

METLIFE INC
Form DEF 14A
April 26, 2016
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

- Preliminary Proxy Statement
- Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**
- Definitive Proxy Statement
- Definitive Additional Materials
- Soliciting Material Pursuant to § 240.14a-12

MetLife, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box)

No fee required.

Edgar Filing: METLIFE INC - Form DEF 14A

Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.

- (1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:

- (2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:

- (3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (Set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):

- (4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:

- (5) Total fee paid:

Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

- (1) Amount Previously Paid:

- (2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:

- (3) Filing Party:

- (4) Date Filed:

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

MetLife, Inc.

200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166

April 26, 2016

Dear Shareholder:

You are invited to attend MetLife, Inc.'s 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, which will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 beginning at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York.

At the meeting you will vote on a number of important matters described in the attached Proxy Statement. You will also act on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

The vote of every shareholder is important. You can ensure that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting by voting online or by telephone or by signing and returning a proxy card. Detailed instructions on how to vote on the Internet or by telephone may be found in the attached Proxy Statement on page 2. If you received printed proxy materials and choose to vote by mail, you may use the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope provided with the materials.

Sincerely yours,

Steven A. Kandarian

Chairman of the Board,

President and Chief Executive Officer

Table of Contents

MetLife, Inc.

200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The 2016 annual meeting of the shareholders of MetLife, Inc. will be held at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Time. At the meeting, shareholders will consider and vote on the following matters:

1. the election of 12 Directors, each for a one-year term;
2. an advisory (nonbinding) vote on an exclusive forum By-Law;
3. the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as MetLife, Inc.'s independent auditor for 2016;
4. an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the compensation paid to MetLife, Inc.'s Named Executive Officers;
5. a shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman, if properly presented at the meeting;
6. a shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent, if properly presented at the meeting; and
7. such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Information about the matters to be acted upon at the meeting is contained in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

Shareholders of record of MetLife, Inc. common stock at the close of business on April 19, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Timothy J. Ring

Senior Vice President and Secretary

New York, New York

April 26, 2016

**[Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to be Held on June 14, 2016](#)**

Edgar Filing: METLIFE INC - Form DEF 14A

The accompanying Proxy Statement, the MetLife, Inc. 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, the Chairman's Letter, and directions to the location of the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders are available at <http://investor.metlife.com> by selecting the appropriate link under Related Links.

Table of Contents[Table of Contents](#)**PROXY STATEMENT**

This Proxy Statement contains information about the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders (**Annual Meeting**) of MetLife, Inc. (**MetLife** or the **Company**). We are providing proxy materials to solicit proxies on behalf of the MetLife Board of Directors. We are sending certain of our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (**Notice**) on or about April 26, 2016. The Notice includes instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement, 2015 Annual Report, and Chairman's Letter online. Shareholders who have previously requested a printed or electronic copy of the proxy materials will continue to receive such a copy of the proxy materials, which will be sent on or about April 26, 2016. Please see "Accessing your proxy materials" on page 99 for additional information.

PROXY SUMMARY 2

<u>PROPOSAL 1 Election of Directors for a One-Year Term Ending at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders</u>	11
<u>Director Nominees</u>	11
<u>Corporate Governance</u>	24
<u>Director Compensation in 2015</u>	34
<u>PROPOSAL 2 Advisory Vote on Exclusive Forum By-Law</u>	37
<u>PROPOSAL 3 Ratification of Appointment of the Independent Auditor</u>	38
<u>Independent Auditor's Fees for 2015 and 2014</u>	39
<u>Audit Committee Report</u>	39
<u>PROPOSAL 4 Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation Paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers</u>	41
<u>Compensation Committee Report</u>	41
<u>Compensation Discussion and Analysis</u>	42
<u>Summary Compensation Table</u>	69
<u>Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015</u>	75
<u>Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End</u>	77
<u>Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2015</u>	80
<u>Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End</u>	82
<u>Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End</u>	85

<u>Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End</u>	90
--	-----------

Cover image:

MetLife's principal executive offices, 200 Park Avenue in New York City.

<u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>	95
<u>Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers</u>	95
<u>Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance</u>	97
<u>Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners</u>	98
<u>Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information</u>	99

<u>PROPOSAL 5 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Independent Chairman</u>	105
--	------------

<u>PROPOSAL 6 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Action by Written Consent</u>	107
---	------------

APPENDICES

<u>Appendix A</u>	<u>Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures</u>	A-1
<u>Appendix B</u>	<u>Compensation Discussion and Analysis Supplementary Information</u>	B-1
<u>Appendix C</u>	<u>Potential Exclusive Forum By-Law</u>	C-1

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

PROXY SUMMARY

This summary provides highlights of information contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement and does not contain all of the information that you should consider. Please read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting.

Voting Your Shares

Record date April 19, 2016

Voting Shareholders as of the record date are entitled to vote. Each share of MetLife common stock (a **Share**) is entitled to one vote for each Director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals.

Your vote is important. Shareholders of record may vote their Shares in person at the Annual Meeting or by using any of the following methods. Beneficial owners whose Shares are held at a brokerage firm or by a bank or other nominee should follow the voting instructions received from such nominee. Participants in retirement and savings plans should refer to voting instructions on page 100.

Internet	Telephone	Mail
<p>www.investorvote.com/MET no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, June 13, 2016.</p>	<p>1-800-652-8683 until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 13, 2016.</p>	<p>Complete, sign and return your proxy card by mail (if you received printed copies of the proxy materials) so that it is received by MetLife c/o Computershare prior to the Annual Meeting.</p>

Proposals for Your Vote

Proposal	Directors Recommendation	Vote Required	Page Reference
Proposal 1 Election of 12 Directors to one-year terms	FOR each nominee	Majority of Shares voted	11
Proposal 2 Advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law	FOR	Majority of Shares voted	37
Proposal 3 Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as MetLife's independent auditor for 2016	FOR	Majority of Shares voted	38
Proposal 4 Advisory vote to approve compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers	FOR	Majority of Shares voted	41
Proposal 5 Shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman	AGAINST	Majority of Shares voted	105
Proposal 6 Shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent	AGAINST	Majority of Shares voted	107

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Company Performance

The Company has taken, and continues to take, numerous actions to maximize shareholder value:

Bold moves to accelerate value

Enterprise-wide focus on Free Cash Flow

Material increase in capital return to shareholders

Bold Moves to Accelerate Value

In 2015, the Company took action to accelerate value.

MetLife's Accelerating Value initiative entails a strategic focus on customers, competitors and markets, and cash. The Company is committed to fully analyzing the cash and capital characteristics of the business at a granular level and taking action based on that analysis in order to maximize shareholder value over time.

Informed by its strategy and the regulatory environment:

the Company is planning to separate a substantial portion of its U.S. Retail segment, producing capital relief; and

the Company has reached agreement to divest the captive agency distribution channel, which will generate savings.

As a result, any new, separate U.S. Retail company would have the opportunity to compete more effectively and generate stronger returns for shareholders, benefiting from greater focus, more flexibility, and a reduced compliance and capital burden.

In addition, the Company's efforts, beginning in 2015, persuaded a U.S. District Court to rescind the Financial Stability Oversight Council's (FSOC) designation of MetLife as a Systematically Important Financial Institution. This result is consistent with the Company's view that its business model does not pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States. The FSOC has filed an appeal of the District Court ruling.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **3**

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Focus on Free Cash Flow

MetLife's level of Free Cash Flow generation is the most important business metric in determining the Company's ability to return capital to shareholders. Over time, the performance of life insurance stocks has become more closely correlated with the ratio of Free Cash Flow to Operating Earnings. Growing Free Cash Flow by investing capital at attractive risk-adjusted returns will be the surest way to maximize shareholder value over time. That is why Free Cash Flow generation has become an enterprise-wide imperative at MetLife and has informed all of our major business decisions and will continue to do so in the months and years ahead.

(The following performance measures are not calculated based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (**GAAP**). They should be read in conjunction with Appendix A to this Proxy Statement, which includes non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and/or reconciliations to the most directly comparable measures that are based on GAAP.)

[Free Cash Flow as a Percentage of Operating Earnings](#)

4 [MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement](#)

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Capital Return to Shareholders

MetLife's philosophy is that excess capital belongs to shareholders. The Company's total shareholder distributions are part of its prudent capital management strategy.

(The following performance measures are not calculated based on GAAP. They should be read in conjunction with Appendix A to this Proxy Statement, which includes non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and/or reconciliations to the most directly comparable measures that are based on GAAP.)

Total Shareholder Distributions¹ (*\$ in billions*)

[MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement](#) **5**

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Executive Pay for Performance

The Company maintained its pay for performance practices in 2015. Most of the Company's Executive Officers' Total Compensation for 2015 performance was variable and depended on performance. In addition, the Compensation Committee allocated a greater portion of variable compensation to stock-based long-term incentives than to annual cash incentives. These long-term incentives align executive and shareholder interests and encourage future contributions to performance. Ultimately, the value of long-term incentives depends on future Company performance and stock price performance.

Chief Executive Officer Compensation

for 2015 Performance

Other Executive Group Members

Compensation for 2015 Performance as a Whole

For more information, see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 42.

6 **[MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement](#)**

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Track Record of Best Practices in Corporate Governance

The Company has a proven track record of best practices in corporate governance.

Independent Lead Director	ü
Independent Board Committees	ü
World-Class, Experienced Board	ü
Annually Elected Directors	ü
Comprehensive Annual Board and Committee Assessment Process	ü
Majority Vote Standard	ü
No Poison Pill	ü
Publicly Disclosed Political Contributions	ü
Share Ownership Guidelines for Executives and Directors	ü
Policy Prohibiting Hedging or Pledging Company Securities	ü
Performance-Based Compensation Recoupment Policy	ü
Shareholder Proxy Access	ü

Say-on-Pay Vote Results

2015	98%
2014	97%
2013	93%

Shareholder feedback, including the outcome of say-on-pay vote results, continues to inform compensation decisions.

Board Oversight of Risk Management

The Company's Board of Directors has active and robust practices in oversight of risk management:

Finance and Risk Committee oversees assessment, management, and mitigation of material risks, as well as capital and liquidity management practices.

Other committees also have significant risk management oversight:

- ü Audit: legal and regulatory compliance and internal controls;
- ü Governance and Corporate Responsibility: ethics, compliance programs and sales practices;
- ü Investment: investment portfolio risks; and
- ü Compensation: compensation plan risks, e.g. avoiding incentives to take excessive risk.

Table of Contents

[Proxy Summary](#)

Director Nominees

The Company has highly-qualified, independent leaders on its Board of Directors.

<p>Board Independence</p>	<p>Independent Lead Director</p> <p>11 of 12 directors are independent</p> <p>All Board committees composed entirely of Independent Directors (except Executive Committee)</p>
<p>Leadership Experience</p>	<p>Directors include current or former chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief financial officers, presidents, and directors of other world-class public companies, including American Express, Campbell Soup Company, Gillette, Kellogg, NYSE, and Pfizer</p> <p>10 of 11 Independent Directors have served on other public company boards</p>
<p>Financial Services and Investment Experience</p>	<p>Board comprised of directors with current and former leadership positions at leading financial institutions, including American Express, Carlyle Group, Citigroup, and Visa</p>
<p>Ongoing Board</p>	

**Refreshment and
Diversity**

4 new directors since 2013

Directors come from various industries and bring diverse experience

One-third of directors, including the Lead Director who is also Chair of the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee, are women

8 MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement

Table of Contents

Proxy Summary

The following table provides summary information about each Director nominee.

	Experience and Qualifications Highlights	Independent	Current Committee Membership				Chairman and Corporate Responsibility
			Audit	Compensation	Executive	Finance and Risk	
Grisé Director Vice President, Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Governance - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Business Operations 	Û	Û	Û	Û	CHAIRMAN	
Pierrez Bright Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Business Operations - Government Service - Public Policy - Civic Leadership 	Û				Û	
Ph.D. Carson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Policy - Academic Experience 	Û			Û	Û	

cs and School olumbia iversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investments - Civic Leadership - Executive Leadership 						
arian Board, Chief etLife, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of MetLife s Business and Operations - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Business Operations 				CHAIR		
ly, Jr. Chief fficer, ection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Business Operations 	Ū	Ū	Ū	Ū	CHAIR	
ly, III irman, Group, up Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Financial Expertise - Business Operations 	Ū	Ū			Ū	

Table of Contents

Proxy Summary

	Experience and Qualifications Highlights	Independent	Current Committee Membership				Governance and Corporate Responsibility
			Audit	Compensation	Executive	Finance and Risk	
Bernard - Government Service - Public Policy - Global Business Experience - Business Operations - Investments - Corporate Governance		Û				Û	
L. Kilts - Executive Leadership - Global Business Experience - Business Operations - Investments		Û		CHAIR	Û		
Kinney - Corporate Governance - Executive Leadership		Û	Û			Û	

ent and
Officer,
ge, Inc.

- Global Business Experience
- Business Operations

rrison

- Executive Leadership

ent and
Officer,
mpany

- Global Business Experience
- Business Operations
- Civic Leadership

Ū

Ū

hitano

- Accounting / Auditing

Managing
Director,
rs LLP

- Tax and Financial Advisory
- Executive Leadership
- Global Business Experience
- Risk Management

Ū

CHAIR

Ū

Ū

Ū

Wang

- Investments

Executive
Capital
nt LLC

- Executive Leadership
- Global Business Experience
- Business Operations
- Civic Leadership

Ū

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 1 Election of Directors for a One-Year Term Ending at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING AT THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the Director nominees.

Director Nominees

The Company's success and long-term value depend on the judgment, initiative, and efforts of its Directors. As a Board, these individuals oversee MetLife's business policies and strategies. They also oversee the Chief Executive Officer and the other most senior executives of the Company (**Executive Officers** or **Executive Group**) in their management of the Company's business.

The Board of Directors currently has 12 members. Each of the Director nominees is currently serving as a Director of MetLife and has agreed to continue to serve if elected. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee would be unable to serve if elected; however, if for any reason a nominee should become unable to serve at or before the Annual Meeting,

the Board could reduce the size of the Board or nominate a replacement candidate for election. If you granted a proxy to vote your Shares, the individuals who have your proxy could use their discretion to vote for a replacement candidate nominated by the Board. The proxies will not have authority to vote for a greater number of nominees than the number of nominees named on the proxy card.

Each of the Director nominees is also currently serving as a director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (**MLIC**), a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), in connection with the issuance of certain insurance products. The common stock of MLIC is not publicly traded.

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Cheryl W. Grisé

age 63, Former Executive Vice President, Northeast Utilities

Lead Director

Director since 2004

Ms. Grisé's experience as the chief executive officer of a major enterprise subject to complex regulations has provided her with a substantive understanding of the challenges of managing a highly regulated company such as MetLife. With her executive experience and her experience as a general counsel and corporate secretary, Ms. Grisé brings a unique perspective on the Board's responsibility for overseeing the management of a regulated enterprise and with respect to the effective functioning of the Company's corporate governance structures.

Professional Highlights:

Northeast Utilities, a public utility holding company engaged in the distribution of electricity and natural gas (1980-2007)

Executive Vice President (December 2005 - July 2007)

Chief Executive Officer of principal operating subsidiaries (September 2002 - January 2007)

President, Utility Group, Northeast Utilities Service Company (May 2001 - January 2007)

President, Utility Group (May 2001 - December 2005)

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel (1998 - 2001)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Trustee Emeritus, University of Connecticut Foundation

Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum

Other public company directorships: PulteGroup, Inc.; ICF International

Prior public company directorships (past five years): Pall Corporation

Education:

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Executive Management Program, Yale University School of Organization and Management

Table of Contents

[Director Nominees](#)

[Carlos M. Gutierrez](#)

[age 62, Co-Chair, The Albright Stonebridge Group](#)

Director since 2013

As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kellogg, Secretary Gutierrez gained deep insight into the complex challenges of guiding a large enterprise in a competitive global economy. As Secretary of Commerce, he worked with government and business leaders to promote America's economic interests. Secretary Gutierrez's unique mix of experience gives him a valuable perspective and ability to oversee management's efforts to grow and develop MetLife's global business and its interactions with domestic and foreign governments and regulators.

Professional Highlights:

The Albright Stonebridge Group, a consulting firm (April 2013 – present)

Co-Chair (February 2014 – Present)

Vice Chair (April 2013 – February 2014)

Vice Chairman, Institutional Client Group, Citigroup Inc., a financial services corporation (January 2011 – February 2013)

Chairman and Founding Consultant of Global Political Strategies, a division of APCO Worldwide, Inc., a consulting firm (2010 – 2011)

Secretary of Commerce of the United States (February 2005 – January 2009)

Kellogg Company, a manufacturer of packaged food products (1975 – 2005)

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (2003 – 2005)

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (2000 – 2003)

President and Chief Executive Officer (1999 – 2000)

President and Chief Operating Officer (1998 – 1999)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Chairman, Republicans for Immigration Reform, a political action committee

Member, Board of Directors, U.S.-Mexico Foundation

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Meridian International Center

Co-founder, TheDream.US

National Member, Board of Trustees, University of Miami

Member, Board of Directors, Viridis Learning, Inc.

Co-Chair, Regional Migration Study Group

Other public company directorships: Occidental Petroleum Corporation; Time Warner, Inc.

Education:

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Business Administration Studies

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

R. Glenn Hubbard, Ph.D.

Age 57, Dean and Russell L. Carson Professor of Economics and Finance, Graduate School of Business, Columbia University

Director since 2007

As an economic policy advisor to the highest levels of government and financial regulatory bodies, Dr. Hubbard has an unparalleled understanding of global economic conditions and emergent regulations and economic policies. This expertise contributes to the Board's understanding of how shifting economic conditions and developing regulations and economic policies may impact MetLife's investments, businesses, and operations worldwide.

Professional Highlights:

Columbia University

Dean, Graduate School of Business (2004 – Present)

Russell L. Carson Professor of Economics and Finance, Graduate School of Business (1994 – Present)

Professor of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (1997 – Present)

Co-Chair, Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, an independent nonprofit research organization (2006 Present)

Chairman, President's Council of Economic Advisers, an agency within the Executive Office of the President of the United States (2001 – 2003)

Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international economic and trade organization (2001 – 2003)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury (1991 – 1993)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Member of numerous professional and civic organizations, including:

Economic Advisory Panel, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Council on Foreign Relations

Advisory Board of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

Other public company directorships: Automatic Data Processing, Inc.; BlackRock Closed-End Funds

Prior public company directorships (past five years): KKR Financial Holdings LLC

Education:

B.A. and B.S., University of Central Florida

Ph.D. and A.M., Harvard University

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Steven A. Kandarian

age 64, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, MetLife, Inc.

Director since 2011

Mr. Kandarian's leadership and financial acumen, as well as his experience with the Company, including as President and Chief Executive Officer and his earlier responsibilities for Investments, Global Brand and Marketing Services, and enterprise-wide corporate strategy, have provided him with a deep understanding of the Company's businesses and global operations and the Company's strategic direction and leadership selection.

Professional Highlights:

MetLife, Inc.

Chairman of the Board (January 2012 – Present)

President and Chief Executive Officer (May 2011 – Present)

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer (April 2005 – April 2011)

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a United States government agency (2001 – 2004)

Founder and Managing Partner, Orion Partners, LP, a private equity firm (1993 – 2001)

Founder and President, Eagle Capital Holdings, where Mr. Kandarian formed a private merchant bank to sponsor equity investments in small and mid-sized businesses (1990 – 1993)

Managing Director, Lee Capital Holdings, a private equity firm (1984 – 1990)

Mr. Kandarian began his career at Rotan Mosle, Inc., an investment bank

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Member of:

Board of Directors, Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation

Board of Directors, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

Board of Directors, Partnership for New York City

Business Council

Business Roundtable

Financial Services Forum

Vice Chairman, Insurance Regulatory Committee of the Institute of International Finance (IIF)

Education:

B.A., Clark University

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

M.B.A., Harvard Business School

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.

age 57, President and Chief Executive Officer, Intersection

Director since 2009

Through his roles as a senior executive of a global financial services business and as the head of information systems of the White House, Mr. Kelly brings significant experience in risk management and mitigation, marketing, information technology and data management, as well as a sophisticated understanding of the considerations of shareholder value creation. These experiences and expertise are important to the Board's oversight of the Company's design and approach to risk management.

Professional Highlights:

President and Chief Executive Officer, Intersection, a digital technology and media company (March 2016 – Present)
Management Advisor, TowerBrook Capital Partners L.P., an investment management firm (April 2015 – February 2016)

Chairman, 2015 Papal Visit to New York City (January 2015 – November 2015)

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, NY/NJ Super Bowl Host Company, a nonprofit fundraising and planning organization (April 2011 – August 2014)

American Express Company, a financial services corporation

President (July 2007 – April 2010), responsible for global consumer businesses, including consumer and small business cards, customer service, global banking, prepaid products, consumer travel, and risk and information management

Group President (2005 – 2007), responsible for several key businesses, including U.S. consumer and small business cards, U.S. customer service, and risk management

Head of Information Systems, White House (1985 – 1987), with oversight of the information processing functions for several government agencies that comprise the Executive Office of the President

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Chairman, Board of Directors, School of the Holy Child

Vice Chairman, Wall Street Charity Golf Classic (benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)

Member, Boards of Trustees, of:

New York-Presbyterian Hospital

St. Joseph's Seminary and College

New York Catholic Foundation

Other public company directorships: Visa Inc.

Prior public company directorships (past five years): Affinion Group Holdings, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Affinion Group, Inc.

Education:

B.A. and M.B.A., Iona College

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Edward J. Kelly, III

age 62, Former Chairman, Institutional Clients Group, Citigroup Inc.

Director since 2015

Mr. Kelly's extensive leadership experience as an executive in the financial services industry further strengthens the Board's strong qualifications to oversee the execution of MetLife's strategies in complex legal and regulatory environments. His experience includes key roles in building a client-centric model and managing the global operations of a major financial institution. Further, Mr. Kelly's deep knowledge of investments and financial products and services makes him a valuable asset to MetLife and its shareholders.

Professional Highlights:

Citigroup Inc., a financial services corporation

Chairman, Institutional Clients Group (January 2011 – July 2014)

Chairman, Global Banking (April 2010 – January 2011)

Vice Chairman (July 2009 – March 2010)

Chief Financial Officer (March 2009 – July 2009)

Head of Global Banking (September 2008 – March 2009)

President and Chief Executive Officer, Citi Alternative Investments (March 2008 – August 2008)

President, Citi Alternative Investments (February 2008 – March 2008)

Managing Director, The Carlyle Group, an asset management firm (July 2007 – January 2008)

Executive and leadership positions at various organizations, including:

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., a financial services corporation (March 2007 – June 2007)

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, a financial services corporation (March 2001 – March 2007)

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (and its predecessor company J.P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated), a financial services corporation (November 1994 – January 2001)

Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, a law firm (January 1988 – October 1994)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Senior Advisor, Corsair Capital, a private equity firm (October 2014 - Present)

Member, Board of Directors, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, a financial industry trade association (January 2009 - April 2014)

Member, Board of Directors, Focused Ultrasound Foundation, a non-profit entity (June 2015 - Present)

Other public company directorships: CSX Corporation; XL Group plc

Education:

A.B., Princeton University

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement 17

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

William E. Kennard

age 59, Former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union

Director since 2013

Mr. Kennard's career has given him public policy and global investment expertise. As United States Ambassador to the European Union, Mr. Kennard worked to promote transatlantic trade and investment and reduce regulatory barriers to commerce. In his years of public service, Mr. Kennard advanced access of underserved populations to technology. Mr. Kennard's extensive regulatory and international experience enhances the Board's ability to oversee MetLife's strategies.

Professional Highlights:

Co-Founder and Non-Executive Chairman, Velocitas Partners LLC, an asset management firm (November 2013 – Present)

Member of Operating Executive Board, Staple Street Capital, a private equity firm (November 2013 – Present)

United States Ambassador to the European Union (December 2009 – August 2013)

Managing Director, The Carlyle Group, an asset management firm (May 2001 – December 2009)

United States Federal Communications Commission (December 1993 – January 2001)

Chairman (November 1997 – January 2001)

General Counsel (December 1993 – November 1997)

Partner, Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand (now DLA Piper), a law firm (April 1984 – December 1993)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Member of:

U.S. Department of State Foreign Policy Advisory Board

Board of Directors, Center for a New American Security

Board of Directors, International African American Museum
Trustee, Yale Corporation

Other public company directorships: Duke Energy Corporation; AT&T Inc.; Ford Motor Company

Education:

B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University
J.D., Yale Law School

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

James M. Kilts

age 68, Founding Partner, Centerview Capital

Director since 2005

As a founding partner of a private equity firm and as a senior executive of several major consumer product companies with global sales and operations, Mr. Kilts brings an in-depth understanding of the business challenges and opportunities of diversified global enterprises and the related financial, risk management, talent management, and shareholder value creation considerations. These experiences and knowledge enhance the Board's ability to oversee the management of MetLife.

Professional Highlights:

Founding Partner, Centerview Capital, a private equity firm (October 2006 – Present)

Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, The Procter & Gamble Company, a consumer products company (October 2005 – October 2006)

The Gillette Company, a consumer products company

Chairman of the Board (January 2001 – October 2005)

Chief Executive Officer (February 2001 – October 2005)

President (November 2003 – October 2005)

President and Chief Executive Officer, Nabisco Group Holdings Corp. and Nabisco Inc., manufacturer and marketer of packaged food products (January 1998 – December 2000)

Executive Vice President, Worldwide Food, Philip Morris, a manufacturer and marketer of packaged food products (1994 – 1997)

Various positions, Kraft, a manufacturer and marketer of packaged food products (1989 – 1994), including:

President, Kraft USA and Oscar Mayer

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Development

President, Kraft Limited in Canada

Senior Vice President, Kraft International

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Member of:

Board of Overseers, Weill Cornell Medical College

Board of Trustees, Knox College

Board of Trustees, University of Chicago

Board of Directors, Cato Institute

Founder and Member, Steering Committee, Kilts Center for Marketing, University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Other public company directorships: Pfizer, Inc.; Non-Executive Director of Nielsen Holdings plc

Prior public company directorships (past five years): MeadWestvaco Corporation

Education:

B.A., Knox College

M.B.A., University of Chicago

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Catherine R. Kinney

age 64, Former President and Co-Chief Operating Officer, New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Director since 2009

Ms. Kinney's experience as a senior executive and chief operating officer of a multinational, regulated entity, her key role in transforming the New York Stock Exchange (**NYSE**) to a publicly held company, and her leadership in developing and establishing the NYSE corporate governance standards for its listed companies (including MetLife) demonstrate her knowledge of and experience with issues of corporate development, transformation and governance. These qualities are relevant to ensuring that the Board establishes and maintains effective governance structures appropriate for a global provider of insurance and financial products and services.

Professional Highlights:

NYSE Euronext, a provider of financial services including securities exchange and clearing operations

Served in Paris, France, with responsibility for overseeing the global listing program, marketing and branding (July 2007 – March 2009)

President and Co-Chief Operating Officer, New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (merged with Euronext in 2008 to form NYSE Euronext) (2002 – 2008)

Ms. Kinney joined the New York Stock Exchange in 1974 and held management positions in several divisions, with responsibility for all client relationships (1996 – 2007), trading floor operations and technology (1987 – 1996), and regulation (2002 – 2004)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Chair, Board of Trustees, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

Member of:

Board of Directors, Sharegift USA

Economic Club of New York

Other public company directorships: NetSuite, Inc.; MSCI Inc.; QTS Realty Trust, Inc.

Education:

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Iona College

Advanced Management Program, Harvard Graduate School of Business

Honorary Degrees: Georgetown University; Fordham University; Rosemont College

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Denise M. Morrison

age 62, President and Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Soup Company

Director since 2014

Ms. Morrison has a long and distinguished track record of building strong businesses and growing iconic brands. Her experience as chief executive officer of a global company provides her with a strong understanding of the key strategic challenges and opportunities of running a large, complex business, including financial management, operations, risk management, talent management and succession planning. Ms. Morrison's strong commitment to corporate social responsibility and civic engagement make her a valuable resource for MetLife and its shareholders.

Professional Highlights:

Campbell Soup Company, a food and beverage company (2003 – Present)

President and Chief Executive Officer (August 2011 – Present)

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (October 2010 – July 2011)

President, North America Soup, Sauces and Beverages (October 2007 – September 2010)

President, Campbell USA (June 2005 – September 2007)

President, Global Sales and Chief Customer Officer (April 2003 – May 2005)

Kraft Foods, Inc., a food and beverage company (1995 – 2003)

Various leadership roles, including: Executive Vice President and General Manager, Kraft Snacks (2001 – 2003);

Executive Vice President and General Manager, Kraft Confections (2001); Senior Vice President and General

Manager, Nabisco Down the Street (2000); Senior Vice President, Nabisco Sales and Integrated Logistics (1998

2000)

Various senior marketing and sales positions, Nestlé USA, Inc., a food and beverage company (1984 – 1995)

Various trade and business development positions, PepsiCo, Inc., a food and beverage company (1982 – 1984)

The Procter & Gamble Company, a consumer products company (1975 – 1982)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Member of President Barack Obama's Export Council

Member, Boards of Directors, of:

Consumer Goods Forum (Co-Chair)

Catalyst, Inc., a nonprofit organization that strives to expand opportunities for women in business

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Other public company directorships: Campbell Soup Company

Prior public company directorships (past five years): The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Education:

B.S., Boston College

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Kenton J. Sicchitano

age 71, Former Global Managing Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Director since 2003

Mr. Sicchitano's experience as a managing partner in a global advisory services firm has provided him with an understanding of the challenges and opportunities of managing a global business enterprise. His leadership roles in that firm's Audit/Assurance, Business Advisory, and Tax Services groups have given him broad knowledge of and experience in accounting and tax issues that are valuable to the Board's oversight of the management of MetLife, a global insurance and financial services firm.

Professional Highlights:

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, a provider of audit and assurance, tax and consulting services (1970–2001)
Mr. Sicchitano joined Price Waterhouse LLP, a predecessor firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, in 1970, becoming a Partner in 1979. He held a variety of global leadership positions, including Global Managing Partner of Audit and Business Advisory Services and Global Managing Partner responsible for Audit and Business Advisory, Tax and Legal, and Financial Advisory Services.

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Mr. Sicchitano has in the past served as:
Director and Chair of the Finance Committee, New England Deaconess Hospital
Trustee, New England Aquarium
President, Harvard Business School Association of Boston
Director, Harvard Alumni Association and Harvard Business School Alumni Association

Other public company directorships: PerkinElmer, Inc.; Analog Devices, Inc.

Education:

B.A., Harvard College
M.B.A., Harvard Business School

22 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Director Nominees

Lulu C. Wang

age 71, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tupelo Capital Management LLC

Director since 2008

Ms. Wang's extensive experience in investment management and financial services, her knowledge and understanding of global capital markets, particularly in Asia, and her service on the boards and investment committees of major educational and civic organizations have given her a perspective that is particularly relevant to the Board's oversight of the management of the Company and its investments, as well as a deep understanding of the importance of MetLife's and MetLife Foundation's contributions to community institutions.

Professional Highlights:

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tupelo Capital Management LLC, an investment management firm (1997 Present)

Director and Executive Vice President, Jennison Associates Capital Corporation, an investment management firm (1988 - 1997)

Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Equitable Capital Management, an investment management firm (1978 - 1988)

Other Professional and Leadership Experience:

Consulting Director, New York Community Trust

Member of:

Board of Overseers, Columbia Business School

Board of Trustees, Metropolitan Museum of Art

Board of Trustees, Rockefeller University

Board of Trustees, Asia Society

Trustee Emerita, Wellesley College

Trustee Emerita, WNYC Public Radio

Education:

B.A., Wellesley College

M.B.A., Columbia Business School

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **23**

Table of Contents

[Corporate Governance](#)

Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of effective corporate governance in fulfilling its responsibilities to shareholders. This section describes some of MetLife's key governance practices.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that set forth the Board's policies on a number of governance-related matters, including:

Director qualification standards, independence requirements and responsibilities;

the identification of candidates for Board positions;

management succession;

Director access to management and outside advisors, including certain restrictions on the retention by Directors of an outside advisor that is otherwise engaged by the Company for another purpose;

Director compensation;

Director Share ownership guidelines;

the appointment of a Lead Director by the Independent Directors;

Director orientation and continuing education; and

Annual evaluation of the Board's performance.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines and the Company's By-Laws provide for a majority voting standard in uncontested Director elections.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that no Director may stand for election as a Board member after he or she reaches the age of 72, and that a Director may continue to serve until the annual meeting coincident with or

immediately following his or her 72nd birthday. In addition, each Director must offer to resign from the Board upon a change or discontinuance of his or her principal occupation or business responsibilities.

A printable version of the Corporate Governance Guidelines is available on MetLife's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance under the link Corporate Governance Guidelines.

Board and Committee Information

Composition and Independence of the Board of Directors. The Board currently consists of 12 Directors, 11 of whom are both Non-Management Directors and Independent Directors. A **Non-Management Director** is a Director who is not an officer of the Company or of any entity in a consolidated group with the Company. An **Independent Director** is a Non-Management Director who the Board of Directors has affirmatively determined has no material relationships with the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries and is independent within the meaning of the NYSE Corporate Governance Standards. An Independent Director for Audit and Compensation Committee purposes meets additional requirements under the NYSE Corporate Governance Standards and Rules 10A-3 and 10C-1, as applicable, under the Exchange Act.

The Board of Directors has adopted categorical standards to assist it in making determinations regarding Director independence. None of the relationships between the Independent Directors and MetLife is material, as provided by the Company's categorical standards. The categorical standards are included in the Corporate Governance Guidelines of the Company, which are available on MetLife's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance at the link Corporate Governance Guidelines.

The Board has affirmatively determined that all of the Directors, other than Steven A. Kandarian, the Company's Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, are Independent Directors. The Board affirmatively determined in 2015 that Gen. John M. Keane, who served as Director during portions of 2015, was an Independent Director.

Board Leadership Structure. The Board of Directors believes that the best and most effective leadership structure for MetLife and its shareholders at this time is to have the Company's Chief Executive Officer serve as Chairman of the Board, and an independent Director serve as Lead Director empowered with significant governance responsibilities.

Mr. Kandarian, as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for setting the Company's strategic business direction, executing its strategic plans and managing its operations. Through his experience as Chief Executive Officer, and before that as Chief Investment Officer with oversight of MetLife's enterprise-wide corporate strategy, Mr. Kandarian has

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the Company's business, opportunities and challenges, and the capabilities and talents of the senior leadership team. Mr. Kandarian brings this knowledge and understanding to bear in the performance of his responsibilities as Chairman of the Board, by helping to guide the Board's oversight on key business, strategic and risk matters for the Company and its shareholders. This insight is particularly important as the Company faces unique and extensive regulatory challenges and undertakes significant strategic initiatives, including the separation of a substantial portion of its U.S. Retail insurance business.

Having an executive Chairman of the Board helps ensure that the Directors receive appropriate information about the Company's businesses and operations and have direct access to senior management. This approach strengthens the Directors' oversight of the Company and their performance as Directors of a complex, highly regulated, global enterprise.

Cheryl W. Grisé is the Company's **Lead Director**. Pursuant to the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the responsibilities of the Lead Director include:

Presiding over meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman of the Board is not present, including executive sessions of the independent Directors;

Presiding over discussions of the Board of Directors when the topic presents a conflict (or potential conflict) for the Chairman of the Board;

Calling meetings of the independent Directors, as necessary;

Providing input on Board and Board Committee meeting agendas;

Conferring with the Chairman of the Board on matters of importance that may require action or oversight by the Board, ensuring the Board focuses on key issues and tasks facing the Company;

Facilitating communication and serving as a liaison between the Chairman of the Board and the independent Directors;

Providing guidance to the Chairman of the Board regarding the ongoing development of Directors;

Participating in the Compensation Committee's annual performance evaluation of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer;

Participating in any Chief Executive Officer succession planning;

Together with the Chairman of the Board, ensuring the efficient and effective performance and functioning of the Board;

In the event of the incapacity of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the process for calling a special meeting to determine the action to be taken under the circumstances; and

Being available, if requested by shareholders, when appropriate, for consultation and direct communication.

The Independent Directors elected Ms. Grisé to serve as Lead Director on the strength of her leadership qualities, deep knowledge of public company governance, and her experience as chief executive of a complex, highly regulated corporation. As Lead Director, she draws on these skills and experiences in working with the Chairman of the Board to set the Board's agenda. She also brings a strong and independent voice to the boardroom to effectively lead the Independent Directors as they challenge management, consult on development of the Company's strategy, and support the long-term success of the Company for its shareholders.

In addition, each of the Board Committees (with the exception of the Executive Committee) is chaired by an Independent Director with demonstrated expertise in the responsibilities of that Committee and strong leadership skills. Each of the Committees is also composed entirely of Independent Directors.

The successful partnership between the executive Chairman of the Board, independent Lead Director, Committee Chairs and other Independent Directors provides the Company with strong leadership and effective independent oversight of the Company and management. This demonstrates to the Board that this leadership structure is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders at this time.

Executive Sessions of Independent Directors. At each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, the Independent Directors of the Company meet in executive session without management present. The Lead Director presides at the executive sessions of the Independent Directors.

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

Director Nomination Process. Nominations for election as Director at the Company's annual meetings may be made either by the Board or by a shareholder or shareholders in compliance with the requirements of the Company's By-Laws, as described below.

Nominations by the Board. The Company's Board nominates Director nominees upon the recommendation of the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee. Potential Director nominees are identified by the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and the Board of Directors through a variety of means, including search firms, Board members, Executive Officers and shareholders. Potential Director nominees provide information about their qualifications and participate in interviews conducted by individual Board members. Candidates are evaluated based on the information supplied by the candidates and information obtained from other sources.

In recommending candidates for election as Directors, the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee will take into consideration the need for the Board to have a majority of Directors that meet the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Standards, the ability of candidates to enhance the perspective and experience of the Board as a whole, and any other criteria the Board of Directors establishes from time to time.

Under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, the following specific, minimum qualifications must be met by any candidate whom the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee would recommend for election to the Board of Directors:

Financial Literacy. Such person should be financially literate, as such qualification is interpreted by the Company's Board of Directors in its business judgment.

Leadership Experience. Such person should possess significant leadership experience, such as experience in business, finance, accounting, law, education or government, and shall possess qualities reflecting a proven record of accomplishment and an ability to work with others.

Commitment to the Company's Values. Such person shall be committed to promoting the financial success of the Company and preserving and enhancing the Company's reputation as a global leader in business and shall be in agreement with the values of the Company as embodied in its codes of conduct.

Absence of Conflicting Commitments. Such person should not have commitments that would conflict with the time commitments of a Director of the Company.

Reputation and Integrity. Such person shall be of high repute and recognized integrity, and shall not have been convicted in a criminal proceeding or be named a subject of a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses). Such person shall not have been found in a civil proceeding to have violated any federal or state securities or commodities law, and shall not be subject to any court or regulatory order or

decree limiting his or her business activity, including in connection with the purchase or sale of any security or commodity.

Other Factors. Such person shall have other characteristics considered appropriate for membership on the Board of Directors, including significant experience and accomplishments, an understanding of marketing and finance, sound business judgment, and an appropriate educational background.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee will consider shareholder recommendations of candidates for nomination as Director. To be timely, a shareholder recommendation must be submitted to the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee, MetLife, Inc., 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Corporate Secretary, no earlier than 150 calendar days and no later than the close of business on the 120th calendar day prior to the first anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting. Recommendations for nominations of candidates for election at MetLife's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders must be received by the Corporate Secretary of MetLife, Inc. no earlier than January 15, 2017 and no later than the close of business on February 14, 2017 or such other date as may be announced by the Company in accordance with the Company's By-Laws.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee makes no distinctions in evaluating nominees based on whether or not a nominee is recommended by a shareholder. Shareholders recommending a nominee must satisfy the notification, timeliness, consent and information requirements set forth in the Company's By-Laws concerning Director nominations by shareholders. Among other things, the shareholder's recommendation must set forth all the information regarding the recommended candidate that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of Directors pursuant to

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

Section 14 of the Exchange Act and related regulations, and must include the recommended candidate's written consent to being named in the Proxy Statement as a nominee and to serving as a Director if elected. The recommendation must also be accompanied by a completed Stockholder Disclosure Questionnaire. The Company's By-Laws and the Stockholder Disclosure Questionnaire are available at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance.

Shareholder Proxy Access. In December 2015, the Board of Directors adopted amendments to the Company's By-Laws to implement shareholder proxy access. Under the By-Laws, a shareholder, or a group of up to 20 shareholders, owning 3% or more of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock continuously for at least three years, may nominate and include in the Company's annual meeting proxy materials Director nominees constituting up to the greater of two individuals or 20% of the Board, provided that the shareholders and nominees satisfy the requirements specified in the By-Laws. For further information on procedures governing the submission of shareholder nomination of director nominees, see **Other Information** **Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information** **Deadline for submission of shareholder proposals and nominations for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders** on page 102.

Risk Management Oversight. The Board of Directors oversees management in the design and implementation of the Company's approach to risk management. For example, the Board oversees management's development and execution of appropriate business strategies to mitigate the risk that such strategies will fail to generate long-term value for the Company and its shareholders or that such strategies will motivate management to take excessive risks.

The Board of Directors also oversees the development and implementation of processes and procedures to mitigate the risk of failing to ensure the orderly succession of the Chief Executive Officer and the senior executives of the Company. The Board believes that the continuing development of the Company's managerial leadership is critically important to the Company's success. The Board, in coordination with the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee, periodically reviews the skills, experience, and development plans of the Company's senior leaders who may ultimately be candidates for senior executive positions. The Directors meet regularly with senior

leaders in the context of Board business, giving them an opportunity to assess the qualifications of these individuals. In addition, the Board plans for executive succession to ensure that the Company will have managerial talent available to replace current executives when that becomes necessary.

The Board of Directors has allocated its oversight of risk management among the Board as a whole and to Committees of the Board, which meet regularly and report back to the full Board. The Committees play significant roles in risk oversight.

The Finance and Risk Committee has broad oversight responsibilities for the Company's risk management. The Committee oversees the Company's financial policies and strategies, risk targets and risk positions, capital planning and adequacy, certain capital actions, mergers and acquisitions projects, and other financial matters. Annually, the Committee reviews, and recommends for Board approval, the Company's Enterprise Risk Appetite Statement, which establishes quantitative and qualitative risk appetite measures and risk exposure considerations and guidelines, and the Company's Capital Policy and Liquidity Risk Management Policy. The Committee reviews the Company's assessment and management of material risks, including its performance against applicable policies and procedures and related benchmarks and target metrics. The Committee also receives and reviews the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment

report, which summarizes the results of the Company's analysis of its current and future risks, on an annual basis. The Committee coordinates its oversight with the efforts of the Chief Risk Officer (who oversees and coordinates risk assessment and mitigation enterprise-wide) and other members of management. It also coordinates its oversight of management with the Chairs of the other Board Committees.

The Audit Committee oversees the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, reviews the Company's policies on ethical conduct and periodically discusses the guidelines and policies with respect to the process by which the Company undertakes risk assessment and management. The Audit Committee reviews with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor, the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting that is relied upon to provide reasonable assurance of the integrity of the Company's financial statements.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing the Company's compensation practices and overseeing risk

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

management with respect to the Company's compensation arrangements. For example, the Committee designs the Company's compensation arrangements to avoid creating incentives to take excessive risk. The Chief Risk Officer meets with the Compensation Committee annually to review the Company's compensation arrangements for this purpose, and on other occasions at the Committee's request to assist the Committee in its risk management oversight role.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee, in coordination with the Board, reviews the Company's proposed succession and development plans for Executive Officers. It reviews the Company's ethics and compliance programs and its sales practices to mitigate the risk of non-compliance, customer and regulatory complaints and other reputational risks. It also oversees the Company's goals and strategies concerning legislative and regulatory initiatives that impact the interest of the Company.

The Investment Committee oversees the management and mitigation of risks associated with the investment portfolios of MetLife and of the consolidated MetLife enterprise, including credit risk, portfolio allocation and diversification risk, derivatives risk and counterparty risk.

Throughout the year, the Board and its Committees receive reports from the Chief Risk Officer and other senior management on enterprise risk management and specific risk topics. In particular, the Finance and Risk Committee reviews reports from the Chief Risk Officer and other senior management of the steps taken to measure, monitor and manage risk exposure in the enterprise. At each regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance and Risk Committee, the Chief Risk Officer meets in executive session of the independent Committee members without the Company's Executive Officers to further discuss enterprise risk management.

For further discussion of the Committees' responsibilities, see Board Committees, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Finance and Risk Committee, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and Investment Committee below.

Board Membership. For information about the current membership of the Board and the Board Committees, see the Proxy Summary on page 9.

Board Meetings and Director Attendance. In 2015, the Board held eight meetings and the Board Committees of MetLife held a total of 42 meetings. Each of the current Directors who served during 2015 attended more than 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and the Committees on which the Director served.

Board Committees. MetLife's Board of Directors has designated six standing Board Committees: Audit; Compensation; Executive; Finance and Risk; Governance and Corporate Responsibility; and Investment. All Committees, other than the Executive Committee, are chaired by and consist entirely of Independent Directors. The Committee Chairs review and approve agendas for all meetings of their respective Committees.

The Board of Directors has delegated authority to the Committees to assist the Board in overseeing the management of the Company. The responsibilities of each Committee are defined in its charter and summarized below. The charters for the Audit, the Compensation, and the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committees incorporate the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the NYSE to the extent applicable. Current,

printable versions of these charters are available on MetLife's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee oversees:

the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of its financial statements;

the adequacy of the Company's internal control over financial reporting;

the integrity of its financial statements;

the qualifications and independence of the independent auditor;

the appointment, retention, performance and compensation of the independent auditor and the performance of the internal audit function; and

the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Audit Committee periodically discusses the Company's guidelines and policies with respect to the process by which the Company undertakes risk assessment and risk management, including risks relating to MetLife information security systems

Table of Contents

[Corporate Governance](#)

and vendor risk management programs. The Audit Committee meets at least six times a year, and meets regularly in executive session separately with management and with the Company's internal and external auditors. The Audit Committee met 13 times in 2015. The Audit Committee's activities during 2015 with respect to the oversight of the independent auditor are described in more detail in Proposal 3 Ratification of Appointment of the Independent Auditor beginning on page 38 and its responsibilities for oversight of risk management are further discussed under Risk Management Oversight beginning on page 27. The Audit Committee Charter provides a more detailed description of the role and responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

Independence, Financial Literacy and Audit Committee Financial Experts. All five members of the Audit Committee are Independent Directors who meet the additional independence requirements of the NYSE Corporate Governance Standards and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and are financially literate, as such qualification is interpreted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that the following two members of the Audit Committee qualify as audit committee financial experts, as such term is defined by the SEC: Alfred F. Kelly, Jr. and Edward J. Kelly, III.

[Compensation Committee.](#)

The Role and Responsibilities of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee:

assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee the development and administration of compensation programs for the Company's executives and other employees of the MetLife enterprise;

approves the goals and objectives relevant to the Chief Executive Officer's Total Compensation, evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of such goals and objectives, and endorses, for approval by the Independent Directors, the Chief Executive Officer's Total Compensation level based on such evaluation;

reviews, and recommends for approval by the Board, the Total Compensation of each person who is an executive officer of the Company under the Exchange Act and related regulations or an officer of the Company under Section 16 of the Exchange Act and related regulations, as well as the Company's Chief Risk Officer, including their base salaries, annual incentive compensation, and long-term equity-based incentive compensation; oversees the management and mitigation of risks associated with the development and administration of the Company's compensation programs, including efforts to ensure that the Company's incentive plans do not encourage or reward excessive risk taking; and

reviews and discusses with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis to be included in the proxy statement (and incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K), and, based on this review and discussion, (1) recommends to the Board of Directors whether the Compensation Discussion and Analysis should be included in the Proxy Statement, and (2) issues the Compensation Committee Report for inclusion in the Proxy

Statement. The 2016 Compensation Committee Report appears on page 41 of this Proxy Statement. A more detailed description of the role and responsibilities of the Compensation Committee is set forth in the Compensation Committee Charter. Under its charter, the Compensation Committee may delegate to a subcommittee or to the Chief Executive Officer or other officers of the Company any portion of its duties and responsibilities, if it believes such delegation is in the best interests of the Company and the delegation is not prohibited by law, regulation or the NYSE Corporate Governance Standards. Management's delegated authority does not include granting salary increases or incentive compensation to any Executive Officer, to any officer subject to the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or to the Company's Chief Risk Officer. The Compensation Committee met nine times in 2015.

The Chairs of the Finance and Risk, Governance and Corporate Responsibility, and Audit Committees serve on the Compensation Committee. These Directors bring information and perspective from the work of other committees directly to bear on the Compensation Committee's decisions. This enhances the Compensation Committee's execution of its role, including its role in risk management oversight.

The Company's processes for consideration and determination of executive compensation, and the central role of the Compensation Committee in those processes, are further described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 42.

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

Executive Compensation Advisors. The Compensation Committee has sole authority to retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, independent legal counsel, or other advisor to the committee. It is not required to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of any advisor, but retains discretion to act according to its own judgment. The Compensation Committee may retain or obtain the advice of an advisor only after taking into consideration factors related to that person's independence from management that it determines are relevant, including each of the factors it is required to take into consideration under the Corporate Governance Standards of the NYSE, unless the retention of the advisor is exempt from this requirement under NYSE rules. The Compensation Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of any advisor it retains. The Company is obligated to provide appropriate funding for reasonable compensation of any such advisor, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

To assist the Compensation Committee in carrying out its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee retained Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC (**Meridian**) as its executive compensation consultant. Meridian has provided the Compensation Committee with competitive market compensation data and overall market trends about executive compensation, has advised the Compensation Committee about the overall design and implementation of MetLife's executive compensation programs, including decisions made under the programs, and has advised the Committee about regulatory, governance and accounting developments that may affect the Company's executive compensation programs.

The Compensation Committee believes that its compensation consultant must be able to provide it with candid, direct, independent and objective advice. In order to promote the objectivity, independence, and candor of Meridian's advice:

Meridian reports directly to the Committee about executive compensation matters;

Meridian meets with the Committee in executive sessions that are not attended by any of the Company's Executive Officers;

Meridian has direct access to the Chair and members of the Committee between meetings; and

the Committee has not directed Meridian to perform its services in any particular manner or under any particular method.

To help ensure that the Committee continues to receive independent and objective advice, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that any consultant retained by the Compensation Committee on executive compensation matters should not be retained to provide any other services to the Company. Meridian did not provide any such other services in 2015.

In addition, Meridian has provided the Compensation Committee with information regarding its relationship with MetLife and Meridian's independence from management. This included information covering factors the

Compensation Committee is required under NYSE rules to take into consideration before selecting an advisor. The Compensation Committee did not find that Meridian's work raised any conflict of interest.

For information about the key factors that the Compensation Committee considers in determining the compensation of the members of the Executive Group, as well as the role of the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer in setting such compensation, see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 42. Also see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for information about compensation paid to the persons listed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation. No member of the Compensation Committee has ever been an officer or employee of MetLife or any of its subsidiaries. During 2015, no Executive Officer of MetLife served as a director or member of the compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity where one of the executive officers is or has been a Director of MetLife or a member of MetLife's Compensation Committee.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may exercise the powers and authority of the Board of Directors during intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee did not meet in 2015.

Finance and Risk Committee. The Finance and Risk Committee oversees the Company's financial policies and strategies; its capital structure, plans and policies, including capital adequacy, dividend policies and share repurchases; its proposals on certain capital actions and other financial matters; its assessment and management of material risks; and in consultation with the Compensation Committee, the appointment, retention and

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

performance of the Chief Risk Officer. The Finance and Risk Committee has in the past engaged and is likely from time to time in the future to engage external consultants to assess the alignment of the Company's risk models and practices to industry best practices.

Specifically, the Finance and Risk Committee:

reviews the Company's key financial, risk and business metrics;

reviews and monitors all aspects of the Company's capital plan, actions and policies (including the guiding principles used to evaluate all proposed capital actions), targets and structure (including the monitoring of capital adequacy and of compliance with the Company's capital plan);

reviews proposals and reports concerning certain capital actions and other financial matters, consistent with the Company's capital plan, safety and soundness principles and applicable law; and

reviews policies, practices and procedures regarding risk assessment and management.

The Finance and Risk Committee met seven times in 2015. For further discussion of the Finance and Risk Committee's responsibilities for oversight of risk management, see [Risk Management Oversight](#) beginning on page 27.

Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee assists the Board of Directors in identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Company's Board, consistent with the criteria established by the Board; proposing candidates to be nominated for election as Directors at annual or special meetings of shareholders or to be elected by the Board to fill any vacancies on the Board; developing and recommending to the Board of Directors corporate governance guidelines applicable to the Company; and reviewing proposed succession plans for the Chief Executive Officer and the Company's other executive officers, and making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to such plans. It also oversees the Company's compliance responsibilities and activities, including its legislative and regulatory initiatives, sales practices, and ethics and compliance programs, as well as the Company's policies concerning its corporate citizenship programs.

Each year, the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee oversees a robust Board evaluation. The Committee

solicits comments from Directors on the Board's and its Committees' performance, including the adequacy of the time allocated to Board and Committee business, the quality of materials provided by management, and the quality of the presentations. Directors are also invited to recommend topics for the Board to consider at future meetings. The Committee reports these results to the full Board. The Board completes its evaluation through a discussion in executive session without any management present.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee is responsible for reviewing the compensation and benefits of the Company's non-employee Directors and recommending any changes to the Board. During 2015, Meridian provided the Board with an analysis of the competitiveness of the compensation program for Non-Management Directors, market observations, and relevant compensation trends. For more information on Director Compensation, including the committee's decision to change the Director compensation program effective in 2016, see Director Compensation in 2015 on page 34.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee also oversees the management and mitigation of risks related to failure to comply with required or appropriate corporate governance standards.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee Charter provides a more detailed description of the role and responsibilities of the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee met seven times in 2015.

Investment Committee. The Investment Committee oversees the management of investment activities of MetLife and, on a consolidated basis, of MetLife and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries. In performing its oversight responsibilities, the Committee reviews reports from the investment officers on (i) the investment activities and performance of the investment portfolios of MetLife and its subsidiaries and (ii) the conformity of investment activities with the Investment Committee's general authorizations and investment guidelines. The Investment Committee also oversees the management and mitigation of risks associated with the investment portfolios of MetLife and of the consolidated MetLife enterprise. The Investment Committee met six times in 2015.

Table of Contents

[Corporate Governance](#)

Director Share Ownership Guidelines; Hedging and Pledging Prohibited

Each Non-Management Director is expected to achieve a level of ownership equal in value to at least four times the cash component of the annual retainer by December 31 of the year in which the fourth anniversary of election to the Board occurs. As of December 31, 2015, each Non-Management Director who had served beyond the fourth anniversary of election to the Board had met these guidelines.

The Company prohibits Directors and employees, including Executive Group members, from engaging in short sales, hedging, and trading in put and call options, with respect to the Company's securities. In 2015, the Board of Directors changed Company policy to prohibit Directors and employees, including Executive Group members, from pledging MetLife securities. These policies are intended to prevent a misalignment of interests with Company shareholders or the appearance of such a misalignment.

Director Indemnity Plan

The Company's By-Laws provide for the Company to indemnify, and advance expenses to, a person who is threatened with litigation or made a party to a legal proceeding because of the person's service as a Director of the Company. In addition, the Company's Director Indemnity Plan affirms that a Director's rights to this indemnification and expense advancement are contract rights. The indemnity plan also provides for expenses to be advanced to former Directors on the same basis as they are advanced to current Directors. Any amendment or repeal of the rights provided under the indemnity plan would be prospective only and would not affect a Director's rights with respect to events that have already occurred.

Shareholder Right to Call a Special Meeting

In March 2016, the Board of Directors adopted amendments to the Company's By-Laws that allow shareholders to call a special meeting. Under the By-Laws, shareholders representing ownership of 25% or more of the Company's outstanding Shares may call a special meeting of the shareholders, provided that the shareholders requesting the meeting satisfy the requirements specified in the By-Laws.

Procedures for Reviewing Related Person Transactions

The Company has established written procedures for the review, approval or ratification of related person transactions. A related person transaction includes certain financial transactions, arrangements or relationships in which the Company is or is proposed to be a participant and in which a Director, Director nominee or Executive Officer of the Company or any of their immediate family members has or will have a material interest. Related person transactions may include:

Legal, investment banking, consulting or management services provided to the Company by a related person or an entity with which the related person is affiliated;

Sales, purchases and leases of real property between the Company and a related person or an entity with which the related person is affiliated;

Material investments by the Company in an entity with which a related person is affiliated;

Contributions by the Company to a civic or charitable organization for which a related person serves as an executive officer; and

Indebtedness or guarantees of indebtedness involving the Company and a related person or an entity with which the related person is affiliated.

Under the procedures, Directors, Director nominees and Executive Officers of the Company are required to report related person transactions in writing to the Company. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee reviews, approves or ratifies related person transactions involving Directors, Director nominees and the Chief Executive Officer or any of their immediate family members. A vote of a majority of disinterested Directors of the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee is required to approve or ratify a transaction. The Chief Executive Officer reviews, approves or ratifies related person transactions involving Executive Officers of the Company (other than the Chief Executive Officer) or any of their immediate family members. The Chief Executive Officer may refer any such transaction to the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee for review, approval or ratification if he believes that such referral would be appropriate.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee or the Chief Executive Officer will approve a related person transaction if it is fair and reasonable to the Company and consistent with

Table of Contents

Corporate Governance

the best interests of the Company, taking into account the business purpose of the transaction, whether the transaction is entered into on an arm's-length basis on terms fair to the Company, and whether the transaction is consistent with applicable codes of conduct of the Company. If a transaction is not approved or ratified, it may be referred to legal counsel for review and consultation regarding possible further action by the Company. Such action may include terminating the transaction if not yet entered into or, if it is an existing transaction, rescinding the transaction or modifying it in a manner that would allow it to be ratified or approved in accordance with the procedures.

Related Person Transactions

A Company affiliate employs a sibling of Maria R. Morris, Executive Vice President and member of the Executive Group. Ms. Morris's sibling earned compensation of approximately \$400,595 for 2015. The employee is not an Executive Group member and does not report directly to an Executive Group member. The employee participated in compensation and benefit arrangements for 2015 generally applicable to similarly-situated employees. The employee is primarily engaged in sales activity, and the employee's compensation is significantly driven by sales incentive compensation. The employee's compensation for 2015 reflected new business sales to group insurance customers, of which the employee produced five times as many sales for 2015 as for the prior year. There were no material changes to the terms of the employee's sales incentive compensation arrangements from 2014.

Codes of Conduct

Financial Management Code of Professional Conduct. The Company has adopted the MetLife Financial Management Code of Professional Conduct, a code of ethics as defined under the rules of the SEC that applies to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and all professionals in finance and finance-related departments. A current, printable version of the Financial Management Code of Professional Conduct is available on the Company's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance by selecting Corporate Conduct and then the appropriate link under the heading Codes of Conduct.

Directors' Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Code of Conduct for MetLife Employees. The Company has adopted the Directors' Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is applicable to all members of the Company's Board of Directors including the Chief Executive Officer, and the Code of Conduct, which applies to all employees of the Company and its affiliates, including the Executive Officers of the Company. Current, printable versions of the Directors' Code and the Code of Conduct for MetLife employees are available on the Company's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance by selecting Corporate Conduct and then the appropriate link under the heading Codes of Conduct.

Table of Contents

Director Compensation in 2015

Director Compensation in 2015

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Cheryl W. Grisé	\$180,000	\$130,023	\$1,619	\$311,642
Carlos M. Gutierrez	\$130,000	\$130,023	\$1,619	\$261,642
R. Glenn Hubbard	\$155,000	\$130,023	\$6,619	\$291,642
John M. Keane ¹	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 563	\$ 563
Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.	\$155,000	\$130,023	\$6,619	\$291,642
Edward J. Kelly, III ²	\$152,075	\$152,121	\$1,487	\$305,683
William E. Kennard	\$130,000	\$130,023	\$6,619	\$266,642
James M. Kilts	\$155,000	\$130,023	\$6,619	\$291,642
Catherine R. Kinney	\$130,000	\$130,023	\$4,119	\$264,142
Denise M. Morrison	\$130,000	\$130,023	\$1,619	\$261,642
Kenton J. Sicchitano	\$155,000	\$130,023	\$6,619	\$291,642
Lulu C. Wang	\$130,000	\$130,023	\$1,619	\$261,642

1 Gen. Keane served on the Board of Directors through the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, at which time he retired from service.

2 Edward J. Kelly, III was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2015 before that year's Annual Meeting. As a result, the Company paid Mr. Kelly a prorated annual retainer fee in advance for services from his appointment through the 2015 Annual Meeting. Approximately 50% of the retainer, or \$22,098, was paid through the grant of 430 Shares at a grant date fair value of per Share of \$51.39, the closing price of a Share on the NYSE on the grant date. The rest of the retainer was paid in \$22,075 cash. For directors who were members of the Board of Directors in 2014, the retainer fee for the portion of 2015 prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting was paid in 2014.

The Non-Management Directors included in the 2015 Director Compensation table, and the following discussion pertaining to the table, are limited to those who served as Directors during 2015.

Fees Earned or Paid in Cash and Stock Awards. The Non-Management Directors' annual retainer fees are reported under "Fees Earned or Paid in Cash" and "Stock Awards" in the Director Compensation table.

After the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting, each active Non-Management Director was paid an annual retainer of \$260,000 in advance for services through the 2016 Annual Meeting. Approximately 50% of the retainer, or \$130,023, was paid through the grant of 2,557 Shares at a grant date fair value per share of \$50.85, the closing price of a Share on the NYSE on the

grant date. In each case, the grant date fair value of the stock awards is slightly higher than 50% of the total annual retainer of \$260,000 because the number of Shares the Company delivered to the director was rounded up to a whole number of Shares. The rest of the retainer was paid in \$130,000 cash.

In addition, the Company paid an annual cash retainer fee of \$25,000 in 2015 to each Non-Management Director who served as Chair of a Board Committee (Ms. Gris , Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., Mr. Kilts, Mr. Sicchitano and Mr. Hubbard). The Company also paid an annual cash retainer of \$25,000 in 2015 to its Lead Director (Ms. Gris ).

The MetLife, Inc. 2015 Non-Management Director Stock Compensation Plan (**2015 Director Stock Plan**), which was

Table of Contents**Director Compensation in 2015**

approved by the Company's shareholders in 2014, authorized the Company to issue Shares in payment of Director retainer fees. The dollar amounts reported under "Stock Awards" represent the grant date fair value of such Share awards as computed for financial statement reporting purposes in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (**ASC 718**). The grant date fair value represents the number of Shares granted multiplied by the closing price of the Shares on the NYSE on the grant date. Share awards granted to the Non-Management Directors as part of their annual retainer vest and become deliverable immediately upon their grant. As a result, no Share awards were outstanding for any of the Non-Management Directors as of December 31, 2015. None of the Non-Management Directors had any outstanding and unexercised Stock Options as of December 31, 2015.

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee is responsible for reviewing the compensation and benefits of the Company's non-employee Directors and recommending any changes to the Board. During 2015, Meridian provided the Board with an analysis of the competitiveness of the compensation program for Non-Management Directors, market observations, and relevant compensation trends. The Committee recommended, and the non-management members of the Board of Directors approved, increases to the amount of the annual retainers paid to Non-Management Directors. The new annual retainer for each Non-Management Director will be \$300,000, with half remaining payable in cash and half remaining payable in Shares. The new annual retainer for the Lead Director will be \$35,000. The new annual retainer for each Non Management Director who serves as Chair of a Board Committee is reported in the table below.

Committee	New Annual Retainer Rate for Committee Chair
Audit Committee	\$40,000
Finance and Risk Committee	\$35,000
Compensation Committee	\$30,000
Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee	\$25,000
Investment Committee	\$25,000

These changes will be effective as of the 2016 Annual Meeting.

A Non-Management Director may defer the receipt of all or part of his or her fees payable in cash or deliverable in Shares (and any imputed reinvested dividends on those Deferred Shares) until a later date or until after he or she ceases to serve as a Director.

All Other Compensation. The Non-Management Directors' 2015 benefits, gift programs, and reportable perquisites and other personal benefits are included under All Other Compensation in the Director Compensation table.

Life Insurance Programs. MetLife paid \$1,584 in premiums for each Non-Management Director who served the entirety of 2015. This provided each with \$200,000 of group life insurance coverage during 2015. The Company incurred a pro rata portion of that cost to provide coverage to Mr. Edward J. Kelly, III (a cost of \$1,452) and Gen. Keane (a cost of \$528), for the portion of 2015 during which each served as a Director.

Business Travel Insurance Program. MetLife provided each Non-Management Director with business travel accident insurance coverage for travel on MetLife business. MetLife's per Director cost for this coverage in 2015 was \$35.

Charitable and Matching Gifts Programs. The MetLife Foundation provided up to \$5,000 in matching contributions for each Non-Management Director's contributions to colleges and universities in 2015 under a matching gift program for employees and Non-Management Directors. The foundation contributed \$5,000 to match contributions made by each of Mr. Hubbard, Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., Mr. Kennard, Mr. Kilts, and Mr. Sicchitano in 2015. It also contributed \$2,500 to match contributions made by Ms. Kinney in 2015.

In addition, the foundation provided a matching contribution of \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$2,500 for contributions that Mr. Kennard, Ms. Kinney, and Mr. Sicchitano, respectively, made in 2014. Because these contributions related to the directors' 2014 contributions, they are not reported on the table above. They were not reported in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement because the process for matching the contributions did not begin until after that Proxy Statement was filed.

Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits. The Company paid for personal expenses of certain Non-Management Directors or their guests in connection with Company business conferences or other events in 2015. For each Non-Management Director for whom such expenses were paid, the aggregate amount paid by

Table of Contents

[Director Compensation in 2015](#)

the Company in 2015 was less than \$10,000, and as a result is not reported.

Compensation of Mr. Kandarian. Mr. Kandarian was compensated as an employee in 2015, and received no compensation in his capacity as a member of the Board of

Directors. For information about compensation for Mr. Kandarian in 2015, see the Summary Compensation Table on page 69 and the accompanying discussion.

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 2 Advisory Vote on Exclusive Forum By-Law

PROPOSAL 2 ADVISORY VOTE ON EXCLUSIVE FORUM BY-LAW

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to advise the Board to adopt a by-law designating Delaware the exclusive forum for certain legal actions.

MetLife's Board of Directors reviews the Company's corporate governance practices on a continuing basis. In light of evolving practices, the Board is asking shareholders for their approval, on a non-binding basis, of a change to the Company's By-Laws to designate Delaware, as the Company's state of incorporation, the exclusive forum for certain legal actions.

Specifically, such an addition to the By-Laws would, to the fullest extent permitted by law, designate the Delaware Court of Chancery as the exclusive forum for (1) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Company; (2) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Company or its affiliates to the Company or the Company's shareholders; (3) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware or the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws (as either may be amended from time to time); or (4) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director, officer or other employee of the Company or its affiliates governed by the internal affairs doctrine, that is, generally, matters peculiar to the relationships among or between the Company and its officers, directors, and shareholders. If the Delaware Court of Chancery lacks jurisdiction over the matter, then the action would be heard in a state court located within the State of Delaware or, if no Delaware state court has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware. Anyone who acquires or holds any interest in shares of capital stock of the Company will be deemed to consent to these terms. The potential text of such an addition to the Company's By-Laws is provided in Appendix C (the **Exclusive Forum By-Law**).

Without such a By-Law, plaintiffs seeking to bring claims against the Company or its affiliates could use the Company's diverse operations to bring duplicative suits in multiple jurisdictions. The Exclusive Forum By-Law could help the Company, its affiliates, or their employees, officers, or directors avoid being subject to multiple lawsuits in multiple jurisdictions on the same matter. The Company and its shareholders may thus avoid costly and duplicative litigation and the risk of inconsistent outcomes when two similar cases proceed in different courts.

Plaintiffs in such actions could also choose a forum that may not apply the law of Delaware in the same manner as the Delaware Court of Chancery would be expected to do so. The Exclusive Forum

By-Law could help the Company and its shareholders avoid the risk that Delaware law would be misapplied by a court in another jurisdiction. The Delaware Court of Chancery is widely regarded as the preeminent court for the determination of disputes involving a Delaware corporation's internal affairs in terms of precedent, experience and focus. That court has experienced jurists who have a deep understanding of Delaware corporate law and the duties of directors, officers, and employees, as well as procedures that can provide relatively quick decisions that can limit the

time, cost and uncertainty of protracted litigation for all parties. Delaware's well-developed body of case law provides shareholders with more certainty about the outcome of intra-corporate disputes.

At the same time, the Exclusive Forum By-Law would give the Company the flexibility to consent to an alternative forum on a case-by-case basis where the Company determines that its interests and those of its shareholders are best served by permitting a dispute to proceed in a forum other than Delaware.

The Board is not asking shareholders to vote to approve an Exclusive Forum By-Law in reaction to any specific litigation. Rather, the Board may consider adopting the Exclusive Forum By-Law to prevent potential future harm to the Company and its shareholders. Although provisions such as the Exclusive Forum By-Law are becoming increasingly common, the Company cannot be sure all courts outside of Delaware will enforce the terms of the Exclusive Forum By-Law and transfer any covered proceeding to the Delaware courts. A by-law such as the Exclusive Forum By-law may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that the shareholder finds favorable for certain disputes, and may discourage shareholder lawsuits with respect to such claims.

Following the annual meeting, the Board will consider the results of the shareholder vote, positive or negative, along with other information it determines relevant, and consider what actions to take as a result. Those actions may include the adoption of the Exclusive Forum By-Law.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR the proposal to advise the Board to adopt a by-law designating Delaware the exclusive forum for certain legal actions.**

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 3 Ratification of Appointment of the Independent Auditor

PROPOSAL 3 RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as MetLife's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

The Audit Committee has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP (**Deloitte**) as the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. Deloitte's long-term knowledge of MetLife and the MetLife group of companies, combined with its insurance industry expertise and global presence, has enabled it to carry out its audits of the Company's financial statements with effectiveness and efficiency. The members of the Audit Committee believe that the continued retention of Deloitte to serve as the Company's independent auditor is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The appointment of Deloitte by the Audit Committee is being presented to the shareholders for ratification. If the shareholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider its decision and may continue to retain Deloitte. If the shareholders ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee continues to have the authority to and may change such appointment at any time during the year. The Audit Committee will make its determination regarding such retention or change in light of the best interests of MetLife and its shareholders.

In considering Deloitte's appointment, the Audit Committee reviewed the firm's qualifications and competencies, including the following factors:

Deloitte's status as a registered public accounting firm with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (**PCAOB**) as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (**Sarbanes-Oxley**) and the Rules of the PCAOB;

Deloitte's independence and its processes for maintaining its independence;

the results of the independent review of the firm's quality control system;

the global reach of the Deloitte network of member firms and its alignment with MetLife's worldwide business activities;

the key members of the engagement team, including the lead audit partner, for the audit of the Company's financial statements;

Deloitte's performance during its engagement for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015; the quality of Deloitte's communications with the Audit Committee regarding the conduct of the audit, and with management with respect to issues identified in the audit, and the consistency of such communications with applicable auditing standards;

Deloitte's approach to resolving significant accounting and auditing matters, including consultation with the firm's national office; and

Deloitte's reputation for integrity and competence in the fields of accounting and auditing.

Deloitte has served as independent auditor of the Company since 1999, and as auditor of affiliates of the Company for more than 75 years. Under current legal requirements, the lead or concurring auditor partner for the Company may not serve in that role for more than five consecutive fiscal years, and the Audit Committee ensures the regular rotation of the audit engagement team partners as required by law. The Chair of the Audit Committee is actively involved in the selection process for the lead and concurring partners.

The Audit Committee approves Deloitte's audit and non-audit services in advance as required under Sarbanes-Oxley and SEC rules. Before the commencement of each fiscal year, the Audit Committee appoints the independent auditor to perform audit services that the Company expects to be performed for the fiscal year and appoints the auditor to perform audit-related, tax and other permitted non-audit services. The Audit Committee or a designated member of the Audit Committee to whom authority has been delegated may, from time to time, pre-approve additional audit and non-audit services to be performed by the Company's independent auditor. Any pre-approval of services between Audit Committee meetings must be reported to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

The Audit Committee is responsible for approving fees for the audit and for any audit-related, tax or other permitted non-audit services. If the audit, audit-related, tax and other permitted non-audit fees for a particular period or service exceed the amounts previously approved, the Audit Committee determines whether or not to approve the additional fees.

Table of Contents

Independent Auditor's Fees for 2015 and 2014

Representatives of Deloitte will attend the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and they will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as MetLife's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.**

Independent Auditor's Fees for 2015 and 2014

The table below presents fees for professional services rendered by Deloitte for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, audit-related services, tax services and all other services for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. All fees shown in the table were related to services that were approved by the Audit Committee.

The fees that the Company incurs for audit, audit-related, tax and other professional services reflect the complexity and scope of the Company's operations, including:

operations of the Company's subsidiaries in multiple, global jurisdictions (approximately 40 during 2015);

the complex, often overlapping regulations to which the Company and its subsidiaries are subject in each of those jurisdictions;

the operating insurance companies' responsibility for preparing audited financial statements; and

the applicability of SEC reporting requirements to several of the Company's operating insurance subsidiaries, which are SEC registrants.

(\$ in millions)	2015	2014
Audit Fees ¹	\$ 71.8	\$ 71.4
Audit-Related Fees ²		

	\$ 9.8	\$ 7.0
Tax Fees ³	\$ 4.0	\$ 3.1
All Other Fees ⁴	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.3

- 1 Fees for services to perform an audit or review in accordance with auditing standards of the PCAOB and services that generally only the Company's independent auditor can reasonably provide, such as comfort letters, statutory audits, attest services, consents and assistance with and review of documents filed with the SEC. In 2015 Deloitte issued over 250 audit reports.
- 2 Fees for assurance and related services that are traditionally performed by the Company's independent auditor, such as audit and related services for employee benefit plan audits, due diligence related to mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, accounting consultations and audits in connection with proposed or consummated acquisitions and divestitures, control reviews, attest services not required by statute or regulation, and consultation concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.
- 3 Fees for tax compliance, consultation and planning services. Tax compliance generally involves preparation of original and amended tax returns, claims for refunds and tax payment planning services. Tax consultation and tax planning encompass a diverse range of advisory services, including assistance in connection with tax audits and filing appeals, tax advice related to mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, advice related to employee benefit plans and requests for rulings or technical advice from taxing authorities. In 2015, tax compliance and tax preparation fees total \$1.9 million and tax advisory fees total \$2.1 million and in 2014, tax compliance and preparation fees total \$1.3 million and tax advisory fees total \$1.8 million.
- 4 Fees for other types of permitted services, including employee benefit advisory services, risk and other consulting services, financial advisory services and valuation services.

Audit Committee Report

This report is submitted by the Audit Committee of the MetLife, Inc. (**MetLife** or the **Company**) Board of Directors. No portion of this Audit Committee Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**), or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the proxy statement in which this Report appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this

Table of Contents

Audit Committee Report

report or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee currently consists of five independent Directors who satisfy the audit committee independence standards of the SEC and the NYSE. The Audit Committee, on behalf of the Board, is responsible for overseeing management's conduct of MetLife's financial reporting processes and audits of the Company's financial statements, the adequacy of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and the appointment, retention, performance and compensation of the Company's independent auditor. More information on the Audit Committee and its qualifications and responsibilities is included elsewhere in the proxy statement and in the Audit Committee Charter on the Company's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance.

Management is responsible for the preparation of MetLife's consolidated financial statements and the reporting process. Deloitte & Touche LLP (**Deloitte**), as MetLife's independent auditor, is responsible for auditing MetLife's consolidated financial statements in accordance with auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (**PCAOB**).

Deloitte has discussed with the Audit Committee those matters described in the PCAOB Standard, Communications with Audit Committees (AU 380), Auditing Standard No. 16, and Rule 2-07 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Deloitte has also provided to the Audit Committee the written disclosures and the letter required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding Deloitte's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and the Audit Committee has discussed with Deloitte its independence from MetLife.

During 2015, management updated its internal control documentation for changes in internal control and completed its testing and evaluation of MetLife's system of internal control over financial reporting in response to the requirements set forth in Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related regulations. In doing so, management utilized the criteria established in the *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Audit Committee was kept

apprised of the progress of the evaluation and provided oversight and advice to management during the process. In connection with this oversight, the Audit Committee received updates provided by management and Deloitte at each regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting and met in executive session separately with the internal and the independent auditor to discuss the results of their examinations, observations and recommendations regarding internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee also reviewed the report of management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting contained in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **2015 Form 10-K**). The Audit Committee also reviewed Deloitte's report regarding its audit of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management, and with Deloitte, MetLife's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 and Deloitte's Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm dated February 24, 2016 regarding the 2015 audited consolidated financial statements included in the 2015 Form 10-K. The Deloitte report states that MetLife's 2015 audited consolidated financial statements present

fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of MetLife and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the results of their operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In reliance upon the reviews and discussions with management and Deloitte described in this Audit Committee Report, and the Board of Directors' receipt of the Deloitte report, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that MetLife's 2015 audited consolidated financial statements be included in the 2015 Form 10-K.

Respectfully,

Kenton J. Sicchitano, Chair

Cheryl W. Grisé

Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.

Edward J. Kelly, III

Catherine R. Kinney

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 4 Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation Paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers

PROPOSAL 4 ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION PAID TO THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal: RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, this proposal will give shareholders the opportunity to endorse or not endorse the Company's executive compensation programs and policies and the resulting compensation for the individuals listed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 69 (the **Named Executive Officers** or **NEOs**), as described in this Proxy Statement.

The Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future compensation arrangements. Because the vote is advisory, the result will not be binding on the Compensation Committee and it will not affect, limit, or augment any existing compensation or awards.

The Board has approved an annual frequency for shareholder votes to approve executive officer compensation. As a result, unless the Board determines otherwise, the next such vote will be held at the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting. The Company also anticipates that, unless the Board determines otherwise, management will next ask shareholders in 2017 to vote on their preference for the frequency of such votes.

The Compensation Committee and Board of Directors believe that the Company's compensation programs and policies, and the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, promote the Company's business objectives with appropriate compensation delivered in appropriate forms. See the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, beginning on page 42. **Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal.**

Compensation Committee Report

This report is furnished by the Compensation Committee of the MetLife, Inc. (**MetLife** or the **Company**) Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that is set forth on pages 42 through 68 of the Company's 2016 Proxy Statement and, based on such review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that such Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the 2016 Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

No portion of this Compensation Committee Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**), or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the proxy statement in which this Report appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this report or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Respectfully,

James M. Kilts, Chair

Cheryl W. Grisé

Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.

Denise M. Morrison

Kenton J. Sicchitano

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes the objectives and policies underlying MetLife’s executive compensation program for the Named Executive Officers and the rest of the Executive Group. It also describes the key factors that the Compensation Committee considered in determining the compensation of the members of the Executive Group.

How did we perform?

Highlights of 2015 Business Results

43

Highlights of Executive Performance and Compensation

46

What are our executive compensation practices?

Key Features of MetLife’s Executive Compensation Program

48

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

49

Overview of Compensation Program

	49
<u>2015 Say-on-Pay Vote and Shareholder Engagement</u>	49
How do we assess performance and determine compensation?	
<u>Peer Compensation Comparisons</u>	51
<u>Components of Compensation and Benefits</u>	53
<u>Determining Total Compensation for 2015 Performance</u>	54
How did we compensate our CEO and other NEOs?	
<u>Base Salary</u>	55
<u>Annual Incentive Awards</u>	55
<u>Stock-Based Long-Term Incentive Awards</u>	59
<u>Retirement and Other Benefits</u>	

	62
<u>Potential Payments</u>	64
How do we manage risk related to our compensation program?	
<u>Risk Management</u>	66
<u>Executive Share Ownership</u>	66
<u>Equity Award Timing Practices</u>	67
<u>Performance-Based Compensation Recoupment Policy</u>	67
<u>Policies Prohibiting Hedging or Pledging Company Securities</u>	67
<u>Tax Considerations</u>	67
<u>Accounting Considerations</u>	68

42 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Highlights of 2015 Business Results

In 2015, under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer Steven A. Kandarian, the Company continued to implement its strategy of refocusing the U.S. business, building the global employee benefits business, growing emerging markets, and driving toward customer centricity and a global brand. Among other achievements, MetLife continued to manage variable annuity sales, increase global voluntary worksite benefits sales, increase Operating Earnings from emerging markets, and increase multinational and expatriate sales.

All of the Company's major decisions are being informed by the need to generate Free Cash Flow and return capital to shareholders. The Company increased Free Cash Flow proportionate to Operating Earnings and total returns to shareholders in 2015.

MetLife began efforts in 2015 that will lead to bold actions to accelerate value. The Company is planning to separate its U.S. Retail business to produce capital relief. It has also reached an agreement to divest its captive agent channel, which will generate savings. As a result, any new, separate U.S. retail company would have the opportunity to compete more effectively and generate stronger returns for shareholders, benefiting from greater focus, more flexibility, and a reduced compliance and capital burden.

The Compensation Committee's decisions on the active Named Executive Officers' compensation for 2015 reflected its view of the Company's performance and each executive's performance relative to his goals and other challenges and opportunities that arose in 2015. In granting compensation, it continued to emphasize variable performance-based pay over fixed pay, and allocated higher proportions of incentive compensation to stock-based long-term opportunities than to annual cash awards.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement 43

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

In 2015, under the leadership of Mr. Kandarian and the Executive Group, the Company achieved the results shown in the following table compared to its Business Plan. The Company's 2014 results and 2014 Business Plan are included for reference.

(The following performance measures are not calculated based on GAAP. They should be read in conjunction with Appendix A to this Proxy Statement, which includes non-GAAP financial information, definitions and/or reconciliations to the most directly comparable measures that are based on GAAP.)

44	MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement
-----------	---

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

- 1 The 2015 results of Operating Earnings, Operating EPS, Operating ROE, Operating Expense Ratio, Book Value Per Share and Free Cash Flow as a Percentage of Operating Earnings have been adjusted to exclude a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position comprised of a \$557 million charge included in provision for income tax expense and a \$362 million charge (\$235 million net of income tax) included in other expenses. This non-cash charge is related to tax years 2000 to 2009 for a wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary, as disclosed by the Company on Form 8-K on September 16, 2015. The charge was the result of the Company's consideration of court decisions upholding the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's disallowance of foreign tax credits claimed by corporate entities not affiliated with the Company. Resolution of the Company's own foreign tax credits awaits filing of (and determinations regarding) refund claims. Unadjusted, these amounts would be \$5,484 million, \$4.86, 9.7%, 24.1%, \$51.15 and 73%, respectively.
- 2 The 2015 Business Plan called for relatively flat Operating Earnings and lower Operating ROE than did the 2014 Business Plan. The Company uses consensus economic assumptions for interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates when setting the Business Plan each year. The consensus interest rates were lower for the 2015 Business Plan than they had been for the 2014 Business Plan, and the consensus strength of the U.S. dollar was higher. Lower interest rates have a negative impact on our interest margins. Those margins, and a strong U.S. dollar, have a negative impact on Operating Earnings and Operating ROE.
- 3 The 2014 Business Plan did not include this item.
- 4 The percentage presented for the 2015 Business Plan is the mid-point of the Business Plan range.

Table of Contents**Compensation Discussion and Analysis****Highlights of Executive Performance and Compensation**

MetLife maintained its commitment to its pay for performance philosophy in 2015. The Compensation Committee's decisions on the active Named Executive Officers' compensation reflected its view of the Company's performance and each executive's performance relative to his goals and other challenges and opportunities that arose in 2015. The active Named Executive Officers in this Proxy Statement are:

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer Steven A. Kandarian;

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer John C. R. Hele;

Executive Vice President, Global Technology & Operations Martin J. Lippert;
Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Steven J. Goulart; and

President, Asia Christopher G. Townsend.

Under the leadership of Mr. Kandarian and his Executive Group, the Company had a strong year of performance on strategic and operational matters, and delivered financial performance despite regulatory uncertainty, low interest rates and a strong U.S. dollar. In the face of these and other challenges, MetLife was able to deliver business growth and return more than 50% of normalized Operating Earnings to its shareholders in the form of dividends and buybacks.

The Compensation Committee approved an AVIP Performance Funding Level of 98.1% as described on page 56. The aspects of individual performance the Compensation Committee considered in making individual incentive decisions are discussed starting on page 56.

Incentive Compensation Decisions for 2015 Performance

The following table reflects the compensation actions (AVIP and stock-based long-term incentive (LTI) awards) the Compensation Committee approved for each active NEO in February 2016 based on 2015 performance, as well as base salary paid during 2015. While this table is not a substitute for the Summary Compensation Table on page 69, it provides a holistic view of compensation decisions for performance year 2015.

Name	Base Salary(1)	AVIP Award(1)	LTI(2)	Total Compensation(3)
Steven A. Kandarian	\$1,425,000	\$4,500,000	\$10,500,000	\$16,425,000

John C.R. Hele	\$ 706,250	\$2,200,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 5,906,250
Martin J. Lippert	\$ 681,250	\$2,300,000	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 5,781,250
Steven J. Goulart	\$ 637,500	\$1,400,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 4,537,500
Christopher G. Townsend	\$ 587,500	\$1,100,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 3,487,500

- 1 See the Summary Compensation Table on page 69 for details.
- 2 Reflects the 2016 LTI award value, not the grant date fair value calculated in accordance with the applicable accounting standard, ASC 718. The grant date fair value will be disclosed for any Named Executive Officers who are reported in the Summary Compensation Table in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement.
- 3 In addition to the differences described above, Total Compensation excludes amounts in the Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings and All Other Compensation columns of the Summary Compensation Table.

In addition to each executive's accomplishments against individual goals for the year, all compensation decisions were made within the context of MetLife's executive compensation programs and guidelines and internal equity considerations, as well as alignment and appropriate competitive positioning against external market peers. LTI awards reflect individual performance as well as expectations of contributions to future performance.

Additional details on individual performance and 2015 incentive decisions are provided under Annual Incentive Awards on page 55.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

(As shown also on page 6.)

**Chief Executive Officer Compensation
for 2015 Performance**

**Other Executive Group Members
Compensation for 2015 Performance as a Whole**

Most of the Company's Executive Officers' Total Compensation for 2015 performance was variable and depended on performance. In addition, the Compensation Committee allocated a greater portion of the Executive Group members' variable compensation to stock-based long-term incentives than to annual cash incentives. These long-term incentives align executive and shareholder interests and encourage future contributions to performance. Ultimately, the value of long-term incentives depends on future Company performance, including stock price performance.

The Company's stock-based long-term incentives are comprised of Performance Shares, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Options, and, in some cases with respect to Executive Group members outside the United States, cash payable equivalents. MetLife determines the number of Performance Shares and Restricted Stock Units (and cash payable equivalents) in each award by dividing that portion of the LTI award value by the Share closing price on the grant date, and the number of Stock Options (and cash-payable equivalents) in the award by dividing that portion of the LTI award value by one-third of the Share closing price on the grant date. If the Share closing price on the grant date is outside a 15% range (higher or lower) of the average Share closing price for the year to date, MetLife uses that average closing price instead of the closing price on the grant date. Regardless, the exercise price of Stock Options is the closing price on the grant date.

The Company's long-term performance, including changes to the price of Shares, has a significant impact on the Named Executive Officers' compensation.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Key Features of MetLife's Executive Compensation Program

MetLife's compensation program has multiple features that promote the Company's success, including:

paying for performance: most compensation is variable without guarantee, and dependent on achievement of business results.

aligning executives' interests with those of shareholders: most incentive compensation is stock-based, and executives are expected to meet Share ownership guidelines.

encouraging long-term decision-making: Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units vest over three years, Stock Options may normally be exercised over 10 years, and the ultimate value of Performance Shares is determined by the Company's performance over three years.

rewarding achievement of the Company's business goals: amounts available for annual incentive awards are based on Company performance compared to its Business Plan; individual awards take account of individual executive performance relative to individual goals.

avoiding incentives to take excessive risk: the Company does not make formulaic awards as part of its normal program, uses Operating Earnings (which excludes net investment gains and losses and net derivative gains and losses) as a key performance indicator, and uses multi-year performance to determine the ultimate value of stock-based awards.

maintaining a performance-based compensation recoupment (clawback) policy: the

Company may seek recovery for employee fraudulent or other wrongful conduct that harmed MetLife.

The Company's compensation program excludes practices that would be contrary to the Company's compensation philosophy and contrary to shareholders' interests.

For example, the Company:

does not offer Executive Group members a supplemental executive retirement plan that provides benefits under a different formula than the generally-applicable pension plan, or that adds to years of service or includes long-term incentive compensation in the benefits formula.

does not provide excessive perquisites.

does not allow repricing or replacing of Stock Options without prior shareholder approval.

does not provide any single trigger change-in-control severance pay, or single trigger vesting of stock-based awards upon a change-in-control without the opportunity for the Company or a successor to substitute alternative awards that remain subject to vesting.

does not provide any change-in-control severance pay beyond two times average pay.

does not provide for any excise tax payment or tax gross-up for change-in-control related payments, or for tax gross-up for any perquisites or benefits, other than in connection with relocation or other transitional arrangements when an Executive Group member begins employment.

does not allow directors, executives, or other associates, to engage in pledging, hedging, short sales, or trading in put and call options with respect to the Company's securities.

does not offer employment contracts to U.S.-based Executive Group members.

48 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

MetLife's executive compensation program is designed to:

provide competitive Total Compensation opportunities that will attract, retain, engage, and motivate high-performing executives;

align the Company's compensation plans with its short- and long-term business strategies;

align the financial interests of the Company's executives with those of its shareholders through stock-based incentives and Share ownership requirements; and

reinforce the Company's pay for performance culture by making a significant portion of Total Compensation variable, and differentiating awards based on Company and individual performance.

Overview of Compensation Program

MetLife uses competitive total compensation guidelines that consists of base salary, annual incentive awards and stock-based long-term incentive award opportunities. The Compensation Committee considers and recommends the amount of each of these three elements together. It submits its recommendations for the Company's Chief Executive Officer for approval by the Independent Directors, and for each of the other Executive Group members for approval by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this discussion and MetLife's compensation program, **Total Compensation** for an Executive Group member means the total of only these three elements. Items such as sign-on payments and others that are not determined under the Company's general executive compensation practices are approved by the Compensation Committee, but are generally not included in descriptions of Total Compensation.

The Compensation Committee's Total Compensation decisions are driven by performance. Each Executive Group member's Total Compensation reflects the Compensation Committee's assessment of the Company's and the executive's performance as well as competitive market data based on peer compensation comparisons. Decisions on the award or payment amount of one element of Total Compensation impact the decisions on the amount of other elements. The Compensation Committee's Total Compensation approach means that it does not structure particular elements of Total Compensation to relate to separate individual goals or performance.

The Compensation Committee allocates a greater portion of the Executive Group members' Total Compensation to variable components that depend on performance or the value of Shares rather than a fixed component. It also allocates a greater portion of the Executive Group members' variable compensation to stock-based long-term incentives than it allocates to annual cash incentives. Given this mix of pay and other features of MetLife's compensation programs, Executive Group members' interests are aligned with those of shareholders. Further, the Company's Share ownership guidelines are designed to align executives' interests with those of shareholders and

reinforce the focus on long-term shareholder value.

The Compensation Committee also reviews other compensation and benefit programs, such as retirement benefits and potential payments that would be made if an Executive Group member's employment were to end. Benefits such as retirement and medical programs do not impact Total Compensation decisions since they apply to substantially all employees. Nor do decisions about those benefits vary based on decisions about an Executive Group member's base salary or annual or stock-based awards, or the amount realizable from prior awards.

The Compensation Committee's independent executive compensation consultant, Meridian, assisted it in its design and review of the Company's compensation program. For more information on the role of Meridian regarding the Company's executive compensation program, see Corporate Governance Board and Committee Information Compensation Committee beginning on page 29.

Generally, the forms of compensation and benefits provided to Executive Group members in the United States are similar to those provided to other U.S.-based officer-level employees. None of the Executive Group members based in the United States is a party to any agreement with the Company that governs the executive's employment.

2015 Say-on-Pay Vote and Shareholder Engagement

In 2015, over 98% of the Company's shareholders voted to approve the Company's executive compensation programs and policies and the resulting compensation described in the 2015 Proxy Statement (based on Shares voted).

Because the vote was advisory, the result was not binding on the Compensation Committee. However, the Compensation

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

Committee considered the vote to be an endorsement of the Company's executive compensation programs and policies, and took into account that support in reviewing those programs and policies. The Company has also discussed the vote, along with aspects of its executive compensation and corporate governance practices, with a number of shareholders to gain a deeper understanding of their perspectives. None of these discussions

raised shareholder concerns about the Company's current compensation practices. The Company's practices and disclosure were well received by shareholders, who conveyed their views that the performance metrics the Company uses are fitting and that our disclosure communicates effectively how the Compensation Committee uses its judgment.

50 **[MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement](#)**

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Peer Compensation Comparisons

The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the competitiveness of MetLife's Total Compensation guidelines using data reflecting a comparator group of companies in the insurance and broader financial services industries with which MetLife competes for executive talent (the **Comparator Group**).

The Compensation Committee chose the members of the Comparator Group based on the size of the firms relative to MetLife and the extent of their global presence or their similarity to MetLife in the importance of investment and risk management to their business, as well as being competitors for executive talent. It reviews the composition of the Comparator Group from time to time to ensure that the group remains an appropriate comparison for the Company. The Compensation Committee changed the group in 2015, adding American International Group considering its similar global businesses, scope and complexity. The resulting Comparator Group consists of the 19 financial services companies listed.

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

See Appendix B for further details.

In determining the Executive Group member's Total Compensation for 2015, the Compensation Committee considered the increasingly global nature of the Company's business and the Company's size, scope, and complexity relative to its peers, the challenges the Executive Group faces, and the Compensation Committee's expectations for the executive's and the Company's performance. MetLife's competitive compensation philosophy is generally to provide Total Compensation around the size-adjusted median for like positions at Comparator Group companies, taking into account MetLife's assets, revenue, and market capitalization relative to other companies in the Comparator Group. As a result, the Compensation Committee considered an Executive Group

member's Total Compensation to be competitive if it fell within a reasonable range of that size-adjusted median. Total Compensation for individual Executive Group members also varies based on individual factors such as performance, expectations of contributions to future performance, experience, and retention considerations. The Compensation Committee reviewed individual elements of the Executive Group members' Total Compensation in comparison to available Comparator Group data, with a primary focus on Total Compensation. For 2015 performance, each Named Executive Officer's Total Compensation fell between 80% and 120% of the point representing the size-adjusted median for his position.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Components of Compensation and Benefits

The primary components of the Company’s regular executive compensation and benefits program play various strategic roles:

Description	Strategic Role
Total Compensation	
<p>Base Salary is determined based on position, scope of responsibilities, individual performance, and competitive data.</p>	<p>Provides fixed compensation for services during the year.</p>
<p>Annual Incentive Awards are:</p> <p>variable based on performance relative to Company and individual goals and additional business challenges or opportunities that arose during the year.</p> <p>determined by the Compensation Committee using its judgment of all of these factors as a whole, and not by using a formula.</p>	<p>Serve as the primary compensation vehicle for recognizing and differentiating individual performance each year.</p> <p>Motivate Executive Group members and other employees to achieve strong annual business results that will contribute to the Company’s long-term success, without creating an incentive to take excessive risk.</p>
<p>Stock-Based Long-Term Incentive Awards are:</p> <p>based on the Compensation Committee’s assessment of individual responsibility, performance, relative contribution, and potential for assuming increased responsibilities and future contributions.</p>	<p>Ensure that Executive Group members have a significant continuing stake in the long-term financial success of the Company (see Executive Share Ownership on page 66).</p> <p>Align executives’ interests with those of</p>

<p>dependent on the value of Shares (Restricted Stock Units), increases in the price of Shares (Stock Options), or a combination of MetLife's performance as well as the value of Shares (Performance Shares). Cash-paid equivalents are used outside the U.S.</p> <p>for awards to Executive Group members made as part of Total Compensation for prior year performance and in expectation of contributions to future performance granted in these proportions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stock-Based Long-Term</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Incentive Mix for Executive Group Members</p>	<p>shareholders.</p> <p>Encourage decisions and reward performance that contribute to the long-term growth of the Company's business and enhance shareholder value.</p> <p>Motivate Executive Group members to outperform MetLife's competition.</p> <p>Encourage executives to remain with MetLife.</p>
---	--

Benefits

<p>Retirement Program and Other Benefits include post-retirement income (pension) or the opportunity to save a portion of current compensation for retirement and other future needs (savings and investment program and nonqualified deferred compensation).</p>	<p>Attract and retain executives and other employees.</p>
--	---

Potential Payments

<p>Severance Pay and Related Benefits include transition assistance if employment ends due to job elimination or, in limited circumstances, performance.</p>	<p>Encourage focus on transition to other opportunities and allow the Company to obtain a release of employment-related claims.</p>
<p>Change-in-Control Benefits include:</p> <p>replacement or vesting of stock-based long-term incentive awards.</p> <p>double-trigger severance pay and related benefits, if the Executive Group member's employment is terminated without cause or the Executive Group</p>	<p>Retain Executive Group members through a change-in-control and allow executives to act in the best interests of shareholders without distractions due to concerns over personal circumstances.</p> <p>Promote the unbiased efforts of the Executive Group members to maximize shareholder value during and after a change-in-control.</p>

member resigns with good reason following a change-in-control.

Keep executives whole in situations where Shares may no longer exist or awards otherwise cannot or will not be replaced.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement 53

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

[Determining Total Compensation for 2015 Performance](#)

In determining executive compensation for performance year 2015, the Compensation Committee considered the Executive Group's performance both as a whole and individually. The Compensation Committee also reviewed reports and analyses on competitive compensation for comparable positions at peer companies and in the broader market where the Company competes for executive talent.

A description of the process for determining Total Compensation follows.

Process for Determining Chief Executive Officer Compensation. Early in 2015, Mr. Kandarian and the Compensation Committee established goals and objectives that were designed to drive Company performance. For a description of these goals, see "Annual Incentive Awards" beginning on page 55.

In early 2016, the Compensation Committee approved and recommended Mr. Kandarian's Total Compensation for 2015, including annual and stock-based long-term incentives, to the Independent Directors for their approval. The Compensation Committee's Total Compensation recommendations for 2015 reflected its assessment of MetLife's and Mr. Kandarian's performance against goals.

Mr. Kandarian's compensation is higher than other Executive Group members due to Mr. Kandarian's broader responsibilities and higher levels of accountability as the most senior executive in the Company, as well as competitive market data.

Process for Determining Compensation of Other Executive Group Members. Early in 2015, Mr. Kandarian and each Executive Group member agreed on the respective executive's goals for 2015. In early 2016, Mr. Kandarian provided to the Compensation Committee an assessment of each of the Executive Group members' performance during 2015 relative to their goals and the additional business challenges and opportunities that arose during the year. He also recommended Total Compensation amounts for each Executive Group member, other than himself. The Compensation Committee reviewed these recommendations. It approved and endorsed the components of each Executive Group member's Total Compensation for the Board of Directors' approval. In each case, Mr. Kandarian and the Compensation Committee considered the executive's performance, future potential, available competitive data, compensation opportunities for each position, retention needs, and fit within the executive talent market, aligned with MetLife's compensation philosophy and objectives.

The Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company (the **CHRO**) provided the Compensation Committee with advice and recommendations on the form and overall level of executive compensation. He also provided guidance and information to Mr. Kandarian to assist him in this process, other than with respect to the CHRO's own compensation. The CHRO also provided guidance to the Compensation Committee on its general administration of the programs and plans in which Executive Group members, as well as other employees, participate.

Other than as described above, no Executive Group member played a role in determining the compensation of any of the other Executive Group members. No Executive Group member took part in the Board's consideration of his or her own compensation.

54 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Base Salary

The base salaries earned by the Named Executive Officers in 2015 are reported in the Summary Compensation Table on page 69. The Compensation Committee approved the following base salary increases, effective April 1, 2015. The new annual salary rates were approved in light of these officers' levels of responsibility and their performance, and to better align their salaries with the targeted compensation position relative to the Comparator Group.

Name	Former Salary Rate	New Salary Rate
Steven A. Kandarian	\$1,350,000	\$1,450,000
John C. R. Hele	\$ 650,000	\$ 725,000
Martin J. Lippert	\$ 625,000	\$ 700,000
Steven J. Goulart	\$ 600,000	\$ 650,000
Christopher G. Townsend ¹	\$ 548,939	\$ 600,000

¹ See footnote 1 on page 69 regarding currency exchange rate.

Annual Incentive Awards

The MetLife Annual Variable Incentive Plan (AVIP) provides eligible employees, including the Executive Group members, the opportunity to earn annual cash incentive awards. For awards for 2015 performance, AVIP was administered as a Cash-Based Awards program under the MetLife, Inc. 2015 Stock and

Incentive Compensation Plan (2015 Stock and Incentive Plan). The 2015 AVIP awards are reported in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

Each year, the Compensation Committee approves the maximum aggregate amount available for all AVIP awards for substantially all administrative (non-sales) employees around the world, approximately 35,500 employees for 2015.

Consistent with past practice, this approach uses an AVIP Performance Funding Level, based on the Company's Operating Earnings compared to the Company's 2015 Business Plan, multiplied by the total annual incentive compensation planning targets for all covered employees, subject to the Compensation Committee's assessment of overall performance and other relevant factors. For this purpose, the Company's Operating Earnings is adjusted to eliminate the impact (if any) of variable investment income on an after-tax basis that was higher or lower than the

Business Plan goal by 10% or more (**Adjusted Operating Earnings**). The guidelines to determine the AVIP Performance Funding Level are outlined in the following chart, indicating how the guideline Performance Funding Level changes relative to Adjusted Operating Earnings performance:

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **55**

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

Total AVIP Funding for Awards to All Eligible Employees

See Appendix B for further details.

This formula avoids providing employees with an incentive to take excessive risk through several of its features. Operating Earnings excludes net investment gains and losses and net derivative gains and losses. The exclusion of after-tax variable investment income outside the 10% range higher or lower than the Business Plan goal also avoids providing rewards or penalties for volatile investment returns. As a result, the formula does not provide an incentive to take excessive risk in the Company's investment portfolio. Nor is the formula an unlimited function of revenues. Rather, the formula caps the amount that can be generated for AVIP awards, and is a function of financial measures that account for the Company's costs and liabilities.

For 2015 AVIP, the Compensation Committee determined that the amount of Operating Earnings would exclude a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to tax years 2000 to 2009 for a wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary of MLIC. The charge was the result of the Company's consideration of court decisions upholding the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's disallowance of foreign tax credits claimed by corporate entities not affiliated with the Company. The Compensation Committee chose to exercise its discretion to exclude this charge because it did not relate to the consequences of any current management decisions and management did not meaningfully benefit from

the tax credit in past compensation determinations. Resolution of the Company's own foreign tax credits awaits filing of (and determinations regarding) refund claims. The Company expects that, if the charge is later reversed, it will exclude that reversal from its determination of Operating Earnings for applicable executive compensation purposes.

The Compensation Committee determined the Executive Group members' 2015 AVIP awards and long-term incentive awards in consideration of the Company's key financial performance goals

and results as discussed on page 44. The Compensation Committee also considered aspects of each executive's performance in light of their objectives, which aligned with the Company's strategic goals.

A description of the key aspects of each of the Named Executive Officers' performance relative to their objectives follows.

Aspects of Individual Performance

(The following performance measures are not calculated based on GAAP. They should be read in conjunction with Appendix A to this Proxy Statement, which includes non-GAAP financial information, definitions and/or reconciliations to the most directly comparable measures that are based on GAAP.)

56 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

[Steven A. Kandarian, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer](#)

Under Mr. Kandarian's leadership, the Company made strong progress on multiple strategic and operational initiatives that the Company expects to drive long-term shareholder value. In addition, the Company delivered financial performance under challenging circumstances. MetLife reported 2015 Operating Earnings of \$5.5 billion, down 16% over 2014, and 12% on a constant currency basis. On a per Share basis, 2015 Operating Earnings were \$4.86, down 15% over 2014. Operating ROE was 9.7% for 2015, compared to 12.0% for 2014. This decrease in Operating Earnings reflects a strong U.S. dollar, lower variable investment income, and a previously announced third quarter 2015 non-cash charge of \$792 million related to the tax treatment of a wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary of MLIC.

Adjusting for total notable items (including the third quarter 2015 non-cash charge) in 2015 and 2014:

Operating Earnings were \$6.4 billion, down 1% over 2014, but up 3% on a constant currency basis; and

Operating ROE was 11.3% for 2015, or approximately 900 basis points above the risk-free rate as represented by the 10-year Treasury at year-end 2015.

The Company's 2015 achievements included the following:

Significantly advanced the Accelerating Value strategic initiative to increase sustainable Free Cash Flow and improve Total Shareholder Return.

Completed all analysis and preparatory work leading to the Company's recently announced plans to separate the U.S. Retail business and sell the MetLife Premier Client Group to MassMutual.

Strengthened its Free Cash Flow yield from Operating Earnings to 63% (excluding the third quarter 2015 non-cash charge), up from 44% in 2014, 36% in 2013, and 26% in 2012.

Successfully advocated for a more level playing field between New York and other states, allowing MLIC to significantly boost its dividend capacity over the next three years while maintaining strong capitalization levels. Sought judicial review of the Company's designation as a Systemically Important Financial Institution to protect the enterprise from competitive harm; effectively advocated the Company's point of view with regulators, legislators and the news media.

Exceeded goals for organizational health, talent management, and enterprise succession bench strength.

Effectively communicated MetLife's value proposition to investors, leading to Mr. Kandarian being named the number 1 Buy-Side CEO on Institutional Investor's All-America Executive Team.

Achieved recognition for MetLife as the number 1 life and health insurer in Fortune magazine's 2015 survey of the World's Most Admired Companies for the first time in Company history.

In assessing Mr. Kandarian's compensation, the Compensation Committee considered Mr. Kandarian's performance against goals for 2015 as well as a competitive assessment of compensation relative to peers and the Company's established compensation philosophy. His AVIP award for 2015 is less than for 2014 to reflect the Company's financial performance, while his stock-based long-term incentive award for 2015 is greater than for 2014 to strengthen alignment of incentives with market, and recognize notable progress on strategic initiatives that the Company expects to drive shareholder returns over time.

The Compensation Committee believes Mr. Kandarian's Total Compensation appropriately reflects the Company's target competitive position.

John C.R. Hele, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

In addition to reviewing performance against goals and market data, Mr. Kandarian and the Compensation Committee considered the depth, breadth and pace of Mr. Hele's progress on important strategic initiatives. His AVIP award and stock-based long-term incentive award for 2015 are the same as for 2014, reflecting consistent performance in a challenging environment and appropriate competitive positioning.

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

In determining Mr. Hele's compensation the Compensation Committee considered that, under Mr. Hele's leadership, the Company delivered financial performance under challenging circumstances as well as the following:

MetLife maintained key capital adequacy ratios above minimum targets based on current regulations, exceeded Free Cash Flow goals, and successfully interacted with rating agencies in 2015 in support of maintaining targeted ratings.

Mr. Hele played a key role in all corporate transactions, co-leads the Accelerating Value initiative to increase sustainable Free Cash Flow, and continued to lead the development and reporting of Embedded Value metrics upon which Accelerating Value is based. The Company's January 2016 press release announcing the plan to pursue the separation of a substantial portion of its U.S. Retail segment was due, in part, to this initiative.

He developed a comprehensive process to support MetLife's transition to federal regulation as a non-bank SIFI to ensure compliance even while pursuing regulatory relief.

Mr. Hele led the MetLife advocacy of insurance capital rules with global and national regulators, industry associations, and global insurance companies.

He played a leading role communicating MetLife's value proposition to our global investor community, through meetings with shareholders and investor firms. Mr. Hele was recognized as Institutional Investor Magazine's 2015 Best Chief Financial Officer in U.S. Insurance (number 1 buy-side); further, his Investor Relations organization was recognized as 2015's Best Investor Relations in U.S. Insurance (number 1 buy-side).

[Martin J. Lippert, Executive Vice President, Global Technology & Operations \(GT&O\)](#)

In reviewing Mr. Lippert's performance against goals and market data, Mr. Kandarian recommended, and the Compensation Committee approved, an AVIP award and a stock-based long-term incentive award for 2015, both slightly higher than for 2014. This reflects appropriate competitive positioning as well as strong progress across his area of responsibility including cost savings initiatives, driving customer centricity, and advancing the Company's global digital strategy.

The Compensation Committee considered that, under Mr. Lippert's leadership, GT&O:

Exceeded goals across all cost savings initiatives through consolidating operations and real estate around the world, prudent expense management, and streamlining processes;

Drove MetLife's enterprise digital strategy across all regions to establish competitive advantage by defining key investments across Innovation, Distribution, Data and Processes;

Launched the industry's first fully-digital platform for sales and policyholder self-service for MetLife's U.S. Property & Casualty business;

Exceeded U.S. call center customer experience goals as measured by First Call Resolution, Customer Satisfaction and Net Promoter Score metrics; and

Achieved recognition in Newsweek magazine's 2015 Green Rankings, which ranked MetLife in the top 20 among publicly traded companies in the United States (number 13) and globally (No. 19) for environmental performance. This marks the first time MetLife has entered the top 20 for both sets of Green Rankings.

[Steven J. Goulart, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer](#)

In reviewing Mr. Goulart's performance against goals and market data, Mr. Kandarian and the Compensation Committee approved an AVIP award and stock-based long-term incentive award for 2015, both of which are higher than for 2014. In determining Mr. Goulart's compensation, the Compensation Committee reviewed competitive total compensation for comparable roles and considered that under Mr. Goulart's leadership:

The Investments team implemented material initiatives to improve Net Investment Income (**NII**) and counter the impacts of low interest rates, weak variable investment income and weak foreign currency versus the U.S. dollar.

The team optimized the U.S. investment portfolio through significant asset reallocations to reduce regulatory capital use and improve cash flow while mitigating NII impacts.

MetLife Investment Management continued to grow, exceeding the pre-tax profit plan, increasing assets under management and enhancing sales and service teams.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Christopher G. Townsend, President, Asia

In determining Mr. Townsend's compensation, Mr. Kandarian and the Compensation Committee reviewed his performance along with a review of competitive compensation data. His AVIP award and stock-based long-term incentive award for 2015 are higher than for 2014, reflecting the continued growth of the Asia region, his leadership on driving innovation to enhance the Company's market position, and appropriate competitive positioning.

In determining Mr. Townsend's compensation, the Compensation Committee considered the following:

The Asia region increased Operating Earnings by 6% (16% on a constant currency basis) over 2014. Tangible ROE for Asia was 20.6% in 2015, compared to 19.3% in 2014.

The Asia region is executing on its strategy to drive more value across its key markets. This includes expanding Accident & Health insurance sales in Japan by 11% over 2014, and maintaining a strong share of protection products, which stood at 46% in 2015 across the region.

Mr. Townsend also continued to expand capabilities in Health, Digital, Data Analytics, and Innovation.

These key differentiators enhance the current and long-term competitiveness of MetLife in Asia.

Trademark Information: INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR is a registered trademark of, and ALL AMERICA EXECUTIVE TEAM is a trademark of, Institutional Investor LLC. FORTUNE and THE WORLD'S MOST ADMIRABLE COMPANIES are the registered trademarks of Time Inc. NEWSWEEK is a registered trademark of Newsweek, Inc. GREEN RANKINGS is a registered trademark of The Newsweek/Daily Beast Company LLC. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Stock-Based Long-Term Incentive Awards

The Company awards Stock Options, Performance Shares, and Restricted Stock Units (and, in some cases with respect to Executive Group members outside the United States, cash-payable equivalents). It determines the amount of such awards as part of MetLife's Total Compensation program. For information about the specific grants of stock-based long-term incentive awards to the Named Executive Officers in 2015, see the table entitled "Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015" on page 75.

Stock Options. The Company grants Stock Options with an exercise price equal to the closing price of Shares on the grant date. The ultimate value of Stock Options depends exclusively on increases in the price of Shares. One-third of each award of Stock Options becomes exercisable on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

Restricted Stock Units. The Company delivers Shares for Restricted Stock Units after the end of a predetermined vesting period. Awards generally vest in thirds, and Shares are delivered, after each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, assuming that the Company meets goals set for purposes related to Section 162(m) of the United States

Internal Revenue Code (**Section 162(m)**) (see Tax Considerations on page 67).

From time to time, the Company grants Restricted Stock Units that vest on the third or later anniversary of their grant date. It does so in order to encourage a candidate to begin employment with MetLife (especially where the candidate would forfeit long-term compensation awards from another employer by doing so) or as a means of reinforcing retention efforts, particularly in cases of exceptional performance, critical skills, or talent.

Performance Shares. The Company delivers Shares for Performance Shares after the end of a three-year performance period. The number of Shares depends on Company performance, assuming that goals set for Section 162(m) are met.

Performance Share Awards in 2013 and later. The Compensation Committee approved performance guidelines for awards made in 2013 and later based on:

the Company's Operating ROE compared to its Business Plan goals; and

total return on Shares, including change in Share price and imputed reinvested dividends, i.e., total shareholder return (**TSR**) compared to a custom group of competitors.

Each of these two factors is measured over the three-year performance period and each is weighted equally. The guidelines are subject to the satisfaction of the applicable Section 162(m) goals and the overall limit of 175% as the maximum performance factor.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The guidelines to determine the Performance Factor are outlined in the following charts, indicating how the guideline Performance Factor relates to performance:

**Operating ROE: 50% Component of
Performance Factor**

**TSR: 50% Component of
Performance Factor**

If the Company's TSR for the performance period is zero or negative, the guidelines anticipate that the Committee will cap the entire performance factor at target.

See Appendix B for further details.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

With respect to the TSR component of the Performance Factor, the guidelines call for the Compensation Committee to assess the Company's performance on a global basis against competitors around the world. As a result, it intends to use a group of competitors that is somewhat more globally diverse than the Comparator Group it uses for peer Total Compensation purposes.

See Appendix B for further details.

The Compensation Committee has retained discretion to adjust these guidelines, or to consider other factors, should it find that it is appropriate to do so. Other factors may include significant unplanned acquisitions or dispositions, unplanned tax, accounting, and accounting presentation changes, unplanned restructuring or reorganization costs, and others the Compensation Committee finds appropriate.

The performance factor for the 2013-2015 Performance Shares was 86.2%. The Compensation Committee determined this factor in light of the guidelines described above. The Company's TSR over the performance period was in the 27th percentile of the global comparator group provided under the guidelines, producing a TSR performance factor component of 31%. The Company's average annual Operating ROE for the performance period was 12.0%, which was 110% of the average Business Plan goal of 10.9% for the performance period, producing an Operating ROE performance component of 141.3%. The

performance factor approved by the Compensation Committee was the average of these two components.

Performance Share Awards in 2012 and Earlier. For awards made in 2012 and earlier, Company performance was compared to the Fortune 500® companies included in the Standard & Poor's Insurance Index, excluding Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (**Insurance Index Comparators**). The Insurance Index Comparators were chosen to measure MetLife's relative performance because insurance is the predominant portion of the Company's overall business mix. The final number of Performance Shares for such awards was determined by the Company's performance in TSR and change in annual net Operating EPS (as defined by the Company for each year) compared to the other Insurance Index Comparators. The final number of Performance Shares could have been as low as zero and as high as twice the number of Performance Shares granted. For awards made in 2009 through 2012, if the Company did not

Table of Contents**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

produce a positive TSR for the performance period, the number of Shares would have been reduced by 25%.

The Performance Shares for the 2012-2014 performance period became deliverable in 2015. MetLife's performance relative to the Insurance Index Comparators for that period produced a performance factor of 101%. The Compensation Committee determined this performance factor after the Company filed its 2015 Proxy Statement, and as a result it is not reported in that Proxy Statement.

For more information, see the table entitled "Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2015" on page 80.

Phantom Stock-Based Awards. The Company grants cash-settled stock-based awards (**Phantom Awards**) to employees outside the United States, if paying cash is more appropriate than delivering Shares in light of tax and other regulatory circumstances.

Each **Unit Option** represents the right to receive a cash payment equal to the closing price of a Share on the surrender date chosen by the employee, less the closing price on the grant date. One-third of each award of Unit Options becomes exercisable on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

Performance Units are units that, if they vest, are multiplied by the same performance factor used for Performance Shares for the applicable period to produce a number of final Performance Units, each of which is payable in cash equal to the closing price of a Share on the date the final Performance Units are determined. Payment for Performance Units is contingent on Company achievement of goals set for Section 162(m) purposes.

Restricted Units are units that vest on the same schedules as Restricted Stock Units and, if they vest, each is payable in cash equal to the closing price of a Share on the vesting date. Payment for Restricted Units that vest and pay out in three annual installments is contingent on Company achievement of goals set for Section 162(m) purposes.

Vesting. For awards granted in 2015 and later, the Company has used an approach that is simpler and more global than for previous awards. Employees whose combined age and years of MetLife employment is 65 or more, with at least 5 years of MetLife employment (the **Rule of 65**), will retain their awards following the end of their employment.

For awards granted through 2014, stock-based long-term incentive awards are normally forfeited if the executive leaves the Company voluntarily before the end of the applicable performance period or vesting period and is not Retirement Eligible or (except for Phantom Awards) Bridge Eligible. An employee is considered **Retirement Eligible** when the employee meets any one of the age and service combinations defined in the Metropolitan Life Retirement Plan for United States Employees (the **Retirement Plan**) to begin payout of certain benefits immediately upon separation from service (or, for the Phantom Awards, meets equivalent age and service criteria). See the table entitled "Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" beginning on page 82 for more information about the Retirement Plan. **Bridge Eligibility** is available to employees based in the United States depending on a combination of age and service who have a final separation agreement under a particular severance plan. Bridge Eligible employees are eligible for

post-retirement medical benefits despite not being Retirement Eligible.

Restrictive Covenants. In order to protect the Company, stock-based long-term incentive awards provide that Executive Group members who leave MetLife and provide services to a competitor, or any employee who violates MetLife's agreement to protect corporate property, may lose those awards. The agreement to protect corporate property protects MetLife's ownership of its property and information (including intellectual property) and prohibits the employee from interfering with MetLife's business or soliciting MetLife's employees or certain of its agents to leave MetLife until 18 months following the end of employment.

Retirement and Other Benefits

MetLife recognizes the importance of providing comprehensive, cost-effective benefits to attract, retain, engage, and motivate talented employees. The Company reviews its benefits program from time to time and makes adjustments to the design of the program to meet these objectives and to remain competitive with other employers.

Pension Program for U.S.-Based Executives. The Company sponsors a pension program in which all eligible U.S. employees, including the Executive Group members employed in the U.S., participate after one year of service. The program rewards employees for the length of their service and, indirectly, for their job performance, because the amount of benefits increases with the length of employees' service with the Company and the salary and annual incentive awards they earn.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The program includes the Retirement Plan and the MetLife Auxiliary Pension Plan (**Auxiliary Pension Plan**), an unfunded nonqualified plan. The Auxiliary Pension Plan provides pension benefits for any Executive Group members that would apply under the (qualified) Retirement Plan if U.S. tax limits on eligible compensation did not apply. It provides no additional or special benefits for Executive Group members. The same compensation formulae were used for benefits accrued in both plans in 2015.

For additional information about pension benefits for the Named Executive Officers, see the table entitled "Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" on page 82.

Mr. Townsend did not participate in a defined benefit pension plan in 2015.

Mandatory Provident Fund Applicable to Mr. Townsend. Mr. Townsend participates in the Mandatory Provident Fund program for employees in Hong Kong. Applicable law requires employers and employees to contribute a fixed portion of employees' earnings to the program, and allows employer and employees to make additional contributions. Because the rate and vesting of employer contributions are based on length of service, the program encourages employees to remain with the Company.

Savings and Investment Program. The Company sponsors a savings and investment program for U.S. employees in which each Executive Group member employed in the U.S. is eligible to contribute a portion of eligible compensation. The Company also contributes to the program after one year of employee service in order to encourage and reward such savings.

The program includes the Savings and Investment Plan for Employees of Metropolitan Life and Participating Affiliates (**Savings and Investment Plan**), a tax-qualified defined contribution plan that includes pre-tax deferrals under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k), and the Metropolitan Life Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan (**Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan**), an unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan. The Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan provides Company contributions for employees who elect to contribute to the Savings and Investment Plan and who have compensation beyond Internal Revenue Code limits.

Company contributions for the Named Executive Officers are included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the

Summary Compensation Table on page 69. Because the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the Company's contributions to the Named Executive Officers' accounts, and the Named Executive Officers' accumulated account balances and any payouts made during 2015, are reported in the table entitled "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" on page 85.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Program for U.S.-Based Executives. The Company sponsors a nonqualified deferred compensation program for employees at the Assistant Vice-President level and above in the United States, including the Executive Group members employed in the U.S. The continued deferral of income taxation and pre-tax simulated investment earnings credited to participants through the employee's chosen payment dates encourage employees to remain with the Company.

See the table entitled Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End on page 85 for amounts of nonqualified deferred compensation reported for the Named Executive Officers.

Perquisites

The Company provides its Executive Group members with limited perquisites.

To maximize the accessibility of Executive Group members, the Company makes leased vehicles and drivers and outside car services available to U.S.-based executives for commuting and personal use.

The Company leases an aircraft for purposes of efficient business travel by the Company's executives. While the Chief Executive Officer may occasionally use the Company's aircraft for personal travel, Company policy does not require him to use the Company's aircraft for all personal and business travel.

For recordkeeping and administrative convenience of the Company, the Company pays certain other costs, such as those for travel and meals for family members accompanying Executive Group members on business functions.

The Company holds events to facilitate and strengthen its relationship with customers, potential customers, and other business partners, such as events at MetLife Stadium. The Company occasionally allows employees, including the Executive Group members, and their family members, personal use of its facilities at MetLife Stadium, to the extent space at

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

such events is available or the facilities are not in use for business purposes.

The Company provides benefits to Mr. Townsend in connection with his overseas assignment that are common for senior management in such circumstances, such as a subsidy of children's education expenses, tax return preparation assistance, security services during periods of local civil unrest, and benefits related to housing.

Aside from limited business travel tax equalization for Executive Group members based outside the United States, each Executive Group member is responsible for any personal income taxes due as a result of receiving these benefits.

The incremental cost of perquisites provided to the Named Executive Officers in respect of 2015 is included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 69, if the total cost of those perquisites for that executive exceeded \$10,000.

Sign-On Payments

From time to time, the Company offers newly-hired Executive Group members sign-on payments and/or relocation benefits in order to encourage them to come to MetLife. On such occasions, the Company typically either delays the date the payment is earned and paid or requires repayment if the executive leaves MetLife before the first anniversary (or, in some cases, second or third anniversary) of beginning employment.

Business Travel Income Tax Equalization

As executives of a global enterprise, MetLife Executive Group members are engaged in international business travel. Some executives are required by the demands of their roles to travel to jurisdictions that impose additional taxes on them beyond what they owe in their home jurisdiction. MetLife has established business travel income tax equalization arrangements with its Executive Group members based outside the United States. Providing such executives with income tax equalization to their home jurisdiction, by paying or reimbursing the executive for any excess income taxes the executive owes in other jurisdictions as a result of business travel, is a prevalent business practice. Doing so allows the executive to engage in business travel that is necessary to lead MetLife's business efforts and perform job responsibilities without being financially penalized. It also prevents the additional personal income tax liability from being a disincentive to engage with employees, customers, or

others outside of the executive's home jurisdiction. No taxes the executive owes as a result of travel taken solely for personal purposes are covered by these equalization arrangements. Mr. Townsend had such an agreement in 2015.

[Potential Payments](#)

Severance Pay and Related Benefits

The following describes the Company's standard severance program and how it was applied in 2015. The Company may, in the future, enter into severance agreements that differ from the general terms of the program where business circumstances warrant.

If the employment of a U.S.-based Executive Group member ends involuntarily due to job elimination or, in limited circumstances, due to performance, he or she may be eligible for the severance program available to substantially all salaried employees. The program generally provides employees with severance pay, outplacement services and other benefits. Employees terminated for cause, as defined under the program, are not eligible. The amount of severance pay reflects the employees' salary grade, base salary rate, and length of service. The severance pay formula for officer-level employees is potentially higher than that for other employees. Longer-service employees receive greater payments and benefits than shorter-service employees, given the same salary grade and base salary. Depending on the terms of the particular award, employees who reach or who are deemed Retirement Eligible or Bridge Eligible, or who meet the Rule of 65, retain their outstanding stock-based long-term incentive awards. Otherwise, employees who receive severance pay also receive a pro rata cash payment in consideration of their unretained Performance Shares and Performance Units.

In August 2015, William J. Wheeler, former President, Americas of the Company entered into a separation agreement under the Company's standard arrangements. Based on his age and service, Mr. Wheeler qualified for an eligibility enhancement that deemed him to be retirement eligible. As a result, under terms that apply to all similarly-situated employees in the United States, he will retain his outstanding stock-based long-term incentive awards, subject to the terms of his separation agreement. For more information, see Separation Arrangements for Mr. Wheeler on page 93.

Change-in-Control Arrangements

The Company has adopted arrangements that would impact the

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Group members' compensation and benefits upon a change-in-control of MetLife. None of the Executive Group members is entitled to any excise tax gross-up either on severance pay or on any other benefits payable in connection with a change-in-control of the Company.

The Company established the MetLife Executive Severance Plan (**Executive Severance Plan**) in 2007 to apply to all Executive Group members and replace individual change-in-control agreements.

The Compensation Committee determined the terms of the plan based on its judgment of what is necessary to maximize shareholder value should a change-in-control occur. The Company designed the elements of its change-in-control definition to include circumstances where effective control over the Company would be captured by interests that differ substantially from those of the broad shareholder base the Company now has, without impinging on the Company's flexibility to engage in transactions that are unlikely to involve such a transformation. An Executive Group member who receives benefits under the Executive Severance Plan would not also be eligible to receive severance pay under the Company's

severance plan that is available to substantially all salaried employees.

The Executive Severance Plan does not provide for any payments or benefits based solely on a change-in-control of MetLife.

Rather, the Plan provides for severance pay and related benefits only if the executive's employment also ends under certain circumstances.

The Company's stock-based long-term agreements also include change-in-control arrangements. Under these arrangements, MetLife or its successor may substitute an alternative award of equivalent value and vesting provisions no less favorable than the award being replaced. Only if such substitution does not occur would the awards vest immediately upon a change-in-control.

For additional information about change-in-control arrangements, including the Company's definition of change-in-control for these purposes, see "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" beginning on page 90.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Risk Management

MetLife's compensation program aligns with Company strategies and has a number of features that contribute to prudent decision making and do not incent executives to take excessive risks.

One important feature of MetLife's program is its use of Operating Earnings as a metric in incentive programs. Operating Earnings excludes net investment gains and losses and net derivative gains and losses. This removes incentives not to hedge exposures to various risks inherent in a number of products or to disrupt the risk balance in MetLife's investment portfolio by harvesting capital gains for the sole purpose of enhancing incentive compensation. It also removes incentives to use derivatives for speculative purposes, a practice that the Company prohibits. In addition, the Company uses three-year overlapping performance periods and vesting for long-term incentive compensation, so that time horizons for compensation reflect the extended time horizons for the results of many business decisions.

Other features of MetLife's program, such as Share ownership requirements and a performance-based compensation recoupment policy, ensure that executives' interests are aligned with those of shareholders. Through policies such as these, the Company encourages prudent risk-taking to the long-term benefit of shareholders, including the executives.

Management has reviewed the employee incentive compensation programs to ensure that, in design and operation and taking into account all of the risk management processes in place, they do not encourage excessive risk taking. In doing so, it followed principles provided by the Company's Chief Risk Officer regarding performance measures, performance periods, payment determination processes, management controls, and other aspects of the arrangements. As a result of this review and his own assessment of the programs, the Company's Chief Risk Officer has concluded that risks arising from the compensation policies and practices for employees of the Company and its affiliates are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company as a whole, in light of the features of those policies and practices and the controls in place to limit and

manage risk. As in prior years, the Chief Risk Officer discussed his analysis with the Compensation Committee in 2015.

Executive Share Ownership

To further align management's interests with the interests of shareholders, the Company has established minimum Share ownership guidelines for officers at the Senior Vice President level and above, including the Executive Group members. The Company expects each person covered by the guidelines to own Shares equal in value to a multiple of annual base salary rate depending on position. The Company imposes no formal deadline to reach the expected ownership level. However, the Company expects each person covered by the guidelines to retain all net Shares acquired from compensation awards, except to the extent the employee's Share ownership is above the guideline.

Employees may count toward these guidelines the value of Shares they or their immediate family members own directly or in trust. They may also count Shares held in the Company’s savings and investment program, Shares deferred under the Company’s nonqualified deferred compensation program and deferred cash compensation or auxiliary benefits measured in Share value.

The Share ownership of the serving Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2015 was:

Name	Guideline	Ownership
Steven A. Kandarian	7	8.6
John C. R. Hele	4	1.4
Martin J. Lippert	4	1.7
Steven J. Goulart	3	2.4
Christopher G. Townsend	3	0

Each of these executives has complied with the requirement to retain any net Shares acquired from compensation awards until meeting the guideline. Mr. Lippert joined the Company in 2011, and Mr. Hele and Mr. Townsend joined the Company in 2012. Each of them, and each of the other currently-active Named Executive Officers, also has significant outstanding awards deliverable in Shares (or payment in cash equivalent to Share value) that align his interests with those of shareholders.

Table of Contents

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Equity Award Timing Practices

The Compensation Committee grants stock-based long-term incentive awards to the Executive Group members at its regularly scheduled meeting in February of each year. The amount of each grant is made with consideration of the Total Compensation for each Executive Group member, including annual cash incentive awards and any base salary increases. The exercise price of Stock Options or Unit Options is the closing price of a Share on the grant date. On the rare occasions when the Compensation Committee grants awards in connection with the hiring or change in responsibilities of an Executive Group member, or in order to encourage the executive to remain employed, it does so coincident with (or shortly after) the hiring, change in responsibilities, or other related changes. The Company has never granted, and has no plans to grant, any stock-based awards to current or new employees in anticipation of the release of non-public information about the Company or any other company. The Chief Executive Officer does not have any authority to grant Share-based awards of any kind to any Executive Group members, the Chief Accounting Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, or Directors of the Company.

MetLife determines the number of Performance Shares and Restricted Stock Units (and, in some cases with respect to Executive Group members outside the United States, cash payable equivalents) in each award by dividing that portion of the LTI award value by the Share closing price on the grant date, and the number of Stock Options in the award by dividing that portion of the LTI award value by one-third of the Share closing price on the grant date. If the Share closing price on the grant date is outside a 15% range (higher or lower) of the average Share closing price for the year to date, MetLife uses that average closing price instead of the closing price on the grant date. Regardless, the exercise price of Stock Options is the closing price on the grant date.

Performance-Based Compensation Recoupment Policy

The Company's performance-based compensation recoupment policy applies to all employees of the Company and its affiliates. The policy applies when an employee engages in or contributes to fraudulent or other wrongful conduct that causes financial or reputational harm to the Company or its affiliates. Under those circumstances, the policy provides that the Company (and its affiliates or subsidiaries) may seek the recovery of performance-based compensation (including gains from sale of securities) purportedly earned by or paid to the employee during or after

the period of the misconduct. The policy is part of the terms of all performance-based compensation granted or paid by the Company and its affiliates. It does not limit the Company or any of its affiliates in enforcing any other rights or remedies they may have. The policy reinforces the Company's intent to consider recovering performance-based compensation under the circumstances it covers. The Company will review the policy at such time as legal or regulatory requirements for the policy change.

Policies Prohibiting Hedging or Pledging Company Securities

The Company prohibits Directors and employees, including Executive Group members, from engaging in short sales, hedging, and trading in put and call options, with respect to the Company's securities. In 2015, the Board of Directors changed Company policy to prohibit Directors and employees, including Executive Group members, from pledging MetLife securities. These policies are intended to prevent a misalignment of interests with Company shareholders or the appearance of such a misalignment.

Tax Considerations

Section 162(m) of the United States Internal Revenue Code limits the deductibility of compensation paid to certain executives, but exempts certain performance-based compensation from those limits. For 2015, the Compensation Committee established limits and performance goals in order for AVIP awards to the Company's Executive Group members to be eligible for this exemption. As part of the Section 162(m) goal-setting process for 2015, the Compensation Committee set the maximum amount that any Executive Group member could be paid as an AVIP award at \$10 million. See *Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards* on page 75 for more information about the individual maximums set for 2015 AVIP awards. The Company has also designed Performance Shares, Stock Options and (with respect to regular awards to Executive Group members) Restricted Stock Units with the intention of making them eligible for the performance-based compensation exemption from Section 162(m) limits. However, the Compensation Committee reserves the right to grant compensation that does not meet Section 162(m) requirements if it determines it is appropriate to do so.

Table of Contents

[Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#)

[Accounting Considerations](#)

Performance Shares granted in 2012 and earlier, Stock Options, and Restricted Stock Units qualify as equity-classified instruments whose fair value for determining compensation expense under current accounting rules is fixed on the date of grant. The Compensation Committee approved guidelines to determine the performance factor applicable to Performance

Shares granted in 2013 and later, and retained discretion to adjust them, or to consider other factors, should it find that it is appropriate to do so. As a result, these awards qualify for expense reporting on a variable basis. Phantom Awards qualify for expense reporting on a liability basis because they are paid in cash.

Table of Contents

Summary Compensation Table

Summary Compensation Table

Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)
2015	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,837,430	\$ 1,939,582	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 724,960	\$ 273,909
2014	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,027,795	\$ 1,806,120	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 709,963	\$ 294,924
2013	\$ 1,212,500	\$ 0	\$ 5,854,539	\$ 1,729,089	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 578,929	\$ 239,281
2015	\$ 706,250	\$ 0	\$ 2,051,234	\$ 581,876	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 297,271	\$ 101,741
2014	\$ 637,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,870,695	\$ 560,409	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 213,406	\$ 75,123
2013	\$ 600,000	\$ 0	\$ 585,460	\$ 172,911	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 9,332	\$ 19,397
2015	\$ 681,250	\$ 0	\$ 1,846,125	\$ 523,692	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 301,478	\$ 0
2014	\$ 625,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,732,125	\$ 518,903	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 245,080	\$ 0
2013	\$ 618,750	\$ 0	\$ 1,756,381	\$ 518,723	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 189,823	\$ 0

Positions									
oulart	2015	\$ 637,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,367,505	\$ 387,922	\$1,400,000	\$196,785	\$ 83,580	
resident tment Officer									
er G. send¹	2015	\$ 587,236	\$ 199,659	\$ 1,093,994	\$ 310,335	\$1,099,172	\$ 0	\$ 598,286	
	2014	\$ 537,532	\$ 200,010	\$ 1,039,275	\$ 311,345	\$ 951,838	\$ 0	\$ 629,052	
, Asia	2013	\$ 500,000	\$ 200,268	\$ 951,349	\$ 280,973	\$ 901,393	\$ 0	\$ 475,696	
neeler	2015	\$ 515,673	\$ 0	\$ 1,914,479	\$ 543,083	\$ 0	\$268,627	\$2,109,656	
ident, ericas	2014	\$ 768,750	\$ 0	\$ 2,251,763	\$ 674,562	\$2,000,000	\$766,086	\$ 194,345	
	2013	\$ 750,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,122,270	\$ 626,795	\$3,250,000	\$ 82,514	\$ 124,430	

1 Mr. Townsend was paid a cash sign-on bonus in each of 2013, 2014, and 2015 on the first three anniversaries of the date his employment began, which is reported in the Bonus column. The final payment was made in 2015. Mr. Townsend did not participate in a defined benefit pension plan in 2013, 2014, or 2015 which is reflected in the Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column.

The amount of tax equalization benefits is a component of the amount disclosed in the All Other Compensation column for Mr. Townsend. The amount reported for tax equalization benefits for 2014 in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement was \$284,501. That amount was based on an estimate of such benefits, as the amount could not be determined due to differences between various jurisdictions' tax years and the Company's fiscal year. The amount of the benefit has now been determined to have been \$267,457. This amount is reflected in the All Other Compensation and Total columns for Mr. Townsend for 2014 in this table. Accordingly, the amounts disclosed in the All Other Compensation and Total columns for Mr. Townsend for 2014 in this table are different from the amounts in such columns in the Summary Compensation Table in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement.

Table of Contents

[Summary Compensation Table](#)

Amounts for Mr. Townsend for 2015 in this table, and other executive compensation disclosure in this Proxy statement, that were denominated, accrued, earned, or paid in Hong Kong dollars have been converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of U.S.\$1 = H.K.\$7.765. In addition, the amounts in the Salary and Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation columns for 2015 differ from the amounts reviewed by the Compensation Committee. See Incentive Compensation Decisions for 2015 Performance on page 46. Amounts reported for 2014 and 2013 have not been adjusted from amounts reported in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement to reflect the change to the exchange rate used in this Proxy Statement compared to the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement.

Basis for the information in the Summary Compensation Table

The amounts reported in the table above for 2015 include several elements that were not paid to the Named Executive Officers in 2015. The table includes items such as salary and cash incentive compensation that have been earned. It also includes the grant date fair value of Share-based long-term incentive awards granted in 2015 which may never become payable or be delivered, or may ultimately have a value that differs substantially from the values reported in this table. The table also includes changes in the value of pension benefits from prior year-end to year-end 2015 which will become payable only after the Named Executive Officer ends employment. The items and amounts reported in the table above for 2014 and 2013 bear a similar relationship to performance and amounts paid or payable in those years.

In addition, the amounts in the Total column do not represent Total Compensation as defined for purposes of the Company's compensation guidelines and philosophy, and include elements that do not relate to 2015 performance. For additional information, see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 42.

The Company is required to include compensation in the Summary Compensation Table for either of the two years prior to 2015 to the extent that it was disclosed in any of its prior Proxy Statements. Mr. Goulart was not a Named Executive Officer in the Company's 2015 or 2014 Proxy Statement. As a result, his compensation for 2014 and 2013 is not reported in the table above.

The amounts in each of the columns of the Summary Compensation Table are further discussed in the following.

Salary

The amount reported in the Salary column is the amount of base salary earned by each Named Executive Officer in that year.

For the relationship of each Named Executive Officer's 2015 base salary earnings to that officer's 2015 Total Compensation, see the Proxy Summary on page 6.

Stock Awards

Performance Shares and Performance Units. Performance Share and Performance Unit awards were granted in 2015 pursuant to the 2015 Stock and Incentive Plan. No monetary consideration was paid by a Named Executive Officer for any awards. No dividends or dividend equivalents are earned on any awards. For a description of the effect on the awards of a termination of employment or change-in-control of MetLife, see Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End beginning on page 90.

Performance Shares are delivered in Shares. Performance Units are paid in cash using the price of Shares.

On February 24, 2015, the Compensation Committee granted Performance Shares to each Named Executive Officer, except that it granted Mr. Townsend Performance Units. The Company may deliver Shares (or pay cash, in the case of Performance Units) after the end of the three-year performance period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. In order for these awards to be eligible to be fully tax deductible under Section 162(m), the Compensation Committee established separate threshold goals. As a result, for the Company to deliver Shares (or pay cash, in the case of Performance Units), the Company must generate either (1) positive income from continuing operations before provision for income tax, excluding net investment gains (losses) (defined in accordance with Section 3(a) of Article 7.04 of SEC Regulation S-X), which includes total net investment gains (losses) and net derivatives gains (losses), either for the third year of the performance period or for the performance period as a whole, or (2) positive TSR either for the third year of the performance period or for the performance period as a whole.

Table of Contents**Summary Compensation Table**

If any of the above income or TSR goals are met, the number of Shares the Company delivers (or amount of cash it pays, in the case of Performance Units) at the end of the performance period is calculated by multiplying the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units by a performance factor (from 0% to 175%). The performance factor is to be determined by the Compensation Committee in consideration of the Company's annual Operating ROE compared to its three-year business plan and TSR during the performance period compared to the Company's peers and other factors the Compensation Committee determines relevant.

For a further discussion of the performance goals applicable to the Performance Share and Performance Unit awards in 2015, see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 42. For a discussion of the 2014 and 2013 Performance Share and Performance Unit awards, see the Company's 2015 and 2014 Proxy Statements, respectively.

Restricted Stock Unit and Restricted Unit Awards. Restricted Stock Unit and Restricted Unit awards were granted in 2015 pursuant to the 2015 Stock and Incentive Plan. No monetary consideration was paid by a Named Executive Officer for any awards. No dividends or dividend equivalents are earned on any awards. For a description of the effect on the awards of a termination of employment or change-in-control of MetLife, see Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End beginning on page 90.

Restricted Stock Units are delivered in Shares. Restricted Units are paid in cash using the price of Shares.

On February 24, 2015, the Compensation Committee granted Restricted Stock Units to each Named Executive Officer, except that it granted Mr. Townsend Restricted Units. One-third of each of these awards vests on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. In order for each tranche of these awards to be eligible to be fully tax deductible under Section 162(m), the Compensation Committee established separate threshold goals. As a result, for the Company to deliver Shares (or pay cash, in the case of Restricted Units), the Company must generate either (1) positive income from continuing operations before provision for income tax, excluding net investment gains (losses) (defined in accordance with Section 3(a) of Article 7.04 of SEC Regulation S-X), which includes total net investment gains (losses) and net derivatives gains (losses) in the calendar year immediately preceding the anniversary date on which the tranche vests, or

(2) positive TSR either for the calendar year immediately preceding the anniversary date on which the tranche vests.

For a discussion of the 2014 and 2013 Restricted Stock Unit and Restricted Unit awards, see the Company's 2015 and 2014 Proxy Statements.

Method for Determining Amounts Reported. The amounts reported in this column for Stock Awards were calculated by multiplying the number of Shares or units by their respective grant date fair value:

\$46.85 for February 24, 2015.

\$46.19 for February 25, 2014.

\$32.20 for February 26, 2013.

Those amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards under ASC 718 consistent with the estimate of aggregate compensation cost to be recognized over the service period. For Performance Shares and Performance Units, the amounts are based on target performance, which is a total performance factor of 100%. This is the probable outcome of the performance conditions to which those awards are subject, determined under ASC 718. The grant date fair values of the Performance Shares and Performance Units granted in 2015 and 2014 assuming the highest level of performance conditions would be 1.75 times the amounts included in this column, rounded down to the nearest whole Share (or Share equivalent), as the same grant date fair value per share would be used but the total performance factor used would be 175%. For 2015 Performance Share and Performance Unit awards, that would produce the following hypothetical Grant Date Fair Values:

Name	Hypothetical Grant Date Fair Value of 2015 Performance Shares and Performance Units at Maximum Performance Level
Steven A. Kandarian	\$7,976,962
John C. R. Hele	\$2,393,098
Martin J. Lippert	\$2,153,788
Steven J. Goulart	\$1,595,383
Christopher G. Townsend	\$1,276,288
William J. Wheeler	\$2,233,574

Table of Contents**Summary Compensation Table**

For a description of the assumptions made in determining the expenses of Share awards, see Notes 1 and 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2015, 2014, and 2013 Forms 10-K. In determining these expenses, it was assumed that each Named Executive Officer would satisfy any service requirements for vesting of the award. As a result, while a discount for the possibility of forfeiture of the award for this reason was applied to determine the expenses of these awards as reported in the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K, no such discount was applied in determining the expenses reported in this column.

Option Awards

Stock Option awards were granted in 2015 pursuant to the 2015 Stock and Incentive Plan. No monetary consideration was paid by a Named Executive Officer for any awards. For a description of the effect on the awards of a termination of employment or change-in-control of MetLife, see Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End beginning on page 90.

On February 24, 2015, the Compensation Committee granted Stock Options to each Named Executive Officer. Each of these awards had a per option exercise price equal to the closing price of a Share on the grant date: \$51.39. The Stock Options will normally become exercisable at the rate of one-third of each grant on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and expire on the day before the tenth anniversary of that grant date.

For a discussion of the 2014 and 2013 Stock Options, see the Company's 2015 and 2014 Proxy Statements, respectively.

Method for Determining Amounts Reported. The amounts reported in this column were calculated by multiplying the number of Stock Options by a grant date fair value per option of:

\$13.29 for February 24, 2015.

\$13.84 for February 25, 2014.

\$9.51 for February 26, 2013.

Those amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the Stock Options granted in each year under ASC 718, consistent with the estimate of aggregate compensation cost to be recognized over the service period.

For a description of the assumptions made in determining the expenses of Stock Option awards, see Notes 1 and 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2015, 2014, and 2013 Forms 10-K. In determining these expenses, it was assumed that each Named Executive Officer would satisfy any service requirements for vesting of the award. As a result, while a discount for the possibility of forfeiture of the award was applied to determine the expenses of these awards as reported in the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K, no such discount was applied in determining the expenses reported in this column. In each case, the grant date of the awards was the date that the Compensation

Committee approved the awards.

Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation

The amounts reported in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column for each Named Executive Officer include the 2015 AVIP awards made in February 2016 by the Compensation Committee to each of the Named Executive Officers, which are based on 2015 performance. The AVIP awards are payable in cash by March 15, 2016. The factors considered and analyzed by the Compensation Committee in determining the awards are discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis. For a description of the maximum award formula that applied to the awards for tax deductibility purposes, see the table entitled "Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015" on page 75.

Amounts reported in this column for 2014 and 2013 are AVIP awards with a similar relationship to performance in those years. The basis of these awards to the Named Executive Officers who appear in the Company's 2015 and 2014 Proxy Statements, respectively, is discussed further in those Proxy Statements.

Table of Contents

[Summary Compensation Table](#)

Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings

The amounts reported in the Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column for 2015 represent any aggregate increase during 2015 in the present value of accumulated pension benefits for each of the Named Executive Officers who participates in a defined benefit pension plan. The increase in the present value of these benefits reflects additional service in 2015, base salary compensation earned in 2015 (reflecting any increases in base salary rate), annual incentive awards payable in March 2015 for 2014 performance, and, in the case of Mr. Wheeler, the impact of changes in the discount rates used to value those benefits. The U.S.-based Named Executive Officers participate in the same retirement

program that applies to other administrative employees in the U.S. For a description of pension benefits, including the formula for determining benefits, see the table entitled "Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" on page 82.

None of the Named Executive Officers' earnings on their nonqualified deferred compensation in 2015, 2014, or 2013 were above-market or preferential. As a result, earnings credited on their nonqualified deferred compensation are not required to be, nor are they, reflected in this column. For a description of the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plans and the simulated investments used to determine earnings, see the table entitled "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" on page 85.

All Other Compensation

The amounts reported in this column for 2015 include all other items of compensation:

Name

**Employer
Savings and
Investment
Program and
Mandatory**

**Perquisites
and
Other
Personal
Benefits**

**Life
Insurance
Above
Standard
Formula**

**Health
Insurance
Above
Standard
Formula**

**Tax
Equalization
Benefits**

**Severance
Pay**

Total

	Provident Fund Contributions						
Steven A. Kandarian	\$257,000	\$ 16,909	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 273,909
John C. R. Hele	\$ 87,187	\$ 14,554	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 101,741
Martin J. Lippert ¹	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Steven J. Goulart	\$ 69,500	\$ 14,080	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 83,580
Christopher G. Townsend	\$ 35,234	\$247,426	\$1,551	\$21,637	\$292,438	\$ 0	\$ 598,286
William J. Wheeler ¹	\$100,627	\$ 0	\$5,023	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$2,004,006	\$2,109,656

¹ Mr. Lippert's and Mr. Wheeler's aggregate amounts of perquisites and other personal benefits in 2015 were less than \$10,000 and are therefore reported at \$0.

Employer Savings and Investment Program and Mandatory Provident Fund Contributions. U.S. based eligible employees may make contributions to the Savings and Investment Plan, which is a tax-qualified 401(k) plan. Employer matching contributions are also made to that plan. In 2015, matching contributions to that plan of \$10,600 were made for Mr. Kandarian, Mr. Goulart, and Mr. Wheeler, and contributions of \$7,950 were made for Mr. Hele.

Employer contributions are made to the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan due to U.S. Internal Revenue Code limits on the amount of compensation that is eligible for contributions to the Savings and Investment Plan.

Employer contributions are also made to the Mandatory Provident Fund, in which Mr. Townsend and other eligible employees in Hong Kong participate. These contributions match contributions made by employees up to limits determined under that fund.

Table of Contents**Summary Compensation Table**

The amount of contributions for each Named Executive Officer, other than those made to the Savings and Investment Plan, is also reflected in the Registrant Contributions in Last FY column of the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table on page 85.

Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits. Goods or services provided to the Named Executive Officers are perquisites or personal benefits only if they confer a personal benefit on the executive. However, goods or services that are directly and integrally related to the executive's job duties, or are offered generally to all employees, or for which the executive fully reimbursed the Company, are not perquisites or personal benefits. Perquisites and other personal benefits are reported at the Company's aggregate incremental cost. The following describes each type of perquisite or other personal benefit.

Personal Car Service. The reported amounts include the cost paid by the Company to vendors for car service for personal travel. Where the Company used its own vehicles to provide personal travel, the cost of tolls, fuel, and driver overtime compensation is included.

Personal Company Aircraft Use. The reported amounts include the variable costs for personal use of aircraft that were charged to the Company by the vendor that operates the Company's leased aircraft for trip-related crew hotels and meals, landing and ground handling fees, hangar and parking costs, in-flight catering and telephone usage, and similar items. Fuel costs were calculated based on average fuel cost per flight hour for each hour of personal use. Because the aircraft is leased primarily for business use, fixed costs such as lease payments are not included in these amounts. The Company does not require the Chief Executive Officer to use the Company's aircraft for all personal and business travel.

Personal Conference, Event, and Travel. The reported amounts include the costs incurred by the Company for personal items for the Named Executive Officer at a Company business conference or meeting, at MetLife Stadium or at other events, and for personal guests of the Named Executive Officer at such events. Costs paid to a vendor to make personal travel reservations for the Named Executive Officers or their family members, and the cost of corporate credit card fees, are also included.

Overseas Assignment Benefits. The Company provided Mr. Townsend, in connection with his assignment in Hong Kong, \$114,675 in housing and \$99,725 in subsidy of children's education. The Company's incremental costs to provide these items, and for personal tax return preparation, are included in the table above.

Life Insurance Coverage Above Standard Formula. In 2003, the Company discontinued its split-dollar life insurance programs in which a small group of senior officers and some other employees and agents participated. Former participants in those programs were given the opportunity to continue to receive group life insurance coverage at the levels that were provided under the program. The reported amounts for Mr. Wheeler reflect the additional cost to the Company in 2015 to provide group life insurance coverage at those former levels over and above the cost for the standard group life coverage.

Employees in Hong Kong, including Mr. Townsend, are provided life insurance at levels that vary based on position. The cost of providing such coverage to Mr. Townsend in 2015 is reported in the table above.

Health Insurance Above Standard Formula. Employees in Hong Kong, including Mr. Townsend, are provided health benefits at levels that vary based on position. The cost of providing such benefits to Mr. Townsend in 2015 is reported in the table above.

Tax Equalization Benefits. The Company will pay any income taxes Mr. Townsend owes as a result of 2015 travel on Company business in excess of what he would have owed had he provided the services in his home jurisdiction. The amount reported in the table above is an estimate of such taxes, as Mr. Townsend's precise liability has not yet been determined. The estimate is based on extensive travel to multiple jurisdictions in Asia and elsewhere in furtherance of MetLife's business. For further information, see **Business Travel Income Tax Equalization** on page 64.

Severance Pay. Mr. Wheeler's severance pay is reported in the table above. See **Severance Pay and Related Benefits** on page 64.

Table of Contents

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015

Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards Maximum (\$)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Options (\$/Sh)
		Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)			
A. December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		24,324	97,295	170,266			
February 24, 2015					48,648		
February 24, 2015						145,943	\$51.39
R. December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		7,297	29,189	51,080			
February 24, 2015					14,594		
February 24, 2015						43,783	\$51.39
J. December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		6,568	26,270	45,972			
February 24, 2015					13,135		
February 24, 2015						39,405	\$51.39
J. December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		4,865	19,459	34,053			
February 24, 2015					9,730		
February 24, 2015						29,189	\$51.39
G. December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		3,892	15,567	27,242			
February 24, 2015					7,784		

February 24, 2015						23,351	\$51.39
December 9, 2014	\$10,000,000						
February 24, 2015		6,811	27,243	47,675			
February 24, 2015					13,621		
February 24, 2015						40,864	\$51.39

Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards

In December, 2014, the Compensation Committee made each Named Executive Officer eligible for an AVIP award for 2015 performance of up to \$10 million, if the Company attained either of two Section 162(m) performance goals in 2015. Those goals were: (1) positive income from continuing operations before provision for income tax, excluding net investment gains (losses) (defined in accordance with Section 3(a) of Article 7.04 of SEC Regulation S-X), which includes total net investment gains (losses) and net derivatives gains (losses); or (2) positive TSR. These goals were established for the purpose of making AVIP awards to certain of the Company's executives for 2015 eligible for the performance-based exemption from the limits on tax deductibility under Section 162(m). This limit is labeled "maximum" in this table. No amounts were established as minimum or target awards.

The amounts of the 2015 AVIP awards paid to the Named Executive Officers are reflected in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 69. The factors and analysis of results considered by the Compensation Committee in determining the 2015 AVIP awards are discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Equity Incentive Plan Awards

The amounts in these columns reflect a range of Shares the Company may deliver for Performance Shares, or Share equivalents it may pay in cash for Performance Units, granted to each Named Executive Officer in 2015. In each case, it is also possible that no Shares will be delivered or cash paid.

Table of Contents

[Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015](#)

If the 25% threshold performance factor in the guidelines approved by the Compensation Committee applies, each Named Executive Officer would receive the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units reflected in the Threshold column of this table. If the target performance factor applies, each Named Executive Officer would receive the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units reflected in the Target column of the table. The maximum performance factor of 175% is reflected in the Maximum column of the table, rounded down to the nearest whole Share (or Share equivalent).

For a more detailed description of the material terms and conditions of these awards, see the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

All Other Stock Awards

The amounts in these columns reflect the potential number of Shares the Company may deliver for Restricted Stock Units, or cash it may pay for Restricted Units, granted to each Named Executive Officer in 2015. In each case, it is also possible that no Shares will be delivered or cash paid.

For a more detailed description of the material terms and conditions of these awards, see the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

All Other Option Awards

For a description of the material terms and conditions of these awards, see the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

Table of Contents

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

This table presents information about:

Stock Options granted to the Named Executive Officers that were outstanding on December 31, 2015 because they had not been exercised or forfeited as of that date.

Performance Shares and Performance Units granted to the Named Executive Officers that were outstanding on December 31, 2015 because they had not vested as of that date.

Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Units granted to the Named Executive Officers that were outstanding on December 31, 2015 because they had not vested as of that date.

The awards reported in this table include awards granted in 2015, which are also reported in the Summary Compensation Table on page 69 and the table entitled "Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2015" on page 75.

	Option Awards (1)(2)(3)				Stock Awards			
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (4) (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (5) (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (6) (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or P Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights (7) (\$)

										That Has Not Vested (\$)
Steven A.	45,000	0	\$62.80	February 26, 2017						
	43,500	0	\$60.51	February 25, 2018						
Darian	53,400	0	\$23.30	February 23, 2019						
	106,800	0	\$23.30	February 23, 2019						
	76,000	0	\$34.84	February 22, 2020						
	80,000	0	\$45.79	February 22, 2021						
	150,000	0	\$44.59	March 20, 2021						
	328,125	0	\$38.29	February 27, 2022						
	121,212	60,606	\$34.86	February 25, 2023						
	43,500	87,000	\$50.53	February 24, 2024						
	0	145,943	\$51.39	February 23, 2025						
					97,850	\$4,717,349	322,516	\$15,548,4		
n C. R.	98,383	0	\$34.00	September 3, 2022						
	12,121	6,061	\$34.86	February 25, 2023						
Hele	13,497	26,995	\$50.53	February 24, 2024						
	0	43,783	\$51.39	February 23, 2025						
					25,615	\$1,234,899	98,330	\$ 4,740,4		
artin J. Lippert	37,500	0	\$29.50	September 5, 2021						
	32,800	0	\$38.29	February 27, 2022						
	36,363	18,182	\$34.86	February 25, 2023						
	12,497	24,996	\$50.53	February 24, 2024						
	0	39,405	\$51.39	February 23, 2025						
					27,530	\$1,327,221	89,722	\$ 4,325,4		

Table of Contents

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Name	Option Awards (1) (2) (3)				Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (4) (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (5) (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (6) (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Steven J. Goulart	10,500	0	\$62.80	February 26, 2017				
	10,500	0	\$60.51	February 25, 2018				
	14,000	0	\$23.30	February 23, 2019				
	17,100	0	\$34.84	February 22, 2020				
	18,300	0	\$45.79	February 22, 2021				
	70,300	0	\$38.29	February 27, 2022				
	24,242	12,122	\$34.86	February 25, 2023				
	7,998	15,997	\$50.53	February 24, 2024				
	0	29,189	\$51.39	February 23, 2025				
					19,105	\$921,052	62,053	\$2,991,000
Christopher G. Townsend	44,365	0	\$30.43	July 31, 2022				
	19,696	9,849	\$34.86	February 25, 2023				
	7,498	14,998	\$50.53	February 24, 2024				
	0	23,351	\$51.39	February 23, 2025				
					16,067	\$774,590	53,492	\$2,578,000

William J.	45,000	0	\$50.12	February 27, 2016				
Wheeler	50,000	0	\$62.80	February 26, 2017				
	46,500	0	\$60.51	February 25, 2018				
	47,000	0	\$23.30	February 23, 2019				
	84,000	0	\$34.84	February 22, 2020				
	85,000	0	\$45.79	February 22, 2021				
	112,500	0	\$44.59	March 20, 2021				
	126,600	0	\$38.29	February 27, 2022				
	43,939	21,970	\$34.86	February 25, 2023				
	16,246	32,494	\$50.53	February 24, 2024				
	0	40,864	\$51.39	February 23, 2025				
					31,779	\$1,532,066	104,550	\$5,040

- Each of these Option Awards is a Stock Option. Each has an expiration date that is the day before the tenth anniversary of its grant date. Except as described in note 2 to this table, each of the Stock Options for each Named Executive Officer will become exercisable at a rate of one-third of each annual grant on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, subject to conditions.
- Mr. Kandarian's and Mr. Wheeler's Stock Options that expire on March 20, 2021, and 106,800 of Mr. Kandarian's Stock Options that expire on February 23, 2019, became exercisable on the third anniversary of their grant date, subject to conditions.
- Portions of Mr. Kandarian's outstanding Stock Options have been effectively transferred other than for value under a domestic relations order: 19,125 of those expiring in 2017 and 11,310 of those expiring in 2018.
- Each of these Stock Awards is comprised of Restricted Stock Units, except for Mr. Townsend's Stock Awards which are Restricted Units.
- The hypothetical amount reflected in this column for each Named Executive Officer is equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Units reflected in the column entitled "Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested" multiplied by the closing price of a Share on December 31, 2015, the last business day of that year.

Table of Contents**Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End**

6 Each of these Stock Awards is comprised of Performance Shares, except for Mr. Townsend's Stock Awards which are Performance Units. The number of Stock Awards reported is the maximum number of Shares that the Company could deliver (or pay the equivalent in cash) for the following performance periods:

Name	Maximum Performance Shares or Performance Units	
	2014-2016	2015-2017
Steven A. Kandarian	152,250	170,266
John C. R. Hele	47,250	51,080
Martin J. Lippert	43,750	45,972
Steven J. Goulart	28,000	34,053
Christopher G. Townsend	26,250	27,242
William J. Wheeler	56,875	47,675

The Company has not yet delivered any Shares or paid any cash for these Performance Shares and Performance Units. The number of Shares the Company delivers or cash it pays may be lower than the amounts reflected in this table. Under the terms of the awards, the number of Shares the Company delivers, or cash it pays, if any, will depend on a performance factor that the Compensation Committee determines based upon a three-year performance period. The maximum performance factor has been used to report these outstanding awards because it was not possible to determine the Company's performance in 2016 or 2017 at the time this Proxy Statement was filed. See the Summary Compensation Table on page 69 for a description of the terms of the Performance Share and Performance Unit awards.

7 The hypothetical amount reflected in this column for each Named Executive Officer is equal to the number of

Performance Shares and Performance Units reflected in the column entitled Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested multiplied by the closing price of a Share on December 31, 2015, the last business day of that year.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **79**

Table of Contents

Option Exercise and Stock Vested in 2015

Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2015

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
	Steven A. Kandarian	17,500	\$ 122,500	249,656	$12,785,218
John C. R. Hele	0	\$ 0	50,091	\$ 2,628,622
Martin J. Lippert	0	\$ 0	52,633	\$ 2,631,851
Steven J. Goulart	0	\$ 0	51,288	\$ 2,631,120
Christopher G. Townsend	0	\$ 0	37,699	\$ 1,921,931
William J. Wheeler	183,000	\$4,405,881	93,236	\$ 4,782,153

Option Awards

The amount for the value realized on exercise of Option Awards is the market value of Shares when the executive exercised the Stock Options less the exercise price of the Stock Options.

Stock Awards**Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Units**

These amounts include Shares the Company delivered for Restricted Stock Units, or equivalent in cash it paid for Restricted Units, that vested in 2015. The value realized on vesting was determined using the closing price of a Share on the vesting date. None of the Named Executive Officers had the opportunity to defer the Shares that they might

receive for these awards.

2012-2014 Performance Shares and Performance Units

These amounts also include Shares deliverable for Performance Shares, or equivalent in cash payable for Performance Units, for the 2012-2014 performance period, which vested on December 31, 2014. The value realized on vesting was determined using the number of Performance Shares deliverable in Shares, or Performance Units payable in cash, multiplied by the closing price of Shares on the vesting date. The number of Shares deliverable, or their cash equivalent payable, was not known as of the date of the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement and as a result were not reflected in the "Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2014" table in that Proxy Statement.

The number of Shares deliverable for this award (or cash equivalent) was calculated by multiplying the number of Performance Shares or Units by the total of the Operating EPS Performance Factor and the TSR Performance Factor, each with a target performance factor of 50%:

The component performance factor based on the Company's Operating EPS growth was 39%. This was the average of 66%, 0%, and 50%, the percentages determined by the Company's year-over-year change in Operating EPS relative to other Standard and Poor's Insurance Index comparators for each of the three years of the performance period. The Company was at the 61st percentile for 2012, below the 25th percentile for 2013, and at the 50th percentile for 2014.

The component performance factor based on the Company's TSR was 62%. This was determined by comparing the Company's performance relative to that of other Standard & Poor's Insurance Index Comparators with respect to TSR for the performance period. MetLife's TSR, less that of the Insurance Index Comparators, was 7.2%. That result produced the component performance factor of 62%.

The performance factor for the 2012-2014 Performance Shares and Performance Units was the total of these two components, 101%.

Table of Contents

[Option Exercise and Stock Vested in 2015](#)

For more information on the terms of these awards, see the Company's 2013 Proxy Statement.

Each Named Executive Officer who had a Performance Share award for the 2012-2014 performance period had the opportunity to defer the Shares deliverable for that award. None of them chose to defer any of those Shares.

[2013-2015 Performance Shares and Performance Units](#)

These amounts also include Shares deliverable for Performance Shares, or equivalent in cash payable for Performance Units, for the 2013-2015 performance period, which vested on December 31, 2015. The value realized on vesting was determined using the number of Shares deliverable, or Share equivalent payable in cash, multiplied by the closing price of Shares on the vesting date.

The number of Shares deliverable for this award (or cash equivalent) was calculated by multiplying the number of Performance Shares by the performance factor that pertained to the awards, which was 86.2%. The Compensation Committee determined this factor in light of guidelines described under Performance Share Awards in 2013 and later on page 59. The Company's TSR over the performance period was in the 27th percentile of the global comparator group provided under the guidelines, producing a TSR performance factor component of 31%. The Company's average annual Operating ROE for the performance period was 12.0%, which was 110% of the average Business Plan goal of 10.9% for the performance period, producing an Operating ROE performance component of 141.3%. The performance factor approved by the Compensation Committee was the average of these two components.

In determining this performance factor, the Compensation Committee determined the Company's Operating ROE excluding the impact of the following items that did not relate to current operations or the consequences of any current management decisions, or that reflected appropriate management decisions.

In 2014 and 2013, the Company increased its reserves for asbestos litigation. The litigation relates to alleged activities in

the 1920s through the 1950s, and the reserve increases (of \$117 million and \$101 million, respectively, each net of income tax) reflected the fact that the frequency and severity of claims against MLIC relating to asbestos increased. MLIC is named as a defendant in asbestos litigation. MLIC has never engaged in the business of manufacturing, producing, distributing or selling asbestos or asbestos-containing products. Nor has MLIC issued liability or workers compensation insurance to companies in the business of manufacturing, producing, distributing or selling asbestos or asbestos-containing products. The lawsuits principally have focused on allegations with respect to certain research, publication and other activities during the period from the 1920s through approximately the 1950s and allege that MLIC learned or should have learned of certain health risks posed by asbestos and, among other things, improperly publicized or failed to disclose those health risks. MLIC believes that it should not have legal liability in these cases. The outcome of most asbestos litigation matters, however, is uncertain.

In 2015, the Company recorded a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to tax years 2000 to 2009 for a wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary of MLIC. The charge was the result of the Company's consideration of court decisions upholding the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's disallowance of foreign tax credits claimed by corporate entities not affiliated with the Company. Resolution of the Company's own foreign tax credits awaits filing of (and

determinations regarding) refund claims.

Finally, the Company did not engage in as much merger and acquisition activity in 2015 as anticipated for the Business Plan Operating ROE goal. The Compensation Committee determined that management had exercised appropriate restraint in pursuing only those acquisitions that were likely to result in profitable growth.

Each Named Executive Officer who had a Performance Share award for the 2013-2015 performance period had the opportunity to defer Shares deliverable for that award. None of them chose to defer any of those Shares.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement 81

Table of Contents

Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Name ¹	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)
Steven A. Kandarian	Retirement Plan	10.75	\$ 180,478
	Auxiliary Pension Plan	10.75	\$3,019,431
John C. R. Hele	Retirement Plan	3.33	\$ 52,421
	Auxiliary Pension Plan	3.33	\$ 467,588
Martin J. Lippert	Retirement Plan	4.33	\$ 74,556
	Auxiliary Pension Plan	4.33	\$ 671,339
Steven J. Goulart	Retirement Plan	9.50	\$ 192,947
	Auxiliary Pension Plan	9.50	\$ 850,672
William J. Wheeler	Retirement Plan	17.83	\$ 486,738
	Auxiliary Pension Plan	17.83	\$3,381,389

1 Mr. Townsend did not participate in a defined benefit pension plan in 2015.

The U.S.-based Named Executive Officers are eligible to participate in the Retirement Plan and the Auxiliary Pension Plan. Eligible employees qualify for pension benefits after one year of service and become vested in their benefits after three years of service.

Pension Plans

Pension benefits are paid under two separate plans, primarily due to tax requirements. The Retirement Plan is a tax-qualified defined benefit pension plan that provides benefits for eligible employees on the United States payroll. The U.S. Internal Revenue Code imposes limitations on eligible compensation and on the amounts that can be paid under the Retirement Plan. The purpose of the Auxiliary Pension Plan is to provide benefits which eligible employees would have received under the Retirement Plan if these limitations were not imposed. Benefits under the Auxiliary

Pension Plan are calculated in substantially the same manner as they are under the Retirement Plan. The Auxiliary Pension Plan is unfunded, and benefits under that plan are general promises of payment not secured by any rights to Company property.

Determination of Benefits

Benefits under the Company's pension program are determined under two separate benefit formulas. For any given period of time, an employee's benefit is determined under one or the other

formula. In no event do benefits accrue for the same period under both formulas. The **Traditional Formula** is based on length of service and final average compensation. The **Personal Retirement Account Formula** is based on monthly contributions for each employee based on the employee's compensation, plus interest.

Mr. Wheeler's benefit will be determined using the standard Traditional Formula for service prior to 2003 and the Personal Retirement Account Formula for service in 2003 and later. Each other U.S.-based Named Executive Officer's respective benefit will be determined exclusively under the Personal Retirement Account Formula. In each case, the formula is the standard formula that applies to all similarly-situated employees. Mr. Wheeler had sufficient service as of year-end 2015 to be fully vested in both his Traditional Formula benefit and Personal Retirement Account Formula benefit. Each of Mr. Kandarian and Mr. Goulart had sufficient service as of year-end 2015 to be fully vested in his Personal Retirement Account Formula benefit.

The Personal Retirement Account Formula is based on amounts contributed or credited for each participant based on the participant's eligible compensation, plus interest. Eligible compensation includes base salary and eligible annual incentive awards. All employees hired (or rehired) on or after January 1, 2002 accrue benefits for 2002 and later under the Personal

Table of Contents

Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Retirement Account Formula. Under the Personal Retirement Account Formula, an employee is credited each month with an amount equal to 5% of eligible compensation up to the Social Security wage base (for 2015, \$118,500), plus 10% of eligible compensation in excess of that wage base. In addition, amounts credited to each employee earn interest at an approximation of the U.S. government's 30-year Treasury securities rate.

Employees hired before 2002 who remained employed throughout 2002 accrued benefits for 2002 under the Traditional Formula. These employees, including Mr. Wheeler, were given the opportunity to continue accruing their pension benefits under the Traditional Formula for service in 2003 and later or to begin accruing benefits for 2003 and later under the Personal Retirement Account Formula. Mr. Wheeler elected to begin accruing benefits for 2003 and later under the Personal Retirement Account Formula.

Mr. Wheeler's annual benefit under the Traditional Formula was determined and frozen at the end of 2002 and represents approximately one-fifth of his total benefit value. This frozen annual benefit is calculated by multiplying Mr. Wheeler's years of service through 2002 by the sum of (1) 1.1% of his final average compensation up to the average Social Security wage base over the past 35 years, and (2) 1.7% of his employee's final average compensation in excess of the average Social Security wage base over the past 35 years. Mr. Wheeler's final average compensation was calculated by determining the consecutive five-year period (within the period from Mr. Wheeler's date of hire through 2002) during which his eligible compensation (including base salary and eligible annual incentive awards) produced the highest average annual compensation.

For pension benefit purposes, the 2009 annual incentive awards, which were paid outside of AVIP, are considered on the same basis as AVIP awards.

Form of Payment of Benefits

Whether an employee's pension benefit is determined under the Traditional Formula or (except with respect to amounts accrued under the Auxiliary Pension Plan during or after 2005) the Personal Retirement Account Formula, the employee may choose to receive the benefit as a life annuity, life annuity with term certain, contingent survivor annuity, or first-to-die annuity. Amounts accrued during or after 2005 under the Auxiliary

Pension Plan that are determined by the Personal Retirement Account Formula are paid in a lump sum. Employees may choose a lump sum payout of any of the rest of their vested benefits under the Personal Retirement Account Formula at termination of their employment or later. The Named Executive Officer participants could also have selected, no later than December 31, 2008 and subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee or its designee, the timing and form of the Traditional Formula benefit payment under the Auxiliary Pension Plan, including a lump sum payment. The actuarial value of all forms of payment is substantially equivalent.

Retirement Eligibility

Normal Retirement Eligibility applies at age 65 with at least one year of service. An employee is eligible for early Retirement Eligibility beginning at age 55 with 15 years of service. Each year of age over age 57 1/2 reduces the number of years of service required to qualify for early retirement, until normal Retirement Eligibility at age 65 and at least one year of service.

The Traditional Formula benefit may not be paid to employees before they become Retirement Eligible. Early retirement payments for Traditional Formula participants are reduced from normal retirement benefits by an early retirement factor that depends on the employee's age at the time payments begin and years of service at the end of employment. If an employee has 20 years of service or more and is Retirement Eligible, the factors range from 72% at age 55 to 100% at age 62. If an employee does not have 20 years of service at the end of employment, the factors range from 54.8% at age 55 to 100% at age 65.

However, attaining Retirement Eligibility does not affect Personal Retirement Account benefits. Personal Retirement Account participants qualify to be paid their full vested benefit when their employment ends. Because Personal Retirement Account benefits are based on total amounts credited for the employee and not final average compensation, those benefits are not reduced for any early retirement.

Attaining Retirement Eligibility also affects whether an employee retains stock-based long-term incentive awards granted in 2014 or earlier. See the text accompanying the table entitled Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End on page 90 for a discussion of these effects as of 2015 year-end.

Table of Contents

[Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End](#)

Of the Named Executive Officers based in the U.S., only Mr. Kandarian was Retirement Eligible during 2015.

Section 409A Requirements

Amounts that were vested in the Auxiliary Pension Plan after 2004 are subject to the requirements of U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 409A (**Section 409A**). Participants had the opportunity in 2008 to choose their form of payment (including a lump sum) for their accrued benefit, so long as they did not begin receiving payments in the year of the election. Payments of amounts that are subject to the requirements of Section 409A to the top 50 highest paid officers in the Company that are due upon separation from service are delayed for six months following their separation, as required by Section 409A.

Present Value Calculation Assumptions

The present value of each Named Executive Officer participant's accumulated pension benefits is reported in the table above using certain assumptions. In the case of each Named Executive Officer with a benefit determined in part under the Traditional

Formula, the assumptions used in the determination of present value as of December 31, 2015 include assumed retirement at the earliest date the executive could retire with full pension benefits. This was the earlier of the date the executive reached at least age 62 with at least 20 years of service, or the normal retirement date (age 65). Otherwise, the assumptions used were the same as those used for financial reporting under GAAP. For a discussion of the assumptions made regarding this valuation, see Notes 1 and 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2015 Form 10-K.

In the case of each Named Executive Officer with a benefit determined exclusively under the Personal Retirement Account Formula, the present value of his benefit as of December 31, 2015 is equal to his Personal Retirement Account balance. Of those Named Executive Officers, only Mr. Kandarian and Mr. Goulart were vested in such benefit as of that date. Vested Personal Retirement Account balances may be paid in full upon termination of employment at any time.

Table of Contents

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Name ¹	Plan Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY(2) (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY(3) (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY(4) (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE(5) (\$)
Steven A. Kandarian ⁶	Leadership Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (576,251)	\$0	\$ 6,419,396
	Auxiliary SIP	\$ 0	\$246,400	\$ 35,296	\$0	\$ 1,213,401
John C. R. Hele	Auxiliary SIP	\$ 0	\$ 79,237	\$ 971	\$0	\$ 140,601
	Leadership Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (4,996)	\$0	\$ 153,559
Steven J. Goulart	Auxiliary SIP	\$ 0	\$ 58,900	\$ (2,917)	\$0	\$ 391,594
	Mandatory	\$2,318	\$ 35,234	\$ (794)	\$0	\$ 111,411
Christopher G. Townsend	Provident Fund					
	Leadership Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$(1,199,735)	\$0	\$13,364,960
William J. Wheeler						
	Auxiliary SIP	\$ 0	\$ 90,027	\$ 34,399	\$0	\$ 1,137,555

1 Mr. Lippert did not participate in a nonqualified deferred compensation plan in 2015.

2 The amount in this column for Mr. Townsend reflects salary payments that were credited as contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund. These amounts were reported as salary in the Summary Compensation Table for 2015. No employee contributions are made under the Auxiliary SIP.

3 Amounts in this column are reported as components of Employer Savings and Investment Program and Mandatory Provident Fund Contributions for 2015 in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 69.

- 4 None of the amounts in this column are reported for 2015 in the Summary Compensation Table. See the text pertaining to the Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column of that table beginning on page 73.
- 5 A portion of the amounts reported in this column is attributable to Employer Savings and Investment Program and Mandatory Provident Fund Contributions. These contributions are reflected in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Tables in the Company's previous Proxy Statements (beginning in 2007) for Named Executive Officers who appeared in those Proxy Statements: \$940,917 for Mr. Kandarian, \$67,875 for Mr. Hele, \$53,567 for Mr. Goulart, \$62,475 for Mr. Townsend, and \$872,949 for Mr. Wheeler.
- 6 The 2014 year-end Auxiliary SIP balance reported for Mr. Kandarian in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement was \$10,001 lower than the accurate amount of \$931,705.

Table of Contents

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Deferred Compensation Program for U.S.-Based Employees

The Company's nonqualified deferred compensation program offers savings opportunities to the U.S.-based Named Executive Officers, as well as hundreds of other eligible employees.

The program for U.S.-based employees includes the MetLife Leadership Deferred Compensation Plan, or **Leadership Plan**. Under the Leadership Plan, employees may elect to defer receipt of their base salary and incentive compensation. Income taxation on such compensation is delayed until the employee receives payment. Amounts deferred under the Leadership Plan are subject to the requirements of Section 409A.

Employees also receive Company contributions under the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan. In the table above, the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan is referred to as the **Auxiliary SIP**.

Leadership Plan. Under the Leadership Plan, Named Executive Officers based in the U.S. may elect to defer receipt of up to 75% of their base salary, all of their AVIP awards, and any Shares deliverable for Performance Share awards. These deferrals are voluntary contributions of the Named Executive Officers' own earnings.

Compensation that would have been made in Shares, but is deferred, remains deliverable in Shares. This includes Shares deliverable for Performance Shares, Restricted Stock Units, and the Shares deliverable under the Long Term Performance Compensation Plan formerly maintained by the Company. Cash awards under the Long Term Performance Compensation Plan that were irrevocably deferred in the form of Shares are also delivered in Shares. All other deferred compensation is payable in cash.

Participants may elect to receive compensation they have deferred at a specified date before, upon or after retirement. In addition, participants may elect to receive payments in a single lump sum or in up to 15 annual installments. However, MetLife pays out the deferred compensation in a single lump sum when the employee leaves MetLife, except under certain circumstances. With respect to compensation that would otherwise have been paid in 2014 and earlier but is instead deferred, the employee's choice of form and timing of payment is

honored if the employee becomes Retirement Eligible or Bridge Eligible. With respect to compensation that would have been paid in 2015 but was instead deferred, the employee's choice of form and timing of payment is honored if the employee has completed five or more years of service or is at least age 60 when employment ends. Payments to the top 50 highest paid officers that are due upon separation from service are delayed for six months following their separation, in compliance with Section 409A.

The Company offers a number of simulated investments under the Leadership Plan. Participants may generally choose the simulated investments for their deferred cash compensation at the time they elect to defer compensation, and may change the simulated investment selections for their existing account balances up to six times each calendar year. The following table reflects the simulated investment returns for 2015 on each of the alternatives offered under the Leadership Plan. The MetLife Deferred Shares Fund is available exclusively for deferred Shares. The MetLife Common Stock Fund is available for deferred cash compensation. Each of these two funds reflects changes in value of Shares plus the value of imputed reinvested dividends.

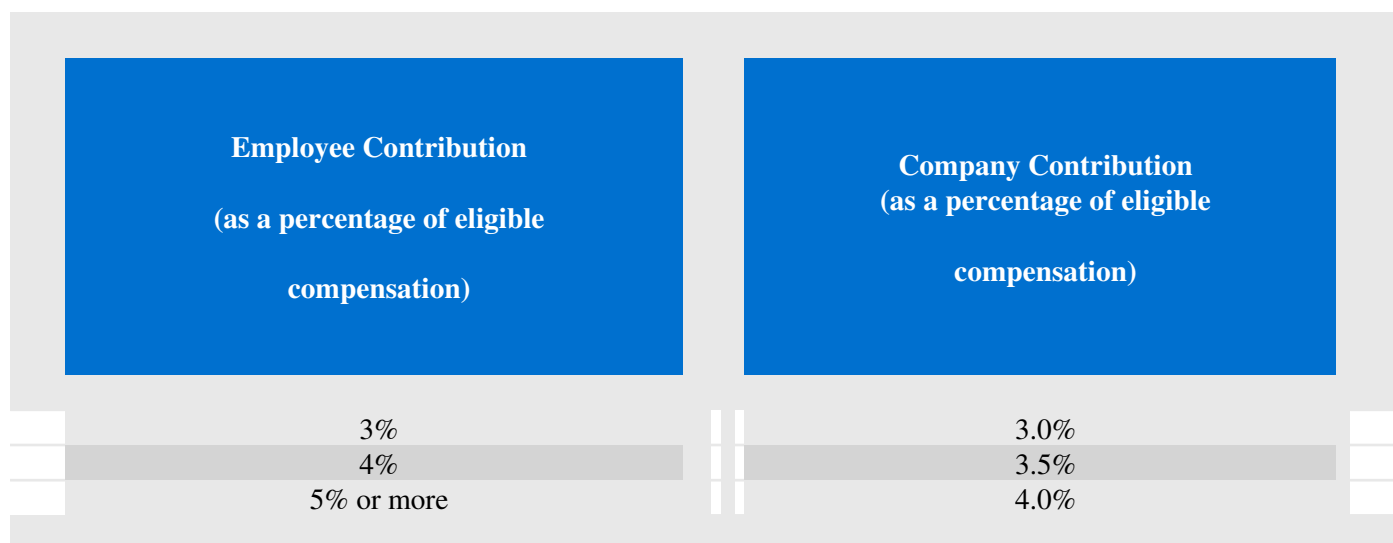
Simulated Investment	2015 Returns
Auxiliary Fixed Income Fund	3.18%
Lord Abbett Bond Debenture Fund	(1.87)%
Oakmark Fund	(3.95)%
Small Cap Equity Fund	(4.58)%
Oakmark International Fund	(3.83)%
S&P 500 [®] Index	1.38%
Russell 2000 [®] Index	(4.41)%
MSCI EAFE [®] Index	(0.81)%
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.55%
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index	(4.64)%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	(14.92)%
MetLife Deferred Shares Fund	(8.24)%
MetLife Common Stock Fund	(8.24)%

Each simulated investment was available for the entirety of 2015.

Table of Contents

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan. Eligible U.S.-based Named Executive Officers and other eligible U.S.-based employees who elected to contribute a portion of their eligible compensation under the tax-qualified Savings and Investment Plan in 2015 received a Company contribution of their eligible compensation in that plan in 2015:



The employee's eligible compensation under the Savings and Investment Plan includes base salary and eligible annual incentive awards.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Code limits compensation that is eligible for employer contributions under the Savings and Investment Plan. In 2015, the Company could not make contributions based on compensation over \$265,000. Named Executive Officers and other eligible employees who elected to participate in the Savings and Investment Plan during 2015 were credited with a percentage of their eligible compensation beyond that limit. The Company contribution was determined using the same employee contribution rate as applied under the Savings and Investment Plan. This Company contribution is credited to an account established for the employee under the nonqualified Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan.

If the employee makes no election otherwise, Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan balances are paid in a lump sum one year after termination of employment. Employees can elect to receive their Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan balances in up to 15 annual installments and/or may elect to delay their payment, or

the beginning of their annual payments, for up to 10 years after termination of employment.

Amounts in the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan are subject to the requirements of Section 409A. Participants were able to elect the time and form of their payments through 2008, which was within the time period permitted for such elections under Section 409A. Participants may change the time and form of their payments after 2008, but the election must be made during employment, is not effective until 12 months after it is made, and must delay the start of

benefit payments by at least five years. Payments to the top 50 highest paid officers that are due upon separation from service are delayed for six months following their separation, in compliance with Section 409A.

Employees may choose from a number of simulated investments for their Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan accounts. These simulated investments were identical to the core funds offered under the Savings and Investment Plan in 2015, except that the rate set for the fixed income fund available under the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan cannot exceed 120% of the applicable federal long term rate under U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 1274(d) at the time that rate is set. Employees may change the simulated investments for new Company contributions to their Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan accounts at any time.

Employees could change the simulated investments for their existing Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan accounts up to four times a month in 2015. Beginning in 2010, employees could not allocate more than 10% of their existing Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan account balances to the MetLife Company Stock Fund (except for any account balance already in the MetLife Company Stock Fund as of January 1, 2010), and could not allocate more than 10% of future contributions to that fund. Fees are charged to employees for moving existing balances out of certain international simulated investments prior to the expiration of pre-established holding periods.

Table of Contents

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

The following table reflects the simulated investment returns for 2015 on each of the alternatives offered under the Auxiliary Savings and Investment Plan.

Simulated Investment	2015 Returns
Auxiliary Fixed Income Fund	3.18%
Bond Index Fund	0.58%
Balanced Index Fund	1.22%
Large Cap Equity Index Fund	1.35%
Large Cap Value Index Fund	(3.94)%
Large Cap Growth Index Fund	5.57%
Mid Cap Equity Index Fund	(2.25)%
Small Cap Equity Fund	(4.58)%
International Equity Fund	(1.60)%
MetLife Company Stock Fund	(8.43)%

The MetLife Company Stock Fund includes a limited proportion of simulated investments in instruments other than Shares.

Each simulated investment was available for the entirety of 2015.

Mandatory Provident Fund Applicable to Mr. Townsend

Under the Mandatory Provident Fund available to employees in Hong Kong, including Mr. Townsend, eligible employees must

defer 5% of their salary and other compensation, subject to a monthly limit. The monthly employer contribution is based on the employee's years of service: 6% of salary if the employee has less than five years of service, 8% of salary if the employee has between five and ten years of service, 10% of salary if the employee has between ten and fifteen years of service, and 12% of salary if the employee has fifteen or more years of service. An employee may make additional, voluntary contributions of between 1% and 5% of monthly salary. If the employee does so, the employer must make additional matching contributions equal to the employee's contributions up to 2% of monthly salary.

The matching contribution vests at 10% per year of completed service and is completely vested at ten years of service. An employee who is dismissed due to fraud, dishonesty, or gross misconduct (or resigns to avoid such a dismissal)

may forfeit the employer's voluntary contributions.

Payments of the employee and mandatory employer contributions are generally made in a single lump sum at age 65 or when the employee leaves employment after age 60. If an employee leaves employment before age 60, the employee's mandatory contributions, and the mandatory contributions the employer made to match those contributions, generally remain in the program and may be transferred to another employer's Mandatory Provident Fund. When an employee leaves employment, regardless of age, the employee receives the employee's voluntary contributions and the vested voluntary contributions the employer made to match those contributions.

Table of Contents

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

The program offers a number of funds from among which participants may choose to invest some or all of their accounts. Participants may generally change the investments for their new contributions at any time. The following table reflects the investment returns for 2015 on each of the funds offered under the program.

Constituent Fund	2015 Returns
Manulife MPF Japan Equity Fund	12.80%
Manulife MPF North American Equity Fund	4.52%
Manulife MPF Healthcare Fund	2.05%
Manulife MPF International Equity Fund	1.70%
Manulife MPF Hong Kong Bond Fund	1.62%
Manulife MPF Conservative Fund	0.05%
Manulife MPF Stable Fund	(0.08)%
Manulife MPF European Equity Fund	(0.42)%
Manulife MPF 2035 Retirement Fund	(1.17)%
Manulife MPF 2025 Retirement Fund	(1.18)%
Manulife MPF 2020 Retirement Fund	(1.22)%
Manulife MPF 2030 Retirement Fund	(1.27)%
Manulife MPF 2045 Retirement Fund	(1.29)%
Manulife MPF 2040 Retirement Fund	(1.30)%
Manulife MPF Aggressive Fund	(1.58)%
Manulife MPF Growth Fund	(1.88)%
Manulife MPF 2015 Retirement Fund	(2.04)%
Manulife MPF Fidelity Growth Fund	(2.36)%
Manulife MPF International Bond Fund	(2.63)%
Manulife MPF Fidelity Stable Growth Fund	(3.07)%
Manulife MPF Pacific Asia Bond Fund	(3.18)%
Manulife MPF China Value Fund	(3.30)%
Manulife MPF RMB Bond Fund	(3.30)%
Manulife MPF Hang Seng Index Tracking Fund	(5.01)%
Manulife MPF Hong Kong Equity Fund	(7.28)%
Manulife MPF Pacific Asia Equity Fund	(7.74)%

Each investment was available for the entirety of 2015.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement 89

Table of Contents

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End

The following table reflects estimated additional payments or benefits that would have been earned or accrued, or that would have vested or been delivered or paid out earlier than normal, had any Named Executive Officer (aside from Mr. Wheeler) been terminated from employment or had a change-in-control of the Company occurred on the last business day of 2015 (the **Trigger Date**), and using the closing price of a Share on that date as applicable. The table reflects hypothetical payments and benefits. None of the payments or benefits has actually been made.

The table and accompanying discussion also do not include payments or benefits under arrangements available on the same basis generally to all salaried employees in the jurisdiction in which the Named Executive Officer is employed. The Named Executive Officers' pension benefits and nonqualified deferred compensation are described in the tables entitled Pension Benefits at 2015 Fiscal Year-End on page 82 and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation at 2015 Fiscal Year-End on page 85, respectively.

Voluntary Termination	Death		Severance-Eligible Termination (No Change-in-Control)			Change-in-Control (Assuming No Alternative Award)		Severance
	Accelerated Stock Options	Delivery of Shares (or Cash Equivalent) for Share Awards	Severance Pay	Outplace- ment	Pro-Rata Delivery of Shares (or Payment of Cash Equivalent) for Share Awards	Accelerated Stock Options	Delivery of Shares (or Payment of Cash Equivalent) for Share Awards	
\$0	\$809,090	\$13,602,211	\$1,059,616	\$16,250	\$ 0	\$809,090	\$13,602,211	\$8,000,000
\$0	\$ 80,914	\$ 3,943,771	\$ 432,212	\$16,250	\$1,409,500	\$ 80,914	\$ 3,943,771	\$4,000,000

\$0	\$242,730	\$ 3,798,948	\$ 430,769	\$16,250	\$1,292,200	\$242,730	\$ 3,798,948	\$2,
\$0	\$161,829	\$ 2,630,530	\$ 462,500	\$16,250	\$ 539,000	\$161,829	\$ 2,630,530	\$2,
\$0	\$131,484	\$ 2,248,225	\$ 357,692	\$ 0	\$ 772,000	\$131,484	\$ 2,248,225	\$2,

Voluntary Resignation

None of the Named Executive Officers has a preferential arrangement that calls for any severance pay in connection with a voluntary resignation from employment prior to a change-in-control. Nor in such a case would any additional preferential payments or benefits have been earned or accrued, or have vested or been delivered or paid out earlier than normal, in favor of any Named Executive Officer. Mr. Townsend would receive payments determined on the same basis as applies to all other employees in Hong Kong.

A Named Executive Officer who had resigned but was Retirement Eligible (for awards granted in 2014 or earlier) or met the Rule of 65 (for awards granted in 2015) as of the Trigger Date would have continued to receive the benefit of the executive's existing stock-based awards, unless the executive had been involuntarily terminated for cause. For this purpose, cause is defined as engaging in a serious infraction of Company policy, theft of Company property or services or other dishonest conduct, conduct otherwise injurious to the interests of the Company, or demonstrated unacceptable lateness or absenteeism. The Company would have delivered Shares for

Table of Contents**Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End**

each of the executive's Performance Shares, or paid cash for each of the executive's Performance Units, after the conclusion of the performance period, and would have delivered Shares or paid cash for the executive's Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Units after the conclusion of the restriction period, and all of the executive's unexercised Stock Options and Unit Options would have continued to vest and remain exercisable for the remainder of their full ten-year term. The executive would also have been eligible for an annual cash incentive award for 2015, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. These terms apply to all employees who meet the age and service qualifications to become Retirement Eligible and have received such awards. See the table entitled "Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Fiscal Year-End" on page 77 for details on the Performance Shares and Stock Options. Of the Named Executive Officers, only Mr. Kandarian was Retirement Eligible as of the Trigger Date, and only Mr. Kandarian and Mr. Goulart met the Rule of 65 as of the Trigger Date.

Any other Named Executive Officer who had resigned on the Trigger Date would nevertheless have received any 2013-2015 Performance Shares previously granted to him, because these awards vested on December 31, 2015. The executive would have had 30 days from the Trigger Date to exercise any Stock Options that had vested as of the Trigger Date. Such a Named Executive Officer would have forfeited all other outstanding stock-based compensation awards.

Under the terms of Mr. Townsend's employment offer letter, the Company could have imposed a **Garden Leave** on Mr. Townsend as of the Trigger Date. During such a period, which could not have exceeded three months, Mr. Townsend would have been excluded from working for the Company and would have been prohibited from working for any third party and from competing with the Company. The Company would have had to continue paying Mr. Townsend his compensation during the Garden Leave. Had the Company exercised its right to impose a three month Garden Leave on Mr. Townsend as of the Trigger Date, Mr. Townsend's salary and housing allowance payments would have cost the equivalent of \$178,711.

Death

In the unlikely event that a Named Executive Officer had died on the Trigger Date, that executive's stock-based awards would have vested and Shares would have become immediately deliverable, or cash become immediately payable. The Company

would have delivered Shares for the executive's unvested Performance Shares, or paid cash for the executive's Performance Units, using 100% of Performance Shares granted (**Target Performance**), and would have delivered Shares or paid cash for the executive's unvested Restricted Stock Units and/or Restricted Units. All of the executive's Stock Options would have become immediately exercisable. These terms apply to all employees of the Company who have been granted such awards. The Share delivery or cash payment for stock-based awards reflected in the table above was calculated using the closing price of Shares on the Trigger Date (the **Trigger Date Closing Price**).

Severance-Eligible Termination**(No Change-in-Control)**

None of the Named Executive Officers has an employment agreement or other arrangement that calls for any severance pay in connection with a termination of employment for cause. If one of these Named Executive Officers had been terminated for cause, the executive's unvested Performance Shares, Performance Units, and Restricted Stock Units, and all of the executive's Stock Options, would have been forfeited and the executive would have received no annual award for 2015 performance. For the definition of cause for this purpose, see above under Voluntary Resignation.

Had such a Named Executive Officer been terminated from employment due to job elimination without a change-in-control having occurred, the executive would have been eligible for severance pay under a severance program for all officer-level employees (or, in Mr. Townsend's case, equivalent terms promised to him in his employment offer letter). The severance pay would have been equal to 28 weeks base salary plus one week for every year of service, up to 52 weeks base salary. In order to receive any severance pay, the executive would have had to enter into a separation agreement that would have included a release of employment-related claims against the Company (a **Separation Agreement**). Each executive would also have been entitled to outplacement services. The cost of these payments and services is reflected in the table above.

If such a Named Executive Officer's termination had been due to performance, the amount of severance pay would have been one-half of what it would have been in the case of job elimination.

Table of Contents**Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End**

An employee who would have been Bridge Eligible had the employee been involuntarily terminated with severance pay on the Trigger Date would have received the benefit of all stock-based awards made in 2005 through 2014 on the same basis as those who were Retirement Eligible. In order to be Bridge Eligible, an employee must enter into a Separation Agreement. None of the Named Executive Officers had the requisite age and service to qualify for Bridge Eligibility as of the Trigger Date.

Any of the Named Executive Officers whose employment was terminated with severance pay and who was not Retirement Eligible, had not met the Rule of 65, and was not Bridge Eligible as of the Trigger Date would have had 30 days from the Trigger Date to exercise any Stock Options that had vested as of the Trigger Date. Such a Named Executive Officer would have received Shares (or cash equivalent) for his 2013-2015 Performance Shares and Performance Units, because these awards vested at the end of the performance period on December 31, 2015. Such a Named Executive Officer would also have been offered pro rata cash payments in consideration of any 2014-2016 and 2015-2017 Performance Shares and Performance Units, contingent on a Separation Agreement. The amount of payment for these Performance Shares and Performance Units would have been determined using the amount of time that had passed in the performance period through the date of the termination of employment, the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units granted, the lesser of the performance factor ultimately determined for that three-year performance period or target performance (100%), and the lesser of the closing price of Shares on the date of grant and the closing price of Shares on the date the Compensation Committee determined the performance factor for that performance period. Such payments would not have been made until after the end of the applicable performance period.

The estimated cost of these pro rata payments for each Named Executive Officer is reflected in the table above, using the closing price of Shares on the date of grant and a hypothetical 100% performance factor.

Change-in-Control (Assuming No Alternative Award)

The Company's definition of change-in-control is: any person acquires beneficial ownership of 25% or more of MetLife's voting securities (for this purpose, persons include any group under Rule 13d-5(b) under the Exchange Act, not including MetLife, any affiliate of MetLife, any Company employee benefit

plan, or the MetLife Policyholder Trust); a change in the majority of the membership of MetLife's Board of Directors (other than any director nominated or elected by other directors) occurs within any 24-month period; or a completed transaction after which the previous shareholders of MetLife do not own the majority of the voting shares in the resulting company, or do not own the majority of the voting shares in each company that holds more than 25% of the assets of MetLife prior to the transaction.

Had a change-in-control occurred on the Trigger Date, the Company could have chosen to substitute an award with at least the same value and at least equivalent material terms that complies with Section 409A (an **Alternative Award**), rather than accelerate the vesting of, and deliver Shares or pay cash for, the existing stock-based award. Otherwise, the Company would have delivered Shares for the executive's unvested Performance Shares, or paid cash for the executive's unvested Performance Units, using Target Performance and the change-in-control price of Shares, and would have delivered Shares or paid cash for the executive's unvested Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Units using the change-in-control price of Shares. The Company would have made delivery or payment within 30 days after

the change-in-control, except that if the event did not qualify as a change-in-control as defined in Section 409A, then delivery or payment would have been made following the end of the three-year performance period originally applicable to the Performance Shares or Performance Units, or following the end of the restriction period applicable to the Restricted Stock Units or Restricted Units.

In addition, if no Alternative Award had been made, each executive's unvested Stock Options would have become immediately exercisable, and the Compensation Committee could have chosen to cancel each option in exchange for a cash payment equal to the difference between the exercise price of the Stock Option or Unit Option and the change-in-control price.

The estimated cost of these payments and benefits (assuming no Alternative Award) is reflected in the table above. The payment related to unvested stock-based awards was calculated using the Trigger Date Closing Price.

Change-in-Control Severance-Eligible Termination

In addition to being eligible to receive the payments described above under Change-in-Control, each of the Named Executive

Table of Contents

[Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End](#)

Officers is eligible to participate in the Executive Severance Plan. Under this plan, had a change-in-control occurred on the Trigger Date, and had such a Named Executive Officer's terms and conditions of employment during the three-year period beginning with the Trigger Date (**Employment Period**) not satisfied specified standards, the Named Executive Officer could have terminated employment and received severance pay and related benefits. These standards include:

base pay no lower than the level paid before the change-in-control;

annual bonus opportunities at least as high as other Company executives;

participation in all long-term incentive compensation programs for key executives at a level at least as high as for other executives of the Company of comparable rank;

aggregate annual bonus and long-term compensation awards at least equal to the aggregate value of such awards for any of the three years prior to the change-in-control;

a pro rata annual bonus for any fiscal year that extends beyond the end of the three-year period at least equal to the same pro rata portion of any of the three annual bonuses granted prior to the change-in-control;

participation in all Company pension, deferred compensation, savings, and other benefit plans at the same level as or better than those made available to other similarly-situated officers;

vacation, indemnification, fringe benefits, and reimbursement of expenses on the same basis as other similarly-situated officers; and

a work location at the same office as the executive had immediately prior to the change-in-control, or within 50 miles of that location.

In addition, if the Company had terminated a Named Executive Officer's employment without cause during the Employment Period, the executive would have received severance pay and related benefits. For these purposes, cause is defined as the executive's conviction or plea of *nolo contendere* to a felony, dishonesty or gross misconduct which results or is intended to result in material damage to the Company's business or reputation, or repeated, material, willful and deliberate violations by the executive of the executive's obligations.

Had a Named Executive Officer listed in the table above qualified for severance pay as of the Trigger Date, the amount would have been two times the sum of the executive's annual salary rate plus the average of the executive's annual incentive awards for the three fiscal years prior to the change-in-control. If the executive would have received a greater net after-tax benefit by reducing the amount of severance pay below the U.S. Internal Revenue Code's change-in-control excise tax threshold, the severance pay would have been reduced to an amount low enough to avoid that excise tax.

The executive's related benefits would have included up to three years continuation of existing medical, dental, and long-term disability plan benefits.

The estimated cost of these payments and benefits is reflected in the table above, using the Trigger Date Closing Price and the actuarial present value of continuation of benefits using the same assumptions or principles that are used by the Company for financial reporting purposes under GAAP.

If severance pay and related benefits had become due because the executive voluntarily terminated employment because the Company failed to provide the terms and conditions specified above during the Employment Period, payment would have been delayed for six months in order to comply with Section 409A.

Separation Arrangements for Mr. Wheeler

Mr. Wheeler entered into a separation agreement with a Company affiliate effective August 7, 2015, and his employment ended on August 31, 2015. Under the agreement, Mr. Wheeler resigned from all his duties and roles with the Company and its affiliates and granted them a general release and a mutual non-disparagement covenant. This agreement also provided that Mr. Wheeler's agreement with the Company to protect corporate property would continue in effect for 18 months after the end of his employment. Among other things, the agreement to protect corporate property restricts Mr. Wheeler from soliciting Company employees to leave the Company or interfering with Company business relationships.

The agreement provided for Mr. Wheeler to receive \$2,004,006, in part under the standard severance pay arrangements for officer-level employees, and in part reflecting payment of his 2015 annual incentive compensation opportunity pro-rated for

Table of Contents

[Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control at 2015 Fiscal Year-End](#)

the period of his employment in 2015. Based on his age and service under MetLife's standard benefit arrangements, Mr. Wheeler qualified for an eligibility enhancement that deemed him to be retirement-eligible and therefore entitled to receive retiree medical benefits under employee benefit plans. However, Mr. Wheeler will not receive additional pension or other benefits by virtue of the agreement and will be entitled to receive his Traditional Formula pension benefits (determined using the same formula that applies to all similarly-situated

employees) only upon reaching age 55. By virtue of being deemed retirement eligible, Mr. Wheeler will also continue to receive Shares for his outstanding Performance Shares and Restricted Stock Units after they vest, and will continue to be able to exercise his Stock Options through the ends of their terms, subject to his refraining from disparaging the Company and from competing with the Company through any engagement with Prudential Financial, Inc. or its affiliates until all of those incentive awards have vested.

Table of Contents

[Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers](#)

OTHER INFORMATION

[Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers](#)

The accompanying table shows the number of MetLife equity securities beneficially owned by each of the Directors and Named Executive Officers of MetLife and all the Directors and Executive Officers, as a group. Other than as disclosed in notes (7) and (8) below, information reported in this table is given as of April 19, 2016.

Securities beneficially owned include, to the extent applicable to a Director, Named Executive Officer or Executive Officer:

securities held in each individual's name;

securities held by a broker for the benefit of the individual;

securities which the individual could acquire within 60 days (as described in notes (3) and (4) below);

securities held indirectly in the Savings and Investment Plan; and

other securities for which the individual may directly or indirectly have or share voting power or investment power (including the power to direct the disposition of the securities).

As of April 19, 2016, none of the Directors or Executive Officers of the Company beneficially owned the Company's Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, or 5.25% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series C.

Name	Common Stock Amount and Percent of Class
------	---

	Nature of Beneficial Ownership			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Steven A. Kandarian			1,375,161	*
Steven J. Goulart			253,148	*
Cheryl W. Gris�			13,679	*
Carlos M. Gutierrez			8,928	*
John C. R. Hele			192,421	*
R. Glenn Hubbard			36,473	*
Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.			13,512	*
Edward J. Kelly, III			0	*
William E. Kennard			6,961	*
James M. Kilts⁵			7,661	*
Catherine R. Kinney			29,801	*
Martin J. Lippert			211,494	*
Denise M. Morrison			5,487	*
Kenton J. Sicchitano			25,222	*
Christopher G. Townsend			96,690	*
Lulu C. Wang			23,789	*
William J. Wheeler^{6,7}			868,507	*
Board of Directors of MetLife, but not in each Director's individual capacity⁸			170,131,613	15.5%
All Directors and Executive Officers, as a group⁹			2,955,724	*

* Number of Shares represents less than one percent of the number of Shares outstanding at April 19, 2016.

1 Each Director and Named Executive Officer has sole voting and investment power over the Shares shown in this column opposite his or her name, except as indicated in notes (2), (3), (4) and (6) below.

2 Includes, in the case of each of William E. Kennard (as of April 19, 2016) and William J. Wheeler (as of August 7, 2015, the effective date of Mr. Wheeler's resignation from his Executive Officer position with the Company), ten Shares held by the MetLife Policyholder Trust allocated to him in his individual capacity as a beneficiary of the MetLife Policyholder Trust. Directors and Executive Officers as of April 19, 2016, as a group, were allocated ten Shares as beneficiaries of the MetLife Policyholder Trust in their individual capacities. The beneficiaries have sole investment power and shared voting power with respect to such Shares. Note (8) below describes additional beneficial ownership attributed to the Board of Directors as an entity, but not to any Director in an individual capacity, of Shares held by the MetLife Policyholder Trust. Mr. Wheeler was not an Executive Officer as of April 19, 2016 and Shares allocated to him as a beneficiary of the MetLife Policyholder Trust are, therefore, not included in the number of Shares allocated to Directors and Executive Officers, as a group.

Table of Contents

Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers

3 Includes Shares that are subject to Stock Options which were granted under the MetLife, Inc. 2005 Stock and Incentive Plan and the 2015 Stock and Incentive Plan and are exercisable within 60 days of April 19, 2016 (within 60 days of August 7, 2015 in the case of Mr. Wheeler, the effective date of his resignation from his Executive Officer position with the Company). The number of such Stock Options held by each Named Executive Officer is shown in the following table:

Name	Number of Options Exercisable within 60 Days	Name	Number of Options Exercisable within 60 Days	Name	Number of Options Exercisable within 60 Days
John A. Kandarian	1,169,855	John C. R. Hele	158,153	Christopher G. Townsend	96,600
Steven J. Goulart	202,789	Martin J. Lippert	162,975	William J. Wheeler	804,700

All Executive Officers as of April 19, 2016, as a group, held 2,308,684 Stock Options exercisable within 60 days of April 19, 2016. Mr. Wheeler was not an Executive Officer as of April 19, 2016 and, therefore, his Stock Options are not included in this amount. None of the Directors, except for Mr. Kandarian, held any Stock Options as of April 19, 2016.

4 Includes Shares deferred under the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation program (**Deferred Shares**) that the Director or Named Executive Officer could acquire within 60 days of April 19, 2016, such as by ending employment or service as a Director, or by taking early distribution of the Shares (in some cases with a 10% reduction as provided under the applicable deferred compensation plan). The number of such Deferred Shares held by individual Directors and Named Executive Officers is shown in the following table:

Name	Number of Deferred Shares	Name	Number of Deferred Shares That Can Be Acquired	Name	Number of Deferred Shares That Can Be Acquired
------	---------------------------	------	--	------	--

	That Can Be Acquired within 60 Days		within 60 Days		within 60 Days
Sheryl W. Grisé	8,971	William E. Kennard	6,951	Catherine R. Kinney	15,949
Glenn Hubbard	28,695	James M. Kilts	7,147	Kenton J. Sicchitano	884
Edward F. Kelly, Jr.	4,534				

The number of Deferred Shares reflected in the table immediately above does not include Deferred Shares to the extent the Company would delay delivery of Shares in order to comply with Section 409A. All Directors and Executive Officers as of April 19, 2016, as a group, held 76,680 Deferred Shares that could be acquired within 60 days of April 19, 2016.

- 5 Includes 236 Shares held by a limited partnership in which Mr. Kilts and members of his family hold indirect interests.
- 6 Includes, as of August 7, 2015, 40 Shares as to which Mr. Wheeler disclaims beneficial ownership.
- 7 Mr. Wheeler resigned his Executive Officer position with the Company effective as of August 7, 2015. Information reported in this table and the notes hereto with respect to Mr. Wheeler is given as of such date and excludes any transactions that may have occurred after such date.
- 8 This information is given as of February 22, 2016. The Board of Directors of MetLife, as an entity, but not any Director in his or her individual capacity, is deemed to beneficially own the Shares held by the MetLife Policyholder Trust because the Board will direct the

Table of Contents**Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers**

voting of those Shares on certain matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. This number of Shares deemed owned by the Board of Directors is reflected in Amendment No. 64 to Schedule 13D referred to below under the heading Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners on page 98.

9 Does not include Shares held by the MetLife Policyholder Trust that are beneficially owned by the Board of Directors, as an entity, as described in note (8). Also does not include the Shares of Mr. Wheeler, as described in note (7). Includes the Shares in the MetLife Policyholder Trust allocated to the Directors and Executive Officers in their individual capacities, as described in note (2). Includes 2,308,684 Shares that are subject to Stock Options that are exercisable, and 76,680 Deferred Shares that could be acquired, within 60 days of April 19, 2016, by all Directors and Executive Officers of the Company, as a group, as described in notes (3) and (4), respectively.

Deferred Shares Not Beneficially Owned and Deferred Share Equivalents

The following table presents additional items that align the Directors and Named Executive Officers interests with the interests of the Company's shareholders because their values depend on the price of Shares, but do not represent beneficial ownership of Shares. Deferred Shares that could not be acquired within 60 days of April 19, 2016 are not considered beneficially owned. Deferred cash compensation or auxiliary benefits measured in Share value (**Deferred Share Equivalents**) are not deemed to be Shares beneficially owned because their payment is not made in Shares. Exercisable Unit Options, which are cash-payable stock appreciation rights based on Shares, are not deemed to be Shares beneficially owned because their payout is not made in Shares. The following table sets forth information on Deferred Shares that could not be acquired within 60 days and Deferred Share Equivalents, as of April 19, 2016, for Directors and Named Executive Officers serving as Executive Officers as of April 19, 2016.

Name	Deferred Shares Not Beneficially Owned and/or Deferred Share Equivalents
Steven A. Kandarian	134,292
Cheryl W. Gris�	24,758
R. Glenn Hubbard	12,345
Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.	18,131
Edward J. Kelly, III	3,080

James M. Kilts	36,595
Kenton J. Sicchitano	1,767

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's Directors, certain officers of the Company, and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Shares to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Shares and other equity securities of the Company. Based solely upon a review of the filings furnished to the Company during 2015 or written representations that no Form 5 was required, the Company believes that all filings required to be made by reporting persons were timely made in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act.

Table of Contents

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The following persons have reported to the SEC beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the Shares:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
<p align="center">Beneficiaries of the MetLife Policyholder Trust¹</p> <p>c/o Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street Wilmington, DE 19890</p>	170,131,613	15.5%
<p align="center">BlackRock, Inc.²</p> <p>55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055</p>	67,424,081	6.1%
<p align="center">The Vanguard Group³</p> <p>100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355</p>	57,307,439	5.15%

1 The Board of Directors of the Company has reported to the SEC that, as of February 22, 2016, it, as an entity, had shared voting power over 170,131,613 Shares held in the MetLife Policyholder Trust. The Board's report is in Amendment No. 64, filed on February 25, 2016, to the Board's Schedule 13D. MetLife created the trust when MLIC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife, converted from a mutual insurance company to a stock insurance company in April 2000. At that time, eligible MLIC policyholders received beneficial ownership of Shares, and MetLife transferred these Shares to a trust, which is the record owner of the Shares. Wilmington Trust Company serves as trustee. The trust beneficiaries have sole investment power over the Shares, and can direct the trustee to vote their Shares on matters identified in the trust agreement that governs the trust. However, the trust agreement directs the trustee to vote the Shares held in the trust on some shareholder matters as recommended or directed by

MetLife's Board of Directors and, on that account, the Board, under SEC rules, shares voting power with the trust beneficiaries and the SEC has considered the Board, as an entity, a beneficial owner under the rules.

- 2 This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016 by BlackRock, Inc., which reported beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2015 of 67,424,081 Shares, constituting 6.1% of the Shares, with sole voting power with respect to 57,108,345 of the Shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 67,381,224 of the Shares, shared voting power with respect to 42,857 of the Shares, and shared dispositive power with respect to 42,857 of the Shares.

- 3 This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016 by The Vanguard Group, which reported beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2015 of 57,307,439 Shares, constituting 5.15% of the Shares, with sole voting power with respect to 1,978,061 of the Shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 55,225,620 of the Shares, shared voting power with respect to 95,300 of the Shares, and shared dispositive power with respect to 2,081,819 of the Shares.

Table of Contents

[Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information](#)

Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information

The Board is not aware of any matters to be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. If any other matters properly arise at the meeting, your proxy, together with the other proxies received, will be voted at the discretion of the proxy holders designated on the proxy card.

Accessing your proxy materials

MetLife is using notice and access procedures to distribute its proxy materials to its shareholders. MetLife is mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (**Notice**) to shareholders. Shareholders who received the Notice may access the proxy materials over the Internet or receive a paper copy of the materials by mail or an e-mail copy, on request. The Notice includes instructions on how to access the materials over the Internet, and how to request a paper or e-mail copy. The Notice further provides instructions on how shareholders may elect to receive proxy materials in the future in printed form or by electronic mail.

Some of our shareholders, including shareholders who previously asked to receive paper copies of the proxy materials, will receive paper copies of the proxy materials.

Electronic delivery of the proxy statement and annual report to shareholders

If you are a shareholder of record, you may choose to receive future proxy statements and annual reports to shareholders electronically by consenting to electronic delivery online at: www.computershare.com/metlife. If you choose to receive your proxy materials electronically, your choice will remain in effect until you notify MetLife that you wish to discontinue electronic delivery of these documents. You may provide your notice to MetLife via the Internet at www.computershare.com/metlife.

If you hold your Shares in street name in a stock brokerage account or at a bank or other nominee, refer to the information provided by that entity for instructions on how to elect this option.

Attending the Annual Meeting

MetLife shareholders of record or their duly appointed proxies are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting.

Holders of record. If you are a MetLife shareholder of record and wish to attend the meeting, please so indicate on the proxy card (if you received printed copies of the proxy materials) or as prompted by the telephone or Internet voting systems and an admittance card will be sent to you. On the day of the meeting, please bring your admittance card, together with photo identification such as a driver's license, which you will be asked to present to gain entrance to the meeting at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York.

Holders in street name. Beneficial owners whose Shares are held in street name in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee also are entitled to attend the meeting. However, because the Company may not have evidence that you are a beneficial owner, you will need to bring proof of your ownership, together with photo identification such as a driver's license, to be admitted to the meeting. A recent statement or letter from the record owner (your bank,

broker or other nominee) confirming your beneficial ownership, together with such photo identification, will be acceptable proof.

Shares outstanding and holders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting

There were 1,100,616,596 Shares outstanding as of the April 19, 2016 record date. Each of those Shares is entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

All holders of record of Shares at the close of business on the April 19, 2016 record date are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please take the time to vote your Shares as soon as possible. You may vote your Shares on the Internet, by using a toll-free telephone number or by mailing your proxy card (see your Notice or proxy card for complete instructions, or refer to the instructions on page 2 of this Proxy Statement).

Voting your Shares

Holders of record. If you are a shareholder of record or a duly appointed proxy of a shareholder of record, you may vote by:

attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person;

voting on the Internet or by telephone no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 13, 2016; or

Table of Contents

[Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information](#)

mailing your proxy card so that it is received by MetLife, c/o Computershare, P.O. Box 30202, College Station, TX 77842-9909 prior to the Annual Meeting.

Instructions about these ways to vote appear on your Notice or proxy card. If you vote on the Internet or by telephone, please have your Notice or proxy card available for reference when you vote.

For shareholders of record, votes submitted by mail, on the Internet or by telephone will be voted by the individuals named on the proxy card in the manner you indicate. If you do not specify how your Shares are to be voted, the proxies will vote your Shares FOR Proposal 1 (election of each Director nominee), Proposal 2 (advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law), Proposal 3 (ratification of appointment of independent auditor) and Proposal 4 (advisory vote to approve compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers) and AGAINST Proposal 5 (shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman) and Proposal 6 (shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent).

Holders in street name. If you are a beneficial owner whose Shares are held in street name and you wish to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must contact your bank, broker or other nominee to obtain its proxy. Bring that document with you to the meeting.

As a beneficial owner, you will receive voting instructions from the bank, broker or other nominee that is the shareholder of record of your Shares. You must provide your broker with instructions on how to vote your Shares in order for them to be voted on your behalf on Proposal 1 (election of the Director nominees), Proposal 2 (advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law), Proposal 4 (advisory vote to approve compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers), Proposal 5 (shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman) and Proposal 6 (shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent), as they are considered non-routine matters. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote on any of these matters, your Shares will not be voted (a **Broker Non-Vote**). See Tabulation of abstentions and Broker Non-Votes on page 101 for additional details. Contact your bank, broker or other nominee directly if you have questions.

Changing your vote or revoking your proxy after it is submitted

Holders of record. You may change your vote or revoke your proxy by:

subsequently voting on the Internet or by telephone no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 13, 2016;

signing another proxy card with a later date and returning it so that it is received by MetLife, c/o Computershare, P.O. Box 30202, College Station, TX 77842-9909 prior to the Annual Meeting;

sending your notice of revocation so that it is received by MetLife, c/o Computershare, P.O. Box 30202, College Station, TX 77842-9909 prior to the Annual Meeting or sending your notice of revocation to MetLife via the Internet at www.investorvote.com/MET no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 13, 2016; or

attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Holders in street name. If you hold your shares in street name in a stock brokerage account or at a bank or other nominee, please contact the brokerage firm, bank or other nominee for instructions on how to change your vote.

Voting by participants in retirement and savings plans

The Bank of New York Mellon is trustee for the portion of the Savings and Investment Plan for Employees of Metropolitan Life and Participating Affiliates which is invested in the MetLife Company Stock Fund. It is also the trustee of the portion of the New England Life Insurance Company Agents Retirement Plan and Trust which is invested in the MetLife Company Stock Fund. As trustee, it will vote the Shares in these plans in accordance with the voting instructions given by plan participants to the trustee. Instructions on voting appear on the voting instruction form distributed to plan participants. The trustee must receive the voting instructions of a plan participant no later than 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, June 10, 2016. The trustee will generally vote the Shares held by each plan for which it does not receive voting instructions in the same proportion as the Shares held by such plan for which it does receive voting instructions.

Table of Contents

[Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information](#)

Voting of Shares held in the MetLife Policyholder Trust

The beneficiaries of the MetLife Policyholder Trust may direct Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee, to vote their Shares held in the trust on certain matters that are identified in the trust agreement governing the trust, including approval of mergers and contested Directors' elections. On all other matters, the trust agreement directs the trustee to vote the Shares held in the trust as recommended or directed by the Company's Board of Directors. The beneficiaries of the trust may not direct the trustee to vote their shares on any matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Vote required to elect Directors

Under the Company's By-laws, in an uncontested election, such as the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the vote of a majority of the votes cast with respect to a Director's election at a meeting at which a quorum is present will determine the election of the Director.

Under Delaware law, a Director holds office until the Director's successor is elected and qualified or until the Director's earlier resignation or removal. The Company's By-Laws provide that, following the certification of the shareholder vote in an uncontested election, such as the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting, any incumbent Director who is a nominee for election as Director who receives a greater number of votes against his or her election than votes for his or her election will promptly tender his or her resignation. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee of the Board will promptly consider the offer to resign and recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject it. The Board of Directors will decide within 90 days following certification of the shareholder vote whether to accept or reject the resignation. The Board's decision and, if applicable, the reasons for rejecting the resignation, will be disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

Vote required to approve matters other than the election of Directors

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Shares voting will be sufficient to approve the advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law (Proposal 2), to ratify the appointment of Deloitte as MetLife's independent auditor for 2016 (Proposal 3), to

approve the advisory vote to approve the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers (Proposal 4), to approve the shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman (Proposal 5), and to approve the shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent (Proposal 6).

Tabulation of abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

If a shareholder abstains from voting as to the election of Directors (Proposal 1), the advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law (Proposal 2), the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte as MetLife's independent auditor for 2016 (Proposal 3), the approval of the advisory vote to approve the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers (Proposal 4), the shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman (Proposal 5) or the shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent (Proposal 6), the shareholder's Shares will not be counted as voting for or against that matter.

If you are a beneficial owner whose Shares are held in street name and you do not submit voting instructions to your broker, your broker may generally vote your Shares in its discretion on routine matters. Proposal 3 is considered routine and may be voted upon by your broker if you do not submit voting instructions. However, brokers do not have the discretion to vote their clients' Shares on non-routine matters, unless the broker receives voting instructions from the beneficial shareholder. Proposals 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 are considered non-routine matters. Consequently, if your Shares are held in street name, you must provide your broker with instructions on how to vote your Shares in order for your Shares to be voted on these proposals. If a broker does not cast a vote as to Proposal 1, Proposal 2, Proposal 4, Proposal 5 or Proposal 6, the absence of a vote will have the same effect on those proposals as an abstention, and will not affect the outcome of the vote.

Quorum

To conduct business at the Annual Meeting, a quorum must be present. A quorum will be present if shareholders of record of one-third or more of the Shares entitled to vote at the meeting are present in person or are represented by proxies. Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes will be counted to determine whether a quorum is present.

Table of Contents

Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information

Proposal	Vote Required	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
1. Election of 12 Directors to one-year terms	Majority of Shares voted ¹	No effect	No effect
2. Advisory vote on exclusive forum By-Law	Majority of Shares voted	No effect	No effect
3. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as MetLife's independent auditor for 2016	Majority of Shares voted	No effect	Not applicable
4. Advisory (non-binding) vote to approve compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers	Majority of Shares voted	No effect	No effect
5. Shareholder proposal regarding independent Chairman	Majority of Shares voted	No effect	No effect
6. Shareholder proposal regarding action by written consent	Majority of Shares voted	No effect	No effect

¹ See Vote required to elect Directors on page 101.

Inspector of Election and confidential voting.

The Board of Directors has appointed IVS Associates, Inc. Inspector of Election at the Annual Meeting. The Company's By-Laws provide for confidential voting.

Directors' attendance at annual meetings of shareholders

Directors are expected to attend annual meetings of shareholders, and 12 out of 13 Directors serving at that time attended MetLife's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders.

Cost of soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting

The Company has retained Georgeson Inc. to assist with the solicitation of proxies from the Company's shareholders of record. For these services, the Company will pay Georgeson Inc. a fee of approximately \$10,000, plus expenses. The Company also will reimburse banks, brokers or other nominees for their costs of sending the Company's proxy materials to beneficial owners. Directors, officers or other MetLife employees also may solicit proxies from shareholders in person, or by telephone, facsimile transmission or other electronic means of communication, but will not receive any additional compensation for such services.

Deadline for submission of shareholder proposals and nominations for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders

Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act establishes the eligibility requirements and the procedures that must be followed for a shareholder's proposal to be included in a public company's

proxy materials. Under the Rule, proposals submitted for inclusion in MetLife's 2017 proxy materials must be received by MetLife, Inc. at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Corporate Secretary, on or before the close of business on December 27, 2016. If the Company changes this deadline, it will disclose that fact and the new deadline in a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or a Current Report on Form 8-K. Proposals must comply with all the requirements of Rule 14a-8.

MetLife's By-Laws permit a shareholder, or a group of up to 20 shareholders, owning Shares continuously for at least 3 years representing an aggregate of at least three percent of the voting power entitled to vote in the election of Directors, to nominate and include in MetLife's proxy materials Director nominees constituting up to the greater of two nominees or 20% of MetLife's Board, provided that the shareholders and the Director nominees satisfy the requirements in the By-Laws. Notice of Director nominees for inclusion in the proxy materials must be received by our Corporate Secretary at the address below no earlier than January 15, 2017 and no later than the close of business on February 14, 2017.

A shareholder may present a matter for consideration at MetLife's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders (including any shareholder proposal not submitted under Rule 14a-8 or any Director nomination) without requesting that the matter be included in the Company's Proxy Statement. To do so, the shareholder must deliver to the MetLife Corporate Secretary no earlier than January 15, 2017 and no later than the close of business on February 14, 2017 or such other date as may be

Table of Contents

[Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information](#)

announced by the Company in accordance with its By-Laws a notice and accompanying disclosure questionnaire containing the information required by the advance notice and other provisions of the Company's By-Laws. Copies of the By-Laws and disclosure questionnaire may be obtained by written request to MetLife, Inc., 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Corporate Secretary. The By-Laws and disclosure questionnaire also are available on MetLife's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance by selecting the appropriate category under the heading "Related Links."

Where to find the voting results of the Annual Meeting

The Company will announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and publish preliminary or final voting results in a Form 8-K within four business days following the meeting. If only preliminary voting results are available for reporting in the Form 8-K, the Company will amend the Form 8-K to report final voting results within four business days after the final voting results are known.

Principal executive offices

The principal executive offices of MetLife are at 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166.

Communications with the Company's Directors

The Board of Directors provides procedures through which security holders may send written communications to individual Directors or the Board of Directors, and procedures through which interested parties may submit communications to the Non-Management Directors. In addition, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors provides procedures through which interested parties may submit communications regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters to the Audit Committee. Information about these procedures is available on MetLife's website at www.metlife.com/corporategovernance by selecting "Corporate Conduct" and then the appropriate link under the "Corporate Conduct" section.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Proxy Statement may contain or incorporate by reference information that includes or is based upon forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give expectations or forecasts of future events. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to

historical or current facts. They use words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe" words and terms of similar meaning, or are tied to future periods, in connection with a discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, prospective services or products, future performance or results of current and anticipated services or products, sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings, trends in operations and financial results.

Any or all forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Many such factors will be important in determining the actual future

results of MetLife, its subsidiaries and affiliates. These statements are based on current expectations and the current economic environment. They involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. These statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Risks, uncertainties, and other factors that might cause such differences include the risks, uncertainties and other factors identified herein (including that no assurance can be given regarding the form that a separation transaction may take or the specific terms thereof or that a separation will in fact occur) and in MetLife's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K (the **Annual Report on Form 10-K**) filed with the SEC, any Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed by MetLife with the SEC after the date of the Annual Report on Form 10-K under the captions Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors, and other filings MetLife makes with the SEC. MetLife does not undertake any obligation to publicly correct or update any forward-looking statement if MetLife later becomes aware that such statement is not likely to be achieved. Please consult any further disclosures MetLife makes on related subjects in reports to the SEC.

MetLife's Annual Report on Form 10-K

MetLife, Inc. will provide to shareholders without charge, upon written request, a copy of MetLife, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K (including financial statements and financial statement schedules, but without exhibits) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. MetLife, Inc. will furnish to requesting shareholders any exhibit to the Form 10-K upon the

Table of Contents

[Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Voting, and Other Information](#)

payment of reasonable expenses incurred by MetLife, Inc. in furnishing such exhibit. Requests should be directed to MetLife Investor Relations, MetLife, Inc., 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 or via the Internet by going to <http://investor.metlife.com> and selecting Information

Requests. The Annual Report on Form 10-K may also be accessed at <http://investor.metlife.com> by selecting Financial Information, SEC Filings, MetLife, Inc. View SEC Filings as well as at the website of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.

104 [MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement](#)

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 5 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Independent Chairman

PROPOSAL 5 SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST this proposal to adopt a policy that the Chairman of the Board be an independent director.

Shareholder Proposal

AFL-CIO Reserve Fund, 815 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, has advised that it is the beneficial owner of 641 shares of voting common stock and that it intends to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Shareholders of MetLife Inc. (the Company) urge the Board of Directors to adopt a policy that, whenever possible, the board chairman should be a director who has not previously served as an executive officer of the Company and who is independent of management. For these purposes, a director shall not be considered independent if, during the last three years, he or she

was affiliated with a company that was an advisor or consultant to the Company, or a significant customer or supplier of the Company;

was employed by or had a personal service contract(s) with the Company or its senior management;

was affiliated with a company or non-profit entity that received the greater of \$2 million or 2% of its gross annual revenues from the Company;

had a business relationship with the Company that the Company had to disclose under the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations;

has been employed by a public company at which an executive officer of the Company serves as a director;

had a relationship of the sort described above with any affiliate of the Company; and,

was a spouse, parent, child, sibling or in-law of any person described above.

The policy should be implemented without violating any contractual obligation and should specify how to select an independent chairman if a current chairman ceases to be independent between annual shareholder meetings. Compliance with the policy may be excused if no independent director is available and willing to be chairman.

Supporting Statement

The Board of Directors, led by its chairman, is responsible for protecting shareholders' long-term interests by providing independent oversight of management, including the Chief Executive Officer, in directing the corporation's affairs. This oversight can be diminished when the chairman is not independent.

An independent chairman who sets agendas, priorities, and procedures for the board can enhance its oversight and accountability of management and ensure the objective functioning of an effective board. We view the alternative of a lead outside director, even one with a robust set of duties, as adequate only in exceptional circumstances fully disclosed by the Board of Directors.

The Chairmen's Forum, an organization of non-executive board chairmen, has called on North American public companies to voluntarily adopt independent chairmanship as the default model. An independent chairman curbs conflicts of interest, promotes oversight of risk, manages the relationship between the board and the CEO, serves as a conduit for regular communication with shareowners, and is a logical next step in the development of an independent board. (Millstein Center for Corporate Governance and Performance, Yale School of Management, *Chairing the Board: The Case for Independent Leadership in Corporate North America*, 2009).

For these reasons, we urge you to vote FOR this resolution.

Board of Directors Statement in Opposition

The Board has carefully considered the foregoing shareholder proposal and unanimously recommends a vote AGAINST it because:

Our Board provides effective challenge and oversight of management through a strong independent Lead Director role, active Committee Chairs, and experienced and committed Directors who, with the exception of Mr. Kandarian, are all independent.

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 5 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Independent Chairman

The Board believes that shareholders are best served by flexibility to select the best qualified person to serve as Chairman, based on specific circumstances and needs of the Company. Our Board believes that its current leadership and governance structure allows it to effectively challenge and oversee management:

We have a strong independent Lead Director with significant responsibilities that are described on page 25. Ms. Grisé's significant executive management experience and her experience as a public company general counsel, corporate secretary and director make her well qualified to serve as our independent Lead Director.

The Chairs and all members of the Audit, Compensation, Finance and Risk, Governance and Corporate Responsibility, and Investment Committees are Independent Directors. As a result, oversight of critical issues within the purview of these Board Committees is entrusted entirely to Independent Directors.

All of our Directors are independent, with the sole exception of the Chief Executive Officer who serves as the Chairman of the Board.

Our Independent Directors meet regularly in executive sessions to discuss matters they deem appropriate, including Chief Executive Officer's performance evaluation and succession planning.

All Directors have full and free access to the officers and employees of the Company. MetLife's By-Laws provide that the Directors shall elect among the Board members a Chairman of the Board. The By-Laws do not require that the Chairman be the Chief Executive Officer, but provide flexibility to allow the Board to elect the individual best-suited to lead the Board at that time. After careful consideration, the Board determined that the preferred leadership structure for MetLife is for the current Chief Executive Officer to also serve as Chairman with an independent Lead Director. This determination simply reflects the Board's view that Mr. Kandarian is the right person for those roles at this time. Our Board believes that any decision to separate the roles should be based on the specific circumstances and needs of a company at that time, and the independence and capabilities of the Directors.

In particular, the Board believes that industry experience and expertise is crucial for a board chairman of a company as complex, highly regulated and global as MetLife, especially given the increasingly sophisticated and technical nature of its products. Mr. Kandarian's knowledge of the day-to-day operations and long-term strategic initiatives of the Company, understanding of the market and regulatory developments, prior experience as the Chief Investment Officer of the Company, and understanding of shareholder interests allow him to provide effective leadership in his role as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. As such, our Board believes that MetLife and its shareholders are currently best served by having Mr. Kandarian serve as both Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

A fixed policy requiring a separation of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is also unnecessary because of MetLife's strong corporate governance practices described above as well as on pages 24 through 33.

Our Board does not believe that separating the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer roles would, by itself, deliver additional benefits to shareholders. Contrary to what the proponent suggests, empirical studies are inconclusive on the benefits of separating the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer roles to company performance, which may explain why the approach remains a minority position among U.S. companies. According to the 2015 Spencer Stuart Board Index, 52% of the S&P 500 companies have the current chief executive officer serving as the chairman of the board and another 18% have the former chief executive officer or a current executive serving as the chairman.

Our Board believes that our leadership structure has served our shareholders well and remains in our shareholders' best interest.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote [AGAINST](#) this proposal to adopt a policy that the Chairman of the Board be an independent director.

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 6 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Action by Written Consent

PROPOSAL 6 SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST this proposal to adopt shareholder right to act by written consent.

Shareholder Proposal

William Steiner, 112 Abbottsford Gate, Piermont, New York, 10968, has advised that he is the beneficial owner of no less than 100 shares of voting common stock and that he intends to introduce the following resolution:

Proposal 6 Right to Act by Written Consent

Resolved, Shareholders request that our board of directors undertake such steps as may be necessary to permit written consent by shareholders entitled to cast the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize the action at a meeting at which all shareholders entitled to vote thereon were present and voting. This written consent is to be consistent with applicable law and consistent with giving shareholders the fullest power to act by written consent consistent with applicable law. This includes shareholder ability to initiate any topic for written consent consistent with applicable law.

A shareholder right to act by written consent and to call a special meeting are 2 complimentary ways to bring an important matter to the attention of both management and shareholders outside the annual meeting cycle. This is important because there could be 15-months or more between annual meetings.

A shareholder right to act by written consent is one method to equalize our total lack of provisions for shareholders to call a special meeting. Delaware law allows 10% of shareholders to call a special meeting. Yet our bylaws state that any power of stockholders to call a special meeting is denied.

Please vote to enhance shareholder value:

Right to Act by Written Consent Proposal 6

Board of Directors Statement in Opposition

The Board has carefully considered the foregoing shareholder proposal and unanimously recommends a vote AGAINST it because:

Implementation of the proposal is unnecessary given MetLife's governance structure, which entitles our shareholder to call a special meeting.

Matters sufficiently important to require shareholder vote should be addressed at a meeting (whether the annual meeting or special meeting), which provides all shareholders the opportunity to participate and consider the merits of a proposal.

Action by written consent as proposed may cause confusion and disruption, and permit fundamental corporate changes that cater to special or short-term interests.

On March 21, 2016, the Board amended and restated the By-Laws to grant shareholders the right to call a special meeting. The Board's decision to proactively adopt such shareholder right incorporates feedback received during our regular investor outreach and reflects our commitment to strong governance practices. Under the By-Laws, shareholders owning 25% of the Company's Shares may call a meeting. The Board believes that the shareholder's ability to call special meetings, combined with our commitment to engaging with our shareholders and responding to their suggestions, already addresses the proponent's concerns.

Our Board believes that permitting action at a meeting (whether the annual meeting or a special meeting) is a process that is more transparent than the written consent process and better protects shareholders' right to participate in decisions. Our governing documents provide all shareholders a voice in matters such as amending many foundational provisions of the Company's charter. Action by written consent, by contrast, could exclude almost half of all shareholders from such a fundamental matter. Our governing documents also include safeguards, such as prior notice and disclosure to all shareholders, for conducting

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 6 Shareholder Proposal Regarding Action by Written Consent

business at a meeting. Such procedural protections provide all shareholders the opportunity to fully consider, discuss and deliberate the merits of a proposed action prior to voting.

In addition, the written consent process as proposed may cause confusion and disruption, and permit fundamental corporate changes that cater to special or short-term interests. Multiple shareholder groups could solicit multiple written consents simultaneously, some of which may be duplicative or contradictory. The proponent's proposal could allow special interests or short-term investors, who do not owe fiduciary duties to the shareholders, to bypass our existing procedural protections and marginalize smaller shareholders. Further, the Board would not have the opportunity to consider the merits of the proposed action and provide for shareholder consideration the recommendation that may best serve shareholder interest.

Our Board believes our current governance provisions strike the right balance between affording shareholders the platform to raise important matters between annual meetings and protecting against potentially abusive actions that disrupt effective management of the Company and undermine shareholder interest. As such, our Board believes the proposal is unnecessary and not in the best interests of the shareholders or the Company.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **AGAINST this proposal to adopt shareholder right to act by written consent.**

Table of Contents

[Appendix A](#)

APPENDICES

Appendix A Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures

Any references in this Proxy Statement (except in this Appendix) to:

(i) net income (loss);

(ii) net income (loss) per share;

(iii) operating earnings;

(iv) operating earnings per share;

(v) book value per share;

(vi) premiums, fees and other revenues;

(vii) operating return on equity; and

should be read as, respectively:

(i) net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders;

(ii) net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders per diluted common share;

(iii) operating earnings available to common shareholders;

(iv) operating earnings available to common shareholders per diluted common share;

(v) book value per common share, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI) other than foreign currency translation adjustments (FCTA);

(vi) premiums, fees and other revenues (operating);

(vii) operating return on MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA; and

(viii) tangible operating return on equity.

(viii) operating return on MetLife, Inc. s tangible common stockholders equity.

In this Proxy Statement, MetLife presents certain measures of its performance that are not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (**GAAP**). MetLife believes that these non-GAAP financial measures enhance the understanding of MetLife s performance by highlighting the results of operations and the underlying profitability drivers of the business.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **A-1**

Table of Contents**Appendix A**

The following non-GAAP financial measures should not be viewed as substitutes for the most directly comparable financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP:

Non-GAAP financial measures:

- (i) operating revenues;
- (ii) operating expenses;
- (iii) operating earnings;
- (iv) operating earnings available to common shareholders;
- (v) operating earnings available to common shareholders, adjusted for total notable items;
- (vi) operating earnings available to common shareholders per diluted common share;
- (vii) MetLife, Inc.'s common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA;
- (viii) MetLife, Inc.'s common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA, adjusted for total notable items;
- (ix) MetLife, Inc.'s tangible common stockholders' equity;
- (x) free cash flow of all holding companies.

Comparable GAAP financial measures:

- (i) GAAP revenues;
- (ii) GAAP expenses;
- (iii) income (loss) from continuing operations, net of income tax;
- (iv) net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders;
- (v) net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders;
- (vi) net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders per diluted common share;
- (vii) MetLife, Inc.'s stockholders' equity;
- (viii) MetLife, Inc.'s stockholders' equity;
- (ix) MetLife, Inc.'s stockholders' equity;
- (x) MetLife, Inc.'s net cash provided by operating activities.

Reconciliations of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures are included in this Appendix.

MetLife's definitions of the various non-GAAP and other financial measures discussed in this Proxy Statement may differ from those used by other companies:

Operating earnings is the measure of segment profit or loss that MetLife uses to evaluate segment performance and allocate resources. Consistent with GAAP accounting guidance for segment reporting, operating earnings is MetLife's measure of segment performance. Operating earnings is also a measure by which MetLife senior management's and many other employees' performance is evaluated for the purposes of determining their compensation under applicable compensation plans.

Operating earnings is defined as operating revenues less operating expenses, both net of income tax. Operating earnings available to common shareholders is defined as operating earnings less preferred stock dividends.

Operating revenues and operating expenses exclude results of discontinued operations and other businesses that have been or will be sold or exited by MetLife and are referred to as divested businesses. Operating revenues also excludes net investment gains (losses) (**NIGL**) and net derivative gains (losses) (**NDGL**). Operating expenses also excludes goodwill impairments.

A-2 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Appendix A

The following additional adjustments are made to GAAP revenues, in the line items indicated, in calculating operating revenues:

Universal life and investment-type product policy fees excludes the amortization of unearned revenue related to NIGL and NDGL and certain variable annuity guaranteed minimum income benefits (**GMIB**) fees (**GMIB fees**); Net investment income: (i) includes investment hedge adjustments which represent earned income on derivatives and amortization of premium on derivatives that are hedges of investments or that are used to replicate certain investments but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, (ii) includes income from discontinued real estate operations, (iii) excludes post-tax operating earnings adjustments relating to insurance joint ventures accounted for under the equity method, (iv) excludes certain amounts related to contractholder-directed unit-linked investments, and (v) excludes certain amounts related to securitization entities that are variable interest entities (**VIEs**) consolidated under GAAP; and

Other revenues are adjusted for settlements of foreign currency earnings hedges.

The following additional adjustments are made to GAAP expenses, in the line items indicated, in calculating operating expenses:

Policyholder benefits and claims and policyholder dividends excludes: (i) changes in the policyholder dividend obligation related to NIGL and NDGL, (ii) inflation-indexed benefit adjustments associated with contracts backed by inflation-indexed investments and amounts associated with periodic crediting rate adjustments based on the total return of a contractually referenced pool of assets and other pass through adjustments, (iii) benefits and hedging costs related to GMIBs (**GMIB costs**), and (iv) market value adjustments associated with surrenders or terminations of contracts (**Market value adjustments**);

Interest credited to policyholder account balances includes adjustments for earned income on derivatives and amortization of premium on derivatives that are hedges of policyholder account balances but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment and excludes amounts related to net investment income earned on contractholder-directed unit-linked investments;

Amortization of deferred acquisition costs (**DAC**) and value of business acquired (**VOBA**) excludes amounts related to: (i) NIGL and NDGL, (ii) GMIB fees and GMIB costs and (iii) Market value adjustments;

Amortization of negative VOBA excludes amounts related to Market value adjustments;

Interest expense on debt excludes certain amounts related to securitization entities that are VIEs consolidated under GAAP; and

Other expenses excludes costs related to: (i) noncontrolling interests, (ii) implementation of new insurance regulatory requirements, and (iii) acquisition and integration costs.

Operating earnings also excludes the recognition of certain contingent assets and liabilities that could not be recognized at acquisition or adjusted for during the measurement period under GAAP business combination accounting guidance. In addition to the tax impact of the adjustments mentioned above, provision for income tax (expense) benefit also includes the impact related to the timing of certain tax credits, as well as certain tax reforms.

The following additional information is relevant to an understanding of MetLife's performance results:

MetLife, Inc. s tangible common stockholders equity or tangible equity - MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding the net unrealized investment gains (losses) and defined benefit plans adjustment components of AOCI reduced by the impact of goodwill, value of distribution agreements (**VODA**) and value of customer relationships acquired (**VOCRA**), all net of income tax.

MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA - MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding the net unrealized investment gains (losses) and defined benefit plans adjustment components of AOCI, net of income tax.

Allocated equity - portion of MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity that management allocates to each of its segments and sub-segments based on local capital requirements and economic capital. Economic capital is an internally developed risk capital model, the purpose of which is to measure the risk in the business and to provide a basis upon which capital is deployed. MetLife management periodically reviews this model to ensure that it remains consistent with emerging industry practice standards and the local capital requirements; allocated equity may be adjusted if warranted by such review. Allocated equity excludes the impact of AOCI other than FCTA.

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement **A-3**

Table of Contents

Appendix A

Operating return on MetLife, Inc. 's common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA - operating earnings available to common shareholders divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA.

Operating return on MetLife, Inc. 's tangible common stockholders' equity - operating earnings available to common shareholders, excluding amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average tangible common stockholders' equity.

Operating return on MetLife, Inc. 's common stockholders' equity - operating earnings available to common shareholders divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average common stockholders' equity.

Return on MetLife, Inc. 's common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA - net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. 's common shareholders divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA.

Return on MetLife, Inc. 's tangible common stockholders' equity - net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. 's common shareholders, excluding goodwill impairment and amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average tangible common stockholders' equity.

Return on MetLife, Inc. 's common stockholders' equity - net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. 's common shareholders divided by MetLife, Inc. 's average common stockholders' equity.

Operating return on allocated equity - operating earnings available to common shareholders divided by allocated equity.

Operating return on allocated tangible equity - operating earnings available to common shareholders, excluding amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, divided by allocated tangible equity.

Return on allocated equity - net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. 's common shareholders divided by allocated equity.

Return on allocated tangible equity - net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. 's common shareholders, excluding amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, divided by allocated tangible equity.

Operating expense ratio - calculated by dividing operating expenses (other expenses, net of capitalization of DAC) by operating premiums, fees and other revenues.

Statistical sales information for Retail - Life sales are calculated using the LIMRA definition of sales for core direct sales, excluding company-sponsored internal exchanges, corporate-owned life insurance, bank-owned life insurance, and private placement variable universal life insurance. Annuity sales consist of statutory premiums direct and assumed, excluding company sponsored internal exchanges. Sales statistics do not correspond to revenues under GAAP, but are used as relevant measures of business activity.

Statistical sales information for Latin America, Asia and Europe, Middle East and Africa - calculated using 10% of single-premium deposits (mainly from retirement products such as variable annuity, fixed annuity and pensions), 20% of single-premium deposits from credit insurance and 100% of annualized full-year premiums and fees from recurring-premium policy sales of all products (mainly from risk and protection products such as individual life, accident & health and group). Sales statistics do not correspond to revenues under GAAP, but are used as relevant measures of business activity.

All comparisons on a constant currency basis reflect the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and are calculated using the average foreign currency exchange rates for the current period and are applied to each of the comparable periods.

MetLife uses a measure of free cash flow to facilitate an understanding of its ability to generate cash for reinvestment into its businesses or use in discretionary capital actions. MetLife defines free cash flow as the sum of cash available at MetLife 's holding companies from dividends from operating subsidiaries, expenses and other

net flows of the holding companies, and net contributions from debt to be at or below target leverage ratios. This measure of free cash flow is prior to discretionary capital deployment, including common stock dividends and repurchases, debt reduction and mergers and acquisitions. Free cash flow should not be viewed as a substitute for net cash provided by (used in) operating activities calculated in accordance with GAAP. The free cash flow ratio is typically expressed as a percentage of annual operating earnings available to common shareholders.

A-4 MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement

Table of Contents

Appendix A

2014	2015
------	------

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Total Company Reconciliation of Operating Earnings Available to Common Shareholders to**Net Income (Loss) Available to MetLife, Inc.'s Common Shareholders**

Operating earnings available to common shareholders, adjusted for total notable items	\$ 6,470	\$ 5.66	\$ 6,382	\$ 5.66
Add: Total notable items	90	0.08	(898)	(0.80)
Operating earnings available to common shareholders (1)	\$ 6,560	\$ 5.74	\$ 5,484	\$ 4.86
Adjustments from operating earnings available to common shareholders to net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders:				
Add: Net investment gains (losses) (2)	(197)	(0.17)	597	0.53
Add: Net derivative gains (losses)	1,317	1.15	38	0.03
Add: Other adjustments to continuing operations	(1,376)	(1.20)	(1,091)	(0.96)
Add: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit	(87)	(0.08)	178	0.16
Add: Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income tax	(3)			
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	27	0.02	12	0.01
Less: Preferred stock repurchase premium			42	0.04
Net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders	\$ 6,187	\$ 5.42	\$ 5,152	\$ 4.57
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted (In millions)		1,142.5		1,128.3

Asia Reconciliation of Operating Earnings Available to Common Shareholders to Net Income

<u>(Loss) Available to MetLife, Inc. s Common Shareholders</u>		
Operating earnings available to common shareholders	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,380
Adjustments from operating earnings available to common shareholders to net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders:		
Add: Net investment gains (losses)	512	501
Add: Net derivative gains (losses)	(532)	67
Add: Other adjustments to continuing operations	(122)	(120)
Add: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit	35	(21)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	19	4
Net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders	\$ 1,181	\$ 1,803
<u>Return on Equity</u>		
Operating return on MetLife, Inc. s:		
Common stockholders equity	10.0%	8.0%
Common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA	12.0%	9.7%
Common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA, adjusted for total notable items	11.9%	11.3%
Tangible common stockholders equity (3)	15.2%	11.9%
Return on MetLife, Inc. s:		
Common stockholders equity	9.4%	7.5%
Common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA	11.3%	9.1%
Tangible common stockholders equity (3)	14.3%	11.2%

- (1) The 2015 results of operating earnings available to common shareholders, operating earnings available to common shareholders per diluted common share and operating return on MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA, include a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position. Excluding this charge, these results would have been \$6,276 million, \$5.56 and 11.1%, respectively. See Highlights of 2015 Business Results on page 43 for additional information on this non-cash charge.
- (2) The year ended December 31, 2014 includes a pre-tax net investment loss of \$633 million related to the sale of MetLife, Inc. s wholly-owned subsidiary, MetLife Assurance Limited.
- (3) Operating earnings available to common shareholders and net income available to common shareholders, used to calculate returns on tangible equity, exclude the impact of amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 of \$53 million and \$48 million, respectively.

Table of Contents

Appendix A

	2014	2015
	(\$ in millions, except per share data)	
Asia Return on Equity		
Operating return on allocated equity	11.2%	12.0%
Operating return on allocated tangible equity (1)	19.3%	20.6%
Return on allocated equity	10.1%	15.7%
Return on allocated tangible equity (1)	17.5%	26.9%
Book Value (2)		
Book value per common share	\$ 61.85	\$ 60.00
Less: Net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of income tax	14.34	10.72
Less: Defined benefit plans adjustment, net of income tax	(2.02)	(1.87)
Book value per common share, excluding AOCI other than FCTA (3)	\$ 49.53	\$ 51.15
Common shares outstanding, end of period (In millions)	1,131.9	1,098.0
MetLife, Inc. s Common Stockholders Equity		
Total MetLife, Inc. s stockholders equity	\$ 72,053	\$ 67,949
Less: Preferred stock	2,043	2,066
MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity	70,010	65,883
Less: Net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of income tax	16,235	11,773
Less: Defined benefit plans adjustment, net of income tax	(2,283)	(2,052)
Total MetLife, Inc. s common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA	56,058	56,162
Less: Goodwill, net of income tax	9,759	9,314
Less: VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax	620	494
Total MetLife, Inc. s tangible common stockholders equity (excludes AOCI other than FCTA)	\$ 45,679	\$ 46,354

Average common stockholders equity	\$ 65,909	\$ 68,674
Average common stockholders equity, excluding AOCI other than FCTA	\$ 54,565	\$ 56,412
Average tangible common stockholders equity (excludes AOCI other than FCTA)	\$ 43,569	\$ 46,346
Asia Equity		
Allocated equity	\$ 11,695	\$ 11,509
Allocated tangible equity	\$ 6,787	\$ 6,708

- (1) Operating earnings available to common shareholders and net income available to common shareholders, used to calculate returns on allocated tangible equity, exclude the impact of amortization of VODA and VOCRA, net of income tax, for both years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 of \$4 million.
- (2) Book value excludes \$2,043 million and \$2,066 million of equity related to preferred stock at December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.
- (3) The 2015 result of book value per common share, excluding AOCI other than FCTA, includes a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position. Excluding this charge, this result would have been \$51.87. See Highlights of 2015 Business Results on page 43 for additional information on this non-cash charge.

	2012	2013
	(\$ in millions)	
<u>Total Company Reconciliation of Operating Earnings Available to Common Shareholders to</u>		
<u>Net Income (Loss) Available to MetLife, Inc.'s Common Shareholders</u>		
Operating earnings available to common shareholders	\$ 5,649	\$ 6,261
Adjustments from operating earnings available to common shareholders to net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders:		
Add: Net investment gains (losses)	(352)	161
Add: Net derivative gains (losses)	(1,919)	(3,239)
Add: Goodwill impairment	(1,868)	
Add: Other adjustments to continuing operations	(2,492)	(1,597)
Add: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit	2,174	1,683
Add: Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income tax	48	2
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	38	25
Net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc.'s common shareholders	\$ 1,202	\$ 3,246

A-6 **MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement**

Table of Contents

Appendix A

	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(\$ in millions)			
<u>Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities of MetLife, Inc. to Free Cash Flow of All Holding Companies</u>				
MetLife, Inc. (parent company only) net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,618	\$ 1,865	\$ 2,615	\$ 1,606
Adjustments from net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow:				
Add: Incremental debt to be at or below target leverage ratios			445	1,750
Add: Capital contributions to subsidiaries	(1,223)	(598)	(1,011)	(667)
Add: Returns of capital from subsidiaries	9	567		5
Add: Repayments on and (issuances of) loans to subsidiaries, net		245	462	461
Add: Investment portfolio changes and other, net	(338)	23	151	365
MetLife, Inc. (parent company only) free cash flow	1,066	2,102	2,662	3,520
Other MetLife holding companies:				
Add: Dividends and returns of capital from subsidiaries	1,562	822	1,339	1,354
Add: Capital contributions from MetLife, Inc.	122	403		150
Add: Capital contributions to subsidiaries	(596)	(201)	(48)	(27)
Add: Repayments on and (issuances of) loans to subsidiaries, net		(305)	(458)	(510)
Add: Other expenses	(733)	(567)	(637)	(729)

Add: Investment portfolio changes and other, net	35	(18)	32	223
Total other MetLife holding companies free cash flow	390	134	228	461
Free cash flow of all holding companies	\$ 1,456	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,890	\$ 3,981
Ratio of free cash flow to operating earnings available to common shareholders:				
Free cash flow of all holding companies	\$ 1,456	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,890	\$ 3,981
Consolidated operating earnings available to common shareholders (1)	\$ 5,649	\$ 6,261	\$ 6,560	\$ 5,484
Ratio of free cash flow of all holding companies to consolidated operating earnings available to common shareholders (1)	26%	36%	44%	73%
Ratio of net cash provided by operating activities to consolidated net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders:				
MetLife, Inc. (parent company only) net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,618	\$ 1,865	\$ 2,615	\$ 1,606
Consolidated net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders (2)	\$ 1,202	\$ 3,246	\$ 6,187	\$ 5,152
Ratio of net cash provided by operating activities (parent company only) to consolidated net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders (2), (3)	218%	57%	42%	31%

(1) Consolidated operating earnings available to common shareholders for 2015 includes a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position. Excluding this charge from the denominator of the ratio, the adjusted free cash flow ratio would be 63%. See [Highlights of 2015 Business Results](#) on page 43 for additional information on this non-cash charge.

(2) Consolidated net income (loss) available to MetLife, Inc. s common shareholders for 2015 includes a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position. Excluding this charge from the denominator of the ratio, this ratio, as adjusted, would be 27%.

(3) Including the free cash flow of other MetLife, Inc. holding companies of \$390 million, \$134 million, \$228 million and \$461 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively, in the numerator of the ratio, this ratio, as adjusted, would be 250%, 62%, 46% and 40%, respectively.

Table of Contents

Appendix B

Appendix B Compensation Discussion and Analysis Supplementary Information**Comparator Group and MetLife Revenues, Total Assets and Market Capitalization**

Comparator Group Company	Revenues (1) (3)	Total Assets (1) (4)	Market Capitalization (2) (4)
Aegon N.V.^{5,8}	\$ 36,490	\$ 513,605	\$ 16,282
Aflac Incorporated	\$ 22,728	\$ 119,767	\$ 27,029
American International Group, Inc.	\$ 64,406	\$ 515,581	\$ 77,066
The Allstate Corporation	\$ 35,239	\$ 108,533	\$ 29,365
American Express Company⁶	\$ 34,292	\$ 159,103	\$ 95,180
AXA S.A.^{5,8}	\$111,305	\$1,016,483	\$ 56,740
Bank of America Corporation⁶	\$ 84,247	\$2,104,534	\$188,141
Citigroup Inc.⁶	\$ 76,882	\$1,842,530	\$163,624
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.	\$ 18,614	\$ 245,013	\$ 17,694
HSBC Holdings plc^{5,6}	\$ 61,248	\$2,634,139	\$182,235
ING Groep N.V.^{5,6,7,8}	\$ 18,409	\$1,195,124	\$ 50,512
JPMorgan Chase & Co.⁶	\$ 94,205	\$2,573,126	\$232,472
Manulife Financial Corporation^{5,9}	\$ 46,889	\$ 498,289	\$ 35,555

Morgan Stanley⁶	\$ 34,275	\$ 801,510	\$ 75,698
Prudential Financial Inc.	\$ 54,105	\$ 766,655	\$ 41,141
Sun Life Financial Inc.^{5,9}	\$ 22,157	\$ 192,087	\$ 22,099
The Travelers Companies, Inc.	\$ 27,162	\$ 103,078	\$ 34,105
U.S. Bancorp⁶	\$ 19,939	\$ 402,529	\$ 80,275
Wells Fargo & Company⁶	\$ 84,347	\$1,687,155	\$283,439
MetLife	\$ 73,316	\$ 902,337	\$ 61,226

1 Source (other than AXA S.A.): 2014 Annual Reports on Forms 10-K, 20-F, or 40-F as applicable. Source for AXA S.A.: 2014 Annual Report.

2 Source: Bloomberg.

3 Amounts in millions for fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

4 Amounts in millions as of December 31, 2014.

5 Amounts reported under International Financial Reporting Standards. All other companies' information reported under GAAP.

6 For these companies with banking operations, revenues are shown net of the interest expense associated with deposits, short-term borrowings, trading account liabilities, long-term debt, etc. This is consistent with the presentation in each company's financial statements.

7 Total income reported in place of revenues.

8 Amounts converted from Euros at 1 = U.S.\$1.21, the exchange rate as of December 31, 2014.

9 Amounts converted from Canadian dollars at CAD1 = U.S.\$0.86, the exchange rate as of December 31, 2014.

Table of Contents

Appendix B

AVIP Performance Funding Level Formula and 2015 Calculation

The calculation has the following features:

Operating Earnings is adjusted to eliminate the impact (if any) of variable investment income on an after-tax basis that was higher or lower than the Business Plan goal by 10% or more (**Adjusted Operating Earnings**).

For each 1% deviation in Adjusted Operating Earnings within 3% above or below Business Plan, the AVIP Performance Funding Level moves 1% up or down from 100%. For each 1% deviation outside of that 3% corridor, the Performance Funding Level moves 2.5% up or down from 100%, to a minimum funding level of 50% or maximum funding level of 150%.

The AVIP Performance Funding Level is zero and no funds are generated for AVIP awards if Adjusted Operating Earnings is less than 50% of the Business Plan Goal.

The Company's adjusted Operating Earnings produced the AVIP Performance Funding Level and resulting amount available for all AVIP awards for 2015 shown below.

	(\$ in millions)
Operating Earnings ¹	\$6,276
Add shortfall of variable investment income, to the extent more than 10% lower than the Business Plan target	\$ 98
Result is Adjusted Operating Earnings	\$6,374
Business Plan Operating Earnings Goal	\$6,499
Adjusted Operating Earnings as a percentage of Business Plan Operating Earnings goal	98.1%
AVIP Performance Funding Level for performance within 3% below Business Plan goal; each 1% below goal subtracts 1% from a 100% Performance Factor	98.1%
Total target-performance planning amount of all employees AVIP (the AVIP Planning Target)	\$ 502
Total amount available for all AVIP equals AVIP Performance Funding Level times AVIP Planning Target	

1 The 2015 results of Operating Earnings have been adjusted to exclude a non-cash charge of \$792 million, net of income tax, related to an uncertain tax position. The Compensation Committee determined to so adjust Operating Earnings for this purpose. See Annual Incentive Awards on page 55.

B-2 MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement

Table of Contents

Appendix B

Performance Share Performance Factor Formula

	Annual Operating ROE Performance as a Percentage of Business Plan Goal	Performance Factor
Below Threshold	0-79%	0%
Threshold	80%	25%
Target	100%	100%
Maximum	120%	175%
Above Maximum	121%+	175%

	TSR Performance as a Percentile of Peers	Performance Factor
Below Threshold	0-24th %ile	0%
Threshold	25th %ile	25%
Target	50th %ile	100%
Maximum	87.5th %ile	175%
Above Maximum	87.5th-99th %ile	175%

If the Company's TSR for the performance period is zero or negative, the Committee may cap the entire performance factor at target.

Performance Share TSR Comparators

Aegon N.V.	Lincoln National Corporation
Aflac Incorporated	Manulife Financial Corporation
AIA Group Limited	Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.
Allianz SE	Principal Financial Group, Inc.
The Allstate Corporation	Prudential Financial, Inc.
American International Group, Inc.	Prudential plc
Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A.	The Travelers Companies, Inc.
Aviva PLC	Unum Group
AXA S.A.	Zurich Financial Services AG
The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited	
The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.	
Legal & General Group PLC	

MetLife 2016 Proxy Statement B-3

Table of Contents

[Appendix C](#)

Appendix C Potential Exclusive Forum By-Law

The text below is the text of a potential addition to MetLife's By-Laws that is the subject of Proposal 2 Advisory Vote on Exclusive Forum By-Law:

Exclusive Forum. Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation or the Corporation's affiliates to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation or the Corporation's affiliates arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws (as either may be amended from time to time), or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation or the Corporation's affiliates governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or, if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction over the action or proceeding, a state court located within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware). Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring or holding any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Section.

Table of Contents

200 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10166

www.MetLife.com

1510-300542 CS

© 2016 METLIFE, INC.

Table of Contents

Using a **black ink** pen, mark your votes with an **X** as shown in this example. Please do not write outside the designated areas. x

Voting Instructions

Electronic Voting available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Instead of mailing your Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form, you may choose one of the other voting methods outlined below to vote your Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form.

VALIDATION DETAILS ARE LOCATED BELOW IN THE TITLE BAR.

Vote by telephone

Call toll free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) within the USA, US territories & Canada on a touch tone telephone

Follow the instructions provided by the recorded message

Vote by Internet

Go to www.investorvote.com/MET

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone

Follow the steps outlined on the secure website

Vote by mail

To vote by mail, mark, sign and date your Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

q **IF YOU HAVE NOT VOTED VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONE, FOLD ALONG THE PERFORATION, DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.** q

B **Proposals** The following items are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this card. The Board of Directors has proposed and recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3 and 4. The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Proposals 5 and 6.

+

1. Election of Directors:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
01 - Cheryl W. Gris�	05 - Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.	..	..	..	09 - Catherine R. Kinney	..	..	..
02 - Carlos M. Gutierrez	06 - Edward J. Kelly, III	..	..	..	10 - Denise M. Morrison	..	..	..
03 - R. Glenn Hubbard	07 - William E. Kennard	..	..	..	11 - Kenton J. Sicchitano	..	..	..
04 - Steven A. Kandarian	08 - James M. Kilts	..	..	..	12 - Lulu C. Wang	..	..	..

2. Advisory Vote to Adopt a By-Law Designating Delaware the Exclusive Forum for Certain Legal Actions

For **Against** **Abstain**

5. Shareholder Proposal to

For **Against** **Abstain**

Adopt a Policy
that the
Chairman of the
Board Be an
Independent
Director

..

3. Ratification of Appointment of
Deloitte & Touche LLP as
Independent Auditor for 2016

..

6. Shareholder
Proposal to
Adopt
Shareholder
Right to Act by
Written Consent

4. Advisory Vote to Approve the
Compensation Paid to the
Company's Named Executive
Officers

..

C Authorized Signatures THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED. Date and Sign Below

Please sign exactly as name(s) appears hereon. Joint owners should each sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, corporate officer, trustee, guardian, or custodian, please give full title.

(dd/yyyy) Please print date below. Signature 1 Please keep signature within the box. Signature 2 Please keep signature within the box.
/ /

IF VOTING BY MAIL, YOU MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS B AND C ABOVE. PLEASE COMPLETE SECTION A ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD IF APPLICABLE.

Table of Contents

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY.

We encourage you to take advantage of Internet or telephone voting.

Both are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Common Shareholders - Internet and telephone voting are available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time, June 13, 2016.

Proxy Cards submitted by common shareholders who vote by mail must be received prior to the 2016 Annual Meeting.

MetLife and New England Employee Benefit Plan Participants - Internet and telephone voting are available until 6:00 PM Eastern Time, June 10, 2016.

Voting Instruction Forms submitted by plan participants who vote by mail must be received by 6:00 PM, Eastern Time, June 10, 2016.

Your Internet or telephone vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares

in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form.

Please see reverse for instructions on voting by Internet, telephone or mail.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:

The Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Chairman's Letter are available at <http://investor.metlife.com>.

Common shareholders may consent to receive MetLife, Inc.'s Annual Reports to Shareholders, Proxy Statement and other shareholder communications electronically at www.computershare.com/metlife.

q IF YOU HAVE NOT VOTED VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONE, FOLD ALONG THE PERFORATION, DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.q

Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form MetLife, Inc.

+

Proxy solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of MetLife, Inc. for the 2016 Annual Meeting, June 14, 2016

Common Shareholders

The shareholder(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) on the reverse side of this Proxy Card hereby appoint(s) Joseph B. Cohen and Timothy J. Ring, or either of them, each with full power of substitution, as proxies to vote all shares of MetLife, Inc. Common Stock that the shareholder(s) would be entitled to vote on all matters that may properly come before the 2016 Annual Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. The proxies are authorized to vote and will vote in accordance with the specifications indicated by the shareholder(s) on the reverse of this Proxy Card. **If this Proxy Card is signed and returned by the shareholder(s), and no specifications are indicated, the proxies are authorized to vote as recommended by the Board of Directors of MetLife, Inc.** If this Proxy Card is signed and returned, the proxies appointed thereby will be authorized to vote in their discretion on any other matters that may be presented for a vote at the 2016 Annual Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Plan Participants

The Bank of New York Mellon is the Trustee (the Plan Trustee) of (i) the Savings and Investment Plan for Employees of Metropolitan Life and Participating Affiliates Trust and (ii) the New England Life Insurance Company Agents Retirement Plan and Trust. Each of (i) and (ii) above is referred to herein individually as a Plan.

As a Plan participant, you have the right to direct the Plan Trustee how to vote the shares of MetLife, Inc. Common Stock (Shares) that are allocated to your Plan account and shown on the reverse of this Voting Instruction Form. The Plan Trustee will hold your instructions in complete confidence except as may be necessary to meet legal requirements.

You may instruct the Plan Trustee how to vote by telephone, Internet or by signing and returning this Voting Instruction Form. See the reverse side of this form for instructions on how to vote. A postage-paid envelope is enclosed. The Plan Trustee must receive your voting instructions no later than 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, June 10, 2016, to vote in accordance with the instructions.

The Plan Trustee will vote your Plan Shares in accordance with the specifications indicated by you on the reverse of this Voting Instruction Form. **If the Plan Trustee does not receive your instructions by 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, June 10, 2016, or if you sign and return this Voting Instruction Form and no specifications are indicated, the Plan Trustee will vote your Plan Shares in the same proportion as the Plan Shares for which it has received instructions.** On any matters other than those described on the reverse of this Voting Instruction Form that may be presented for a vote at the 2016 Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof, your Plan Shares will be voted in the discretion of the proxies appointed by the shareholders of MetLife, Inc.

A Non-Voting Items

Change of Address Please print new address below.

Meeting Attendance ..

Mark box to the right if
you plan to attend the
Annual Meeting.

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)

¢ **IF VOTING BY MAIL, YOU MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS B AND C ON THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE CARD. PLEASE COMPLETE SECTION A ABOVE IF APPLICABLE.** +

Table of Contents

Meeting Information

Meeting Type:	Annual Meeting
For holders as of:	April 19, 2016
Date:	June 14, 2016
Time:	11:30 a.m. Eastern Time
Location:	MetLife, Inc. 1095 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet or by mail. You may view the proxy materials online at <http://investor.metlife.com>, scan the QR code on the reverse side, or easily request a paper copy (see below).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See below to obtain proxy materials and the reverse side for voting instructions.

***** Exercise Your *Right to Vote* *****

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 14, 2016.**

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT
2. ANNUAL REPORT
3. CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the shaded bar above and visit: <http://investor.metlife.com>, or scan the QR code.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make current and future delivery requests.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1) <i>BY INTERNET:</i> | www.investorvote.com/MET |
| 2) <i>BY TELEPHONE:</i> | 1-866-641-4276 |
| 3) <i>BY E-MAIL*:</i> | investorvote@computershare.com |

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send to investorvote@computershare.com with Proxy Materials MetLife in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar above, and state in the e-mail that you want a paper or e-mail copy of the current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper or e-mail copy for future meetings.

Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 31, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

C O Y

02B8YH

Table of Contents

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares. The directions to the location of the 2016 Annual Meeting are available at <http://investor.metlife.com>.

Vote By Internet: To vote by Internet, go to www.investorvote.com/MET or from a smart phone, scan the QR code above. Have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a Proxy Card/Voting Instruction Form.

Vote By Telephone: Call toll free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) within the USA, US territories & Canada on a touch tone telephone. Follow the instructions provided by the recorded message.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed and FOR Proposals 2, 3 and 4.

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

01 - Cheryl W. Gris 

02 - Carlos M. Gutierrez

03 - R. Glenn Hubbard

04 - Steven A. Kandarian

05 - Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.

06 - Edward J. Kelly, III

07 - William E. Kennard

08 - James M. Kilts

09 - Catherine R. Kinney

10 - Denise M. Morrison

11 - Kenton J. Sicchitano

12 - Lulu C. Wang

2. Advisory Vote to Adopt a By-Law Designating Delaware the Exclusive Forum for Certain Legal Actions

3. Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Independent Auditor for 2016

4. Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation Paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers

The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST Proposals 5 and 6.

5. Shareholder Proposal to Adopt a Policy that the Chairman of the Board Be an Independent Director

6. Shareholder Proposal to Adopt Shareholder Right to Act by Written Consent

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.