

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES  
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UNITED STATES  
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Washington, D.C. 20549  
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Piper Jaffray 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders - Vote your shares

Employees who hold shares of Piper Jaffray at Computershare, or in the Piper Jaffray Companies Retirement Plan will be receiving an e-mail by March 26, 2013 with the subject line of "PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES Annual Meeting". Please do not delete this e-mail and be sure to retain your twelve-digit control number within the e-mail. The e-mail will have a link that takes you directly to a voting site, or go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) at any time and enter your control number.

Employees who are shareholders of Piper Jaffray are encouraged to vote according to the Board of Directors' recommendation as follows:

• FOR all of the nominees for director;

• FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditor of Piper Jaffray Companies for the year ending December 31, 2013;

• FOR approval of our Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan; and

• FOR an advisory vote to approve the compensation of the officers disclosed in the proxy statement, or a "say-on-pay" vote.

If you hold shares in a personal brokerage account, you will receive information in the mail with voting instructions.

If you receive both an e-mail and a mailing, it is important that you submit votes for all shares held.

Employees own a significant amount of Piper Jaffray common stock and it is critical that you vote your shares.