corporate Secretary at our address on page 1 that you wish to receive a separate copy of the proxy statement in the future, or alternatively, that you wish to receive a single copy of the materials instead of multiple copies. Each shareholder will receive voting instructions relative to their individual holdings, regardless of a shared address.

How can I obtain an additional proxy card?

If you lose, misplace or otherwise need to obtain a proxy card and you are a shareholder of record, you should contact Computershare at 1-800-622-6757 (US, Canada, Puerto Rico) or 781-575-4735 (non-US).

If you hold your shares of common stock in "street name" and therefore are not a shareholder of record, contact your account representative at the broker, bank or similar institution through which you hold your shares.

Where and when will I be able to find the voting results?

You can find the official voting results on our Form 8-K within four business days after the annual meeting.

Who pays for the costs of the proxy solicitations?

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by us. Proxies may be solicited by officers, directors and regular employees of our company or our affiliates, none of whom will receive any additional compensation for their services. Such solicitations may be made personally, or by mail, facsimile, telephone, telegram or messenger. We will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred by them in sending proxy material and annual reports to the beneficial owners of shares in accordance with the schedule of charges approved by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. We have retained Georgeson Inc. to assist with the solicitation of proxies for a fee not to exceed \$20,000, plus reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

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PROPOSAL NO. 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors and Nominees

At the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, the terms of all directors are expiring: Arnold S. Barron, Macon F. Brock, Jr., Gregory M. Bridgeford, Mary Anne Citrino, H. Ray Compton, Conrad M. Hall, Lemuel E. Lewis, J. Douglas Perry, Bob Sasser, Thomas A. Saunders III, Thomas E. Whiddon and Carl P. Zeithaml. All current directors have been re-nominated for appointment as directors, except J. Douglas Perry, in consideration of his preference not to stand for re-election when his term expires at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders. As a result, the Board nominates all directors, other than Mr. Perry, to be re-elected for a one-year term. The Board originally appointed Mr. Bridgeford to his seat effective, May 5, 2016. All nominees have indicated their willingness to serve as directors. If a nominee becomes unable to stand for re-election, the persons named in the proxy will vote for any substitute nominee proposed by the Board of Directors.

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board evaluated its current size, and in May 2016, the Board approved a reduction from twelve directors to eleven directors, to be effective upon an amendment to the Company's by-laws immediately prior to the convening of the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders when Mr. Perry's term expires.

On January 15, 2015, the Board of Directors adopted and approved amendments to the Company's by-laws to implement a majority voting standard in uncontested director elections. Consequently, a director nominee will be elected by a majority of votes cast in uncontested director elections. In contested elections, the plurality voting standard continues to apply.

In addition, we have a corporate governance policy requiring each director-nominee to submit a resignation letter contingent in part on his or her failure to receive a majority of the votes cast. See page 23 for more on this policy.

Vote Required

Our directors are elected by a "majority" vote in uncontested elections such as this election. Each director nominee shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to the director nominee. Abstentions and shares held by brokers that are not voted in the election of directors will have no effect.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR"
EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.**

INFORMATION CONCERNING NOMINEES, DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

NOMINEES

ARNOLD S. BARRON

Private Investor;
corporate director

Chairman of the
Compensation Committee

Mr. Barron, age 68, was the Senior Executive Vice President, Group President of The TJX Companies, Inc. from 2004 until his retirement in January 2009. His employment with The TJX Companies began in 1979. He held the positions of Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, The Marmaxx Group (2000-2004), Senior Vice President, Group Executive, TJX (1996-2000), Senior Vice President, General Merchandising Manager, T.J. Maxx (1993-1996). From 1979 to 1993, he held several other executive positions within The TJX Companies, Inc.

With more than thirty years of experience in senior management, operations and retail merchandising in the U.S., Canada and Europe, Mr. Barron brings a tremendous combination of skills and experience spanning areas key to our business.

Mr. Barron became a director of Dollar Tree in March 2008. He previously served on the Board of rue21, inc. from 2009 through 2013.

**GREGORY M.
BRIDGEFORD**

Private Investor;
corporate director

Mr. Bridgeford, age 61, served as the Chief Customer Officer of Lowe's Companies, Inc. from 2012 to 2014 until his retirement. His employment with Lowe's began in 1982 where he held various senior level positions, including Executive Vice President of Business Development (2004-2012), Senior Vice President of Business Development (1999-2004), Senior Vice President of Marketing (1998-1999), Senior Vice President and General Merchandising Manager (1994-1998), Vice President of Merchandising (1989-1994), Vice President of Corporate Development (1986 - 1989), and Director of Corporate Development (1982-1986).

Mr. Bridgeford brings to our Board more than thirty years of experience in the areas of customer experience, merchandising, marketing, advertising and communications, strategic planning and business process improvement.

Mr. Bridgeford became a director of Dollar Tree in May 2016. Mr. Bridgeford was originally recommended for election to the Board by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

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MACON F. BROCK, JR.

Non-Executive Chairman
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Brock, age 74, has been Chairman of the Board since 2001 and a director since 1986. He served as the Chief Executive Officer from 1993 to 2003. From 1986, when he co-founded Dollar Tree, until 2001, he served as President. Until 1991, he was an officer and director of K&K Toys, Inc. Mr. Brock earned his B.A. from Randolph-Macon College and served as a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a past Chairman of Randolph-Macon College.

As the company's co-founder, Chairman of the Board and former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brock brings to our Board an intimate knowledge of our business coupled with experience in strategic business development, store operations, logistics, procurement, risk management, sales, marketing and other matters. His service on the Board also ensures that the Company's unique culture and historical commitment to the core values of its customers is preserved. The Board also benefits from his service on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Compensation Committee of Lumber Liquidators, Inc.

Mr. Brock has served on our Board since 1986. He also serves on the Board of Lumber Liquidators, Inc. He previously served on the Board of rue21, inc. from 2010 through 2013 and he served on the Board of Landmark Communications from 2004 through 2009.

MARY ANNE CITRINO

Senior Advisor,
Corporate Advisory Services
The Blackstone Group

Ms. Citrino, age 57, has been the Senior Advisor in the Corporate Advisory Services group at The Blackstone Group, a global investment and advisory firm, since 2015. She served as its Senior Managing Director since 2004. Previously, Ms. Citrino was employed at Morgan Stanley for over twenty years. During her years there, she served as the Global Head of Consumer Products Investment Banking, Co-Head of Health Care Services Investment Banking, and a Mergers and Acquisitions Analyst.

Member of the Audit
Committee; Member of the
Nominating and Corporate
Governance Committee

With more than thirty years of experience in investment banking, extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, together with her competence in critical financial analysis and successful record in a variety of business dealings, Ms. Citrino brings essential skills and a unique perspective to the Board.

Ms. Citrino was appointed as a director of Dollar Tree in 2005. She also serves on the Boards of Health Net, Inc., Hewlett Packard, Inc. and Royal Ahold.

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H. RAY COMPTON

Private investor; corporate director

Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; Member of the Compensation Committee

Mr. Compton, age 73, has been a director since 1986. Mr. Compton was Executive Vice President from 1998 to 2002 and Chief Financial Officer from 1986 to 1998. He retired as a full-time employee in 2002 and became fully retired in 2004. From 1979 until 1991, he was employed in similar roles with K&K Toys, Inc. Prior to 1979, he was associated for fifteen years with a manufacturing company in various accounting and management positions.

Having served as a director for thirty years and a former Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Compton brings to the Board a deep understanding of the company's history and unique business model. In addition, Mr. Compton's extensive experience in management, finance and accounting, coupled with his past service as Chairman of the Audit Committee for Hibbett Sports, Inc., is a vital asset to our Board.

Mr. Compton has been a director of Dollar Tree since 1986. He previously served on the Board of Hibbett Sports, Inc. from 1997 to 2005.

CONRAD M. HALL

Private investor; corporate director

Member of the Audit Committee; Member of the Compensation Committee

Mr. Hall, age 72, served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Dominion Enterprises, a leading media and marketing information services company from 2006 until his retirement in January 2009. Prior to 2006, he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Trader Publishing Company since April 1991. From 1989 to 1991, he served as the President of Landmark Target Media, Inc. Mr. Hall joined Landmark Communications, Inc. in 1970 where he held various senior positions, including Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 1985 to 1989. He also served as the Vice President of The Virginian-Pilot and The Ledger-Star division of Landmark from 1977 to 1981.

Mr. Hall's experience as a former Chief Executive Officer and his demonstrated success in new business development is of immense value to the Board, especially as we continue to evaluate growth opportunities. He also brings to the Board more than thirty years of operational expertise, extensive experience in information technology, strategic planning, human resources, and a solid financial background.

Mr. Hall became a director of Dollar Tree in January 2010. He previously served as a director for Dominion Enterprises and Landmark Communications, Inc. from 2006 through 2009. He also served on the Board of Trader Publishing Company from 1991 through 2006.

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**LEMUEL
E. LEWIS**

Private
investor;
corporate
director

Member of
the Audit
Committee

Mr. Lewis, age 69, is President of LocalWeather.com, a web-based privately-held media company he founded in 2008. He served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Landmark Communications, Inc. from 2000 until his retirement in 2006. From 1981 to 2000, he held several other senior positions with Landmark Communications.

Mr. Lewis brings to the Board many years of experience in accounting, finance, human resources, mergers and acquisitions, and business unit operations. The Board also benefits from his valuable financial experience as a former Chief Financial Officer and his service on other Boards, including the Audit Committee Chairman of Markel Corporation and Audit Committee Chairman of Owens & Minor. In addition, our Board has determined that Mr. Lewis qualifies as an Audit Committee financial expert.

Mr. Lewis became a director of Dollar Tree in July 2007. He also serves on the Boards of Markel Corporation and Owens & Minor Inc. He served as Chairman of the Board for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond from 2008 through 2010 and was the Chairman of its Audit Committee from 2005 to 2008. He previously served on the Board of Landmark Communications from 2006 through 2008.

**BOB
SASSER**

Chief
Executive
Officer
Dollar
Tree, Inc.

Mr. Sasser, age 64, has been Chief Executive Officer since 2004 and previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer from 2004 to 2013. He was Dollar Tree's President and Chief Operating Officer from 2001 to 2003 and Chief Operating Officer from 1999 to 2000. Previously, from 1997 to 1999, he served as Senior Vice President, Merchandise and Marketing of Roses Stores, Inc. From 1994 to 1996, he was Vice President, General Merchandise Manager for Michaels Stores, Inc. Prior to 1994, he held several positions at Roses Stores, Inc., ranging from Store Manager to Vice President, General Merchandise Manager.

Mr. Sasser's demonstration of outstanding leadership skills, business acumen, commitment to excellence, and his major contributions to the company's growth and success as the Chief Executive Officer of Dollar Tree, provides essential insight and guidance to our Board. In addition, the Board benefits from Mr. Sasser's forty-three years of retail experience.

Mr. Sasser was elected to our Board in 2004. He served on the Board of The Fresh Market, Inc. from 2012 to April 2016.

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THOMAS A. SAUNDERS III

President, Ivor & Co., LLC

Lead Independent Director;
Chairman of the Nominating
and Corporate Governance
Committee

Mr. Saunders, age 79, has been the President of Ivor & Co., LLC, a private investment company, since 2000. He was a founder of Saunders Karp & Megrue Partners, L.L.C., ("SKM") which controlled the SK Equity Fund, L.P., once a major investor in Dollar Tree. SKM merged with Apax Partners in 2005. Before founding SKM in 1990, he was a Managing Director of Morgan Stanley & Co. from 1974 to 1989. Mr. Saunders is the recipient of the 2008 National Humanities Medal and a recipient of the highest awards bestowed by the Marine Corps University Foundation, the New-York Historical Society, the Virginia Military Institute and the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Saunders brings to the Board valuable financial expertise, including extensive experience in investment banking and a solid understanding of the capital markets. As a company director for twenty-three years and lead independent director for the past nine years, Mr. Saunders also brings to the Board critical leadership skills and a deep understanding of our business. The Board also benefits from his service on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Compensation Committee of Hibbett Sports, Inc.

Mr. Saunders has been a Dollar Tree director since 1993. He also serves on the Board of Hibbett Sports, Inc. and previously served on the Board of Teavana Holdings, Inc. from 2011 to 2012.

THOMAS E. WHIDDON

Private investor; corporate
director

Chairman of the Audit
Committee

Mr. Whiddon, age 63, from 2004 to 2013 was an Advisory Director of Berkshire Partners, LLC (a private equity firm), and as such, served in interim executive operating roles for various Berkshire portfolio companies from 2004 to 2006. Previously, he was Executive Vice President of Lowe's Companies, Inc. from 1996 until his retirement in 2003. During this time, he served as Executive Vice President of Logistics and Technology from 2000 to 2003 and Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 2000. Prior to his tenure at Lowe's, he served as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Zale Corporation from 1994 to 1996. From 1986 to 1993, he served as the Treasurer of Eckerd Corporation.

Having served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of successful large public retail companies, coupled with his many years of experience in public accounting, Mr. Whiddon brings to our Board extensive financial expertise. In addition, our Board has determined that Mr. Whiddon qualifies as an Audit Committee financial expert. His service on the Board and a number of Committees of Carter's Inc. and Sonoco Products Company, Inc. further enhances his contributions to our Board. He also brings a fresh perspective to Dollar Tree's logistics and technology focus.

Mr. Whiddon has been a member of our Board since 2003. He currently serves as a director of Sonoco Products Company, Inc. and Carter's Inc.

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CARL P. ZEITHAML

Dean, McIntire School of
Commerce
University of Virginia

Dr. Zeithaml, age 66, is the Dean of the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. He is also a Professor in the Management Area specializing in strategic management. He joined the McIntire School in 1997, after eleven years on the faculty in the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Compensation
Committee

Dr. Zeithaml provides the Board with expertise in strategic management with an emphasis on competitive strategy, corporate governance and global strategy. He brings to the Board extensive educational experience and a strong understanding of risk management.

Dr. Zeithaml became a director of Dollar Tree in July 2007.

OTHER DIRECTORS (Not Standing for Re-Election)

J. DOUGLAS PERRY

Chairman Emeritus
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Perry, age 68, became Chairman Emeritus of the Board in 2001. He had been Chairman of the Board since 1986 when he co-founded Dollar Tree. He also served as Chief Executive Officer from 1986 to 1993. He retired as an employee and officer of the company in 1999. Until 1991, he was an executive officer of K&K Toys, Inc. which he, along with Mr. Brock, Mr. Compton and Mr. Perry's father, built from the company's original single store to 136 stores.

As the company's co-founder, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Perry brings to the Board vital leadership and executive management skills. His deep understanding and knowledge about our business and its history helps ensure that we remain committed to the culture, core values and principals upon which the company was built.

Mr. Perry has served on our Board since 1986.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
(Other than those listed above)**

DAVID JACOBS

Chief Strategy Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Jacobs, age 47, has been the Chief Strategy Officer of Dollar Tree since 2012. He was the Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning from 2009 to 2012, and Vice President of Strategic Planning from 2006 to 2009. From 1996 to 2006, he held a number of positions with The Boston Consulting Group, a leading global strategic management consulting firm, including Partner from 2003 to 2006. From 1994 to 1996, he was an attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLC.

JOSHUA JEWETT

Chief Information Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Jewett, age 46, has been the Chief Information Officer of Dollar Tree since March 2016 and has strategic and operational responsibility for all aspects of Information Technology. From August 2002 to February 2016, he served as the Senior Vice President Chief Information Officer of Family Dollar Stores. Prior to his employment with Family Dollar, he served as the Senior Director for Answerthink, Inc., an international management consulting firm.

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MICHAEL MATAUNAS

Chief Administrative Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Mataunas, age 49, joined Dollar Tree in 2013 as the Chief Administrative Officer. Prior to joining Dollar Tree, he was the Chief Executive Officer of The Parker Avery Group (a consultancy serving retailers) from 2007 to June 2013. Previously, he served as the Vice President of Manhattan Associates, Inc. from 2005 to 2006 and from 2003 to 2005 he served as the Vice President of Evant, Inc., a retail software and services company that was acquired by Manhattan Associates, Inc. Prior to Evant, he served in a number of senior level positions where he gained expertise in merchandising, supply chain, organizational development, and technology.

GARY A. MAXWELL

Chief Supply Chain Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Maxwell, age 54, joined Dollar Tree in 2015 as the Chief Supply Chain Officer. From 2013 to 2015, he was the President and Founder of Maxwell Value Chain, Inc, a company that provided replenishment services and supply chain improvement consultation to retail suppliers. He joined Dollar Tree after a 14-year career at Walmart Stores, Inc. where he held various senior level positions. This included serving as the Senior Vice President of the Global Business Process Team from 2012 to 2013. From 2007 to 2011, he held the position of Senior Vice President of International Supply Chain. From 2003-2006, he was the Senior Vice President of U.S. Merchandise Replenishment and the Vice President of U.S. Logistics Engineering from 2001 to 2002. From 1999-2000, he served as the Vice President of Sam's Club Logistics. Prior to Walmart, he worked for Caldors from 1993-1999 as the Senior Vice President of Merchandise Distribution and Replenishment. Throughout his career, he gained expertise in global supply chain management, international logistics, merchandise distribution and replenishment, inventory management, process improvement and strategic planning.

WILLIAM A. OLD, JR.

Chief Legal Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Old, age 62, joined Dollar Tree as the Chief Legal Officer in 2013. Prior to joining Dollar Tree, he was the Vice President and Director at Williams Mullen, P.C. from 2004 to 2013. He previously represented Dollar Tree as its primary outside counsel since 1985.

GARY M. PHILBIN

President & Chief Operating
Officer
Family Dollar Stores, Inc.

Mr. Philbin, age 59, became President and Chief Operating Officer of Family Dollar Stores in July 2015. From March 2007 to July 2015, he was the Chief Operating Officer of Dollar Tree. He previously served as our Senior Vice President of Stores since December 2001. He joined Dollar Tree after a thirty year career in the retail grocery industry. This included serving as the Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Merchandising Officer of Grand Union from 1997 through the year of the company's sale in 2000. Prior to Grand Union, he held senior executive level positions with SuperValu from 1996 to 1997, and A&P, from 1993 to 1996. In his career, Mr. Philbin held roles in both merchandising and operations at the corporate level. His career started with the Kroger Company where he held increasing positions of responsibility over a twenty year career.

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JASON REISER

Executive Vice President Chief
Merchandising Officer
Family Dollar Stores, Inc.

Mr. Reiser, age 48, has been Executive Vice President Chief Merchandising Officer of Family Dollar Stores since 2014. From July 2013 to January 2014, he was the Senior Vice President of Merchandising. Prior to joining Family Dollar, he was employed by Walmart Stores, Inc. for seventeen years in a variety of roles, including as Merchandising Vice President, Health & Family Care of Sam's Club from November 2010 to June 2013, as Vice President, Health & Wellness Operations and Compliance of Sam's Club from May 2010 to November 2010, and as Senior Category Director of Walmart from May 2009 to May 2010.

ROBERT H. RUDMAN

Chief Merchandising Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Rudman, age 65, has been Chief Merchandising Officer of Dollar Tree since June 2003. Prior to joining Dollar Tree, he served as President/CEO and minority shareholder of Horizon Group USA from 2000 to June 2003. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Rudman was President/CEO of his own consulting company, VQ International Inc. From 1991 until 1996, Mr. Rudman was Executive Vice President/Chief Merchandise Officer of Michaels Stores. Prior to joining Michaels, Mr. Rudman served in a number of positions in a wide variety of retail formats, gaining the majority of his experience in merchandise and marketing.

BARRY SULLIVAN

Executive Vice President Store
Operations
Family Dollar Stores, Inc.

Mr. Sullivan, age 52, has been the Executive Vice President of Store Operations of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. since October 2007. From May 2005 to October 2007, he was the the Senior Vice President of Store Operations. From September 2002 to May 2005, he was the Vice President of Store Operations.

KEVIN S. WAMPLER

Chief Financial Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Wampler, age 53, has been the Chief Financial Officer of Dollar Tree since December 2008. Prior to joining Dollar Tree, he served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for The Finish Line, Inc. from October 2003 to November 2008. Mr. Wampler held various other senior positions during his fifteen-year career at The Finish Line, including Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Secretary from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Wampler, a Certified Public Accountant, was employed by Ernst and Young LLP from 1986 to 1993.

MICHAEL A. WITYNSKI

Chief Operating Officer
Dollar Tree, Inc.

Mr. Witynski, age 53, has been Chief Operating Officer of Dollar Tree since August 2015. He was the Senior Vice President of Retail Stores from 2010 to 2015. Prior to joining Dollar Tree, he held executive positions at Shaw's Supermarkets and Supervalu, Inc. during his 29-year career in the grocery industry.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Mr. Brock is married to Mr. Perry's sister. There are no additional family relationships among the directors and executive officers.

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HOW NOMINEES TO OUR BOARD ARE SELECTED

Candidates for election to our Board of Directors are nominated by our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and ratified by our full Board of Directors for consideration by the shareholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates under a charter, which is available on our corporate website at <http://www.dollartreeinfo.com/investors/corporate/>. A copy of the charter is available to all shareholders upon request, addressed to our Corporate Secretary at the address on page 1. All members of the committee are independent under the standards established by the NASDAQ Stock Market.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates recommended by shareholders. Shareholders may recommend candidates for Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consideration by submitting such recommendation using the methods described under the "Shareholder Nominations for Election of Directors" section on page 15 and "Communicating with our Board Members" on page 24. In making recommendations, shareholders should be mindful of the discussion of minimum qualifications set forth in the following paragraph. Although a recommended individual may meet the minimum qualification standards, it does not imply that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee necessarily will nominate the person so recommended by a shareholder.

In evaluating candidates for election to the Board, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall take into account the qualifications of the individual candidate as well as the composition of the Board as a whole.

Among other things, the Committee shall consider:

the candidate's ability to help the Board create shareholder value,

the candidate's ability to represent the interests of shareholders,

the business judgment, experience and acumen of the candidate,

the need of the Board for directors having certain skills and experience,

other business and professional commitments of the candidate,

the number of other boards on which the candidate serves, including public and private company boards, and

retail experience.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee gives consideration to potential candidates who would represent diversity on the Board with respect to professional background, experience, expertise, age, gender, and ethnicity.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies nominees in a number of ways. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee from time to time engages search firms to assist the committee in identifying potential Board nominees, and we pay such firms a fee for conducting such searches. Another method is the recommendation of a current member of the Board, who personally knows and has an understanding of the qualifications of a proposed nominee. An additional method involves an awareness of persons who are successful in business, whether personally known to a member of the Board or not. We may contact such persons from time to time to ask whether they would be willing to serve. If they are willing, then the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee conducts significant amounts of due diligence to ensure that a nominee

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possesses the qualifications, qualities and skills outlined above. As mentioned above, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider recommendations from shareholders on the same basis as other candidates.

Shareholder Nominations for Election of Directors

Shareholders generally can nominate persons to be directors by following the procedures set forth in our bylaws. In short, these procedures require the shareholder to deliver a written notice containing certain required information in a timely manner to our Corporate Secretary at the address on page 1. To be timely, the notice must be sent either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, and received no later than 120 days in advance of the anniversary date of the proxy statement for the previous year's annual meeting. If no annual meeting was held in the previous year, or the date of the applicable annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, notice must be sent not less than 90 days before the date of the applicable annual meeting. The notice must contain the information required by our bylaws about the shareholder proposing the nominee and about the nominee. A copy of our bylaws can be found online at <http://www.dollartreeinfo.com/investors/corporate/>.

Each shareholder's notice to the Corporate Secretary must include, among other things:

the name and address of record of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination;

a representation that the shareholder is a shareholder of record of our company's capital stock and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice;

the class and number of shares of our capital stock beneficially owned by the shareholder; and

a description of all arrangements or understandings between such shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by such shareholder.

For each person nominated, the notice to the Corporate Secretary must also include, among other things:

the name, age, business address and, if known, residence address, of the nominee;

his or her principal occupation or employment;

the class and number of shares of our capital stock beneficially owned by such person;

any other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors or is otherwise required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

the written consent of such person to be named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Compensation

Director compensation is established by the Board of Directors and periodically reviewed. In 2013, the Board determined that each non-employee director that is, every director other than Macon Brock and Bob Sasser will receive an annual retainer of \$180,000, payable quarterly in advance. The amount of the annual retainer remained the same in fiscal 2015. In addition, the Audit Committee chair will receive \$30,000 and Audit Committee members will receive \$20,000; the Compensation Committee chair will receive \$30,000 and Compensation Committee members will receive \$15,000; the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee chair will receive \$15,000 and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee members will receive \$10,000. The Lead Director will receive an additional \$35,000. The Board may also authorize additional fees for ad hoc committees, if any. Fees are paid quarterly in advance. We do not offer non-equity incentives or pension plans to non-employee directors.

Under our shareholder-approved 2013 Director Deferred Compensation Plan (DDCP), directors may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their board and committee fees to be paid at a future date in either cash or shares of common stock, or to defer all or a portion of their fees into non-statutory stock options. Deferral elections must be made by December 31 for the deferral of fees in the next calendar year and must state the amount or portion of fees to be deferred; whether and to what extent fees are to be deferred in cash or shares or paid in the form of options; in the case of deferral into cash or shares, whether the pay out shall be in installments or lump sum; and the date on which such pay out will commence. In the case of deferrals into options, the number of options to be credited is calculated by dividing the deferred fees by 33% of the closing price on the first day of each calendar quarter, which is the date of grant. The options bear an exercise price equal to the closing price on the date of grant and are immediately exercisable. Deferrals into cash or stock are recorded in unfunded and unsecured book-entry accounts. Deferred shares to be credited are calculated by dividing the deferred fees by the closing price on the first day of each calendar quarter. If cash dividends are declared, deferred share accounts are credited with a corresponding number of deferred shares, based on the market price on the dividend date. In the case of deferrals into a deferred cash account, interest is credited to the account at the beginning of each quarter based on the 30-year Treasury Bond rate then in effect (an average of 2.88% in 2015). See the Director's Compensation Table below for a description of deferrals in the current fiscal year.

In March 2013, the Board instituted a guideline requiring directors to hold Dollar Tree stock, not including stock options, equal to at least \$300,000 in value, measured as of the date the stock was acquired, within four years of election by the shareholders. As of January 30, 2016, all of our directors owned shares in excess of this amount, with the exception of our newest director, Gregory M. Bridgeford, who joined the Board in May 2016. Consistent with prior years, despite the directors owning shares in excess of this guideline, a majority of the directors have consistently chosen to defer a meaningful portion of their annual cash retainer as shares of common stock or as options (ranging from 60% to 100% of total compensation for participating directors during 2015). See the Director's Compensation Table below for a description of deferrals in the 2015 fiscal year.

In November of 2013, we replaced Mr. Perry's consulting agreement with a post-retirement benefit agreement that provides for annual fees of \$30,000 to be paid to him and ensure his eligibility in our group health plans at his cost. Mr. Perry no longer provides advisory services to the Company as of November 2013.

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Mr. Compton, who retired as a full-time employee in 2002 and as a part-time employee in 2004, has a post-retirement benefit agreement that provides for \$30,000 to be paid to him annually and allows him to participate in our group health plans at his cost. Mr. Compton does not provide advisory services to the Company.

The following table shows compensation paid to each person who served as a director during fiscal year 2015. (Bob Sasser and Howard Levine's compensation information can be found on page 43 of this document).

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in			Total (\$)
	Cash (\$)(1)	Stock Award (\$)(2)	All Other Compensation (\$)(3)	
Arnold S. Barron	\$ 210,000	\$	\$	\$ 210,000
Macon F. Brock, Jr.		550,000	27,288	577,288
Mary Anne Citrino	210,000			210,000
H. Ray Compton	205,000		30,000	235,000
Conrad M. Hall	215,000			215,000
Lemuel E. Lewis	200,000			200,000
J. Douglas Perry	180,000		30,000	210,000
Thomas A. Saunders III	230,000			230,000
Thomas E. Whiddon	210,000			210,000
Carl P. Zeithaml	195,000			195,000

- (1) This column shows amounts earned for retainers and fees, including fees paid for service on standing and ad hoc committees, not reduced for deferrals.
- (2) This column includes the grant date fair market value in the amount of \$550,000 for 6,731 service-based restricted stock units granted on March 27, 2015 for his services as Chairman.
- (3) This column includes post-retirement benefits paid to each Mr. Compton and Mr. Perry, as more fully described in the narrative accompanying this table. In addition, see "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" on page 56 of this proxy. This column also includes Mr. Brock's "all other compensation" that shows: perquisites in the amount of \$27,288 for both a car allowance and executive term life insurance.

The following table shows, for each of our non-employee directors, amounts deferred in fiscal year 2015 under our DDCP, the number of shares underlying those deferrals, and the aggregate

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number, as of January 30, 2016, of outstanding stock options, including those awarded prior to 2005 and options obtained through deferral of fees (all of which are fully vested), and deferred shares:

Name	Amounts Deferred in 2015 (\$)(1)	Shares Underlying Amounts Deferred in 2015 #(2)	Total Deferred Shares (#)	Options Outstanding, including Options acquired through Deferral of Fees (#)	Total Shares Underlying Options and Deferred Amounts (#)
Arnold S. Barron	\$ 178,500	2,343	16,804		16,804
Mary Anne Citrino	210,000	2,759	58,332		58,332
H. Ray Compton	215,000	2,825	18,858		18,858
Lemuel E. Lewis	200,000	2,628	44,787		44,787
J. Douglas Perry			1,671		1,671
Thomas A. Saunders III	230,000	9,158		176,850	176,850
Thomas E. Whiddon					
Carl P. Zeithaml	117,000	1,537	21,695		21,695

- (1) This column shows the dollar amount of retainers and fees deferred in 2015 under the DDCP. Directors may choose to defer a portion or all of their fees into a deferred cash account, common stock equivalents (which we call "deferred shares") or options, as more fully described in the narrative in this section. Note that not all deferred amounts shown in this column are represented by underlying shares in the next column, to the extent that fees are deferred into a cash account. In 2015, we credited \$371 to Mr. Perry's deferred cash account (to which he did not contribute in 2015).
- (2) Shares in this column represent deferred shares and in the case of Mr. Saunders, deferral into options. Compensation expense related to these options, valued by the same method as that used for option grants to employees, is recorded upon grant; \$329,086 was recorded in 2015.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has scheduled four regular meetings in 2016 and will hold special meetings when company business requires. During 2015, the Board held six formal meetings and undertook action by unanimous consent on three occasions. Informational update calls are periodically conducted during the year. Each member of the Board attended at least 75% of all Board meetings and meetings of committees of which he or she was a member.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The memberships and functions of these committees are set forth below. The Board does not have a standing Executive Committee. Other committees may be established to consider non-routine matters as the Board deems necessary.

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Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has four members: Thomas E. Whiddon (Chairman), Mary Anne Citrino, Conrad M. Hall and Lemuel E. Lewis. The functions of this committee include:

reviewing management's assessment of our internal control over the financial reporting process;

reviewing results of internal control testing related to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;

reviewing our quarterly and annual financial statements;

reviewing the audit efforts of our independent auditors and internal audit department;

reviewing related party transactions; and

selecting the independent auditors and any independent counsel or other advisers it deems necessary.

The Audit Committee met in person or via teleconference nine times in 2015. In addition, the Chairman of the committee conducted periodic updates with the independent auditors and/or financial management.

Our Board has reviewed the composition of the Audit Committee and determined that the independence and financial literacy of its members meet the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, our Board has determined that the chairman of our Audit Committee, Thomas Whiddon, and Audit Committee member Lemuel Lewis, by virtue of their careers serving as Chief Financial Officers for large companies as well as other experience, qualify them as "audit committee financial experts," within the meaning of applicable regulations of the SEC, promulgated pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's main purpose (in accordance with its written charter adopted by the Board of Directors) is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities regarding the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of the company.

In connection with these responsibilities, the Audit Committee:

met with management and the head of our internal audit department to discuss the company's risk management, control, and governance processes;

discussed with counsel our compliance with NASDAQ listing requirements and other securities regulations;

met with management and KPMG LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, to review and discuss the quarterly and annual financial statements of the company for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016;

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discussed with KPMG LLP the matters required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 1301 (Communications with Audit Committees);

discussed with KPMG LLP the quality, not just the acceptability, of our accounting principles;

received from KPMG LLP written disclosures and the letter regarding its independence as required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountants' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence;

reviewed and approved KPMG LLP's fees for audit, audit-related and tax services; and

discussed with KPMG LLP any relationships that may impact their objectivity and independence.

Based upon the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016 be included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SUBMITTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mary Anne Citrino

Conrad M. Hall

Lemuel E. Lewis

Thomas E. Whiddon

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee has four members: Arnold S. Barron (Chairman), H. Ray Compton, Conrad M. Hall and Carl P. Zeithaml.

The functions of this committee include:

overseeing our compensation and benefit practices;

establishing the compensation arrangements for our executive officers;

administering our executive compensation plans and Employee Stock Purchase Plan;

administering and considering awards under our stock-and equity-based compensation plans; and

reviewing annually executives' stock ownership levels to ensure compliance with the Company's executive ownership policy.

The Compensation Committee met in person or via teleconference five times in 2015. In addition, the Chairman engaged in numerous in-depth discussions with members of management.

All members of the Compensation Committee meet the independence requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The report of the Committee, together with our Compensation Discussion and Analysis and information regarding executive compensation, can be found beginning on page 25.

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Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has three members: Thomas A. Saunders III (Chairman), Mary Anne Citrino and H. Ray Compton. The purpose of this committee is to advise the Board of Directors on the composition, organization and effectiveness of the Board and its committees, and on other issues relating to the corporate governance of the company. The committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

recommend candidates to be nominated by the Board, including the re-nomination of any currently serving director, to be placed on the ballot for shareholders to consider at the annual shareholders meeting;

if the Chairman of the Board is not independent, recommend an independent director to be considered by the Board to be appointed as Lead Director;

recommend nominees to be appointed by the Board to fill interim director vacancies;

review periodically the membership and Chair of each committee of the board and recommend committee assignments to the board, including rotation or reassignment of any Chair or committee member;

monitor significant developments in the regulation and practice of corporate governance and of the duties and responsibilities of each director;

lead the Board in its biennial performance evaluation;

evaluate and administer our Corporate Governance Guidelines and recommend changes to the Board;

review our governance structure;

recommend policies for compensation and equity ownership guidelines for Board members who are not executive officers, as well as expense reimbursement policies;

review annually the directors' stock ownership levels to ensure compliance with our director target ownership policy;

monitor annually the education of Board members on matters related to their service on the Board; and

advise the Board on its composition, committees, structure, practices and self-evaluation.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met in person or via teleconference on four occasions in 2015. During 2015, the committee continued to review potential candidates for Board seats in order to further enhance the Board's effectiveness. For further information on the committee, its composition and procedures, please see the discussion beginning on page 14.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Independence

Dollar Tree is committed to principles of good corporate governance and the independence of a majority of our Board of Directors from the management of our company. The following nine directors have been determined by our Board to be independent directors within the applicable listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market throughout 2015 (or since his appointment in the case of Mr. Bridgeford): Arnold S. Barron, Gregory M. Bridgeford, Mary Anne Citrino, H. Ray Compton, Conrad M. Hall, Lemuel E. Lewis, Thomas A. Saunders III, Thomas E. Whiddon, and Carl P. Zeithaml. Mr. Perry will not stand for re-election at the 2016 annual shareholder meeting. When his term expires, nine of our eleven directors will be independent.

All members of our Audit Committee, our Compensation Committee and our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are independent under NASDAQ listing standards. Our Board has reviewed the various relationships between members of our Board and the company and has affirmatively determined that none of our directors or nominees has material relationships with Dollar Tree, other than Messrs. Brock, Perry and Sasser who are or were members of management or were paid consultants. See "Information about the Board of Directors" on page 16 and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" on page 56 for a discussion of relationships between the company and certain directors.

If the slate of directors proposed to be elected at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders is elected, all committees of our Board will continue to be comprised solely of independent directors. The basis for an independence determination by our Board is either that the director has no business relationship other than his or her service on our Board, or that while a director may have some involvement with a company or firm with which we do business, our Board has determined that such involvement is not material and does not violate any part of the definition of "independent director" under NASDAQ listing standards. None of our current executives sit on any of our committees.

At the regular meetings of our Board of Directors, a private session, without management present, is conducted by the non-management members of our Board.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

We adopted formal Corporate Governance Guidelines, a copy of which is available online at www.DollarTreeinfo.com in the Investor Relations section.

Board Leadership Structure

Our corporate guidelines state that, in the event our Chairman is not an independent director, the Board shall name a Lead Director who is independent. Because Macon F. Brock, Jr., our Chairman, is not independent, our Board appointed Thomas A. Saunders III as Lead Director in May 2007, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Since 2007, the Board has annually confirmed him in this role. Mr. Saunders' role is similar to that of an Independent Chairman. As our Lead Director, he has clearly defined leadership authority and responsibilities, including: setting the agenda for and presiding over executive sessions of solely independent directors; conferring with the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman; communicating feedback from the Board regarding the CEO's performance; working with the Chairman to set the Board agenda; and remaining well-informed about senior management and succession plans. We believe that as Lead Director, Mr. Saunders has been effective at enhancing the overall independent functioning of the Board.

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After careful consideration, the Board determined that its current leadership structure is the most appropriate for Dollar Tree and its shareholders. As part of the company's ongoing commitment to corporate governance, the Board periodically considers its leadership structure and the role of the Lead Director.

Majority Vote Standard for the Election of Directors

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines also set forth our procedure if a director-nominee does not receive a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election. Prior to an election, each director-nominee submits a resignation letter, contingent upon such individual failing to receive more than 50% of the votes cast in an uncontested election. In such event, the resignation would be considered by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which would recommend to the Board what action to take with respect to the resignation.

Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors is actively involved in overseeing enterprise risk, primarily through the assistance of its Audit Committee whose charter requires that its members be knowledgeable of and inquire about risk related to the company's business. The company's Internal Audit Department conducts an annual investigation and evaluation of enterprise risk which focuses on four primary areas essential to the successful operation of the company: 1) strategic, 2) financial, 3) operational and 4) governance. The Internal Audit department reports its findings to and answers inquiries of the Audit Committee. The Committee Chair then shares this information with the full Board at its next meeting and responds to its directors.

The Audit Committee also engages in dialogue and receives updates at or between its meetings from the Vice President of Internal Audit, the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Legal Officer and the Chief Executive Officer on matters related to risk. The Committee shares appropriate information with the Board, either at its next meeting or by other more immediate communication. In addition, the Company's Disclosure Committee meets at least quarterly and monitors internal controls over financial reporting and ensures that the company's public filings contain discussions about risks our business faces, all of which is reported to the Board. In addition to the Audit Committee, other committees of the Board consider risk within their areas of responsibility. In setting executive compensation, the Compensation Committee considers risks that may be implicated by our compensation programs and endeavors to set executive compensation at a level that creates incentives to achieve long-term shareholder value without encouraging excessive risk-taking to achieve short-term results. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the Company's corporate governance guidelines and their implementation. Each committee reports its findings to the full Board.

Code of Ethics

Our Board has adopted a Code of Ethics for all our employees, officers and directors, including our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers, which was recently reviewed and approved by the Board on January 14, 2016. A copy of this code may be viewed at our corporate website, www.DollarTreeinfo.com, in the Investor Relations section of the site, under the heading "Corporate Governance." In addition, a printed copy of our Code of Ethics will be provided to any shareholder upon request submitted to the Corporate Secretary at the address on page 1.

Charters of our Board Committees

The charters of our Board committees are available on our corporate website, www.DollarTreeinfo.com, in the Investor Relations section of the site, under the heading "Corporate Governance." In addition, printed copies of any of our Board committee charters will be provided to any shareholder upon request submitted to the Corporate Secretary at the company's address on page 1.

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COMMUNICATING WITH OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Our shareholders may communicate directly with our Board of Directors. You may contact any member of our Board, any Board committee or any chair of any such committee by mail. To do so, correspondence may be addressed to any individual director, the non-management directors as a group, any Board committee or any committee chair by either name or title. All such mailings are to be sent in care of "Corporate Secretary" at our corporate headquarters address, which is 500 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. To communicate with our directors electronically, emails may be sent to CorpSecy@DollarTree.com.

Mail received as set forth in the preceding paragraph may be examined by the Corporate Secretary from the standpoint of security and for the purpose of determining whether the contents actually represent messages from shareholders to our directors. Depending upon the facts and circumstances outlined in the correspondence, the Corporate Secretary will forward the communication to the Board, or any director or directors, provided that the contents are not in the nature of advertising, promotions of a product or service, or patently offensive material.

In addition, any person who desires to communicate financial reporting or accounting matters specifically to our Audit Committee may contact the Audit Committee by addressing a letter to the chairman of the Audit Committee at our corporate headquarters address, noted above, or electronically to AuditChair@DollarTree.com. Communications to our Audit Committee may be submitted anonymously, if sent by mail, addressed to the Audit Committee Chair. All correspondence will be examined by the Corporate Secretary and/or Internal Audit from the standpoint of security and depending upon the facts and circumstances outlined in the correspondence, the communications will be forwarded to our Audit Committee or Audit Committee Chair for review and follow-up action as deemed appropriate.

In 2009, we created the position of Vice President, Corporate Governance. This officer serves as the liaison with our shareholders on governance matters. We established this position to provide a more direct channel for communications with shareholders, to ensure an open dialogue on an ongoing basis and to promote increased understanding of industry standards for best practices in corporate governance as they evolve.

We expect each of our directors to attend the annual meeting of our shareholders. All of the then incumbent directors were in attendance at the 2015 annual meeting of our shareholders.

Shareholder Proposals for the 2017 Annual Meeting

Shareholder proposals for the annual meeting of shareholders to be held in 2017 will not be included in our proxy statement for that meeting unless received by us at our principal executive offices in Chesapeake, Virginia, on or prior to close of business on January 18, 2017. Such proposals must contain the information and meet the requirements set forth in our by-laws and in Rule 14a-8 of the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to shareholder proposals. See page 15 for additional requirements for the submission of shareholder nominations to the Board. Notice of a shareholder proposal submitted outside of the processes of Rule 14a-8 will be considered untimely after January 18, 2017. If notice of such a shareholder proposal is received by us after such date, then the proxies we solicit for next year's annual meeting may confer discretionary authority to vote on any shareholder proposals that were not submitted in a timely manner, without including a description of such proposals in the proxy statement for that meeting.

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COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors is responsible for developing, overseeing and implementing our compensation program for executive officers. In carrying out its responsibilities, each year the Compensation Committee reviews and recommends to the independent members of the Board the approval of the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and the Committee approves the compensation of our other executive officers. The Compensation Committee is committed to a pay-for-performance policy that guides its discussions and determinations with respect to executive compensation.

In structuring compensation for executives, the Compensation Committee seeks to attract, motivate and retain executive talent and to offer greater rewards for superior individual and corporate performance. To achieve these goals, the Compensation Committee provides a mix of annual and long-term compensation that will align the short- and long-term interests of our executives with those of our shareholders. In 2015, the Compensation Committee established base salaries, approved targets and awards under an annual cash incentive plan and made long-term incentive awards, the vesting of which are subject to our achieving a target level of performance and the executives remaining with us over a specified period of time. The Committee also approved a new peer group consisting of 19 companies that represents the market in which Dollar Tree now competes for talent after its merger with Family Dollar.

A discussion of the principles, objectives, components and determinations of the Compensation Committee is included in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that follows this Compensation Committee report. The specific decisions of the Compensation Committee regarding the compensation of named executive officers are reflected in the compensation tables and narrative that follow the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and discussed it with our management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the company's proxy statement for the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.

SUBMITTED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Arnold S. Barron

H. Ray Compton

Conrad M. Hall

Carl P. Zeithaml

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Compensation Committee is a current or former officer of Dollar Tree or any of our subsidiaries, except H. Ray Compton who was an officer of the company until his retirement in 2004. In addition, none of the members of the Compensation Committee has or had any relationship with the company during fiscal 2015 that requires disclosure in accordance with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensation committee interlocks and insider participation.

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Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year 2015

On July 6, 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. ("Family Dollar") for cash consideration of \$6.8 billion and the issuance of 28.5 million shares of the Company's common stock valued at \$2.3 billion based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on July 2, 2015. Family Dollar became a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Under the acquisition, the Family Dollar shareholders received \$59.60 in cash and 0.2484 shares of the Company's common stock for each share of Family Dollar common stock they owned, plus cash in lieu of fractional shares (the "Merger Consideration"). Each outstanding performance share right ("PSR") of Family Dollar common stock was canceled in exchange for the right of the holder to receive the Merger Consideration (the "PSR Payment"). Additionally, outstanding Family Dollar stock options and restricted stock units were converted into mirror awards exercisable or to be earned in the Company's common stock and the Company assumed certain employment agreements with officers of Family Dollar.

The Company's consolidated net sales increased \$6.90 billion to \$15.50 billion from \$8.60 billion in the prior year. The addition of Family Dollar sales after July 6, 2015 represented \$6.16 billion of the increase;

Same-stores sales, for the Dollar Tree segment, increased 2.5% on a constant currency basis, compared to a 4.4% increase for fiscal year 2014. Adjusted for the impact of Canadian currency fluctuations, the same-store sales increase was 2.1%;

Gross profit increased \$1.62 billion to \$4.66 billion from \$3.03 billion in the prior year.

Net income decreased \$316.8 million compared to the prior year, resulting in net income of \$1.26 per diluted share. Adjusted net income decreased from \$645.6 million to \$518.2 million and adjusted diluted earnings per share decreased from \$3.12 to \$2.32. Included in fiscal 2015 results are \$73.0 million of markdown expense for Family Dollar related to SKU rationalization and planned liquidations and \$170.2 million for Family Dollar related to the amortization of the stepped up inventory basis, amortization of intangible assets, higher levels of depreciation expense resulting from purchase accounting, and severance and integration costs.

2015 Executive Compensation Overview

We are committed to a pay-for-performance policy for our executives that appropriately balances each executive's total compensation between cash and non-cash and short and long-term components, while ensuring that a significant portion of pay is performance-based and therefore, at risk. We believe that our executive compensation program, combined with our stock ownership guidelines, effectively link the interests of our executive officers with the interests of our shareholders and focuses the executives on the long-term growth and profitability of our business, without encouraging excessive risk-taking.

The following provides an overview of executive compensation actions in fiscal 2015:

The Compensation Committee approved base salary increases and cash bonus payouts for our named executive officers;

The Compensation Committee approved long-term equity incentive awards in the form of performance-based restricted stock units to each of our named executive officers;

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The Compensation Committee approved target award values for each of our named executive officers under the Company's three-year long-term performance plan made available under the Company's Omnibus Incentive Plan;

The Compensation Committee approved a new peer group that represents the market in which Dollar Tree now competes for talent post-merger; and

The Compensation Committee approved an equity grant and established a corporate bonus target for members of the Family Dollar executive management team (none of whom were named executive officers) for the period beginning on August 30, 2015 and ending on January 30, 2016. These decisions were made to support the Company's efforts to maintain leadership continuity following the closing of the merger, successfully integrate both companies and align the interests of the leadership team with those of our shareholders.

In addition to the executive compensation actions taken in fiscal 2015, the Company made changes to its executive leadership team in connection with the merger with Family Dollar. Gary Philbin was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Family Dollar in July of 2015 and continues to report to Bob Sasser, the Chief Executive Officer of Dollar Tree. Howard Levine, the former Chief Executive Officer of Family Dollar, remained with the Company after the merger in order to assist with the integration and provide support to Mr. Sasser. After completing this role, Mr. Levine stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer effective January 15, 2016. Mr. Philbin continues to lead Family Dollar.

Mr. Philbin is the most senior executive officer responsible for the Family Dollar banner and the second most senior officer in the overall combined enterprise. In March 2016, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Philbin's compensation. See page 37 for more details.

Governance of Executive Compensation Program

Objectives of Our Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee has adopted a pay-for-performance policy for executive officers that balances each executive's total compensation between cash and non-cash, and current and long-term, components. The principal objectives of our compensation policies are to:

- align executive pay with shareholders' interests;
- provide executive pay that is competitive among our peer group;
- recognize individual initiative and achievements;
- attract, motivate and retain highly qualified executives; and
- unite the executive management team to a common objective.

We are committed to good corporate governance and engage in the following best practices as part of our executive compensation program:

- Tie a substantial portion of executive compensation to Company performance;
- Provide capped annual and long-term incentive awards;

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Provide modest perquisites with sound business rationale;

Maintain retention agreements with our named executive officers that require a "double trigger" change in control in order for severance benefits to become payable;

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Maintain stock ownership requirements that align the interests of our executives with those of our shareholders;

Prohibit hedging and short sales by executive officers and directors;

Conduct an annual risk assessment of our compensation policies and practices; and

Conduct an annual shareholder advisory vote on executive compensation.

The chart below shows the percentage breakdown of the 2015 Total Direct Compensation for our current named executive officers.

**CEO Total Direct
Compensation**

**Other NEO Total Direct
Compensation**

Role of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee consists entirely of non-employee, independent members of our Board of Directors and operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The Compensation Committee has the direct responsibility to review and recommend to the independent members of the Board the approval of the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and to determine and approve the compensation of the other named executive officers. The Compensation Committee has historically consulted, and expects to continue to consult, with the Chief Executive Officer and senior management, as well as an external compensation consultant retained by the Compensation Committee when deemed appropriate, in the exercise of its duties. Notwithstanding such consultation, the Compensation Committee retains absolute discretion over all compensation decisions with respect to the named executive officers.

Role of the Chief Executive Officer in Compensation Decision-Making

In general, at the Compensation Committee's request, our Chief Executive Officer may review and recommend the compensation structure and awards for the other named executive officers to the Compensation Committee or its consultants. The Chief Executive Officer also provides information to the Compensation Committee and its consultants regarding the job performance and overall responsibilities of the other named executive officers. He makes no recommendations concerning his own compensation to the Compensation Committee or its consultants. The Chief Executive Officer does not possess the right to call a meeting of the Compensation Committee, but the Compensation Committee would likely convene a meeting at his request. The Chief Executive Officer does not vote on

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executive compensation matters nor is he present when his compensation is being discussed or approved.

Role of the Compensation Consultant

Pursuant to its written Charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage the services of outside independent advisers. Aon Hewitt LLC was retained in the spring of 2010 to assist the Compensation Committee in determining the appropriateness and competitiveness of our executive compensation program. The Compensation Committee continues to engage Aon Hewitt on an ad hoc basis for executive compensation consulting services. No executive officer had the authority to direct the work of Aon Hewitt with regards to its work with the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee bears ultimate responsibility for approving the compensation of all named executive officers.

In fiscal 2015, the Compensation Committee engaged Aon Hewitt to provide executive compensation consulting services. The Company paid \$200,991 to Aon Hewitt for these services. With respect to additional services, the Company paid Aon Hewitt \$14,087 for compensation services related to the acquisition of Family Dollar. In addition, Aon Risk Services, Inc. ("Aon Risk"), an affiliate of Aon Hewitt, provided insurance brokerage services to the Company for which it received commissions. The Company paid \$1,052,000 for the insurance brokerage services in fiscal 2015 for both the Dollar Tree and Family Dollar segments. From July 6, 2015 to the end of our 2015 fiscal year, the Company paid \$754,745 to Aon Hewitt for services related to benefits administration and \$791,461 for services in connection with leave administration in the Family Dollar segment.

The decision to engage Aon Hewitt and Aon Risk for these additional services to the Company was made by management in the Dollar Tree and Family Dollar segments, respectively, and the approval of the Compensation Committee or Board of Directors was not required or requested. However, the Compensation Committee has reviewed its relationship with the consultant, taking into consideration the six independence factors set forth in Rule 10C-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Committee also reviewed the internal guidelines adopted by Aon Hewitt to guard against any potential conflict of interest and ensure its consultants provide only independent advice, regardless of fees paid to the firm. Based on its review, the Compensation Committee has identified no conflicts of interest and believes the additional services provided to management by Aon Hewitt and Aon Risk do not impair the objectivity of the advice rendered by Aon Hewitt to the Compensation Committee on executive compensation matters.

Further information on the Compensation Committee's procedures for determining executive compensation is included in its Charter which can be found at our corporate website, www.DollarTreeinfo.com, in the Investor Relations section of the site, under the heading "Corporate Governance."

Assessment of Risk

We have reviewed our compensation policies and practices for all employees and concluded that such policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our company.

Say on Pay Votes

In compliance with Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company asks the shareholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement (commonly known as "Say on Pay"). The Company believes that Say on Pay is an important means by which shareholders may express their views

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regarding the Company's executive compensation and has decided to hold a Say on Pay advisory vote on an annual basis.

During our June 2015 annual shareholders' meeting, we provided our shareholders with an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers. The Company received an overwhelming support of 96% for its Say on Pay proposal. The Compensation Committee believes the results of these Say on Pay votes reflect our shareholders' approval of our executive compensation program. Therefore, the Compensation Committee did not make any changes to its executive compensation program as a result of the 2015 Say on Pay votes.

Executive Compensation Principles

Our executive compensation program consists of base salaries, cash bonus incentives, and long-term incentives generally in the form of cash and restricted stock units. These components of executive compensation are used together to strike an appropriate balance between cash and stock compensation and between short-term and long-term incentives. We expect a significant portion of an executive's total compensation to be at risk, tied both to our annual and long-term performance as well as to the creation of shareholder value. In particular, we believe that short-term annual cash incentive compensation should be tied directly to both corporate performance and individual performance for the fiscal year, including the achievement of identified goals as they pertain to the areas of our operations for which the executive is personally responsible and accountable. In contrast, we believe that long-term incentive compensation should reward an executive for his or her contribution to our long-term corporate performance and shareholder value. Under our policy, performance above targeted standards results in increased total compensation, and performance below targeted standards results in decreased total compensation.

We differentiate compensation to executives based on the principle that total compensation should increase with an executive's position and responsibility, while at the same time, a greater percentage of total compensation should be tied to corporate and individual performance, and therefore be at risk, as position and responsibility increases. Thus, executives with greater roles and responsibilities associated with achieving our performance targets should bear a greater proportion of the risk if those goals are not achieved and should receive a greater proportion of the reward if our performance targets are met or surpassed. In addition, as an executive's position and responsibility increases, the use of long-term incentive compensation should increase as a percentage of total compensation because our senior executives have the greatest influence on our strategic performance over time.

The difference between the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers is due to a variety of factors, including his unique role as primary architect of the Company's strategic vision, as well as his responsibility for achievement of the Company's operational goals. Accordingly, he receives a higher base salary, higher annual bonus incentives and higher long-term equity incentives as a product of his greater authority, responsibility and oversight.

How Executive Pay Levels are Determined

The Compensation Committee reviews our executive compensation program every year and periodically conducts an in-depth market analysis of executive compensation as it determines is necessary to ensure that our compensation programs meet our objectives. Decisions by the Compensation Committee relating to the compensation of our executive officers are reported to the full Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee considers recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the compensation of other executives but makes its own determinations in all cases.

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In determining the compensation of our executive officers, the Compensation Committee evaluates total overall compensation, as well as the mix of salary, cash bonus incentives and equity incentives, using a number of factors including the following:

our financial and operating performance, measured by attainment of specific strategic objectives and operating results;

the duties, responsibilities and performance of each executive officer, including the achievement of identified goals for the year as they pertain to the areas of our operations for which the executive is personally responsible and accountable; and

historical cash and equity compensation levels.

Amounts realizable from prior compensation, including equity awards, are not generally considered in setting current year compensation.

In fiscal 2015, the Compensation Committee, with the assistance of Aon Hewitt, approved a new peer group which consists of the following 19 companies that we believe are similarly situated to Dollar Tree post-merger and represent the markets in which we compete for executive talent:

Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	McDonalds Corporation
Best Buy Co. Inc.	Nordstrom, Inc.
CarMax, Inc.	Rite Aid Corporation
Dollar General Corporation	Ross Stores, Inc.
Gap, Inc.	Staples, Inc.
Genuine Parts Company	Starbucks Corporation
Kohl's Corporation	Sysco Corporation
L Brands, Inc.	TJX Companies, Inc.
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	YUM! Brands, Inc.
Macy's Inc.	

The peer group was developed based primarily upon Dollar Tree's industry and size. Revenue growth and market capitalization were selected as the appropriate size filters. Aon Hewitt assisted the Compensation Committee with identifying positions comparable to those of our

named executive officers and providing the Committee with benchmarking data for both total direct compensation and each element of total direct compensation within the peer group. This analysis provided the Committee with a perspective on Dollar Tree's pay-for-performance relationship relative to its peers. The Committee does not target a specific market data percentile for total direct compensation or individual components of compensation but rather reviews data from the peer group companies as a point of reference to help ensure that our overall compensation remains competitive.

Components of Executive Compensation

The executive compensation program consists of three principal components: base salary, annual bonus incentives and long-term incentives. The Compensation Committee considers these components individually and reviews the overall distribution between them but does not target specific allocation percentages or amounts.

While we do not offer executives a pension plan, each executive may elect to defer a portion of his or her annual cash compensation into our Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, which is further described in the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table and narrative disclosure following this discussion. We also provide our executives with the benefits that are commonly available

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to our full-time associates, including participation in our profit-sharing and 401(k) savings plan, employee stock purchase plan, health, dental and vision plans and various insurance plans, including disability and life insurance. For the Family Dollar segment, the Company provides similar benefits to its executive officers, except the Company currently maintains a separate 401(k) savings plan and deferred compensation plan for each of the segments.

We extend to our executives a limited number of perquisites, including a monthly car allowance, in recognition of the extensive travel required in managing a business of our size; the reimbursement for up to \$3,000 in tax and financial planning to assist executives in managing their financial situations; an executive physical, in order to ensure the health and continuity of our executive team; and an employer-paid portable term life insurance plan for executives, which includes a one times base annual salary benefit. For the Family Dollar segment, the Company continues to offer the legacy Family Dollar perquisites to its executive officers which include executive supplemental disability insurance coverage, group disability insurance and financial planning assistance. We believe the nature and amounts of all perquisites provided to our named executive officers are reasonable and that they support our expectations of an engaged and productive executive team.

Our compensation and benefits programs provide basic economic security for our employees at a level consistent with competitive practices to help retain a highly skilled and qualified workforce, including at the executive level. The annual bonus and long-term incentive compensation programs are designed to reward performance measured against goals and standards established by the Compensation Committee, to encourage executives to increase shareholder value by focusing on growing revenue and earnings, generating cash flow and efficiently deploying capital, and to ensure retention of key personnel.

The principal components of executive compensation and the rationale and methodology for each are further described below. Specific information on the amounts and types of compensation earned by the named executive officers during 2015, 2014 and 2013 can be found in the Summary Compensation Table and other tables and narrative disclosures following this discussion.

Base Salary

Our base salary philosophy is to provide reasonable current income to our named executive officers in amounts that will attract and retain individuals with a broad, proven track record of performance. To accomplish this objective, we provide base salaries that are intended to be competitive relative to similar positions at comparable companies. Base salaries are reviewed annually and adjustments are made as required to recognize outstanding individual performance, expanded duties or changes in the competitive marketplace.

The Compensation Committee, with the assistance of Aon Hewitt, determined during its March 2015 meeting that our named executive officers would receive base salary increases in order to keep salaries at competitive levels. Base salaries paid to our named executive officers in fiscal 2015 are contained in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement.

Annual Bonus Incentives

Executives and certain salaried associates have the opportunity to earn an annual cash bonus under our Management Incentive Compensation Plan (MICP). The MICP is intended to provide incentive bonuses that are reasonable in relation to the payment of base salaries and overall compensation to executives, reward executives for superior performance and are expected to be competitive.

The Company performance goals are generally based on U.S. operating income targets defined by the annual budget as approved by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the fiscal year. The

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performance targets are intended to be challenging but achievable, and serve to focus our management team on a common goal while aligning efforts with shareholder interests.

The MICP target is expressed as a percentage of salary. At the executive level, the target is weighted more heavily toward corporate performance, thereby more closely aligning executives' interests with the interests of shareholders. As described above, the Compensation Committee establishes the MICP corporate performance target, which is generally derived from the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the fiscal year. Individual performance goals are based on the area over which the executive has influence and may include items such as improvement in same-store sales, opening of new stores, development of new strategies, reduction in specified costs, etc.

For 2015, incentive bonuses were targeted at 120% of base salary for the Chief Executive Officer, 90% of base salary for the President and Chief Operating Officer and 70% of base salary for all other named executive officers. Of that amount, 85% is linked to a specified U.S. operating income target and 15% to individual performance. In order for an executive to receive any bonus, we must achieve at least 85% of the operating income target. Once at least 85% of the target is reached, payment for a portion of the bonus for the corporate performance component is made. Maximum bonus is earned with performance achieved at 125% of target (see table below).

The following table illustrates the variation that can occur at differing levels of corporate performance compared to target, based on salary percentages applied to bonuses for 2015:

% of Corporate Performance Target Attained	Corporate Performance Component			
	Portion of Executive's Corporate Bonus Deemed Earned	as a percent of salary (CEO target)(1)	as a percent of salary (President and COO target)(1)	as a percent of salary (other executives target)(1)
Below 85.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
85.0%	25.0%	25.50%	19.13%	14.88%
90.0%	50.0%	51.00%	38.25%	29.75%
95.0%	75.0%	76.50%	57.38%	44.63%
100.0%	100.0%	102.00%	76.50%	59.50%
105.0%	125.0%	127.50%	95.63%	74.38%
110.0%	150.0%	153.00%	114.75%	89.25%
115.0%	175.0%	178.50%	133.88%	104.13%
120.0%	200.0%	204.00%	153.00%	119.00%
125.0% or above	225.0%	229.50%	172.13%	133.88%

(1) Represents the corporate performance component of 85% multiplied by the level of bonus deemed earned multiplied by the target bonus level.

The MICP bonuses relating to performance in a given fiscal year are paid in the following year when annual results are available, upon approval by the Compensation Committee, generally in April. The Compensation Committee may revise the target amount to account for unusual factors such as, but not limited to, the acquisition of a company, expenses related to changes in accounting rules and non-cash charges. Any modification is carefully considered by the Committee and applied only in special circumstances that warrant the modification. The Compensation Committee did not exercise such discretion with respect to the 2015 bonus payments.

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We believe that our performance goals are sufficiently difficult as to represent a challenge for our management, while remaining reasonably attainable. Any portion of the bonuses described above may be paid through the Omnibus Incentive Plan in order to preserve the Company's deduction under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. In such event, the additional restrictions of the Omnibus Incentive Plan shall apply to the applicable payments.

For 2015, the operating income target was \$1,182,900,000 for our U.S. operations, which reflected our strategic plan. The definition of operating income approved by the Compensation Committee for purposes of measuring the 2015 target performance under the MICP excludes results from our Canadian business and operations. Additionally, because of the proposed acquisition of Family Dollar, the 2015 target performance also excludes any costs, expenses, or charges relating to or resulting from: the merger, the borrowing or payment of merger consideration, the divestiture of assets and the integration of the combined companies; and the operating income or loss attributable to Family Dollar on or after the merger ("Merger Effects"). During its March 2016 meeting, the Compensation Committee certified that the Company achieved a U.S. operating income of \$1,165,100,000 in fiscal 2015, which reflected an achievement of 98.50% of the fiscal 2015 annual incentive bonus performance goal. Accordingly, a payout of 92.50% of the corporate performance portion of the annual incentive bonus target amount was made to each named executive officer. The actual bonus amount earned in fiscal 2015 and paid in April of 2016 to each of our named executive officers is reflected in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 43 of the Company's proxy statement.

As described earlier, 85% of the annual incentive bonus is based on corporate performance while 15% of the annual incentive bonus is based on individual performance. At the beginning of each fiscal year, individual goals are established and approved for each named executive officer. For the Chief Executive Officer of Dollar Tree, factors considered by the Compensation Committee when determining the individual performance portion of his 2015 bonus fell within the following goal categories: leadership and organizational development to support the combined enterprise, implementation of shared services, succession planning, strategic planning and integration of Family Dollar, sales growth in the U.S and Canada, and supply chain initiatives to support the growth and volume projections for the combined enterprise. At the March 2016 meeting, the Compensation Committee conducted an evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer's performance based on the categories outlined above to determine the extent to which his individual goals were achieved, found they were substantially achieved and approved the amount of his 2015 annual incentive bonus as listed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 43 of the proxy statement.

For other named executive officers, factors considered in determining the individual performance portion of the bonus paid were based on the area over which the executive is responsible and were generally aligned with the strategic direction of the Company. Fiscal 2015 year-end performance evaluations were conducted for each named executive officer consisting of both subjective and objective criteria and certain core competencies on which all of our employees are evaluated. For the Chief Financial Officer, the factors considered fell within the goal categories of Family Dollar integration and oversight of Finance integration teams and financial reporting, SG&A cost reduction and oversight of capital structure, shrink reduction, and oversight of systems and process improvements relating to accounting controls and operational effectiveness. For the President and Chief Operating Officer of Family Dollar, the goal categories were Family Dollar integration, sales and operating margin growth, corporate synergies, customer experience initiatives, operational effectiveness and organizational development.

For the Chief Merchandise Officer of Dollar Tree, the goal categories were sales growth and new store productivity in the U.S. and Canada, inventory productivity, organizational development and

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operational effectiveness. For the Chief Administrative Officer, the goal categories were Family Dollar integration, organizational development, recruiting and retention, oversight of Information Technology department and strategies, corporate synergies, SG&A improvement and supply chain initiatives. In March 2016, the evaluations were reviewed and accepted by the Compensation Committee, with input from the Chief Executive Officer. Each named executive officer received an overall goal score that fell within the "meet expectations" or "exceed expectations" performance rating for fiscal 2015.

Long-Term Incentives

In connection with our acquisition of Family Dollar, we assumed its 2006 Incentive Plan ("2006 Plan"). Stock options and restricted stock units that were outstanding under the 2006 Plan immediately prior to the consummation of the merger were assumed by the Company and converted into awards exercisable or to be earned in the Company's common stock. The Company determined that it would not make any new grants from this Plan. Currently, the Compensation Committee provides equity incentives to executives through the Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Omnibus Incentive Plan permits the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, performance stock awards, incentive awards and stock units. Long-term incentives generally have been made available to executives in the form of cash and restricted stock units. These awards provide executives with an opportunity to accumulate our common stock and associated wealth related to that ownership.

The Compensation Committee's objective in granting equity incentives is to balance the mix to achieve alignment with shareholder interests while also focusing on retention and stock ownership. Restricted stock and restricted stock units provide more immediate value to associates, including executives, even in advance of stock price appreciation, with the opportunity for increased value as the stock price increases. Restricted stock and restricted stock units also provide the opportunity for executives to acquire our shares and are therefore useful for retention and motivation. In addition, all equity incentives vest over multiple years. Multiyear vesting focuses executives on consistent long-term growth in shareholder value and requires executives to remain employed with us for extended periods to receive the full benefit of the awards. Multiyear performance goals support consistent growth in shareholder value across a longer time horizon.

In March 2015, the Committee approved the dollar value of performance-based restricted stock units granted to our executives that will vest ratably over three years. These awards are subject to the achievement of 80% of the target U.S. operating income for fiscal 2015. Thus, the awards are tied to performance measures that align executives' interests with those of our shareholders and are fully at risk. The Compensation Committee certified in March 2016 that the performance goal established for the restricted stock units granted to each of our named executive officers on March 27, 2015, was met. The amounts listed in "Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plans" column of the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on page 46 reflect the actual number of units approved and granted, which will vest in approximately three equal installments beginning on March 27, 2015, provided the named executive officers remain continuously employed with the Company through the vesting dates.

In June of 2011, the Compensation Committee approved a new three-year long-term performance program ("LTPP"). The program provides for payments contingent upon the achievement of a cumulative performance goal that is measured over a three-year performance period. Provided that performance is met, the award is settled in both cash and restricted stock units. As further discussed below, the LTPP program has historically used Company operating results as its performance goal. Because of the pending acquisition of Family Dollar, for the 2015 awards, the Compensation Committee decided to adopt achievement of a specified level of corporate synergies as the three-year goal during the transition and integration of the companies.

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2013 LTPP Grants and 2015 Supplemental Grants. In March 2013, the Compensation Committee approved awards to our named executive officers under the LTPP ("2013 LTPP Grants"). The target value of the award was divided equally between cash and restricted stock units and the target number of restricted stock units was calculated using the fair market value of a share of Dollar Tree stock on March 22, 2013. The pay-out also ranged between zero percent (0%) and two hundred percent (200%) of the officer's individual target award based on the level at which Company achieves its three-year U.S. operating income goal for the performance period beginning on February 3, 2013 and ending on January 30, 2016 ("2013 LTPP Goal"). However, because the acquisition of Family Dollar was not yet contemplated as of the grant date, the 2013 LTPP Goal did not exclude any costs, expenses, or deductions relating to or resulting from possible mergers, acquisitions or business combinations pursued by or involving the Company ("Merger Costs") or any income that may be attributable to Family Dollar during the performance period. The Compensation Committee concluded that maintaining the 2013 LTPP Grants in their original form would undermine the Committee's goals and create skewed incentives for covered officers.

Because amending the 2013 LTPP Goal would have jeopardized deductibility of the awards under Section 162(m) of the Code, in April 2015, the Compensation Committee canceled the 2013 LTPP Grants and approved new awards ("2015 Supplemental Grants") with a new operating income goal of \$1.1553 billion for the one-year period ending January 30, 2016 ("2015 Supplemental Goal"). This new award represents the difference between the original 2013 LTPP cumulative operating income goal of \$3.2234 billion and \$2.0681 billion (the operating income achieved during fiscal years 2013 and 2014). The 2015 Supplemental Goal equals the amount remaining in the final year of the 2013 LTPP Goal, giving credit for actual Company performance utilizing an operating income definition that excludes both Merger Costs and income from Family Dollar. As such, the 2015 Supplemental Grants exactly replicate the incentive structure of the 2013 LTPP Grants had those awards excluded the effect of the then-unknown and unforeseeable Family Dollar merger when they were granted. Furthermore, the Committee believes that the 2015 Supplemental Awards maintain a very challenging and appropriate goal for executives.

During the March 2016 meeting, the Compensation Committee certified that the Company achieved a U.S. operating income of \$1.1651 billion which reflected an achievement of 100.8% of the 2015 Supplemental LTPP Goal. Accordingly, a payout of 100% of the target value of the 2015 Supplemental LTPP Grants was made to each named executive officer in 2016. The actual number of restricted stock units approved and granted to the named executive officers were as follows: 6,404 RSUs to Bob Sasser; 4,269 RSUs to Kevin Wampler; 5,305 RSUs to Gary Philbin; 4,269 RSUs to Robert H. Rudman and 3,677 to Mike Matacunas. For the cash component, the amounts paid are included in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column under the Summary Compensation Table on page 43.