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June 28, 2012

Dear CorVel Stockholder:

We are pleased to invite you to our 2012 Annual Meeting, which will be held at CorVel s principal executive offices at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Voting on election of directors and other matters is also scheduled. The items to be voted on at the 2012 Annual Meeting are addressed in the enclosed Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on August 2, 2012: The Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at https://materials.proxyvote.com/221006.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting, please complete and mail the enclosed proxy card to ensure that your shares will be represented at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A postage pre-paid envelope has been provided for your convenience. If you later decide to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to change your vote, you may do so simply by voting in person at the meeting. If you are a beneficial owner of our stock and wish to vote at the 2012 Annual Meeting, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from your bank or broker and bring this legal proxy to the meeting. If you hold your shares in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, your nominee may determine to vote your shares at its own discretion, absent instructions from you. However, due to voting rules that may prevent your bank or broker from voting your uninstructed shares on a discretionary basis in the election of directors and on other non-routine matters, it is important that you cast your vote. Accordingly, please provide appropriate voting instructions to your broker or bank to ensure your vote will count.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2012 Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

V. Gordon Clemons, Chairman of the Board

CorVel Corporation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held August 2, 2012

To the Stockholders of CorVel Corporation:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of CorVel Corporation, a Delaware corporation, will be held at our principal executive offices, at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time for the following purposes, as more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice:

- 1. To elect the six directors named in the attached proxy statement, each to serve until the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013; and
- 3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote **FOR** Proposals 1 and 2 listed above. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on June 15, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at our principal executive offices and at our Annual Meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you can be sure your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting by promptly completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope provided for your convenience. Should you receive more than one proxy card because your shares are registered in different names and addresses, each proxy card should be signed and returned to assure that all your shares will be voted. You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the closing of the polls at the Annual Meeting. If you attend the Annual Meeting and you choose to vote in person at the Annual Meeting by ballot, your proxy will be revoked automatically and only your vote at the Annual Meeting will be counted. If you hold your shares in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, please provide appropriate voting instructions to that nominee. Absent such instructions, your nominee may determine to vote your shares at its own discretion. However, due to voting rules that may prevent your bank or broker from voting your uninstructed shares on a discretionary basis in the election of directors and on other non-routine matters, it is important that you cast your vote. Accordingly, please provide appropriate voting instructions to your broker or bank to ensure your vote will count. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote shares held for you by a nominee, please be sure to obtain a legal proxy from that nominee allowing you to cast your vote in person.

The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote must be present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Please return your proxy card in order to ensure that a quorum is obtained and to avoid the additional cost to us of adjourning the Annual Meeting until a later time and re-soliciting proxies.

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By order of the Board of Directors, RICHARD J. SCHWEPPE Secretary

Irvine, California

June 28, 2012

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY.

CorVel Corporation

PROXY STATEMENT

Proxies are being solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors for use at the 2012 Annual Meeting of stockholders, which will be held at our principal executive offices located at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, and at any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. Stockholders of record at the close of business on June 15, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) of that meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at our principal executive offices and at the Annual Meeting.

On June 15, 2012, the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting, there were 11,366,421 shares of our Common Stock outstanding and approximately 1,018 holders of record according to information provided by our transfer agent. No shares of our preferred stock were outstanding as of June 15, 2012. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Annual Meeting for each share of our Common Stock held by such stockholder on the record date. Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors.

The presence at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the election of directors under Proposal One, the six nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall be elected. The affirmative vote of the holders of our Common Stock representing a majority of the voting power present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is being sought for approval of Proposal Two.

All votes will be tabulated by our inspector of election appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes (*i.e.*, shares held by a broker, bank or other nominee that are represented at the Annual Meeting, but with respect to which such broker, bank or other nominee is not instructed to vote on a particular proposal and does not have discretionary voting power). Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting, but broker non-votes will not be counted for purposes of determining the number of votes cast with respect to the particular proposal on which the broker has expressly not voted. With regard to Proposal One, votes marked withhold will not be counted towards the tabulations of votes cast on such proposal presented to the stockholders, will not have the effect of negative votes, and will not affect the outcome of the election of directors. With regard to Proposal Two, abstentions will be counted towards the tabulations of votes cast on such proposal presented to the stockholders and will have the same effect as negative votes.

If your shares are held by a bank or broker in street name, it is important that you cast your vote if you want it to count in the election of directors and any other non-routine matters proposed in this proxy statement. Voting rules may prevent your bank or broker from voting your uninstructed shares on a discretionary basis in the election of directors and any other non-routine matters. Accordingly, if your shares are held by a bank or broker in street name and you do not instruct your bank or broker how to vote in the election of directors and any other non-routine matters proposed in this proxy statement, no votes will be cast on your behalf. Your bank or broker will, however, continue to have discretion to vote any uninstructed shares on routine matters, such as the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm and the other matters determined by the NYSE to be routine.

If the enclosed proxy card is properly signed and returned, the shares represented thereby will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions specified thereon. If the proxy card does not specify how the shares represented thereby are to be voted, the proxy will be voted **FOR** the election of the directors in

Proposal One unless the authority to vote for the election of such directors is withheld and, if no contrary instructions are given, the proxy will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors with respect to Proposal Two described in the accompanying Notice and this Proxy Statement. In their discretion, the proxies named on the proxy card will be authorized to vote upon any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. A proxy may be revoked or changed at or prior to the Annual Meeting by delivery of a written revocation or by presentation of another properly signed proxy card with a later date to our Secretary at our principal executive offices at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, or by attendance at the Annual Meeting and voting in person by ballot. Your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you affirmatively indicate at the Annual Meeting your intention to vote your shares in person. Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain from the record holder a legal proxy issued in your name.

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This Proxy Statement, the accompanying Notice, the enclosed proxy card and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, were mailed on or about June 28, 2012, to stockholders of record on the record date.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614. Our telephone number is (949) 851-1473.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Six individuals have been nominated to serve as our directors. Our stockholders are being asked to elect these nominees to the Board at the Annual Meeting. Our Nomination and Governance Committee selected and recommended, and the Board, including its independent directors, approved the nomination of each of the six individuals listed below for election to serve for a one-year term ending on the date of our next annual meeting of stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified. The term may be shorter if such individual resigns, becomes disqualified or disabled, or is otherwise removed. If these nominees are elected, the Board will consist of six persons and there will be one vacancy on the Board. The Board may fill such vacancy at any time during the year.

Unless otherwise instructed or unless the proxy is marked withheld, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them **FOR** the election of each of the nominees named below. Each such nominee is currently serving as a director and has indicated his or her willingness to continue to serve as a director if elected. In the event that any such nominee becomes unable or declines to serve at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders may exercise discretionary authority to vote for a substitute person selected and recommended by our Nomination and Governance Committee and approved by the Board.

Director Nominees for Term Ending Upon the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The names and certain information, as of May 31, 2012, about the nominees for director are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position
V. Gordon Clemons, Sr.	68	Chairman of the Board
Steven J. Hamerslag(1)(3)	55	Director
Alan R. Hoops(1)(2)	64	Director
R. Judd Jessup(1)	64	Director
Jean H. Macino(2)	69	Director
Jeffrey J. Michael(2)(3)	55	Director

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (3) Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

Mr. Clemons has served as our Chairman of the Board since April 1991. He was recently reappointed as our Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer in April 2012 upon the resignation of Daniel Starck from those positions. He also served as our Chief Executive Officer from January 1988 until August 2007, when Mr. Starck was appointed to that office, and as our President from January 1988 until May 2006, when Mr. Starck was appointed to that office. Mr. Clemons was President of Caremark, Inc., a home intravenous therapy company, from May 1985 to September 1987, at which time Caremark was purchased by Baxter International, Inc. From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Clemons was President of INTRACORP, a medical management company and subsidiary of CIGNA Corporation. Mr. Clemons has 35 years of experience in the healthcare and insurance industries. Our Board believes Mr. Clemons is qualified to serve as Chairman of the Board given his extensive technology, industry, management and operational experience and his substantial understanding of the Company and its operations resulting from his position as our Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chief Operating Officer currently and from 1988 until 2007 and our President from 1988 until 2006.

Mr. Hamerslag has served as one of our directors since May 1991. Mr. Hamerslag has been Managing Partner of TVC Capital, a venture capital firm, since April 2006, and Managing Director of Titan Investment Partners, also a venture capital firm, since November 2002. Mr. Hamerslag served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of J2Global Communications, a publicly held unified communication services company, from

June 1999 until January 2001. Mr. Hamerslag served as the CEO of MTI Technology Corporation, a publicly held manufacturer of enterprise storage solutions, from 1987 to 1996. Our Board believes Mr. Hamerslag s valuable business, leadership and executive management experience, particularly in the technology industry, qualifies him to serve as a director.

Mr. Hoops has served as one of our directors since May 2003. Mr. Hoops was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of CareMore California Health Plan, a health maintenance organization, from March 2006 to August 2011. In August 2011, CareMore became a wholly-owned operating division of WellPoint, Inc. and Mr. Hoops remains Chief Executive Officer of CareMore until August 2012. Mr. Hoops has been Chairman of Benu, Inc., a regional benefits administration/marketing company since 2000. Mr. Hoops was Chairman of Enwisen, Inc., a human resources services software company, from 2001 to 2010 and Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Pacificare Health Systems, Inc., a national health consumer services company, from 1993 to 2000. Mr. Hoops has 39 years of experience in the healthcare and managed care industries. Our Board believes Mr. Hoops experience as the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Pacificare Health Systems, Inc., combined with his strong operational and strategic background and extensive public company experience, qualifies him to serve as a director.

Mr. Jessup has served as one of our directors since August 1997. Mr. Jessup has been Chief Executive Officer and a director of Combimatrix Corporation, a molecular diagnostics laboratory, from August 2010 to present. Mr. Jessup was Chief Executive Officer of U.S. LABS, a national laboratory which provides cancer diagnostic and genetic testing services, from 2002 to 2005. Mr. Jessup was President of the HMO Division of FHP International Corporation, a diversified health care services company, from 1994 to 1996. From 1987 to 1994, Mr. Jessup was President of TakeCare, Inc., a publicly held HMO operating in California, Colorado, Illinois and Ohio, until it was acquired by FHP. Mr. Jessup has 37 years of experience in the healthcare and managed care industries. Mr. Jessup has been a director of Superior Vision Services, a national managed vision care plan, since December 2007, a director of Accentcare since October 2005, a director of Xifin, Inc., a laboratory billing systems company, since January 2006, and a director of NovaMed, Inc. since August 1998. Our Board believes Mr. Jessup is qualified to serve as a director because he has significant executive experience with the strategic, financial, and operational requirements of large health care services organizations, including serving as an Audit Committee chair, and brings to our Board senior leadership, health industry, and financial experience.

Ms. Macino has served as one of our directors since February 2008. Ms. Macino was Managing Director of Marsh and McLennan Companies, an insurance broker and strategic risk advisor, from 1980 to 1995, and Office Head of the Newport Beach office of Marsh, Inc. from 1995 to 2005. Ms. Macino has served on the Board of Governors of Chapman University for the past ten years and currently serves as Chairman of the Governorship Committee of Chapman University. Ms. Macino has 36 years of experience in the insurance brokerage industry. Our Board believes Ms. Macino s executive leadership experience, strong sales and marketing expertise in the insurance brokerage industry qualifies her to serve as a director.

Mr. Michael has served as one of our directors since September 1990. Mr. Michael has been President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Corstar Holdings, Inc., one of our significant stockholders and a holding company owning equity interests in CorVel and an independent provider of data, voice, and video services to multiple dwelling units, since March 1996. Our Board believes Mr. Michael s experience as the President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corstar Holdings, Inc., combined with his strong operational and strategic background and extensive public company experience, qualifies him to serve as a director.

There are no family relationships among any of our directors, nominees or executive officers, except that Mr. Clemons, Sr. has an adult son, V. Gordon Clemons, Jr., who is currently employed as our Executive Vice President.

Corporate Governance, Board Composition and Board Committees

Independent Directors

The Board has determined that each of our current directors other than Mr. Clemons qualifies as an independent director in accordance with the published listing requirements of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC. The Nasdaq independence definition includes a series of objective tests, such as that the director is not also one of our employees and has not engaged in various types of business dealings with us. In addition, as further

required by the Nasdaq rules, the Board has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no relationships exist which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making these determinations, our directors reviewed and discussed information provided by us and our directors with regard to each director s business and personal activities as they may relate to us and our management.

Board Leadership Structure, Risk Oversight and Diversity

The Board does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board as the Board believes it is in the best interest of the Company to make that determination based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the Board from time to time. The Board has determined that having the Company s current Chief Executive Officer serve as the Chairman is currently in the best interest of the Company as this structure provides leadership continuity, makes the best use of the Chairman s extensive knowledge of the Company and its industry, and fosters greater communication between the Company s management and the Board, while facilitating robust director, Board, and CEO evaluation processes.

In determining that we are best served by having Mr. Clemons serve as Chairman of the Board, our board considered the benefits of having the current Chief Executive Officer serve as a bridge between management and our board, ensuring that both groups act with a common purpose. Our board also considered Mr. Clemons knowledge regarding our operations and the industries and markets in which we compete and his ability to promote communication, to synchronize activities between our board and our senior management and to provide consistent leadership to both our board and our company in coordinating the strategic objectives of both groups.

The Company does, however, have a policy that if the Chairman of the Board of the Company does not qualify as an independent director, the independent directors of the Board will select one of the independent directors to be the Lead Independent Director. Since the Chairman of the Board/CEO is currently involved in the day-to-day operations of the Company, the Board of Directors has designated Mr. Jessup as the Lead Independent Director. The Lead Independent Director has the following duties and responsibilities: (a) acting as Chair of the meetings of the independent directors; (b) working with the Chairman of the Board/CEO and Corporate Secretary to ensure the Board has adequate resources, especially by way of full, timely and relevant information to support its decision-making requirements; (c) serving as a conduit of information between the independent directors and the Chairman of the Board/CEO and other members of management; (d) reviewing annually the purpose of the Committees of the Board and through the Nomination and Governance Committee, recommending to the Board any changes deemed necessary or desirable to the purpose of the Committees and whether any Committees should be created or discontinued; (e) being available as a resource to consult with other Board members on corporate governance practices and policies; and (f) such other responsibilities and duties as the Board shall designate. The Board believes that this current leadership structure, in which the office of Chairman is held by one individual and an independent director acts as Lead Independent Director, provides for dynamic Board leadership and enhances the Company s ability to execute its business and strategic plans, while maintaining strong independence for Board decisions and oversight.

Our board oversees an enterprise-wide approach to risk management that is designed to support the achievement of organizational objectives, including strategic objectives, to improve long-term organizational performance and enhance stockholder value. A fundamental part of risk management is not only understanding the risks a company faces and what steps management is taking to manage those risks, but also understanding what level of risk is appropriate for us. In setting our business strategy, our board assesses the various risks being mitigated by management and determines what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for us.

While our board has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, various committees of our board also have responsibility for risk management. In particular, the Audit Committee focuses on financial risk, including internal controls, and receives an annual risk assessment report from our internal audit department. Risks related to our compensation programs are reviewed by the Compensation Committee and legal and regulatory compliance risks are reviewed by the Nomination and Governance Committee. Our board is advised by the committees of significant risks and management s response through periodic updates.

We believe that our compensation policies and practices do not create inappropriate or unintended significant risk to the Company as a whole. We also believe that our incentive compensation arrangements provide incentives that do not encourage risk-taking beyond the organization s ability to effectively identify and manage significant risks; are compatible with effective internal controls and the risk management practices of CorVel; and are supported by the oversight and administration of the Compensation Committee with regard to executive compensation programs.

We believe that our Board as a whole should encompass a range of talent, skill, diversity and expertise enabling it to provide sound guidance with respect to our operations and interests. In addition to considering a candidate s background and accomplishments, our nomination and governance committee reviews candidates in the context of the current composition of the Board and the evolving needs of our business. Our Board has adopted a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees and as a result, the nomination and governance committee strives to nominate directors with a variety of complementary skills and backgrounds so that as a group, our Board will possess the appropriate talent, skills, insight and expertise to oversee our business. Our Board assesses its overall effectiveness through an annual evaluation process. This evaluation includes, among other things, an assessment of the overall composition of the Board, including the diversity of its members.

Board Structure and Committees

The Board has established an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nomination and governance committee. The Board and its committees set schedules to meet throughout the year, and also can hold special meetings and act by written consent from time to time as appropriate. The independent directors of the Board also hold separate regularly scheduled executive session meetings at least twice a year at which only independent directors are present. The Board has delegated various responsibilities and authority to its committees as generally described below. The committees regularly report on their activities and actions to the full Board. Each member of each committee of the Board qualifies as an independent director in accordance with the Nasdaq standards described above. Each committee of the Board has a written charter approved by the Board. A copy of each charter is posted on our website at http://www.corvel.com under the Investor Relations section. The inclusion of any website address in this Proxy Statement does not include or incorporate by reference the information on that website into this Proxy Statement or our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Audit Committee

The audit committee of the Board reviews and monitors our corporate financial statements and reporting and our internal audits, including, among other things, our internal controls and audit functions, the results and scope of the annual audit and other services provided by our independent auditors and our compliance with legal matters that have a significant impact on our financial statements. Our audit committee also consults with our management and our independent auditors prior to the presentation of financial statements to stockholders and, as appropriate, initiates inquiries into aspects of our financial affairs.

Our audit committee has established procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and for the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding accounting or auditing matters. In addition, our audit committee is directly responsible for the appointment, retention, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent auditors, including approving services and fee arrangements. In accordance with the audit committee s charter and policies regarding transactions with related persons, all related person transactions are approved or ratified by our audit committee. Please see the information set forth under the heading Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions in this Proxy Statement for additional details about our policies regarding related person transactions. The current members of our audit committee are Messrs. Hamerslag, Hoops and Jessup. The audit committee held four meetings by telephonic conference calls and acted by unanimous written consent one time during fiscal 2012.

In addition to qualifying as independent under the Nasdaq rules described above, each member of our audit committee can read and understand fundamental financial statements, and each member currently qualifies as independent under special standards established by the SEC for members of audit committees. Our audit

committee includes at least one member who has been determined by the Board to meet the qualifications of an audit committee financial expert in accordance with SEC rules. Mr. Hamerslag is the independent director who has been determined to be an audit committee financial expert. Stockholders should understand that this designation is a disclosure requirement of the SEC related to Mr. Hamerslag s experience and understanding with respect to certain accounting and auditing matters. In this regard, please refer to the biography of Mr. Hamerslag appearing above. The designation does not impose on Mr. Hamerslag any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than are generally imposed on him as a member of our audit committee and the Board, and his designation as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to this SEC requirement does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of our audit committee or Board.

Compensation Committee

The compensation committee of the Board reviews and approves our general compensation policies and all forms of compensation to be provided to our executive officers and directors, including, among other things, annual salaries, bonuses, and stock option and other incentive compensation arrangements. In addition, our compensation committee administers the CorVel Corporation 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and the CorVel Corporation Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan), including reviewing and granting stock options. Our compensation committee also reviews and approves various other issues related to our compensation policies and matters. The compensation committee may form, and delegate any of its responsibilities to, a subcommittee so long as such subcommittee consists solely of at least two independent members of the compensation committee. The current members of our compensation committee are Messrs. Hoops and Michael and Ms. Macino. The compensation committee held one meeting in person, held one meeting by telephonic conference call and acted by unanimous written consent six times during fiscal 2012.

Risk Assessment in Compensation Programs. We have assessed our compensation programs and have concluded that our compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. Our management assessed the Company's executive and broad-based compensation and benefits programs to determine if the programs provisions and operations create undesired or unintentional risk of a material nature. This risk assessment process included a review of program policies and practices; program analysis to identify risk and risk control related to the programs; and determinations as to the sufficiency of risk identification, the balance of potential risk to potential reward, risk control, and the support of the programs and their risks to Company strategy. Although we reviewed all compensation programs, we focused on the programs with variability of payout, with the ability of a participant to directly affect payout and the controls on participant action and payout. Our egalitarian culture supports the use of base salary, performance-based compensation, and retirement plans that are generally uniform in design and operation throughout the Company and with all levels of employees. In most cases, the compensation policies and practices are centrally designed and administered, and are substantially identical at each business unit. Field sales personnel are paid a base salary and a sales commission, but all of our executive officers are paid under the programs and plans for non-sales employees. Certain internal groups have different or supplemental compensation programs tailored to their specific operations and goals.

Based on the foregoing, we believe that our compensation policies and practices do not create inappropriate or unintended significant risk to the Company as a whole. We also believe that our incentive compensation arrangements provide incentives that do not encourage risk-taking beyond the organization s ability to effectively identify and manage significant risks; are compatible with effective internal controls and the risk management practices of CorVel; and are supported by the oversight and administration of the Compensation Committee with regard to executive compensation programs.

Nomination and Governance Committee

The nomination and governance committee of the Board reviews and reports to the Board on a periodic basis with regard to matters of corporate governance, and reviews, assesses and makes recommendations on the effectiveness of our corporate governance policies. In addition, the nomination and governance committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the size and composition of the Board and the

appropriate qualities and skills required of our directors in the context of the then current make-up of the Board. This includes an assessment of each candidate s independence, personal and professional integrity, diversity, financial literacy or other professional or business experience relevant to an understanding of our business, ability to think and act independently and with sound judgment, and ability to serve us and our stockholders long-term interests. These factors, and others as considered useful by our nomination and governance committee, are reviewed in the context of an assessment of the perceived needs of the Board at a particular point in time. As a result, the priorities and emphasis of the nomination and governance committee and of the Board may change from time to time to take into account changes in business and other trends, and the portfolio of skills and experience of current and prospective directors. The nomination and governance committee has a formal policy with respect to diversity in identifying director nominees and, as indicated above, diversity is one factor in the total mix of information our Board considers when evaluating director candidates.

The nomination and governance committee leads the search for and selects, or recommends that the Board select, candidates for election to the Board (subject to legal rights, if any, of third parties to nominate or appoint directors). Consideration of new director candidates typically involves a series of committee discussions, review of information concerning candidates and interviews with selected candidates. Candidates for nomination to the Board typically have been suggested by other members of the Board or by our executive officers. From time to time, the nomination and governance committee may engage the services of a third-party search firm to identify director candidates. Each of the current nominees is standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting. The nomination and governance committee selected these candidates and recommended their nomination to the Board. The nomination and governance committee has not received any nominations from any stockholders in connection with this Annual Meeting. The current members of our nomination and governance committee are Messrs. Hamerslag and Michael. The nomination and governance committee held one meeting during fiscal 2012.

The Corporate Governance Committee does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of director candidates recommended by shareholders because Delaware law and the Company s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws afford shareholders certain rights related to such matters. Those corporate documents provide that the only candidates eligible for election at a meeting of shareholders are candidates nominated by or at the direction of the Board of Directors and candidates nominated at the meeting by a shareholder who has complied with the procedures set forth in those corporate documents.

Although the nomination and governance committee does not have a formal policy on stockholder nominations, it will consider candidates proposed by stockholders of any outstanding class of our capital stock entitled to vote for the election of directors, provided such proposal is in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 12 of our Bylaws and in the charter of the nomination and governance committee. Nominations by eligible stockholders must be preceded by notification in writing addressed to the Chairman of the nomination and governance committee, care of our Secretary, at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, not later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting, or (ii) with respect to the election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to stockholders. Our Bylaws and the charter of the nomination and governance committee require that such notification shall contain the written consent of each proposed nominee to serve as a director if so elected and the following information as to each proposed nominee and as to each person, acting alone or in conjunction with one or more other persons as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group, who participates or is expected to participate in making such nomination or in organizing, directing or financing such nomination or solicitation of proxies to vote for the nominee; (a) the name and address of the nominee; (b) the name and address of the stockholder making the nomination; (c) a representation that the nominating stockholder is a stockholder of record of our stock entitled to vote at the next annual meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person specified in the notice; (d) the nominee squalifications for membership on the Board of Directors; (e) all of the information that would be required in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of the nominee as a director pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (f) a description of all direct or indirect arrangements or understandings between the nominating stockholder and the nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to whose request the

nomination is being made by the stockholder; (g) all other companies to which the nominee is being recommended as a nominee for director; and (h) a signed consent of the nominee to cooperate with reasonable background checks and personal interviews, and to serve as one of our directors, if elected.

All such recommendations will be brought to the attention of our nomination and governance committee. Candidates proposed by stockholders will be evaluated by our nomination and governance committee using the same criteria as for all other candidates.

Board and Committee Meetings

The Board held four meetings in person, held one meeting by telephonic conference call, and acted by unanimous written consent two times during fiscal 2012. Each director attended or participated in 75% or more of the aggregate of (i) the total number of meetings of the Board and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which such director served during fiscal 2012. Although we do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board at our annual meetings of stockholders, directors are encouraged and expected to attend each of our annual meetings of stockholders in addition to each meeting of the Board and of the committees on which he or she serves, except where the failure to attend is due to unavoidable circumstances or schedule conflicts. All of our directors attended our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders.

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

The Board has adopted a code of ethics and business conduct that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors. The full text of our code of ethics and business conduct is posted on our web site at http://www.corvel.com under the Investor Relations section. We intend to disclose future amendments to certain provisions of our code of ethics and business conduct, or waivers of such provisions, applicable to our directors and executive officers, at the same location on our web site identified above. The inclusion of any web site address in this proxy statement does not include or incorporate by reference the information on that web site into this proxy statement or our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Communications from Stockholders to the Board

The Board has implemented a process by which stockholders may send written communications to the attention of the Board, any committee of the Board or any individual Board member, care of our Secretary at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, CA 92614. This centralized process assists the Board in reviewing and responding to stockholder communications in an appropriate manner. The name of any specific intended Board recipient should be noted in the communication. Our Secretary, with the assistance of our Director of Legal Services, is primarily responsible for collecting, organizing and monitoring communications from stockholders and, where appropriate depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication, providing copies of such communications to the intended recipients. Communications will be forwarded to directors if they relate to appropriate and important substantive corporate or board matters. Communications that are of a commercial or frivolous nature or otherwise inappropriate for the Board s consideration will not be forwarded to the Board. Any communications not forwarded to the Board will be retained for a period of three months and made available to any of our independent directors upon their general request to view such communications. There were no changes in this process in fiscal 2012.

Stockholder Approval

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. The six nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be our elected directors.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.

PROPOSAL TWO

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee has appointed Haskell & White LLP to serve as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, and our stockholders are being asked to ratify this appointment. Stockholder ratification of the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors is not required by our Bylaws or other applicable legal requirement. However, the Board is submitting the Audit Committee s appointment of Haskell & White LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment by an affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Common Stock present or represented at the meeting and entitled to vote, the Audit Committee may reconsider whether to retain Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interest of us and our stockholders.

Representatives of Haskell & White LLP attended or participated by telephone in all meetings of the Audit Committee held during fiscal 2012. We expect that representatives of Haskell & White LLP will attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions posed by stockholders.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Audit Fees. Audit fees as of March 31, 2012 include the audit of our annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in our Form 10-Q quarterly reports, and services that are normally provided by our independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the relevant fiscal years. Audit fees billed by Haskell & White LLP for services rendered to us in the audit of annual financial statements and the reviews of the financial statements included in our Form 10-Q quarterly reports were approximately \$580,000 for fiscal year 2012 and approximately \$560,200 for fiscal year 2011.

Audit-Related Fees. Audit-related fees consist of assurance and related services provided by Haskell & White LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported above under Audit Fees.

Fiscal 2012

Audit of the financial statements of CorVel Incentive Savings Plan

\$ 22,000

<u>Fiscal 2011</u>

Audit of the financial statements of CorVel Incentive Savings Plan

\$21,000

Tax Fees. Tax fees consist of professional services rendered by our independent auditors for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

Fiscal 2012

Tax consulting services

Tax consulting services

\$0

Fiscal 2011

\$ 0

All Other Fees. Fees for a retainer, travel and other miscellaneous expenses billed by Haskell & White LLP were \$21,135 during fiscal year 2012 and \$122,443 during fiscal year 2011.

Determination of Independence

The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of the above non-audit services by Haskell & White LLP was compatible with their maintenance of accountant independence.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

The Audit Committee pre-approves and reviews audit and permissible non-audit services performed by its independent auditors as well as the fees charged by its independent auditors for such services. In its pre-approval and review of permissible non-audit service fees, the Audit Committee considers, among other factors, the possible effect of the performance of such services on the auditors independence. Under certain de minimis circumstances described in the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Audit Committee may approve permissible non-audit services prior to the completion of the audit in lieu of pre-approving such services.

Stockholder Approval

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Common Stock present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is being sought for ratification of the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE <u>FOR</u> RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HASKELL & WHITE LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2013.

OTHER MATTERS

Management does not know of any other matters to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting, it is intended that the proxies will be voted by the persons named therein in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendation. Discretionary authority with respect to such other matters is granted by the execution of the enclosed proxy.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The information contained in this Audit Committee Report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed or incorporated by reference into any filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Audit Committee carries out its responsibilities pursuant to its written charter, and the members of the fiscal year 2012 Audit Committee have prepared and submitted this Audit Committee report. Each Audit Committee member is considered independent because each member satisfies the independence requirements for board members prescribed by the applicable rules of Nasdaq and Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Among other things, the Audit Committee oversees CorVel s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal control over financial reporting. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management CorVel s audited financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles; the reasonableness of significant judgments; and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements; and management s assessment of CorVel s internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee also reviewed and discussed with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of CorVel s accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with audit committees by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communication With Audit Committees*, as may be amended, modified or supplemented. In addition, the audit committee discussed with the independent auditors their independence from management and CorVel, and has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor s communications with the audit committee concerning independence. Throughout the year and prior to the performance of any such services the Audit Committee also considered the compatibility of potential non-audit services with the auditors independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with CorVel s independent auditors their overall approach, scope and plans for the audit. At the conclusion of the audit, the Audit Committee met with the independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examination, their evaluation of CorVel s internal control over financial reporting and the overall quality of CorVel s financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the audit committee recommended to the board (and the board has approved) that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee has also recommended the selection of Haskell & White LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

R. Judd Jessup, Chair

Steven J. Hamerslag

Alan R. Hoops

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF CORVEL

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers as of May 31, 2012:

Name		Position
V. Gordon Clemons, Sr.	68	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer,
		President and Chief Operating Officer
Scott McCloud	45	Chief Financial Officer
Donald C. McFarlane	59	Chief Information Officer
Diane J. Blaha	57	Senior Vice President, Sales and Account Management
V. Gordon Clemons, Jr.	37	Executive Vice President

The following is a brief description of the capacities in which each of our executive officers who is not also a director has served, and other biographical information. The biography of Mr. Clemons appears earlier in this Proxy Statement under Proposal One: Election of Directors.

Mr. McCloud has been our Chief Financial Officer since August 2005. From June 1997 to August 2005, Mr. McCloud was our Controller. Mr. McCloud joined CorVel in June 1995 and served as Assistant Controller until his promotion to Corporate Controller in June 1997. Prior to joining CorVel, Mr. McCloud served as a staff accountant at Geffen Mesher & Co., P.C. a public accounting firm, from 1994 to 1995.

Mr. McFarlane has been our Chief Information Officer since February 2007. Before becoming Chief Information Officer, Mr. McFarlane was Vice President, Information Technology from 1995 through January 2007. Prior to joining CorVel in 1994 as a Software Development Manager, Mr. McFarlane was Vice President of Avant Software, Inc., a software consulting company. In 1988, Avant was engaged to develop CorVel s MedCheck medical bill review system, and Mr. McFarlane served as the chief architect and project manager for this effort. Mr. McFarlane has more than 36 years of experience in computer software and operations.

Ms. Blaha has been our Senior Vice President, Sales and Account Management since November 2010. From November 2010 to November 2010, Ms. Blaha served as Vice President of Sales. From 1996 to November 2008, Ms. Blaha served as Vice President of Regional Sales. From 1994 to 1996, Ms. Blaha was an Account Executive in the Upper Midwest Region. Ms. Blaha joined CorVel in October 1992 as a Medical Case Manager until she moved into the sales and marketing team in 1994.

Mr. Clemons, Jr., the son of Mr. Clemons, Sr., has been our Executive Vice President since November 2011. Before becoming Executive Vice President, Mr. Clemons, Jr. was Senior Vice President, Strategy and Business Development from November 2010 to November 2011. From June 2009 to November 2010, Mr. Clemons, Jr., was Vice President, Network Solutions, and from March 2006 to 2007 was Vice President of Business Development. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Clemons, Jr., served as Director of Business Development, and from 2001, when he joined the Company, until June 2002, he was a Product Manager.

Our executive officers are elected by the Board on an annual basis and serve at the discretion of the Board until their successors have been duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal.

Executive Compensation

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The following discussion and analysis of our compensation practices and related compensation information should be read in conjunction with the Summary Compensation table and other tables included in this proxy statement, as well as our financial statements and management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012. The following discussion includes statements of judgment and forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, our business, compensation, management s beliefs, and certain assumptions made by us, all

of which are subject to change. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by words such as anticipates. expects. intends. plans. predicts. believes. seeks. estimates. may. will. should. would. could, potential, continue, ongoing, similar expressions, negatives of these words and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding projected performance and compensation. Actual results could differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, the risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012. We assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or such risk factors.

Introduction

It is the responsibility of the compensation committee of our board of directors to oversee our general compensation policies; to determine the base salary and bonus to be paid each year to each of our executive officers; to oversee our compensation policies and practices as they relate to our risk management; and to determine the compensation to be paid each year to our directors for service on our board of directors and the various committees of our board of directors. In addition, the compensation committee administers our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly the Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) with respect to stock option grants or other equity-based awards made to our executive officers. Stock options are granted to our directors automatically under the automatic option grant program of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) and the compensation committee does not exercise any discretion over that program. The three broad components of our executive officer compensation are base salary, annual cash incentive awards, and long term equity-based incentive awards. The compensation committee periodically reviews total compensation levels and the allocation of compensation among these three components for each of the executive officers in the context of our overall compensation policy. Additionally, the compensation committee, in conjunction with our board, reviews the relationship of executive compensation to corporate performance and relative stockholder return. The compensation committee believes that our current compensation plans are competitive and reasonable. Below is a description of the general policies and processes that govern the compensation paid to our executive officers, as reflected in the accompanying compensation tables.

General Compensation Philosophy

We operate in the medical cost containment and managed care industry. The compensation committee believes that our compensation programs for executive officers should: (a) be designed to attract, motivate and retain talented executives, (b) be competitive, and (c) reward individuals based on the achievement of designated financial targets, individual contribution, and financial performance relative to that of our competitors and market indices. Our philosophy is to focus more on equity compensation (in particular, to incentivize service within a five year timeframe for time-vesting stock options) than on annual base compensation because we believe that approach more closely aligns the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders. Within this philosophy, the compensation committee s objectives are to:

Offer a total compensation program that takes into consideration the compensation practices of other managed care companies of similar size with which we compete for executive talent;

Tie an individual s total compensation to individual and profit center performance as well as our overall financial success;

Provide annual cash incentive awards that take into account our overall financial performance in terms of designated corporate objectives; and

Strengthen the alignment of the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by providing significant equity-based, long-term incentive awards.

Compensation Components and Process

The compensation committee s conclusions on the compensation levels for our executive officers are based in part on executive compensation data, including cash compensation and long-term incentive compensation,

drawn from information available in the public domain, and also the recommendations of our chief executive officer. When evaluating publicly available market data for compensation comparison purposes, the compensation committee seeks to obtain data regarding organizations considered to be comparable to us from a variety of perspectives, such as customer base, annual revenue and general industry, in order to ensure comparisons include both our relevant labor market for talent as well as business competitors.

In general, there are no other publicly-held cost containment and managed care companies within the workers compensation market with annual revenue similar to CorVel from which to obtain another data point in determining market levels for total compensation. The compensation committee believes, however, that the combination of published public domain survey data from survey companies such as salary.com and data from executive placement firms such as Spencer Stuart, Korn/Ferry International, and RobertHalf International with experience in the cost containment and managed care industry allows us to assess relevant external market pay practices, and to understand the range of pay practices occurring in comparable markets. These external market pay practices help inform us on the competitiveness of our compensation programs. The compensation committee does not use the services of any compensation consultant.

The compensation committee considered fiscal 2012 executive compensation on May 12, 2011, August 4, 2011, November 3, 2011, February 2, 2012, February 23, 2012 and May 24, 2012, fiscal 2011 executive compensation on May 14, 2010, June 7, 2010, August 5, 2010, November 4, 2010, February 3, 2011, February 4, 2011, February 23, 2011 and March 21, 2011, and fiscal 2010 executive compensation on May 5, 2009, August, 6, 2009, November 2, 2009, February 4, 2010, and March 9, 2010. The material considered by the compensation committee also included the historical compensation and stock option awards made to each of our executive officers. As described in more detail below, the results of each executive s annual management by objectives plan, including a comparison of performance and job description relative to achievement and potential, were reviewed and discussed.

Summary Compensation Table

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The initial estimated value of the notes is an estimate only, determined as of a particular point in time by reference to our and our affiliates' pricing models. These pricing models consider certain assumptions and variables, including our credit spreads, our internal funding rate on the pricing date, mid-market terms on hedging transactions, expectations on interest rates and volatility, price-sensitivity analysis, and the expected term of the notes. These pricing models rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. The public offering price you pay for the notes will exceed the initial estimated value. If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value may be lower than the price you paid for them and lower than the initial estimated value. This is due to, among other things, changes in the level of the Index, our internal funding rate, and the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge, all as further described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-10. These factors, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market and will affect the value of the notes in complex and unpredictable ways.

The initial estimated value does not represent a minimum or maximum price at which we, MLPF&S or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in any secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of your notes at any time after issuance will vary based on many factors that cannot be predicted with accuracy, including the performance of the Index, our creditworthiness and changes in market conditions.

A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. Neither we nor MLPF&S is obligated to make a market for, or to repurchase, the notes. There is no assurance that any party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price in any secondary market.

Your return on the notes may be affected by factors affecting the international securities markets, specifically changes within the Eurozone. The Eurozone is and has been undergoing severe financial stress, and the political, legal and regulatory ramifications are impossible to predict. Changes within the Eurozone could adversely affect the performance of the Index and, consequently, the value of the notes. In addition, you will not obtain the benefit of any increase in the value of the euro against the U.S. dollar, which you would have received if you had owned the securities in the Index during the term of your notes, although the level of the Index may be adversely affected by general exchange rate movements in the market.

Our business activities as a full service financial institution, including our commercial and investment banking activities, our hedging and trading activities (including trades in shares of companies included in the Index) and any hedging and trading activities we engage in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value and return of the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you.

The Index sponsor may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and has no obligation to consider your interests

You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Index, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.

While we or our affiliates may from time to time own securities of companies included in the Index we do not control any company included in the Index, and are not responsible for any disclosure made by any other company.

There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent, which is an affiliate of ours. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agent.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to a holder of the notes. See Summary Tax Consequences below and U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary beginning on page PS-26 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

Market-Linked Step Up Notes

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Market-Linked Step Up Notes

Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, due May, 2017

Other Terms of the Notes

The provisions of this section supersede and replace the definition of Market Measure Business Day set forth in product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

Market Measure Business Day

- A Market Measure Business Day means a day on which:
- (A) the Eurex (or any successor) is open for trading; and
- (B) the Index or any successor thereto is calculated and published.

Market-Linked Step Up Notes

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Market-Linked Step Up Notes

Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, due May, 2017

The Index

All disclosures contained in this term sheet regarding the Index, including, without limitation, its make up, method of calculation, and changes in its components, have been derived from publicly available sources. The information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, STOXX Limited (STOXX or Index sponsor). STOXX, which owns the copyright and all other rights to the Index, has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue publication of, the Index. The consequences of STOXX discontinuing publication of the Index are discussed in the section entitled Description of the Notes Discontinuance of an Index on page PS-21 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1. None of us, the calculation agent, or MLPF&S accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance, or publication of the Index or any successor index.

The Index was created by STOXX, a wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Börse AG. Publication of the Index began in February 1998, based on an initial Index level of 1,000 at December 31, 1991. On March 1, 2010, STOXX announced the removal of the Dow Jones prefix from all of its indices, including the Index.

Index Composition and Maintenance

For each of the 19 EURO STOXX regional supersector indices, the stocks are ranked in terms of free-float market capitalization. The largest stocks are added to the selection list until the coverage is close to, but still less than, 60% of the free-float market capitalization of the corresponding supersector index. If the next highest-ranked stock brings the coverage closer to 60% in absolute terms, then it is also added to the selection list. All current stocks in the Index are then added to the selection list. All of the stocks on the selection list are then ranked in terms of free-float market capitalization to produce the final index selection list. The largest 40 stocks on the selection list are selected; the remaining 10 stocks are selected from the largest remaining current stocks ranked between 41 and 60; if the number of stocks selected is still below 50, then the largest remaining stocks are selected until there are 50 stocks. In exceptional cases, STOXX's management board can add stocks to and remove them from the selection list.

The Index components are subject to a capped maximum index weight of 10%, which is applied on a quarterly basis. The composition of the Index is reviewed annually, based on the closing stock data on the last trading day in August. Changes in the composition of the Index are made to ensure that the Index includes the 50 market sector leaders from within the EURO STOXX® Index.

The free float factors for each component stock used to calculate the Index, as described below, are reviewed, calculated, and implemented on a quarterly basis and are fixed until the next quarterly review.

The Index is subject to a fast exit rule. The Index components are monitored for any changes based on the monthly selection list ranking. A stock is deleted from the Index if: (a) it ranks 75 or below on the monthly selection list and (b) it has been ranked 75 or below for a consecutive period of two months in the monthly selection list. The highest-ranked stock that is not an index component will replace it. Changes will be implemented on the close of the fifth trading day of the month, and are effective the next trading day.

The Index is also subject to a fast entry rule. All stocks on the latest selection lists and initial public offering (IPO) stocks are reviewed for a fast-track addition on a quarterly basis. A stock is added, if (a) it qualifies for the latest STOXX blue-chip selection list generated end of February, May, August or November and (b) it ranks within the lower buffer on this selection list.

The Index is also reviewed on an ongoing basis. Corporate actions (including initial public offerings, mergers and takeovers, spin-offs, delistings, and bankruptcy) that affect the Index composition are immediately reviewed. Any changes are announced, implemented, and effective in line with the type of corporate action and the magnitude of the effect.

Index Calculation

The Index is calculated with the Laspeyres formula, which measures the aggregate price changes in the component stocks against a fixed base quantity weight. The formula for calculating the Index value can be expressed as follows: The free float market capitalization of the Index is equal to the sum of the product of the closing price, number of shares outstanding, free float factor, and weighting cap factor, for each component stock as of the time the Index is being calculated.

The Index is also subject to a divisor, which is adjusted to maintain the continuity of the Index values across changes due to corporate actions, such as the deletion and addition of stocks, the substitution of stocks, stock dividends, and stock splits.

Neither we nor any of our affiliates, including the selling agent, accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance, or publication of, or for any error, omission, or disruption in, the Index or any successor to the Index. STOXX does not guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of the Index or any data included in the Index. STOXX assumes no liability for any errors, omissions, or disruption in the calculation and dissemination of the Index. STOXX disclaims all responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation and dissemination of the Index or the manner in which the Index is applied in determining the amount payable on the notes at maturity.

Market-Linked Step Up Notes

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Market-Linked Step Up Notes

Linked to the EURO STOXX 50[®] Index, due May, 2017

The following graph shows the daily historical performance of the Index in the period from January 1, 2008 through March 3, 2016. We obtained this historical data from Bloomberg L.P. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg L.P. On March 3, 2016, the closing level of the Index was 3,012.87.

Historical Performance of the Index

This historical data on the Index is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Index or what the value of the notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the level of the Index during any period set forth above is not an indication that the level of the Index is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the notes.

Before investing in the notes, you should consult publicly available sources for the levels and trading pattern of the Index.

License Agreement

We have entered into a non-exclusive license agreement with STOXX providing for the license to us and certain of our affiliated or subsidiary companies, in exchange for a fee, of the right to use indices owned and published by STOXX (including the Index) in connection with certain securities, including the notes.

The license agreement between us and STOXX requires that the following language be stated in this term sheet: STOXX has no relationship to us, other than the licensing of the Index and the related trademarks for use in connection with the notes. STOXX does not:

sponsor, endorse, sell, or promote the notes;

recommend that any person invest in the notes or any other securities;

have any responsibility or liability for or make any decisions about the timing, amount, or pricing of the notes; have any responsibility or liability for the administration, management, or marketing of the notes; or consider the needs of the notes or the holders of the notes in determining, composing, or calculating the Index, or have any obligation to do so.

STOXX will not have any liability in connection with the notes. Specifically:

STOXX does not make any warranty, express or implied, and disclaims any and all warranty concerning: the results to be obtained by the notes, the holders of the notes or any other person in connection with the use of the Index and the data included in the Index:

the accuracy or completeness of the Index and its data;

the merchantability and the fitness for a particular purpose or use of the Index and its data; STOXX will have no liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions in the Index or its data; and Under no circumstances will STOXX be liable for any lost profits or indirect, punitive, special, or consequential damages or losses, even if STOXX knows that they might occur.

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The licensing agreement between us and STOXX is solely for their benefit and our benefit, and not for the benefit of the holders of the notes or any other third parties.

Supplement to the Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest

Under our distribution agreement with MLPF&S, MLPF&S will purchase the notes from us as principal at the public offering price indicated on the cover of this term sheet, less the indicated underwriting discount.

MLPF&S, a broker-dealer subsidiary of BAC, is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) and will participate as selling agent in the distribution of the notes. Accordingly, offerings of the notes will conform to the requirements of Rule 5121 applicable to FINRA members. MLPF&S may not make sales in this offering to any of its discretionary accounts without the prior written approval of the account holder.

We may deliver the notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on a date that is greater than three business days following the pricing date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if the initial settlement of the notes occurs more than three business days from the pricing date, purchasers who wish to trade the notes more than three business days prior to the original issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. In the original offering of the notes, the notes will be sold in minimum investment amounts of 100 units. If you place an order to purchase the notes, you are consenting to MLPF&S acting as a principal in effecting the transaction for your account.

MLPF&S may repurchase and resell the notes, with repurchases and resales being made at prices related to then-prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices, and these will include MLPF&S's trading commissions and mark-ups. MLPF&S may act as principal or agent in these market-making transactions; however, it is not obligated to engage in any such transactions. At MLPF&S's discretion, for a short, undetermined initial period after the issuance of the notes, MLPF&S may offer to buy the notes in the secondary market at a price that may exceed the initial estimated value of the notes. Any price offered by MLPF&S for the notes will be based on then-prevailing market conditions and other considerations, including the performance of the Index and the remaining term of the notes. However, neither we nor any of our affiliates is obligated to purchase your notes at any price, or at any time, and we cannot assure you that we or any of our affiliates will purchase your notes at a price that equals or exceeds the initial estimated value of the notes.

The value of the notes shown on your account statement will be based on MLPF&S's estimate of the value of the notes if MLPF&S or another of our affiliates were to make a market in the notes, which it is not obligated to do. That estimate will be based upon the price that MLPF&S may pay for the notes in light of then-prevailing market conditions and other considerations, as mentioned above, and will include transaction costs. At certain times, this price may be higher than or lower than the initial estimated value of the notes.

An investor's household, as referenced on the cover of this term sheet, will generally include accounts held by any of the following, as determined by MLPF&S in its discretion and acting in good faith based upon information then available to MLPF&S:

the investor's spouse (including a domestic partner), siblings, parents, grandparents, spouse's parents, children and grandchildren, but excluding accounts held by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews or any other family relationship not directly above or below the individual investor;

a family investment vehicle, including foundations, limited partnerships and personal holding companies, but only if the beneficial owners of the vehicle consist solely of the investor or members of the investor's household as described above;

a trust where the grantors and/or beneficiaries of the trust consist solely of the investor or members of the investor's household as described above; provided that, purchases of the notes by a trust generally cannot be aggregated together with any purchases made by a trustee's personal account.

Purchases in retirement accounts will not be considered part of the same household as an individual investor's personal or other non-retirement account, except for individual retirement accounts (IRAs), simplified employee pension plans

(SEPs), savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLEs), and single-participant or owners only accounts (i.e., retirement accounts held by self-employed individuals, business owners or partners with no employees other than their spouses).

Please contact your Merrill Lynch financial advisor if you have any questions about the application of these provisions to your specific circumstances or think you are eligible.

Structuring the Notes

The notes are our debt securities, the return on which is linked to the performance of the Index. As is the case for all of our debt securities, including our market-linked notes, the economic terms of the notes reflect our actual or perceived creditworthiness at the time of pricing. In addition, because market-linked notes result in increased operational, funding and liability management costs to us, we typically borrow the funds under these notes at a rate that is more favorable to us than the rate that we might pay for a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security. This rate, which we refer to in this term sheet as our internal funding rate, is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities. This generally relatively lower internal funding rate,

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which is reflected in the economic terms of the notes, along with the fees and charges associated with market-linked notes, typically results in the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date being less than their public offering price.

At maturity, we are required to pay the Redemption Amount to holders of the notes, which will be calculated based on the performance of the Index and the \$10 per unit principal amount. In order to meet these payment obligations, at the time we issue the notes, we may choose to enter into certain hedging arrangements (which may include call options, put options or other derivatives) with MLPF&S or one of its affiliates. The terms of these hedging arrangements are determined by seeking bids from market participants, including MLPF&S and its affiliates, and take into account a number of factors, including our creditworthiness, interest rate movements, the volatility of the Index, the tenor of the notes and the tenor of the hedging arrangements. The economic terms of the notes and their initial estimated value depend in part on the terms of these hedging arrangements.

MLPF&S has advised us that the hedging arrangements will include a hedging related charge of approximately \$0.075 per unit, reflecting an estimated profit to be credited to MLPF&S from these transactions. Since hedging entails risk and may be influenced by unpredictable market forces, additional profits and losses from these hedging arrangements may be realized by MLPF&S or any third party hedge providers.

For further information, see Risk Factors—General Risks Relating to the Notes beginning on page PS-7 and Use of Proceeds on page PS-16 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

Summary Tax Consequences

You should consider the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the notes, including the following: There is no statutory, judicial, or administrative authority directly addressing the characterization of the notes. You agree with us (in the absence of an administrative determination, or judicial ruling to the contrary) to characterize and treat the notes for all tax purposes as a single financial contract with respect to the Index. Under this characterization and tax treatment of the notes, a U.S. Holder (as defined beginning on page 99 of the prospectus) generally will recognize capital gain or loss upon maturity or upon a sale or exchange of the notes prior to maturity. This capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if you held the notes for more than one year.

No assurance can be given that the IRS or any court will agree with this characterization and tax treatment. You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of the notes, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws. You should review carefully the discussion under the section entitled U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary beginning on page PS-26 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

Where You Can Find More Information

We have filed a registration statement (including a product supplement, a prospectus supplement, and a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this term sheet relates. Before you invest, you should read the Note Prospectus, including this term sheet, and the other documents that we have filed with the SEC, for more complete information about us and this offering. You may get these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, we, any agent, or any dealer participating in this offering will arrange to send you these documents if you so request by calling MLPF&S toll-free at 1-800-294-1322.

Market-Linked Investments Classification

MLPF&S classifies certain market-linked investments (the Market-Linked Investments) into categories, each with different investment characteristics. The following description is meant solely for informational purposes and is not intended to represent any particular Enhanced Return Market-Linked Investment or guarantee any performance. Enhanced Return Market-Linked Investments are short- to medium-term investments that offer you a way to enhance exposure to a particular market view without taking on a similarly enhanced level of market downside risk. They can be especially effective in a flat to moderately positive market (or, in the case of bearish investments, a flat to moderately negative market). In exchange for the potential to receive better-than market returns on the linked asset,

you must generally accept market downside risk and capped upside potential. As these investments are not market downside protected, and do not assure full repayment of principal at maturity, you need to be prepared for the possibility that you may lose all or part of your investment.

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