

#### TRANSCAT, INC.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The annual meeting of shareholders of **Transcat**, **Inc.** will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). **The annual meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting of shareholders by means of a live webcast.** We believe that hosting a virtual meeting will enable greater shareholder attendance and participation from any location. You will be able to attend the annual meeting, vote your shares via the internet and submit your questions during the meeting via the internet by visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020. **There will not be a physical meeting location and you will not be able to attend the annual meeting in person.** 

The annual meeting is being held for the following purposes, which are more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement:

- to elect three directors;
- to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers ("say-on-pay");
- to ratify the selection of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 27, 2021; and
- to transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or at any adjournment of the meeting.

Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on July 15, 2020 as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting and at any adjournment of the annual meeting.

We are following the Securities and Exchange Commission's "e-proxy" rules that allow public companies to furnish proxy materials to shareholders over the internet. The "e-proxy" rules remove the requirement for public companies to automatically send shareholders a full, printed copy of proxy materials and allow them instead to deliver to their shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice of Internet Availability") and to provide online access to the documents. The Notice of Internet Availability provides instructions on how to view our proxy materials for the annual meeting on the internet and vote, and request a printed copy of the proxy materials. These "e-proxy" rules allow us to provide you with the information you need, while lowering the cost of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting.

We continue to monitor developments with respect to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the event that the logistics of our annual meeting are impacted by developments related to or stemming from this pandemic, we will announce such information as promptly as practicable. Please monitor our website at www.transcat.com for updated information.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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Lee D. Rudow

President and Chief Executive Officer

Rochester, New York July 23, 2020

Your Vote is Important. Whether or not you expect to participate in the annual meeting, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote by the internet, by telephone, or, if you requested and received paper copies of the proxy materials by mail, by mailing a proxy card or voting instruction form. We encourage you to vote using the internet, as it is the most cost-effective way to vote. Even if you have voted by internet, telephone or proxy card, you may still vote via the internet if you attend the virtual meeting. If you own your shares through a broker we encourage you to follow the instructions provided by your broker about how to vote. Unless you provide your broker with voting instructions, your broker may not vote your shares on the proposal to elect three directors or the advisory vote on executive compensation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Our Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders are available online at www.proxyvote.com



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# TRANSCAT, INC. PROXY STATEMENT

The board of directors of Transcat, Inc., an Ohio corporation, is providing these proxy materials in connection with the solicitation by our board of directors of proxies for use at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), or at any adjournment of the meeting, for the purposes set forth in this proxy statement. The proxy materials are being made available to you on the internet, or by printed versions if requested and delivered to you by mail.

#### **Location of Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting of shareholders by means of a live webcast. We believe that hosting a virtual meeting will enable greater shareholder attendance and participation from any location. By visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020, you will be able to attend the annual meeting, vote your shares, and submit your questions during the meeting via the internet. There will not be a physical meeting location and you will not be able to attend in person. We invite you to attend the annual meeting and request that you vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may vote by internet, by telephone, or, if you requested and received paper copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may also vote by completing and mailing your proxy card.

# **Proxy Materials**

These proxy materials include:

- Our Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended March 28, 2020 ("fiscal 2020"); and
- Notice of 2020 Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

If you request and receive printed versions of the proxy materials by mail, these proxy materials also include a proxy card.

## **Notice and Access of Proxy Materials**

We are following the "e-proxy" rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), that allow public companies to furnish proxy materials to shareholders over the internet. The "e-proxy" rules remove the requirement for public companies to automatically send shareholders a full, printed copy of proxy materials and allow them instead to deliver to their shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice of Internet Availability") and to provide online access to the documents. Accordingly, we mailed the Notice of Internet Availability to our shareholders of record on or about July 23, 2020.

The Notice of Internet Availability provides instructions on how to:

- · View our proxy materials for the annual meeting on the internet and vote; and
- Request a printed copy of the proxy materials.

In addition, shareholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. Choosing to receive your future proxy materials by email will save us the cost of printing and mailing documents to you and will reduce the environmental impact of printed materials.

#### **Viewing Proxy Materials on the Internet**

We are making this proxy statement and voting instructions available to shareholders on or about July 23, 2020 at www.proxyvote.com. We are also making our 2020 Annual Report to Shareholders available at the same time and by the same method. The 2020 Annual Report to Shareholders is not a part of the proxy solicitation materials and is not incorporated herein by reference. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2020, as filed with the SEC, is included in the 2020 Annual Report to Shareholders and includes our audited consolidated financial statements, along with other information about us, which we encourage you to read.

# How to Receive a Printed Copy of the Proxy Materials

Shareholder of Record. You may request a printed copy of the proxy materials by any of the following methods:

- Telephone: call toll-free at 1-800-579-1639;
- · Internet at www.proxyvote.com; or
- Email at sendmaterial@proxyvote.com with "Proxy Materials Transcat, Inc." in the subject line. In the message, include your full name and address, the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side of the Notice of Internet Availability and state that you want to receive a paper copy of current and/or future proxy materials.

Beneficial Owner. You may request a printed copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions provided to you by your broker, bank or nominee.

#### **Record Date and Shares Outstanding**

Each holder of shares of our common stock at the close of business on July 15, 2020, the record date for the annual meeting, is entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. We have one class of shares outstanding, designated common stock, \$0.50 par value per share. As of the record date, there were 7,412,592 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding.

#### Quorum

A quorum is required for shareholders to conduct business at the annual meeting. According to our Code of Regulations, as amended, the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock present in person or by proxy at the meeting will constitute a quorum.

#### **Vote Required**

The table below shows the vote required to approve each of the proposals described in this proxy statement, assuming the presence of a quorum, in person or by proxy, at the annual meeting.

Proposal	Description	Vote Required
One	Election of three directors	Plurality of the votes duly cast at the annual meeting
Two	To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers	Majority of the votes duly cast at the annual meeting (1)
Three	To ratify the selection of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 27, 2021	Majority of the votes duly cast at the annual meeting (2)

- (1) The result of the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers is not binding on our board of directors or our compensation committee. However, our board and our compensation committee value the opinions expressed by our shareholders in their votes on these proposals and will consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions regarding our named executive officers.
- We are presenting the selection of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm to our shareholders for ratification. The audit committee will consider the outcome of this vote when selecting our independent registered public accounting firm for subsequent fiscal years.

#### **Recommendations of our Board of Directors**

Our board of directors recommends that shareholders vote their shares:

- **FOR** the three director nominees named in this proxy statement;
- **FOR** the proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers;
- **FOR** the ratification of the selection of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 27, 2021.

## **The Virtual Meeting**

We will be hosting the annual meeting only by means of a live webcast. There will not be a physical meeting location and you will not be able to attend the meeting in person. Please be assured that you will be afforded the same rights and opportunities to participate in the virtual meeting as you would at an inperson meeting. By going to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020, you will be able to listen to the annual meeting, submit questions and vote. If you wish to listen to the annual meeting, but do not wish to submit questions or vote during the annual meeting, you may go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020 and log in as a guest.

The annual meeting webcast will start at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. We encourage you to access the meeting website prior to the start time to allow time for check in. If you encounter any technical difficulties with the virtual meeting platform on the meeting day, please call (585) 360-0860 for our technical support.

You do not need to register to attend the annual meeting webcast. Follow the instructions on your Notice of Internet Availability or proxy card (if you requested and received a printed copy of the proxy materials) to access the annual meeting.

We continue to monitor developments with respect to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the event that the logistics of our annual meeting are impacted by developments related to or stemming from this pandemic, we will announce such information as promptly as practicable. Please monitor our website at www.transcat.com for updated information. As always, we encourage you to vote your shares prior to the annual meeting.

Information included on our website, other than our proxy statement and proxy card, is not part of the proxy solicitation materials.

#### **Procedures for Asking Questions at the Annual Meeting**

If you wish to submit a question the day of the annual meeting you may log into the virtual meeting platform at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020, type your question into the "Ask a Question" field, and click "Submit."

Questions pertinent to meeting matters will be answered during the annual meeting, subject to time constraints. Questions regarding personal matters, including those related to employment, are not pertinent to annual meeting matters and therefore will not be answered.

## **Procedures for Voting at the Annual Meeting**

Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name. If, on July 15, 2020, your shares of our common stock were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare, then you are a shareholder of record. If you are a shareholder of record, there are four ways to vote:

- By internet at www.proxyvote.com. We encourage you to vote this way.
- By touch tone telephone: call toll-free at 1-800-690-6903.
- By completing and mailing your proxy card (if you requested and received a printed copy of the proxy materials).
- At the annual meeting: instructions on how to vote during the annual meeting webcast are posted at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020. Votes submitted during the annual meeting must be received no later than the closing of the polls at the annual meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote your shares if you have already voted by proxy. Only the latest vote you submit will be counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank. If, on July 15, 2020, your shares of our common stock were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being made available to you by that organization along with a voting instruction card. As a beneficial owner, you must vote your shares in the manner prescribed by your broker, bank or nominee ("broker"). Your broker has enclosed or otherwise provided a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker how to vote your shares. Check the voting instruction card used by that organization to see if it offers internet or telephone voting.

Instead of directing your broker how to vote your shares, you may elect to attend the annual meeting and vote your shares during the meeting. Instructions on how to vote during the annual meeting webcast are posted at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TRNS2020. Votes submitted during the annual meeting must be received no later than the closing of the polls at the annual meeting.

#### Votes

Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held as of July 15, 2020, the record date for the meeting. You may either vote "FOR" or "WITHHOLD" authority to vote for our nominees for the board of directors in Proposal 1. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on Proposal 2 (advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers), and Proposal 3 (to ratify the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm).

#### Voting in the Event No Specific Instructions are Given

Shareholder of Record. If you are a shareholder of record and you (i) indicate when voting on the internet or by telephone that you wish to vote as recommended by our board, or (ii) sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, then the named proxies will vote your shares in the manner recommended by our board (i.e., FOR each of the director nominees named in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2 and 3, and in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the annual meeting or at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Beneficial Owner. If you do not provide your broker with specific voting instructions, or if you do not vote the shares at the annual meeting, your shares will not be voted or counted with respect to Proposals 1 and 2, which are non-routine proposals. Your broker has discretionary authority to vote your uninstructed shares with respect to Proposal 3, which is a routine proposal.

#### **Effect of Abstentions**

An abstention represents a shareholder's affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal other than the election of directors. Shares that abstain from voting on a proposal are counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum but are not considered votes "duly cast" for a proposal. Thus, abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposals requiring the approval of a plurality or a majority of votes duly cast (Proposals 1, 2 and 3), because abstentions are not counted as votes duly cast.

#### Effect of Not Casting Your Vote and Broker Non-Votes

If you are a shareholder of record and you do not cast your vote, no votes will be cast on your behalf on any of the items of business at the annual meeting.

If you hold your shares in street name and do not provide voting instructions to your broker, your broker may still be able to vote your shares with respect to certain "discretionary" (or routine) items but will not be allowed to vote your shares with respect to certain "non-discretionary" (or non-routine) items. In the case of non-discretionary items, for which no instructions are received, the shares will be treated as "broker non-votes." Shares that constitute broker non-votes will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum. A broker will have discretionary authority to vote on Proposal 3 relating to the ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm but will not have discretionary authority to vote on any other matter. As a result, if you do not vote your street name shares, your broker has the authority to vote on your behalf with respect to Proposal 3 (the ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm), but not with respect to Proposal 1 (the election of directors) and Proposal 2 (advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers). Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of Proposals 1 and 2. We encourage you to provide instructions to your broker to vote your shares on Proposals 1 and 2.

#### **Revocability of Proxies**

You may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting.

If you are a shareholder of record, you may change your vote or revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

- You may submit a later-dated vote by internet or telephone (only your latest internet or telephone vote will be counted);
- You may submit another properly completed, later-dated proxy card;

- You may send a written notice that you are revoking your proxy to: Corporate Secretary, 35
   Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, which must be received no later than September 8, 2020; or
- You may attend the annual meeting webcast and vote during the meeting. Attending the meeting without voting during the meeting will not, by itself, revoke a previously submitted proxy unless you specifically request your prior proxy be revoked.

If you hold your shares in street name, contact your broker or other organization regarding how to revoke your instructions and change your vote. You may change your vote by submitting a later-dated vote on the internet or by telephone, if offered, or by participating in the annual meeting webcast and by submitting a later vote during the meeting.

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Our board of directors is soliciting proxies for use at the annual meeting, and we will bear the cost of the proxy solicitation. In addition to the posting or mailing of the proxy materials, our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies personally, by telephone, by email or by other means of communication. We will not compensate any of these persons for soliciting proxies on our behalf. We will reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners. In addition, we have retained Regan & Associates, Inc., a professional solicitation firm, which will assist us in delivering the proxy materials and soliciting proxies for a fee of approximately \$10,000.

# **Voting Results**

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the annual meeting. Final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the annual meeting.

#### Copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K

You can obtain upon request, free of charge, a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2020 by:

- accessing our website, Transcat.com, and going to "SEC Filings" under "Investor Relations";
- writing to us at: Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, Attention: Corporate Secretary; or
- telephoning us at 585-352-7777.

You can also obtain a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2020 and all other reports and information that we file with, or furnish to, the SEC from the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov.

The information contained on our website is not a part of this proxy statement.

# PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Code of Regulations, as amended, currently provides for a classified board of directors consisting of three classes of directors, each serving staggered three-year terms. As a result, only a portion of our board of directors is elected each year. The term of three of our directors, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haseley and Mr. Smith, will expire at this year's annual meeting.

Based on the recommendation of the corporate governance and nominating committee, we have nominated Richard J. Harrison, Gary J. Haseley and John T. Smith, each to serve for a three-year term expiring in 2023. Unless authority to vote for one of the nominees is specifically withheld, proxies will be voted FOR the election of Messrs. Harrison, Haseley and Smith.

The board of directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haseley and Mr. Smith.

We do not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director, but if that contingency should occur prior to the voting of the proxies, the persons named in the proxy reserve the right to vote for such substitute nominee or nominees as they, in their discretion, determine, provided that proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named in this proxy statement.

The SEC's rules require us to briefly discuss the particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our board of directors to conclude that each director or nominee for director should serve on our board of directors. We have provided this discussion in a separate paragraph immediately below the biographical information of each director.

# Nominees Proposed for Election as Directors for a Term Expiring in 2023

#### Richard J. Harrison

<b>Age</b> : 75	Board Committee:	
<b>Director since</b> : 2004	Audit	
	Executive	

Since November 2016, Mr. Harrison has served as vice chairman of MDO II (DealerDOCX), a document management company specializing in the retail automotive business. Mr. Harrison served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Five Star Bank, a commercial bank, and its parent, Financial Institutions, Inc. (NASDAQ:FISI), from August 2012 until his retirement on March 31, 2016. Mr. Harrison previously served as executive vice president and senior retail lending administrator of Five Star Bank from 2009 until 2012. From 2003 until 2009, Mr. Harrison served as senior vice president of Five Star Bank and its predecessor, The National Bank of Geneva. He continues to provide consulting services for Five Star Bank. From January 2001 through January 2003, he served as executive vice president and chief credit officer of the Savings Bank of the Finger Lakes, as well as a director from 1997 through 2000. Prior to that, he held senior executive management positions with United Auto Finance, Inc., American Credit Services, Inc. (a subsidiary of Rochester Community Savings Bank), and Security Trust Company/Security New York State Corporation (now Bank of America). Mr. Harrison also serves and has served on the board of directors or as manager of several privately-held for profit and not-for-profit entities.

# **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Harrison's experience in analyzing complex financial transactions, as well as his skills in credit, financial statement analysis and risk management, qualify him as our audit committee financial expert. Mr. Harrison's work with small to medium-size businesses throughout his career in banking and

finance has provided him with an understanding of business-to-business marketing and provides our board with an understanding of the financial and business environment in which our company operates. His prior service on a publicly-traded company board also provides our board with valuable insight.

# Gary J. Haseley

Age: 58

Director since: 2015

Board Committee:

Compensation (Chair)

Executive

Technology

Mr. Haseley served as the senior vice president and general manager of Kaman Automation, Control & Energy, a division of Kaman Corporation, a manufacturer in the aerospace industry and the third largest distributor in the power transmission/motion control market, until his retirement in November 2016. Prior to joining Kaman, from January 2001 to August 2012, Mr. Haseley served as president and chief executive officer of Zeller Corporation, a distributor of electrical and automation components and solutions, which Kaman acquired in 2012. From 1995 until 2001, Mr. Haseley served as Zeller's vice president of sales. Prior to joining Zeller, Mr. Haseley held various engineering and sales positions. From May 2018 until December 2019, Mr. Haseley served on the board of directors of Jerash Holdings (US), Inc. (NASDAQ:JRSH). Mr. Haseley has also served on the board of several other for profit and not-for-profit entities.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Haseley brings extensive knowledge in the distribution and services markets to our board. His role as chief executive officer of Zeller Corporation and subsequent operational and sales roles at Kaman provide the board with valuable insights into the leveraging of two market segments similar in synergies to our industry segments.

#### John T. Smith

Age: 73 Director since: 2002	Board Committee: Corporate Governance and Nominating
	Technology (Chair)

Mr. Smith is the chairman and chief executive officer of Solü Technology Partners, a technology staffing and services provider, having been with Solü since January 1995. Since January 2017, he serves as chairman and chief executive officer of CloudDOCX, a document management and cloud computing company. From 1999 until August 2015, he was chairman and chief executive officer of Brite Computers, Inc., an information technology consulting firm. From 1997 to 1999, he was the president of JTS Chequeout Solutions, Inc. From 1980 to 1997, Mr. Smith was president of JTS Computer Services, Inc. Mr. Smith serves on the board of directors of the Monroe Community College Foundation.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Smith brings a unique entrepreneurial creativity to our board. He has founded and developed over ten information technology companies over the past 30 years that range from small, local service companies to national product and service companies to major accounts. In the process, Mr. Smith has gained extensive management, financial, banking, and technical expertise. Mr. Smith's provocative approach to management has aided the board as the Company continues its acquisitive strategy and brings a different yet compelling smaller-business perspective.

# Directors Whose Terms Do Not Expire at the 2020 Annual Meeting

#### Oksana S. Dominach

Age: 56 Board Committee:

**Director since**: 2019 Audit

**Term Expires**: 2021

Ms. Dominach is senior vice president finance and treasurer of Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE:STZ), a leading international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits. She was elected vice president in 2004 and promoted to the senior vice president role in February 2016 and elected assistant treasurer in 2004 and promoted to treasurer in June 2015. Previously, she served as finance director from 2003 to 2004. Ms. Dominach currently serves as treasurer and director of the not-for-profit Board of Constellation – Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center; a director of the Directors Advisory Council of the Rochester Division of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company; and a director of various Constellation subsidiaries including Ruffino S.r.l., Tenute Ruffino S.r.l., and Poderi Ducali Ruffino S.r.l.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

Ms. Dominach brings to the board more than 32 years of experience and expertise in financial strategy and risk management, as well as over ten years of experience participating on public and non-for-profit boards. Her capital structure management, risk management and corporate compliance expertise provide us with valuable insight and acumen as we continue to advance our growth strategy.

#### Lee D. Rudow

Age: 56 Board Committee:

**Director since**: 2015 Executive

**Term Expires**: 2021

Mr. Rudow joined us in November 2011 as our chief operating officer and was appointed president in September 2012. He was appointed chief executive officer, effective July 1, 2013. From 2008 until 2011, Mr. Rudow served as vice president in various capacities for SIMCO Electronics, Inc., an independent provider of global calibration, repair, and software solutions. Prior to that, from 2006 to 2008, he was president and chief executive officer of Davis Calibration, Inc., served as president and chief executive officer of its related business and predecessor, Davis Inotek Corp. from 1996 to 2006, and served as president of Davis Instruments Corp. from 1986 to 1996.

### **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Rudow brings more than 32 years of experience in both of our industry segments. He has a strong understanding of the execution needed for our current business strategy and has served in sales, sales management, and operational positions at Transcat and our competitors. Mr. Rudow has worked at startups, private equity-funded and large industrial companies in our industry space. His skill set is uniquely suited for our organic and acquisitive strategic initiatives. Our customers, suppliers, employees and our board recognize his experience as providing a broad set of skills in his roles as our chief executive officer and board member.

#### Carl E. Sassano

Age: 70 Board Committees: Compensation

**Term Expires**: 2021 Corporate Governance and Nominating (Chair)

Mr. Sassano served as our chairman of the board from October 2003 until April 2007 and from May 2008 until July 2013. From April 2007 to May 2008, he served as our executive chairman of the board. Mr. Sassano became our president and chief executive officer in March 2002 and served in these roles until May 2006 and April 2007, respectively. Prior to joining us, Mr. Sassano served as president and chief operating officer of Bausch & Lomb Incorporated in 1999 and 2000. He also held positions in Bausch & Lomb as president-global vision care (1996-1999), president-contact lens division (1994-1996), group president (1993-1994), and president-Polymer Technology (1983-1992), a subsidiary of Bausch & Lomb. Mr. Sassano has been a partner in CSW Equity Partners, LLC, a small private equity investment company, since 2001. Mr. Sassano also serves as a director of Medifast, Inc. (NYSE:MED) and served as a member of the board of directors of IEC Electronics Corp. (NASDAQ:IEC) from 2006 through August 2012, and as a trustee of Rochester Institute of Technology from 1996 through June 2013. Mr. Sassano serves as chairman of the board of Voiceport LLC and serves on the board of directors of Complemar Partners and One Stream Networks LLC.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Sassano's experience in small-to-medium size divisions within Bausch & Lomb, as well as the processes associated with Bausch & Lomb's overall corporate organization, provided Mr. Sassano with the necessary skill set to grow Transcat out of financial turmoil in 2002 and then position it on a path toward growth in the years that followed. Mr. Sassano's leadership skills and institutional knowledge of our company, coupled with his significant corporate experience, provides our board with a strong understanding of the issues we face in our growth strategy.

#### Charles P. Hadeed

Age: 70 Board Committee:
Director since: 2007 Executive (Chair)
Term Expires: 2022

Mr. Hadeed is our chairman of the board. He served as our executive chairman from July 2013 until June 2014, as our chief executive officer from April 2007 to July 2013, and as our president from May 2006 to September 2012. He also served as our chief operating officer from October 2004 to November 2011. Mr. Hadeed joined us in April 2002 as our vice president of finance and chief financial officer, a role he served in until May 2006. Prior to joining us, Mr. Hadeed most recently served as vice president-healthcare ventures group with Henry Schein Inc. Prior to that, he served as group vice president-operations at Del Laboratories Inc. and in various executive positions during his 20-year career at Bausch & Lomb Incorporated. Mr. Hadeed currently serves on the board of directors of IEC Electronics Corp. (NASDAQ:IEC). He also served on the board of directors of several not-for-profit organizations in the greater Rochester, New York area.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

As our former executive chairman, chief executive officer, president, chief operating officer, and vice president of finance and chief financial officer, Mr. Hadeed provides our board with invaluable institutional knowledge of the operations of our company, its markets and its customers. When Mr. Hadeed joined us in April 2002, our company was facing a number of critical challenges. His financial and management skills contributed to the resolution of those challenges, as well as the financial turnaround and growth the company has experienced during his tenure with us. Mr. Hadeed continues to provide leadership for our sustained growth, profitability and financial stability.

#### Paul D. Moore

<b>Age</b> : 69	Board Committee:
Director since: 2001	Audit (Chair)
Term Expires: 2022	

Mr. Moore retired as senior vice president of M&T Bank Corporation, a bank holding company, in March 2014. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Moore last served as senior credit officer overseeing all corporate lending activity in the Rochester, Buffalo and Binghamton, New York markets. Additionally, Mr. Moore had credit responsibility for M&T's automotive dealership customers throughout its Middle Atlantic markets. During his 35-year career at M&T Bank, Mr. Moore served as the commercial banking manager for the Rochester, New York market and held various commercial loan positions in Buffalo, New York.

# **Experience and Qualifications**

Mr. Moore's corporate banking career qualifies him to represent the interests of shareholders as a member of our board. Over the course of his career, he extended loans to thousands of companies and was required to assess the management, products, markets and financial performance of these businesses. This process has provided Mr. Moore with a broad perspective of what makes a business successful, an insight that is invaluable to our board, particularly as it relates to strategic planning and growth.

#### Angela J. Panzarella

<b>Age</b> : 62	Board Committees:
<b>Director since</b> : 2014	Compensation
Term Expires: 2022	Corporate Governance and Nominating
	Technology

Ms. Panzarella is the chief executive officer of the YWCA of Rochester & Monroe County, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. She served as the interim chief executive officer of that organization from June 2018, until she was appointed as full-time chief executive officer in December 2018. From July 2017 until June 2018, Ms. Panzarella was a business consultant to the United Way of Greater Rochester, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Greater Rochester community. From November 2010 through January 2016, Ms. Panzarella was the President of ACM Medical Laboratory, Inc., a clinical and global central laboratory that is a subsidiary of Rochester Regional Health System. Prior to joining ACM in 2010, Ms. Panzarella held various legal and executive positions with Bausch & Lomb Incorporated over her twenty-year career with the company, including her most recent role as corporate vice president-global vision care. Prior to joining Bausch & Lomb, she was an associate attorney at the law firm of Harris Beach, specializing in litigation. She is a member of the board of directors of UR Medicine Home Care.

#### **Experience and Qualifications**

Ms. Panzarella's experience as a chief executive officer in a regulated services industry, which is similar to the industries we serve, positions her to provide valuable insight to our board and management in implementing our calibration services growth strategy.

# PROPOSAL TWO: TO APPROVE, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires us to provide our shareholders with the opportunity to vote to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers (referred to as a "say-on-pay" vote). At our 2019 annual meeting of shareholders, we recommended, and our shareholders approved, that we hold this non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation on an annual basis. Our board of directors subsequently adopted this preference, and we are providing our shareholders with a say-on-pay vote this year. The next required vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation will occur at our 2025 annual meeting of shareholders.

The primary goal of our compensation program is to align the interests of our named executive officers with those of our shareholders to achieve long-term growth. As detailed in the "Executive Compensation" section of this proxy statement, our objectives with respect to executive compensation are to attract, motivate, and retain a highly-qualified and effective executive management team. Our compensation policies are designed to motivate our management to achieve our business objectives, to reward them for achievement, to foster teamwork, to support our core values and to contribute to our long-term success. Our compensation policies for our named executive officers are designed to link pay to both performance, taking into account the level of difficulty associated with each executive's responsibilities, and shareholder returns over the long term. To achieve these objectives, our compensation committee, in conjunction with a third-party compensation consultant, when appropriate, reviews and evaluates our executive compensation program. In addition, our executive compensation program ties a substantial portion of each executive's overall compensation to attainment of key business and operational goals. The "Executive Compensation" section of this proxy statement, including the "Compensation Overview," describes in detail our executive compensation program and the decisions made by our compensation committee.

We are asking our shareholders to indicate their support and approval for our named executive officer compensation as described in the "Executive Compensation" section of this proxy statement. We believe that our compensation program for our named executive officers is designed to create value for our shareholders over the long term and appropriately aligns pay with performance.

For the reasons summarized above, and as discussed in more detail in the "Executive Compensation" section of this proxy statement, our board of directors is asking our shareholders to vote for the following advisory resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Overview, compensation tables, and related narrative discussion, is hereby approved.

The say-on-pay vote is advisory, and therefore it is not binding on our compensation committee or our board of directors. Nevertheless, our board of directors and our compensation committee value the opinions expressed by shareholders in their vote on this proposal and will consider the outcome of the vote in deciding whether to take any action as a result of the vote and when making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers.

The board of directors recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

# PROPOSAL THREE: RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audit committee has selected Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 27, 2021. This selection is being presented to our shareholders for ratification at the annual meeting. The audit committee will consider the outcome of this vote in its future discussions regarding the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm.

We have been advised by Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. that a representative will be present at the annual meeting and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. We intend to give such representative an opportunity to make a statement if he or she should so desire.

The board of directors recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to ratify the selection of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 27, 2021.

# Fees for Professional Services Provided by Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.

The following table shows fees for professional services provided by Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. during the fiscal year ended March 28, 2020 and the fiscal year ended March 30, 2019.

	Fiscal 2020	Fiscal 2019
Audit Fees	\$ 216,800	\$210,300
Audit-Related Fees		
Tax Fees		
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 216,800	\$210,300

Audit fees during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019 were for professional services rendered for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, for the reviews of the financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and services typically provided by the accountant in connection with our regulatory filings. In addition, audit fees for fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019 also included amounts for the audit of our internal controls over financial reporting required in connection with our status as an accelerated filer for fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019.

#### Policy on Pre-Approval of Retention of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

In accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, the audit committee charter requires that the audit committee have the sole authority to review in advance and pre-approve all audit and non-audit fees and services provided to us by our independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, all audit services for which Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. was engaged were pre-approved by the audit committee. The audit committee may delegate to one or more designated members of the audit committee the authority to grant required pre-approval of audit and permitted non-audit services. The decision of any member to whom authority is delegated is required to be presented to the full audit committee at its next scheduled meeting.

#### **Independence Analysis by Audit Committee**

The audit committee considered whether the provision of the services described above was compatible with maintaining the independence of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. and determined that the provision of these services was compatible with the firm's independence.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 1

The audit committee of the board of directors is currently comprised of four members of the board of directors, each of whom the board of directors has determined is independent under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market and applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules. The audit committee assists the board of directors in overseeing the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes, financial statement audits and internal controls. The specific duties and responsibilities of the audit committee are set forth in the audit committee charter, which is available on our website, Transcat.com, under the heading "Investor Relations" and the subheading "Corporate Governance"

#### The audit committee has:

- reviewed and discussed the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for fiscal year 2020 with management and Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.;
- discussed with Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. the matters required to be discussed under auditing standards established from time to time by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and by Securities and Exchange Commission rules;
- received and discussed the written disclosures and the letter from Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the audit committee concerning independence; and
- discussed with Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. its independence.

Based on these reviews and discussions with management and Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. and the report of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C., and subject to the limitations on the committee's role and responsibilities contained in the audit committee charter, the audit committee recommended to the board of directors, and the board of directors approved, that the audited consolidated financial statements for fiscal year 2020 be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2020 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The audit committee selects the Company's independent registered public accounting firm annually and has submitted such selection for fiscal year 2021 for ratification by shareholders at the annual meeting.

**Audit Committee:** 

Paul D. Moore, Chairman Oksana S. Dominach Richard J. Harrison

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The material in this report is not deemed to be "soliciting material," or to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference in any of our filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filings.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **Board Meetings**

The board of directors held five meetings during fiscal 2020. Each director then in office attended at least 75% of the total number of board meetings and meetings of board committees on which he or she served.

# **Director Independence**

The board of directors has determined that Ms. Dominach, Mr. Hadeed, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haseley, Mr. Moore, Ms. Panzarella, Mr. Sassano, and Mr. Smith are each independent under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market. In addition, Mr. Resnick who retired from the board of directors in July 2020, was determined to be independent under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market during the period of his service.

#### **Executive Sessions**

During fiscal 2020, our independent directors met in regularly scheduled executive sessions, without management present, as required by the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market. Mr. Hadeed presided over the executive sessions of the independent directors.

# **Board Leadership Structure**

The board of directors separates the roles of chief executive officer and chairman of the board, based on the board's belief that corporate governance of our company is most effective when these positions are not held by the same person. The board recognizes the differences between the two roles and believes that separating them allows each person to focus on his individual responsibilities. Under this leadership structure, our chief executive officer can focus his attention on day-to-day company operations and performance, and can establish and implement long-term strategic plans, while our chairman can focus his attention on board responsibilities. Additionally, the board recognizes its obligations to confer in executive session with its independent directors.

Presently, the board believes it is appropriate to keep the roles of chief executive officer and chairman of the board separate. The board may, however, change the leadership structure if it believes that a change would better serve our company and its shareholders.

# **Retirement Policy and Mandatory Resignation**

The mandatory retirement age for board members is age 75. However, the board of directors has reserved the right to extend the mandatory retirement age if it will better serve the interests of our shareholders and our company. If a director will turn 75 during an elected term, the corporate governance and nominating committee will not recommend that director for re-election unless the committee believes it is in the best interest of the Company for that director to continue to serve on the board for another term. The board has approved a waiver of the mandatory retirement age for Messrs. Harrison and Smith for a subsequent term.

In May 2016, the corporate governance and nominating committee adopted a mandatory resignation policy for directors in the event civil or criminal charges are brought against the director or if a director becomes infirmed.

#### **Board Committees**

The board of directors has standing audit, compensation, corporate governance and nominating, executive and technology committees. The table below shows the number of meetings held during fiscal 2020 and the names of the directors currently serving on each committee.

<b>Committee Name</b>	Meetings Held	<b>Committee Members</b>			
Audit	4	Ms. Dominach Mr. Moore <sup>(1)</sup>	Mr. Harrison Mr. Resnick (2)		
Compensation	5	Mr. Haseley <sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Sassano	Ms. Panzarella		
Corporate Governance and Nominating	2	Ms. Panzarella Mr. Smith	Mr. Sassano (1)		
Executive Committee	5	Mr. Hadeed <sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Haseley	Mr. Harrison Mr. Rudow		
Technology Committee	3	Mr. Smith <sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Haseley	Ms. Panzarella		

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Each committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by our board of directors. The current charter for each board committee is available on our website, Transcat.com, under the heading "Investor Relations" and the subheading "Corporate Governance." The information contained on our website is not a part of this proxy statement.

#### **Audit Committee**

The board of directors has determined that each member of the audit committee has sufficient knowledge in financial and auditing matters to serve on the committee and is independent under applicable Nasdaq Stock Market and SEC rules. The board of directors has designated Mr. Harrison as an "audit committee financial expert" in accordance with applicable SEC rules based on his professional experience in banking and finance as described in his biography under "Proposal One: Election of Directors." The board of directors has determined that Mr. Moore would also qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" in accordance with applicable SEC rules based on his professional experience in banking and corporate lending as described in his biography under "Proposal One: Election of Directors."

The audit committee serves as an independent and objective party to monitor our financial reporting process and internal control system; retains, pre-approves audit and permitted non-audit services to be performed by, and directly consults with, our independent registered public accounting firm; reviews and appraises the services of our independent registered public accounting firm; and provides an open avenue of communication among our independent registered public accounting firm, financial and senior management, and our board of directors. Our audit committee charter more specifically sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the audit committee.

The audit committee, which was established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is also responsible for preparing the committee's report that SEC rules require be included in our annual proxy statement, and for performing such other tasks that are consistent with its charter.

The audit committee's report relating to fiscal 2020 appears under the heading "Report of the Audit Committee."

<sup>(1)</sup> Chair

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Resnick served as a director and member of the audit committee until July 2020.

# **Compensation Committee**

The compensation committee is responsible for establishing and implementing compensation programs for our executive officers and directors that further the intent and purpose of our fundamental compensation philosophy and objectives and for performing such other tasks that are consistent with its charter.

For more information on executive compensation and director compensation and the role of the compensation committee, see the "Compensation Overview" under the heading "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation" sections of this proxy statement.

# **Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

The corporate governance and nominating committee is charged with identifying candidates, consistent with criteria approved by the committee, qualified to become directors and recommending that the board of directors nominate such qualified candidates for election as directors. The committee is also responsible for reviewing our Code of Regulations, shaping corporate governance, overseeing the evaluation of the board of directors, board committees, and management, and performing such tasks that are consistent with the corporate governance and nominating committee charter.

The process the corporate governance and nominating committee follows to identify and evaluate candidates includes requests to board members, the chief executive officer, and others for recommendations, meetings from time to time to evaluate biographical information and background material relating to potential candidates and their qualifications, and interviews of selected candidates.

The corporate governance and nominating committee also considers and establishes procedures for shareholder recommendations of nominees to the board. Shareholder recommendations, together with relevant biographical information, should be sent to the following address: Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, Attention: Corporate Secretary. The qualifications of recommended candidates will be reviewed by the corporate governance and nominating committee.

In evaluating the suitability of candidates (other than our executive officers) to serve on the board of directors, including candidates recommended by shareholders, the corporate governance and nominating committee seeks candidates who are independent under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market and meet certain selection criteria established by the corporate governance and nominating committee from time to time. The corporate governance and nominating committee also considers an individual's skills, character and professional ethics, judgment, leadership experience, business experience and acumen, familiarity with relevant industry issues, national and international experience, and other relevant criteria that may contribute to our success. The corporate governance and nominating committee evaluates candidates in light of their skill sets and other characteristics that complement those of the current board, including the diversity, skills, and experience of the board as a whole. Although the corporate governance and nominating committee does not have a specific written diversity policy, the committee values and considers diversity when seeking and evaluating candidates for the board. The committee believes that diversity is not limited to gender and ethnicity, but also includes perspectives gained from educational and cultural backgrounds and life experiences.

#### **Executive Committee**

The executive committee acts on behalf of the board between regularly scheduled board meetings, and subject to certain limitations imposed by applicable legal or regulatory requirements, may exercise during such intervals, all of the powers of the board in the management of the business, affairs and property of our company. Subject to limitations, the executive committee is delegated all authority of the board between meetings, other than (i) the filling of vacancies on the board; and (ii) those matters that are specifically delegated to other board committees or are under active review by the board or a board

committee, unless the board specifically determines otherwise. The executive committee may also be delegated specific actions and authority from time to time by the board.

#### **Technology Committee**

The technology committee assists the board in fulfilling its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities for our operations and strategy in relation to technology and information systems. The technology committee reviews our IT policy, planning, strategy as well as our significant IT investments and expenditures, making recommendations, as appropriate. The committee receives reports from management concerning implementation of our IT plan and how technology impacts, or is needed to implement, our corporate and business strategy. The technology committee reviews and discusses with management our risk management and risk assessment guidelines and policies regarding IT security, our cybersecurity risks and the steps management has taken to identify, assess, monitor and manage those risks. In addition, the technology committee, in conjunction with the audit committee, reviews and discusses with management the quality and effectiveness of IT systems and processes that relate to or affect our internal control systems.

#### **Director Attendance at Annual Meetings**

Company policy requires all directors, absent special circumstances, to attend our annual shareholder meetings. All of our directors attended the annual meeting of shareholders held on September 11, 2019.

# The Board's Role in Risk Oversight

Our board of directors is responsible for overseeing risks that could affect our company. This oversight is conducted primarily through the board's committees. The audit committee focuses on financial risks, including those that could arise from our accounting and financial reporting processes and financial statement audits. The compensation committee focuses on the management of risks arising from our compensation policies and programs. The corporate governance and nominating committee focuses on the management of risks associated with board organization, membership, and structure, as well as corporate governance. The technology committee focuses on risks associated with information technology and cybersecurity.

While our board committees are focused on these specific areas of risk, the full board retains responsibility for general risk oversight. Our board satisfies this responsibility by reviewing periodic reports from each committee chairman regarding the risk considerations within each committee's area of expertise, as well as periodic reports to our board of directors or the appropriate committee from the members of our senior management team who are responsible for risk management.

As part of its risk oversight responsibilities, the board of directors and its committees review the processes that senior management use to manage risk exposure. In doing so, the board and its committees review our overall risk function and senior management's establishment of appropriate systems and processes for managing areas of material risk to our company, including, but not limited to, operational, financial, legal, regulatory, strategic, and information technology risks.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer and controller. You can find our code of business conduct and ethics on our website, Transcat.com, under the heading "Investor Relations" and the subheading "Corporate Governance." We will provide a printed copy of our code of business conduct and ethics, without charge, to any shareholder who requests it by contacting our corporate secretary at 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624.

We intend to post any amendments to or waivers from our code of business conduct and ethics on our website. The information contained on our website is not a part of this proxy statement.

#### **Anti-Hedging Policy**

We have a no hedging policy that prohibits directors, officers and employees from engaging in transactions that hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as compensation.

#### **Shareholder Communications**

Shareholders may send correspondence by mail to the full board of directors or to individual directors. Shareholders should address correspondence to the board of directors or individual board members in care of: Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

All shareholder correspondence will be compiled by our corporate secretary and forwarded as appropriate. In general, correspondence relating to corporate governance issues, long-term corporate strategy, or similar substantive matters will be forwarded to the board of directors, the individual director, one of the aforementioned committees of the board, or a committee member for review. Correspondence relating to ordinary business affairs or those matters more appropriately addressed by our officers or their designees will be forwarded to such persons accordingly.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

We are currently served by our executive officers, Messrs. Rudow, Tschiderer and West, together with four additional members of the senior management team.

- **Lee D. Rudow**, age 56, is our president and chief executive officer. Additional information about Mr. Rudow can be found under "Proposal One: Election of Directors."
- **Michael J. Tschiderer**, age 60, joined us in December 2015 and is our vice president of finance, chief financial officer, treasurer and corporate secretary. Prior to joining us, Mr. Tschiderer served as global controller of Lanzatech, Inc., a start-up carbon-recycling company, which he joined in September 2014. From February 2014 to September 2014, Mr. Tschiderer was an independent consultant. From March 2011 to February 2014, he served as vice president, global controller and treasurer of GXS Worldwide, Inc., a global cloud integration and software company, where he led a team of more than 125 employees in 15 countries.
- **Michael W. West**, age 49, is our vice president of distribution and marketing having served us in this position since November 2014. From 1995 to 2014, Mr. West was a principal owner of QuestCom Inc., a marketing and advertising company, and served most recently as a marketing consultant to various direct mail, web, and catalog clients. Mr. West worked with our marketing team, as one of his clients, for 13 years.

**Leanne Branham**, age 56, is our vice president of service operations, a position she has held since July 2019. Ms. Branham has more than 30 years of experience in senior management roles in operations, fulfillment and marketing. Prior to joining us in January 2019 as senior director of service operations, from 2015 to January 2019, Ms. Branham served as vice president, service and operations, at Flex Leasing Power and Service LLC. From 2009 until 2014, she served as vice president of operations at Restaurant Technologies, Inc. Prior to that, she served in various management roles with Deluxe Corporation, a financial services company, from 2003 until 2008.

- **Scott D. Deverell**, age 55, joined us in February 2016 and is our corporate controller and principal accounting officer. Prior to joining us, Mr. Deverell served as vice president of finance and administration for Sydor Instruments, a comprehensive diagnostics solution provider, which he joined in April 2015. From 2009 to 2014, Mr. Deverell served as division president for Stewart Title Insurance Company, a title insurance underwriter. From 2006 to 2008, Mr. Deverell served as chief financial officer for Monroe Title Insurance Corporation, a subsidiary of Stewart Title.
- **Jennifer J. Nelson**, age 49, is our vice president of human resources and has served us in this position since April 2015. Ms. Nelson joined us in July 2012 as a human resources manager. Prior to joining us, Ms. Nelson served as a human resources representative at Jamestown Container, a custom-designed packaging manufacturer, from April 2011 to July 2012, and as human resources manager for Mercury Print Productions, an offset commercial printer, from April 2010 to April 2011.
- Andrew J. Quaranto, age 41, has been our vice president of information technology since January 2019, having previously served as our senior director of information technology from January 2017 until December 2018. Prior to joining us, Mr. Quaranto was the director of software development at Kaman Automation, Inc. from 2012 to 2016. From 2008 to 2012, he was the manager of software engineering and information technology for Zeller Corporation.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### Named Executive Officers

This proxy statement contains information about the compensation earned and paid to our named executive officers during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019. For fiscal 2020, in accordance with the executive compensation disclosure rules and regulations of the SEC, we determined that the following officers were our named executive officers:

- Lee D. Rudow, our president and chief executive officer;
- Michael J. Tschiderer, our vice president of finance, chief financial officer, treasurer and corporate secretary; and
- Michael W. West, our vice president of distribution and marketing.

#### **Compensation Overview**

#### Overview of the Compensation Committee

The compensation committee of our board of directors is responsible for establishing, implementing, and monitoring adherence to our compensation philosophy and objectives. The compensation committee's policy is to provide a competitive total compensation package to our named executive officers. Generally, the types of compensation and benefits provided to our named executive officers are similar to those provided to our other executive management team.

#### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our compensation program is designed to attract, motivate and retain a highly-qualified and effective executive management team. We believe that the most effective executive compensation program is one that is designed to reward the achievement of specific annual, long-term and strategic company goals, which align the interests of each of our executive management team with those of our shareholders.

The objectives of the compensation program for our named executive officers are to motivate them to achieve our business objectives, to reward them for achievement, to foster teamwork, to support our core values and to contribute to our long-term success. Our compensation policies for our named executive officers are designed to link pay to both performance, taking into account the level of difficulty associated with each executive's responsibilities, and shareholder returns over the long term. The compensation provided to our named executive officers remains competitive with the compensation paid to executives with similar responsibilities in comparable companies.

The key components of our compensation program for fiscal 2020 for our named executive officers were: (i) base salary; (ii) annual performance-based cash incentive compensation; (iii) long-term, performance-based restricted stock unit or cash awards; and (iv) time-based restricted stock unit awards. Stock options may also be awarded in unique circumstances. All named executive officers have stock ownership objectives they are expected to achieve.

A significant percentage of total compensation for our named executive officers is placed at risk through annual and long-term incentives. There are established guidelines and targets regarding the allocation between annual (short term) and long-term incentive compensation which is contingent and variable, based on company results and individual performance.

# Stock Ownership Objectives

To more closely align the efforts of our named executive officers with the interests of our shareholders, we set a minimum stock ownership objective for our named executive officers. This

objective encourages our named executive officers to work towards acquiring and maintaining specific levels of equity ownership interests in our common stock. Under these objectives, our named executive officers are expected to be in compliance with their respective ownership objectives within five years of becoming a named executive officer. The compensation committee and the chief executive officer monitor the progress toward achievement of stock ownership objectives, and, if warranted, can make reductions in long-term compensation awards as deemed appropriate. Upon achievement of a named executive officer's stock ownership objective prior to the date of an award of long-term performance-based incentive compensation, the named executive officer can elect to receive cash in lieu of stock for half of such award upon attainment of the specific performance conditions.

Mr. Rudow's stock ownership objective is 2.5 times his base salary. The stock ownership objective for each of Messrs. Tschiderer and West is 1.5 times his base salary. As of the end of fiscal 2020, Messrs. Rudow, Tschiderer and West had each achieved his stock ownership objective.

#### Retirement Benefits

We have established certain retirement benefits for our employees, including our named executive officers, which we and the compensation committee believe are consistent with our goals of enhancing long-term performance by our employees.

401(k) Plan. Our 401(k) Plan is a tax-qualified defined contribution plan pursuant to which all U.S. based employees, including our named executive officers, are eligible to participate. All employees are able to contribute a portion of their annual salary to the plan on a before-tax basis, subject to limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Service. During fiscal 2020, we matched 50% of the first 6% of pay that employees contributed to the plan. All participant contributions to the plan are immediately vested, and all company matching contributions vest pro rata over a three-year period. The plan contains a discretionary deferred profit sharing component, which, if made, has the same three-year vesting schedule as is applicable to company matching contributions. The amount of company matching contributions under this plan for our named executive officers is included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation. Our non-qualified deferred compensation plan allows our executive officers, including our named executive officers, and directors to elect to defer designated percentages or amounts of their compensation. The plan also allows the company to make discretionary contributions to the account of a plan participant, which are intended to provide the match that would have been made under our 401(k) Plan but for the limitations imposed on our 401(k) Plan under the Internal Revenue Code. The amount of company discretionary contributions under this plan for our named executive officers is included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table.

Post-Retirement Plan. The post-retirement benefit plan for officers is a group health plan that provides benefits to eligible retired officers and their spouses. The original effective date of the plan was December 23, 2006. Three kinds of benefits are provided under the plan: (1) long-term care insurance coverage; (2) medical and dental insurance coverage; and (3) medical premium reimbursement benefits. Officers who retire from active employment with us on or after December 23, 2006 at age 55 or older with five or more years of qualifying service and who do not work in any full-time employment (30 hours or more per week) after retirement are eligible to participate in the plan. Qualifying service is described as the individual's most recent period of continuous, uninterrupted employment with the company on or after the individual reaches age 50. Service with a business acquired by the company is not counted as qualifying service. As of October 2019, only those individuals who as of July 22, 2019 were "Retirees" as defined in the plan or who are listed on an exhibit to the plan are eligible to participate in the plan. No other individuals are eligible to participate in the plan.

#### 2020 Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows certain information about the compensation of our named executive officers for services rendered to us in all capacities during the fiscal periods presented.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (1) (\$)	Stock Awards (2) (\$)	Option Awards (3) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	All Other Compensation (5) (\$)	Total (\$)
Lee D. Rudow President and Chief Executive Officer	2020 2019	399,615 380,000	439,991 208,998	 	169,756 <sup>(6)</sup> 356,288 <sup>(7)</sup>	17,021 13,619	1,026,383 958,905
Michael J. Tschiderer Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2020 2019	247,200 239,808	160,670 155,999		66,017 <sup>(6)</sup> 68,163	7,327 6,946	481,214 470,916
Michael W. West Vice President of Distribution and Marketing	2020	219,800	110,004		60,730 (6)	8,579	399,113

- (1) The amounts shown in this column include cash compensation earned and paid during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019.
- These amounts do not reflect the actual value realized by the recipient. The amounts shown in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for restricted stock unit awards granted during each fiscal year, except that no estimates for forfeitures have been included. A discussion of the assumptions used to calculate grant date fair value are set forth in Note 1 (General Stock-Based Compensation) and Note 6 (Stock-Based Compensation) to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended March 28, 2020 and March 30, 2019. For fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019, the value of the performance-based restricted stock unit awards disclosed in this column is based on the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the date of grant. If the highest level of performance is achieved, the value of Mr. Rudow's award is \$659,986 in fiscal 2020 and \$313,497 in fiscal 2019. If the highest level of performance is achieved, the value of Mr. Tschiderer's award is \$241,004 in fiscal 2020 and \$233,998 in fiscal 2019. If the highest level of performance is achieved, the value of Mr. West's award is \$165,005 in fiscal 2020.
- These stock options were granted pursuant to our 2003 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "2003 Incentive Plan"). The amounts shown in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the options computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. A discussion of the assumptions used to calculate grant date fair value is set forth in Note 1 (General Stock-Based Compensation) and Note 6 (Stock-Based Compensation) to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 28, 2020.
- (4) The amounts shown in this column reflect amounts earned during fiscal 2020 and 2019 under our performance incentive plan. Our performance incentive plan for fiscal 2020 is described in greater detail below under the heading "Discussion of 2020 Summary Compensation Table."
- (5) The amounts shown in this column reflect amounts paid by us to or on behalf of each named executive officer as company matching contributions under our 401(k) Plan, executive life insurance premiums and excess long-term disability premiums, reimbursements for tax preparation and audit services and for financial planning services.
- (6) Amounts earned in fiscal 2020 and paid in June 2020.
- This amount includes \$209,000 in cash award opportunities under our performance incentive plan, as further described below under "Discussion of 2020 Summary Compensation Table."

The table below shows the components of the All Other Compensation column for fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019:

	Fiscal Year	401(k) Plan Matches (\$)	Insurance (\$)	Tax Preparation and Audit Services (\$)	Financial Planning Services (\$)
Lee D. Rudow	2020	11,398	2,605		3,018
	2019	11,092	2,527		
Michael J. Tschiderer	2020	5,762	765	800	
	2019	5,666	780	500	
Michael W. West	2020	7,814	765		

# **Discussion of 2020 Summary Compensation Table**

#### **Employment Agreements**

During fiscal 2020, we were not a party to any employment agreement with our named executive officers.

#### Base Salary

The compensation committee reviews base salaries for each of our named executive officers at least annually. Base salary increases are made as necessary based on performance, scope of responsibilities and market information. For fiscal 2020, Mr. Rudow's base salary was adjusted to \$400,000, Mr. Tschiderer's base salary was adjusted to \$247,200, and Mr. West's base salary was adjusted to \$220,000, in each case to reflect the scope of his responsibilities and performance, and considering his current salary level and amounts paid to executives with similar responsibilities at comparable companies. On May 4, 2020, in light of the economic uncertainty stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate any financial impact to our company related to the pandemic, the board approved temporary reductions to the base salary of certain of our company's officers. Effective as of May 3, 2020, Mr. Rudow's base salary was reduced by 20% and the base salary for each of Messrs. Tschiderer and West was reduced by 10%. Mr. Rudow, as chief executive officer, has the discretion to restore the other named executive officer's base salary, subject to the approval of the compensation committee in the event pay is restored retroactively in full. The compensation committee must approve any restoration of Mr. Rudow's base salary.

# Performance Incentive Plan

We maintain a performance incentive plan, which is an annual cash incentive program designed to compensate key management members, including our named executive officers, based on their contributions to the achievement of specific corporate fiscal year financial objectives and the achievement of individual performance goals. The performance incentive plan includes various incentive levels based on a participant's position within the company, accountability, and impact on company operations. Target award opportunities are established as a percentage of base salary. The target award opportunity under the performance incentive plan for fiscal 2020 as a percentage of base salary for each of our named executive officers was 60% for Mr. Rudow, 40% for Mr. Tschiderer and 35% for Mr. West.

Payment of performance-based cash incentive awards under the performance incentive plan for our chief executive officer is expressly linked to successful achievement of specific pre-determined corporate goals, which our board of directors approves on an annual basis. Payment of performance-based cash incentive awards for our chief financial officer and vice president of distribution and marketing is based on successful achievement of the same specific pre-established corporate goals and individual performance goals which are determined by our chief executive officer. In addition to the corporate and

individual performance goals, the performance incentive plan also provides guidelines for the calculation of annual incentive-based compensation, subject to compensation committee oversight and modification.

For fiscal 2020, performance-based cash incentive awards were based on our achievement of specific levels of the following objectives: Adjusted EBITDA, consolidated gross profit and the board of director's assessment of corporate performance. Company performance against such objectives results in a corporate payout factor used to establish the aggregate pool available for incentive awards. Individual awards were determined by using a multiplier to adjust annual incentive payouts for achievement of individual performance objectives and subjecting such adjustments to the aggregate incentive pool, subject to a cap on individual awards.

The compensation committee established a threshold, target and maximum objective for each financial performance metric, with the corresponding corporate payout factor, as follows:

<u>Achievement</u>	Percent of Annual Operating Plan	Corporate Payout Factor
Maximum	115%	200%
Target	100%	100%
Threshold	90%	33%

Performance against each financial performance metric is measured separately. If actual results fall below the threshold objective, the corporate payout factor will be 0%. If actual results fall in between the designated levels of achievement, the corporate payout factor will be interpolated. If actual results exceed the maximum objective, the corporate payout factor will be limited to 200% of target.

An individual must achieve at least a minimum performance level (a rating of 1 on a scale of 1 to 5) against individual performance objectives to be eligible for any portion of the performance-based cash incentive award.

Generally, the target levels for corporate financial results are set in conjunction with our annual operating plan. Payment of the awards under the performance incentive plan is based upon the achievement of such objectives for the current fiscal year.

Upon completion of the fiscal year, our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer review our performance against each pre-established corporate financial objective, comparing the fiscal year results to the pre-determined threshold, target, and maximum levels for each objective, and an overall percentage for the corporate financial objectives is calculated. The results of our financial performance are then reviewed and approved by the compensation committee and the board.

With respect to the individual performance portion of the award, our chief executive officer evaluates each officer's accomplishments relative to their individual objectives and calculates a performance rating based on the performance incentive plan previously approved by the committee. Individual performance goals for our named executive officers (other than our chief executive officer) are carefully designed to create alignment between the company's short and long-term objectives and strategies and the individual's performance. As stated above, our chief executive officer's awards under the performance incentive plan are linked only to successful achievement of specific pre-determined corporate goals.

For fiscal 2020, we achieved the following levels of performance for each of the pre-determined, board-approved corporate financial objectives: Adjusted EBITDA amounts – 40%; consolidated gross profit – 40%; and the board of director's assessment of corporate performance – 20%. Following the compensation committee's review of the achievement of corporate financial objectives and individual performance objectives for fiscal 2020, the compensation committee awarded the following amounts of

performance-based cash incentive compensation to each of our named executive officers: Mr. Rudow – \$169,756, Mr. Tschiderer – \$66,017 and Mr. West – \$60,730. These incentive awards were earned based on performance during fiscal 2020.

#### Long-Term Equity and/or Cash Incentive Compensation

In May 2019, the compensation committee approved long-term cash and equity incentive compensation award opportunities to our named executive officers as follows: Mr. Rudow – 18,723 shares comprised of 9,362 time-based restricted stock units and 9,361 performance-based restricted stock units; Mr. Tschiderer – 6,837 shares comprised of 3,419 time-based restricted stock units and 3,418 performance-based restricted stock units, and Mr. West – 4,681 shares comprised of 2,341 time-based restricted stock units and 2,340 performance-based restricted stock units. Long-term performance-based incentive compensation is targeted to a specific dollar award, which is reviewed and approved annually by the compensation committee.

Executive officers who achieve their stock ownership objective can elect to receive half the award as an equivalent award in cash that would otherwise be settled in shares of our common stock. For the May 2019 awards, none of our named executive officers elected to receive half of his total long-term compensation award opportunities in cash.

The time-based cash opportunity and the shares underlying the time-based restricted stock units will vest on March 26, 2022, the last day of the company's 2022 fiscal year, subject to the terms of the award and continued employment through the vesting date.

The shares or cash underlying the long-term performance-based cash and equity incentive compensation awards for all named executive officers vest after three years subject to our achieving specific cumulative fully-diluted earnings per share objectives, which we refer to as EPS, over the eligible three-year period ending in fiscal 2022.

Upon vesting, the holders of these awards will receive a pro rata percentage based on a linear sliding scale of their respective award based on the pre-determined EPS thresholds:

- Maximum cumulative EPS 150%
- Target cumulative EPS 100%
- Minimum cumulative EPS 50%

Failure to achieve the minimum EPS will result in no shares or cash becoming earned under these awards. The aggregate grant date fair value (at target) of the long-term performance-based equity incentive awards to our named executive officers are reflected in the "Stock Awards" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table.

#### Outstanding Equity Awards at March 28, 2020

The following table shows information about the number of unexercised stock options and the number and value of unvested restricted stock unit awards held by our named executive officers as of March 28, 2020.

	Option Awa		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 (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (1) (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (1) (\$)
20,000		12.00	0,12,2022	6,830 9,362	173,209 <sup>(2)</sup> 237,420 <sup>(3)</sup>	40,170 (4)	1,018,711
25,000		12.00	6/19/2022	5,098 3,419	129,285 <sup>(2)</sup> 86,706 <sup>(3)</sup>	15,551 <sup>(4)</sup>	394,373 <sup>(4)</sup>
25,000		12.00	6/19/2022	350 3,425 2,341	8,876 <sup>(5)</sup> 86,858 <sup>(2)</sup> 59,368 <sup>(3)</sup>	9,101 (4)	230,801
	Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable 50,000	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable 50,000	Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable  50,000   25,000  Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable Unexercisable  70,000   12.00	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Options (#) Exercisable Unexercisable Unexercisable Unexercisable Unexercisable Unexercisable (\$) Date 50,000 12.00 6/19/2022	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have	Number of Securities   Underlying Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable   (\$) Date (#) (\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Options (#) Options (#) Unexercisable   Unexercisabl

- (1) Calculated using the closing price of a share of our common stock on March 27, 2020 (the last trading day of fiscal 2020) of \$25.36.
- (2) These restricted stock units, which convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis, vest on March 27, 2021 except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement.
- (3) These restricted stock units, which convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis, vest on March 26, 2022 except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement.
- (4) These restricted stock unit awards are performance-based and vest after three years subject to our achieving specific cumulative fully diluted EPS objectives over the three-year periods ending in fiscal 2020, 2021 and 2022. Shares that vested that related to the three-year period ended March 28, 2020 were distributed on June 4, 2020. Each of our named executive officers elected to receive half their award in cash and Mr. Rudow received 12,799 shares, Mr. Tschiderer received 3,944 shares, and Mr. West received 1,956 shares, which represented 79% achievement of the target EPS objective for the three-year period ended March 28, 2020. For the remaining three-year periods, the holders of awards will receive the percentage of their award that corresponds to the level of cumulative EPS achieved, subject to continued employment. For more information on performance-based restricted stock unit awards, see "Long-Term Cash and Equity Incentive Compensation" in the "Compensation Overview" section above.
- (5) These restricted stock units, which convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis, vest on April 1, 2021 except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement.

#### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

On May 7, 2012, we entered into a change-in-control severance agreement with Mr. Rudow. This agreement requires a change in control of our company and a subsequent qualifying termination of the executive's employment (often referred to as a "double trigger"). The agreement is intended to promote continuity of leadership, maintain the focus of our executive officer on pursuing any corporate transaction that is in the best interests of our shareholders, and to retain services of our leadership by providing sufficient severance protection during a period of uncertainty.

A change in control occurs under Mr. Rudow's change-in-control severance agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (1) we merge with or are consolidated into another entity and less than fifty percent of the outstanding voting securities of the resulting entity are owned by our former shareholders; (2) a majority of our directors before any tender offer, merger or other business combination, or sale or other disposition of assets do not constitute a majority of the board after such transaction; (3) a tender offer for over twenty-five percent of the combined voting power of our outstanding voting securities is made and consummated; (4) any person or group acquires more than twenty-five percent of the combined voting power of our outstanding voting securities; or (5) we transfer substantially all of our assets to another corporation that is not a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours.

In the event of Mr. Rudow's termination due to a change in control, as defined in the agreement, Mr. Rudow would be entitled to receive his full salary, bonus and benefits (to the extent that his continued participation is possible under the general terms and provisions of such plans and programs) as were in effect immediately preceding such change in control, for a period of 24 months following the effective date of termination of employment.

In addition, upon a change in control of our company, as defined under the 2003 Incentive Plan, each of our named executive officers would be entitled to immediate vesting of all unvested stock options and the pro-rated value of performance-based restricted stock awards assuming target performance.

Also, as described above under "Post-Retirement Plan," upon retirement at age 55 or older after five or more years of continuous service, all our named executive officers for fiscal 2020 are eligible to participate in the post-retirement health benefit plan for officers. As previously stated, as of October 2019, only those individuals who as of July 22, 2019 were "Retirees" as defined in the plan or who are listed on an exhibit to the plan are eligible to participate in the plan. No other individuals are eligible to participate in the plan.

#### **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

#### **Annual Retainers**

For fiscal 2020, each of our non-employee directors was entitled to an annual cash retainer of \$50,000. The chairman of the board was entitled to receive an additional \$30,000 annual retainer, the chair of the audit committee and the chair of the compensation committee were each entitled to receive an additional \$15,000 annual retainer, the chair of the technology committee was entitled to receive an additional \$7,500 annual retainer, and the chair of the corporate governance and nominating committee was entitled to receive an additional \$5,000 annual retainer. Each member of the executive committee was entitled to receive an additional \$10,000 annual retainer. On May 4, 2020, to support our company's cost reduction initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board agreed to defer cash retainer fees for director services payable in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 until the earlier of payment of the annual performance-based cash incentive compensation to officers of our company or December 31, 2020. These fees were paid in June 2020. The board also agreed to reduce the cash retainer fees for directors, including additional cash retainer fees for chairpersons of each committee and the executive committee of the board, by 20% until such time as the board determines to reinstate such amounts in full or part.

In addition, each of our non-employee directors was entitled to an annual grant of restricted stock units valued at \$50,000 that vest after one year. On September 11, 2019, the date of our 2019 annual meeting of shareholders, directors received restricted stock units for 2,196 shares of our common stock with one-year vesting terms. The next restricted stock unit grant is expected to be made to directors on September 9, 2020, the date of the 2020 annual meeting.

Our non-employee directors are reimbursed for travel and other related expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

#### **Equity Compensation for Newly-Elected Non-Employee Directors**

Newly-elected non-employee directors are eligible to receive a stock option grant of 10,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Plan that vests ratably over five years and has a ten-year term.

#### **Stock Ownership Objective**

In order to more closely align the interests of our non-employee directors with the interests of our shareholders, the compensation committee has adopted a minimum stock ownership objective that requires our directors to work towards acquiring and maintaining a specific level of equity ownership interest in our common stock within a specified time frame. During fiscal 2020, the stock ownership objective for non-employee directors was common stock valued at 3.0 times their annual cash retainer.

We expect new non-employee directors to be in compliance with this stock ownership requirement within five years from the date of their election to the board. Non-employee directors who were elected prior to the adoption of the objectives in May 2008 were required to be in compliance with the objectives by the fifth anniversary of the adoption date. The compensation committee monitors the progress made by new non-employee directors in achieving their stock ownership objective.

As of the end of fiscal 2020, each of our non-employee directors was in compliance with our stock ownership objective except Ms. Dominach who joined the board in October 2019.

#### **Fiscal 2020 Director Compensation Table**

The table below shows information about the compensation of our non-employee directors for their service during fiscal 2020.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Option Awards (2) (\$)	Total (\$)
Oksana S. Dominach	25,000	82,700	107,700
Charles P. Hadeed	90,000		90,000
Richard J. Harrison	60,000		60,000 (3)
Gary J. Haseley	75,000		75,000
Paul D. Moore	65,000		65,000
Angela J. Panzarella	50,000		50,000
Alan H. Resnick (4)	50,000		50,000
Carl E. Sassano	55,000		55,000
John T. Smith	57,500		57,500

The amounts shown include the annual cash board retainer and committee retainers earned by the directors during fiscal 2020. The directors earned their fees for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020 but deferred receipt of these fees until June 2020.

<sup>(2)</sup> The table below presents the aggregate number of outstanding stock options for each of our non-employee directors as of March 28, 2020:

Name	<b>Stock Options</b>
Oksana S. Dominach	10,000
Charles P. Hadeed	
Richard J. Harrison	
Gary J. Haseley	
Paul D. Moore	
Angela J. Panzarella	
Alan H. Resnick	
Carl E. Sassano	
John T. Smith	

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Harrison deferred \$60,000 of his fees and deposited such amount into our non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Resnick retired from the board of directors in July 2020.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The table below presents certain information as of July 15, 2020 about the persons known by us to be the record or beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock. Percentages are based on 7,412,592 shares issued and outstanding.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	423,933 (1)	5.7%
ACK Asset Management LLC, et al. 2 Overhill Road, Suite 400 Scarsdale, New York 10583	419,700 (2)	5.7%
Juniper Targeted Opportunity Fund, L.P., et al. 555 Madison Avenue, 24 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10022	405,055 (3)	5.5%
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	400,158 (4)	5.4%
Wasatch Advisors, Inc. 505 Wakara Way Salt Lake City, UT 84108	377,763 <sup>(5)</sup>	5.1%

- (1) This information is based on the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 7, 2020 by BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock") with respect to shares beneficially owned by it and certain of its subsidiaries. BlackRock reports sole voting power with respect to 419,049 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to all 423,933 shares.
- This information is based on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2020 by ACK Asset Management LLC ("ACK"), an investment adviser, with respect to shares beneficially owned by certain funds and managed accounts advised by ACK. Richard Meisenberg and John Reilly are ACK's managing members. ACK and Messrs. Meisenberg and Reilly report shared voting and dispositive power with respect to these shares. Each of ACK, Mr. Meisenberg and Mr. Reilly disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- This information is based on the Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on October 25, 2017 by Juniper Targeted Opportunity Fund, L.P. ("Juniper Fund"). Juniper HF Investors II, LLC, as the general partner of Juniper Fund, and Juniper Investment Company, LLC, as the investment advisor of Juniper Fund, may be deemed to beneficially own the 405,055 shares. In addition, each of Alexis P. Michas and John A. Bartholdson, as the managing members of Juniper HF Investors II, LLC and Juniper Investment Company, LLC may be deemed to beneficially own the 405,055 shares. As record owner of the 405,055 shares, Juniper Fund has the power to vote or direct the vote of these shares and the power to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares. Juniper HF Investors II, LLC, Juniper Investment Company, LLC and Messrs. Michas and Bartholdson may be deemed to share with Juniper Fund the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such shares.

- (4) This information is based on the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2020 by The Vanguard Group ("Vanguard") with respect to shares beneficially owned by it and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vanguard. Vanguard reports sole voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 13,624 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 386,564 shares. VFTC beneficially owns 13,624 shares as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts.
- <sup>(5)</sup> This information is based on the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2020 by Wasatch Advisors, Inc. who reports sole voting and dispositive power with respect to these shares.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The table below presents certain information as of July 15, 2020 about shares of our common stock held by (1) each of our directors; (2) each of our "named executive officers" (as defined under the heading "Executive Compensation"); and (3) all of our directors and named executive officers as a group.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class (1)
Directors		
Oksana S. Dominach	10,000 (2)	
Charles P. Hadeed	53,189 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Richard J. Harrison	32,417 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Gary J. Haseley	30,651 (4)	
Paul D. Moore	59,115 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Angela J. Panzarella	17,417 (3)	
Carl E. Sassano	65,080 <sup>(3)</sup>	
John T. Smith	32,751 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Named Executive Officers		
Lee D. Rudow (5)	223,587 (6)	3.0%
Michael J. Tschiderer	28,558	
Michael W. West	40,659 (7)	
All directors and named executive officers as a group (11 persons)	593,424 (8)	7.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts reported by such persons are as of July 15, 2020, with percentages based on 7,412,592 shares issued and outstanding except where the person has the right to receive shares within the next 60 days (as indicated in the other footnotes to this table), which would increase the number of shares owned by such person and the number of shares outstanding. Under the rules of the SEC, "beneficial ownership" is deemed to include shares for which an individual, directly or indirectly, has or shares voting or dispositive power, whether or not they are held for the individual's benefit, and includes shares that may be acquired within 60 days, including, but not limited to, the right to acquire shares by the exercise of options or the vesting of restricted stock units. Shares that may be acquired within 60 days by the exercise of options and vesting of restricted stock units are referred to in the footnotes to this table as "presently exercisable options" and restricted stock units, respectively. Unless otherwise indicated in the other footnotes to this table, each shareholder named in the table has sole voting and sole investment power with respect to the all of the shares shown as owned by the shareholder. We have omitted percentages of less than 1% from the table.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes presently exercisable options to purchase 10,000 shares.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes 2,196 restricted stock units.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes 1,200 shares held by Haseley family trusts and 2,196 restricted stock units.

- (5) Mr. Rudow is also a director.
- (6) Includes presently exercisable options to purchase 50,000 shares.
- (7) Includes presently exercisable options to purchase 25,000 shares.
- (8) Includes presently exercisable options to purchase 85,000 shares and 15,372 restricted stock units.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

# Policies and Procedures for Review, Approval or Ratification of Related Person Transactions

Our board of directors has adopted a written policy for transactions with related persons. Pursuant to the policy, the audit committee reviews and, when appropriate, approves any relationships or transactions in which our company and our directors and executive officers or their immediate family members are participants. Existing related person transactions, if any, are reviewed at least annually by the audit committee. Any director with an interest in a related person transaction is expected to recuse him or herself from any consideration of the matter.

During its review of such relationships and transactions, the audit committee considers (1) the nature of the related person's interest in the transaction; (2) the material terms of the transaction, including the amount and type of transaction; (3) the importance of the transaction to the related person and to our company; (4) whether the transaction would impair the judgment of a director or executive officer to act in the best interest of our company; and (5) any other matters the committee deems appropriate.

In addition, to the extent that the transaction involves an independent director, consideration is also given, as applicable, to the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market and other relevant rules related to independence.

There were no reportable related person transactions during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2019.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

#### **Proposals Submitted for Inclusion in our Proxy Materials**

We will include shareholder proposals that comply with Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in our proxy materials for the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders. Among other things, Rule 14a-8 requires that we receive such proposals no later than 120 days prior to the one-year anniversary of this proxy statement. Thus, for the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, we must receive shareholder proposals submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials no later than March 25, 2021. Shareholder proposals submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials should be mailed to the following address: Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

#### **Proposals Not Submitted for Inclusion in our Proxy Materials**

Shareholder proposals that are not submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as described above, may be brought before the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders in accordance with Rule 14a-4(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Pursuant to Rule 14a-4(c), we must receive these proposals no later than 45 days prior to the one-year anniversary of this proxy statement. Thus, for the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, we must receive shareholder proposals that are not submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials no later than June 8, 2021. In accordance with Rules 14a-4(c) and 14a-8, we will not permit shareholder proposals that do not comply with the foregoing notice requirement to be brought before the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders. Shareholder proposals that are not submitted for inclusion in our proxy statement should be mailed to the following address: Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this proxy statement, the board of directors does not know of any other matters that are to be presented for action at the annual meeting. Should any other matter come before the annual meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy will have discretionary authority to vote all proxies with respect to the matter in accordance with their judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Lee D. Rudow

President and Chief Executive Officer

Rochester, New York July 23, 2020

We will make available at no cost, upon your written request, a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 28, 2020 (without exhibits) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of exhibits to our Form 10-K will be made available, upon your written request and payment to us of the reasonable costs of reproduction and mailing, if any. Written requests should be made to: Michael J. Tschiderer, Chief Financial Officer, Transcat, Inc., 35 Vantage Drive, Rochester, New York 14624.

