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NAUTILUS, INC.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To the Shareholders of Nautilus, Inc.:

The annual meeting of shareholders of Nautilus, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at our headquarters building, 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect a Board of Directors, consisting of six (6) members, to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- 2. To approve the compensation of the named executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2016 in a non-binding, advisory vote, as reported in this Proxy Statement;
- 3. To ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017; and
- 4. To consider and act upon any other matter which may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only shareholders who held their shares at the close of business on March 9, 2017, the record date, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please sign and promptly return the enclosed proxy card, which you may revoke at any time prior to its use. A prepaid, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Your shares will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with your proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Wayne M. Bolio WAYNE M. BOLIO Secretary

Vancouver, Washington March 24, 2017

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held On April 25, 2017:

Pursuant to rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials both by sending you this full set of proxy materials, including a Notice of Annual Meeting and a 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders, and by notifying you of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders are available at http://www.nautilusinc.com/investors. In accordance with the SEC rules, the materials on the website are searchable, readable and printable, and the website does not have "cookies" or other tracking devices which identify visitors. Directions to our annual meeting are also available at http://www.nautilusinc.com/investors.

# 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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### PROXY STATEMENT

#### **General Information**

Our Board of Directors (the "Board") is furnishing this Proxy Statement and the accompanying Annual Report to Shareholders, Notice of Annual Meeting and proxy card in connection with its solicitation of proxies for use at our 2017 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") or any adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time at the following location:

17750 S.E. 6th Way Vancouver, Washington 98683

Our Board has designated the two persons named on the enclosed proxy card, Bruce M. Cazenave and Sidharth Nayar, to serve as proxies in connection with the Annual Meeting. These proxy materials and the accompanying Annual Report to Shareholders are being mailed on or about March 24, 2017 to our shareholders of record as of March 9, 2017.

#### Revocability of Proxies

You may revoke any proxy you execute at any time prior to its use at the Annual Meeting by:

- •delivering written notice of revocation to our Secretary;
- •delivering an executed proxy bearing a later date to our Secretary; or
- •attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

### Record Date

Our Board has fixed the close of business on March 9, 2017 as the record date for determining which of our shareholders are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the record date, 30,711,265 shares of our common stock were outstanding.

#### Voting; Quorum

Each share of common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote per share at the Annual Meeting. Shareholders are not entitled to cumulate their votes. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

Votes Required to Approve Each Proposal

If a quorum is present at the annual meeting:

(i) the six (6) nominees for the election of directors who receive the greatest number of votes cast by the shares present and voting in person or by proxy will be elected as directors; and

(ii) The proposals regarding the advisory vote on named executive officer compensation and ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm will be approved if the number of votes cast in favor of the proposal exceeds the number of votes cast against it.

### Counting of Votes; Abstentions

You may vote "FOR" or "WITHHOLD" authority to vote for the nominee for election as a director. If you vote your shares without providing specific instructions, your shares will be voted FOR the nominee for election to the Board of Directors. If you vote to "WITHHOLD" authority to vote for the nominee for election as a director, the shares represented will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum, but they will not be counted as a vote cast on the proposal and will have no effect in determining whether the nominee is elected.

You may vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" from voting when voting on the proposals regarding the advisory vote on named executive officer compensation and the ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm. If you choose "ABSTAIN" from voting on a proposal, your shares represented will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum, but will not be counted as votes cast on the proposal and will have no effect in determining whether the proposal is approved.

#### **Broker Discretionary Voting**

If you hold your shares in street name, your broker, bank or other similar institution may be able to vote your shares without your instructions depending on whether the matter being voted on is "discretionary" or "non-discretionary." In the case of a discretionary matter (for example, the ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm), your broker is permitted to vote your shares of common stock if you have not given voting instructions. In the case of a non-discretionary matter (for example, the election of directors and the advisory vote to approve executive compensation), your broker cannot vote your shares if you have not given voting instructions.

A "broker non-vote" occurs when your broker submits a proxy for the Annual Meeting with respect to discretionary matters, but does not vote on non-discretionary matters because you did not provide voting instructions on these matters. Broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but are not counted as votes cast for a proposal and will have no effect on the outcome of any proposal. Therefore, it is important that you provide specific voting instructions to your broker, bank or similar institution.

### **Proxy Procedure**

When a proxy card is properly dated, executed and returned, the shares it represents will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions specified in the proxy. If no specific instructions are given, the shares will be voted FOR the election of the director nominees described below, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as set forth in the proxy statement, and FOR the ratification of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017. If other matters come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote in accordance with their best judgment with respect to such matters.

### Cost of Proxy Solicitation

We will bear all costs associated with the solicitation of proxies in connection with the annual meeting. We do not plan to hire a proxy solicitor, but, to the extent we choose to use proxy solicitor services, we will pay the related fees and expenses.

### Procedures for Shareholder Proposals and Nominations

Under our amended and restated bylaws, as amended ("Bylaws"), nominations for directors at an annual meeting may be made only by (1) the Board or a committee of the Board, or (2) a shareholder entitled to vote who has delivered notice to us within 120 to 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting.

Our Bylaws also provide that business may not be brought before an annual meeting unless it is: (1) specified in the notice of meeting (which includes shareholder proposals that we are required to include in our proxy statement under SEC Rule 14a-8); (2) brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board; or (3) brought by a shareholder entitled to vote who has delivered notice to us (containing certain information specified in the Bylaws) within 120 to 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting.

In addition, you must comply with SEC Rule 14a-8 to have your proposal included in our proxy statement. A copy of the full text of our Bylaws may be obtained upon written request to our Secretary at the address provided on page 1 of this Proxy Statement.

#### Where You Can Find More Information

We file our proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"). You can inspect and obtain a copy of our proxy statement and other information filed with the SEC at the offices of the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, on official business days during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains an Internet site at http://www.sec.gov/ where you can obtain most of our SEC filings. We also make available, free of charge, on our website at www.nautilusinc.com, our proxy statements filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed electronically with the SEC.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 1:

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

According to our Bylaws, our Board shall be comprised of no more than seven (7) directors, provided, however that the number may be decreased by resolution of our Board. The Board has fixed the authorized number of our directors at six (6).

At this Annual Meeting, our shareholders will elect a board consisting of six (6) directors to serve until our 2018 annual meeting or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Our Board has nominated the individuals listed below to serve on our Board. All of the nominees are currently members of our Board. If any nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, our Board may provide for a lesser number of directors or designate a substitute. If our Board designates a substitute, the proxy holders will have the discretionary authority to vote for the substitute. Proxies may not be voted for more than six (6) nominees.

# OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTOR:

M. Carl Johnson, III, 68, joined our Board in July 2010. Mr. Johnson is Chairman of the Board and a member of the Compensation Committee. In October, 2015, Mr. Johnson retired as Executive Vice President, Marketing and Chief Growth Officer of Big Heart Pet Brands, a division of J.M. Smucker Company. In this role he had line and operating responsibility for the company's widely distributed brands, and the innovation, marketing and creative services, consumer and customer insights, communications and government relations groups, and the company's Canadian subsidiary. He joined Del Monte Foods, a privately owned manufacturer and marketer of processed foods, and the predecessor of Big Heart Pet Brands, in November 2011 as Executive Vice President, Brands, From 2001 until April 2011, Mr. Johnson served as Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of the Campbell Soup Company, a producer of canned soups and related products, where he had direct responsibility for corporate strategy, research and development, quality, corporate marketing services, licensing, and e-business, Mr. Johnson joined Campbell from Kraft Foods, where he ran three successively larger business divisions. Mr. Johnson earned his B.A. degree in Government and Economics from Weslevan University, and his M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Mr. Johnson serves as an executive committee member of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute, University of California, Davis. Mr. Johnson is a trustee of the Adelphic Educational Fund, Wesleyan University, which grants scholarships and supports educational, literary and artistic programs. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Kilts Center for Marketing at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, which provides scholarships to top marketing students and helps the school steer its marketing curriculum. Our Board has determined that Mr. Johnson has the requisite experience and expertise to be a director of Nautilus based on his consumer marketing expertise and strong background in corporate expansion strategy.

Ronald P. Badie, 74, joined our Board in August 2005. Mr. Badie is a member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Badie spent over 35 years with Deutsche Bank and its predecessor, Bankers Trust Company, retiring in 2002 as Vice Chairman of Deutsche Bank Alex Brown (now Deutsche Bank Securities), the firm's investment banking subsidiary. Mr. Badie currently serves as a director of Amphenol Corporation. Mr. Badie was a director of Obagi Medical Products, Inc. from December 2006 to April 2013. He also served as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and member of the Audit Committee for Obagi Medical Products. Mr. Badie was a director of Merisel, Inc. from October 2004 to March 2011 and Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. between October 2003 and May 2006. Mr. Badie is a graduate of Bucknell University and received an M.B.A. from New York University's Stern School of Business. Our Board determined that Mr. Badie has the requisite experience and expertise to be a director of Nautilus based on his broad experience while serving as a director of several publicly-traded and privately-held companies. In addition, Mr. Badie spent many years as an

investment banker and has extensive experience in structured finance and capital markets transactions.

Bruce M. Cazenave, 62, was appointed Chief Executive Officer and elected to The Board of Directors in May 2011. He also served as Acting Chief Financial Officer from July 3, 2013 until February 27, 2014. From January 2010 until his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Cazenave served as Managing Director of Inflection Point Consulting, a business consulting firm, where he consulted with and served as an executive advisor to private equity firms in the U.S. and Europe. From 2006 to 2009, he worked for Central Garden & Pet Company, a marketer and producer of quality branded products for the lawn and garden and pet supplies markets, serving as President of its Garden Décor Group. From January 2006 to August 2006, he served as a strategy consultant to Timex Corporation, a watch manufacturer, where he focused on supply chain, operational and organizational priorities. From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Cazenave served as President and CEO of Dorel Juvenile Group, a subsidiary of Dorel Industries, Inc. Dorel Juvenile Group is a marketer and manufacturer of juvenile products. He has also served in senior executive roles at Black & Decker U.S., Inc. and Timberland - both in the U.S. and Europe. Mr. Cazenave is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and received a Master's degree from George Washington University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Cazenave should continue

serving as a director based on his over 20 years of senior executive leadership and extensive background running divisions of premier global consumer products companies focused on profitable growth.

Richard A. Horn, 69, was elected to our Board in December 2007. Mr. Horn is the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Horn has been a private investor since February 2002. Mr. Horn was general manager of the PetsHotel Division of PetSmart, Inc., a company that provides products, services and solutions for the lifetime needs of pets, from April 2001 through February 2002. From January 1999 through March 2001, he was Senior Vice President and General Merchandise Manager of PetSmart.com, Inc. and from July 1994 until December 1998, he was Vice President and General Merchandise Manager of PetSmart, Inc. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Horn was Chief Financial Officer of Weisheimer Companies, Inc., a chain of retail pet supply stores. Mr. Horn was a partner at Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers), an international public accounting and business consulting firm, from 1980 to 1992. Mr. Horn serves on the Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Saint Joseph's Westgate Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Fiesta Bowl. Our Board has determined that Mr. Horn has the requisite experience and expertise to be a director of Nautilus. As a former retail merchandising and direct-marketing executive, former Chief Financial Officer and a former partner at Coopers & Lybrand, Mr. Horn brings particular expertise to our Board in the areas of direct marketing sales, consumer product merchandising and retail trade, service industries, investor relations, financial reporting, accounting and auditing for complex multinational operations.

Anne G. Saunders, 55, joined our Board in April 2012. Ms. Saunders is the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. From April 2016 to January 2017, Ms, Saunders was U.S. President of NakedWines.com, a global wine company that uses crowdfunding to fund independent wine makers and direct ships wine to customers. From September 2014 to April 2016, Ms. Saunders was U.S. President of FTD, Inc. (NYSE: FTD), a global floral and gifting company. From August 2012 to January 2014, Ms. Saunders was President of Redbox, an entertainment company that is owned and operated by Coinstar, Inc. (NASDAQ:CSTR). From March 2009 until January 2012, Ms. Saunders was Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Knowledge Universe, a privately-held early education company with over 1,600 schools nationwide. From February 2008 until March 2009, Ms. Saunders was Senior Vice President, Consumer Bank Executive and, from May 2007 until February 2008, she was Senior Vice President, Brand Executive, for Bank of America Corporation (NYSE:BAC). Between 2001 and 2007, Ms. Saunders held a variety of positions with Starbucks Coffee Co. (NASDAQ:SBUX), including Senior Vice President, Global Brand, during that company's period of rapid domestic and international growth. Ms. Saunders has also held executive and senior management positions with eSociety, a B2B e-commerce company, AT&T Wireless and Young & Rubicam. Additionally, Ms. Saunders served, from 2006 until 2007, as a director for Blue Nile, Inc. (NASDAO:NILE). She received a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.B.A. from Fordham University. Our Board has determined that Ms. Saunders has the requisite experience to be a director of Nautilus. Ms. Saunders brings to our Board a strong background in marketing and building brands and provides Nautilus with additional expertise and understanding of the consumer marketplace.

Marvin G. Siegert, 68, joined our Board in August 2005. Mr. Siegert is Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Currently a private investor, Mr. Siegert was President and Chief Operating Officer of The Pyle Group LLC, a private equity investment group, from 1996 until July 2007. Prior to The Pyle Group, Mr. Siegert spent 26 years with Rayovac Corporation, a manufacturer of batteries and lighting products, where he held various positions, with his most recent position as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Currently, Mr. Siegert serves as Audit Committee Chairman on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc., a privately-held student loan servicing company. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Uniek, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of picture frames and wall décor. From 2005 until December 2012, Mr. Siegert was a member of the Board of Directors

of Hy Cite Corporation, a privately-held direct sales marketing company. In addition, from January 2014 until December 2016, Mr. Siegert served on the Board of Directors of Behrens Manufacturing, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of high quality metal containers. Mr. Siegert graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater with a degree in accounting and holds a Master's degree in management from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Our Board has determined that Mr. Siegert has the requisite experience and expertise to be a director of Nautilus. As a former President and Chief Operating Officer of a private equity investment group and former Chief Financial Officer of a privately-held global consumer products company, Mr. Siegert brings a particular expertise to our Board in the areas of consumer products, investor relations and financial strategies.

No family relationship exists among any of the directors or executive officers. No arrangement or understanding exists between any director or executive officer and any other person pursuant to which any director was selected as a director or executive officer of Nautilus.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board oversees our overall performance on behalf of our shareholders. Members of our Board stay informed of our business through discussions with our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and other members of our executive team, by reviewing materials provided to them, and by participating in regularly scheduled Board and committee meetings.

### Corporate Governance

Our Board is elected by our shareholders to govern our business and affairs. Our Board selects our senior management team, which is charged with conducting our business. Having selected our senior management team, our Board acts as an advisor to senior management and monitors their performance. Our Board reviews strategies, financial objectives and operating plans. It also plans for management succession of our CEO, as well as other senior management positions, and oversees our compliance efforts.

Our Board has determined that each of Ronald P. Badie, Richard A. Horn, M. Carl Johnson, III, Anne G. Saunders and Marvin G. Siegert qualify as an "independent director" under our Corporate Governance Guidelines (available on our website at www.nautilusinc.com), Section 303A.02 of the Listed Company Manual (the "Listed Company Manual") of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), and applicable rules of the SEC, and that each such person is free of any relationship that would interfere with the individual exercise of independent judgment. Our Board has further determined that each member of the Board's three committees meets the independence requirements applicable to those committees prescribed by the Listed Company Manual and the SEC, including Rules 10A-3(b)(1) and 10C-1 under the Exchange Act related to independence of audit committee and compensation committee members, respectively.

Our Board met six times in 2016 and all of our directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of our Board and of the meetings held by the committee(s) on which they served. Currently, we do not have a policy requiring our Board members' attendance at the annual meetings of our shareholders. All of our directors attended our 2016 annual shareholders meeting.

In order to promote open discussion among independent directors, our Board has a policy of conducting executive sessions of independent directors during each regularly scheduled board meeting and at such other times if requested by an independent director. These executive sessions are led by our Chairman.

#### Transactions with Related Persons

Our Board recognizes that "transactions" with a "related person" (as such terms are defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K) present a heightened risk of conflict of interest and/or improper valuation (or the perception thereof) and, therefore, has adopted a policy which shall be followed in connection with all related person transactions. Specifically, this policy addresses our procedures for the review, approval and ratification of all related person transactions.

Our Board has determined that the Audit Committee is best suited to review and approve related person transactions. Accordingly, any related person transactions recommended by management shall be presented to the Audit Committee for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee. Any related person transaction shall be consummated or shall continue only if the Audit Committee approves the transaction, the disinterested members of our Board approve the transaction, or the transaction involves compensation approved by the Compensation Committee.

#### Committees of the Board

Our Board currently has three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each committee is governed by a written charter that may be amended by our Board at any time. The full text of each committee charter and our Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on our website located at www.nautilusinc.com or in print to any interested party who requests it. Requests should be sent to the Nautilus, Inc. Secretary at the address provided on page 1 of this Proxy Statement.

### The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act and represents and assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to (i) the integrity of our financial statements and other financial information furnished by Nautilus, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) our system of internal accounting and financial controls, (iv) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, performance, compensation and independence, (v) the performance of our internal audit function, and (vi) compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics.

In fulfilling the duties outlined in its charter, the Audit Committee, among other things, shall:

have the sole authority and responsibility to select, evaluate and, where appropriate, replace our independent registered public accounting firm;

review and discuss with management and our independent registered public accounting firm, prior to release to the general public and legal and regulatory agencies, our annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including disclosures contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K under the section heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and matters required to be reviewed under applicable legal, regulatory or public company exchange listing requirements; discuss polices developed by management and our Board with respect to risk assessment and risk management and steps management has taken to monitor and control financial risk exposure, including anti-fraud programs and

review the responsibilities, functions and performance of our internal audit function, including internal audit's charter, plans and budget and the scope and results of internal audits;

review management's report on internal control over financial reporting and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of our internal controls; and

establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, including procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters or violations of our code of conduct.

During 2016, the Audit Committee consisted of four independent directors: Marvin G. Siegert (Chairman), Ronald P. Badie, Richard A. Horn and Anne G. Saunders. Each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence, financial literacy and experience requirements contained in the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE relating to audit committees. In addition, our Board has determined that Messrs. Badie, Horn and Siegert each qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" under the regulations of the SEC. Although all members of the Audit Committee meet the current NYSE regulatory requirements for accounting or related financial management expertise, and our Board has determined that Messrs. Badie, Horn and Siegert each qualify as an "audit committee financial expert," members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not technical experts in auditing or accounting. The Audit Committee met four times during 2016.

A copy of the full text of the Audit Committee Charter can be found on our website at www.nautilusinc.com.

#### The Compensation Committee

controls:

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the compensation of our employees, including equity-based plans, and employee benefit plans and practices, including the compensation and benefits of our executive officers. The Compensation Committee also administers our 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

In fulfilling the duties outlined in its charter, the Compensation Committee, among other things, shall: periodically review our executive compensation plans in light of our goals and objectives with respect to such plans and, if the committee deems appropriate, adopt, or recommend to our Board the adoption of new, or the amendment of existing, executive compensation plans;

annually evaluate the performance of our CEO and, with our CEO's participation and input, that of our other executive officers in light of the goals and objectives of our executive compensation plans. Based on this evaluation, the Compensation Committee shall determine and approve the CEO's compensation level and, with the CEO's participation and input, the compensation levels of our other executive officers;

approve any equity compensation awarded to any of our executive officers, subject to the requirements of the applicable compensation plans; and

with respect to SEC reporting requirements, review and discuss with management our compensation discussion and analysis, and oversee the preparation of, and approve, the Compensation Committee's report on executive

compensation to be included in our proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee may not delegate any power or authority required by any law, regulation or listing standard to be exercised by the committee. The Compensation Committee met four times during 2016. Pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, to retain compensation consultants, independent legal counsel or other advisors and has the sole authority to approve the fees and other retention terms with respect to such advisors. From time to time the Compensation Committee has engaged compensation consultants to advise it on certain matters. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

A copy of the full text of the Compensation Committee Charter can be found on our website at www.nautilusinc.com.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2016, the Compensation Committee was comprised of five independent directors: Richard A. Horn (Chairman), Ronald P. Badie, M. Carl Johnson III, Anne G. Saunders and Marvin G. Siegert. None of the members of the Compensation Committee have a relationship with Nautilus, other than as directors and shareholders. No member of the Compensation Committee is, or was formerly, an officer or an employee of Nautilus. None of our executive officers served, during the year ended December 31, 2016, as a member of the compensation committee or on the board of directors of any entity that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Compensation Committee or Board.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for considering and making recommendations concerning the membership and function of the Board, and the development and review of corporate governance guidelines.

In fulfilling the duties outlined in its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, among other things, shall:

identify individuals qualified to become members of our Board and select director nominees to be presented for shareholder approval at our annual meeting of shareholders;

review our Board's committee structure and recommend to the Board for its approval directors to serve as members of each committee;

develop and recommend to our Board for its approval a set of corporate governance guidelines; develop and recommend to our Board for its approval an annual self-evaluation process of the Board and its committees; and

review, on an annual basis, director compensation and benefits.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider recommendations for directorships submitted by shareholders. Shareholders who wish the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to consider their directorship recommendations should submit their recommendations in writing to Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683, Attn: Chairman of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Recommendations by shareholders that are made in accordance with these procedures will receive the same consideration given to nominations made by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Nominees may be suggested by directors, members of management, shareholders or, in some cases, by a third-party firm. In identifying and considering candidates for nomination to the Board, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers a candidate's quality of experience, our needs and the range of talent and experience represented on our Board. In evaluating particular candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review the nominee's personal and professional integrity, judgment, experience, and ability to serve the long-term interest of the shareholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will also take into account the ability of a director to devote the time and effort necessary to fulfill his or her responsibilities, as well as matters of diversity, including gender, race and national origin, education, professional experience and differences in viewpoints and skills. While the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity, both the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believe that it is essential that Board members represent a diverse range of experience, expertise and viewpoints.

During 2016, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was comprised of four independent directors: Anne G. Saunders (Chairman), Ronald P. Badie, Richard A. Horn, and Marvin G. Siegert. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met two times during 2016.

A full copy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter can be found on our website at www.nautilusinc.com.

### Communications with Directors

All interested parties may send correspondence to our Board or to any individual director at the following address: Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683.

Your communications should indicate that you are a shareholder of Nautilus. Depending on the subject matter, we will either forward the communication to the director or directors to whom it is addressed, attempt to handle the inquiry directly, or not forward the communication if it is primarily commercial in nature or if it relates to an improper or irrelevant topic. Correspondence marked confidential will not be opened prior to forwarding to the Board or any individual director.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

Our Board has a majority of independent directors; five out of the six director nominees are independent. The Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance committees each are composed solely of independent directors.

We separate the roles of Chairman of the Board and CEO in recognition of the differences between the two positions. Mr. Johnson, who acts as the Chairman, oversees our business broadly, leads the meetings of our Board, and provides guidance to our management. Mr. Cazenave serves on the Board, but, as our CEO, he is also charged with oversight of the day-to-day operations of the business. We believe that consistency between day-to-day operations and the overall management is reached through Mr. Cazenave's service as the CEO and a director, but the separation of the Chairman and CEO roles is important to achieve a balance of oversight that is favorable to us and our shareholders.

### Board Role in Risk Oversight

While risk management is primarily the responsibility of our management team, our Board is responsible for overall supervision of risk management efforts as they relate to the key business risks we face. Management identifies, assesses, and manages the risks most critical to our operations and routinely advises our Board regarding those matters. Areas of material risk may include operational, financial, legal and regulatory, human capital, information technology and security, and strategic and reputational risks. Our Board's role in risk oversight is consistent with our leadership structure, with senior management having responsibility for assessing and managing risk exposure, and our Board and its committees providing oversight in connection with those efforts.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Nautilus has a Director Compensation Program that provides for compensation of the non-employee members of our Board. Director compensation consists of annual retainers, meeting fees, fees for service as a committee chair, and awards of equity compensation. Directors who are employees receive no additional or special remuneration for serving as directors.

#### Annual Retainer, Committee Chair and Meeting Fees

Under the Director Compensation Program, and effective as of January 1, 2017, each non-employee director receives an annual retainer of \$42,500 and a fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each Board meeting. Prior to January 1, 2017, each non-employee director received an annual retainer of \$35,000 and a fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each Board meeting. Our Board's non-executive Chairman receives an additional annual fee of \$30,000. Each director serving on a committee of our Board receives an additional fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each committee meeting. The Chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual retainer of \$10,000, while the Chairs of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee each receive an additional annual retainer of \$5,000.

### **Initial Equity Grant**

The Director Compensation Program provides that, upon initial election to our Board, each non-employee director may be granted an option to purchase up to 10,000 shares of Nautilus common stock.

### **Annual Equity Grant**

Beginning in 2017, our Director Compensation Program provides that each non-employee director will receive an award of restricted stock with a grant date value of \$58,500 upon their re-election to the Board at our annual meeting of shareholders. Prior to 2017, each non-employee director received an award of restricted stock with a grant date value of \$51,000 upon their re-election to the Board at our annual meeting of shareholders. The shares subject to the restricted stock awards are subject to forfeiture until vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued service of the director through such date.

### 2016 Director Compensation

	Fees		
	Earned	Stock	Total
	or Paid	Awards (1)	Total
	in Cash		
Ronald P. Badie	\$65,000	\$ 51,008	\$116,008
Richard A. Horn	70,000	51,008	121,008
M. Carl Johnson, III	84,500	51,008	135,508
Anne G. Saunders	68,500	51,008	119,508
Marvin G. Siegert	75,000	51,008	126,008

(1) Stock award amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of awards granted during 2016. See Notes 1 and 16 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 for information on determining the fair value of stock awards and other related information.

### Equity Awards Outstanding at

December 31, 2016

Ronald P. Badie

Unvested	<u> </u>
Stock	Option
	Awards
Awards	(# of
(# of	`
Shares)	Shares)
2,848	30,000

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Richard A. Horn	2,848	30,000
M. Carl Johnson, III	2,848	30,000
Anne G. Saunders	2,848	12,500
Marvin G. Siegert	2,848	20,000

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### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our outstanding common stock, as of March 1, 2017, by: 1) each director and director nominee; 2) each of the named executive officers included in the Summary Compensation Table; 3) all persons that we know are beneficial owners of more than 5% of our common stock; and 4) all directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, and subject to applicable community property laws, each owner has sole voting and sole investment powers with respect to all shares beneficially owned.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Total Shares Beneficially Owned (3)	Percent Benefic Owned	cially
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(5)</sup>	3,497,053	11.4	%
55 E. 52nd Street			
New York, NY 10055			
Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (6)	1,625,570	5.3	%
6300 Lamar Ave.			
Overland Park, KS 66202-4200			
Non-Employee Directors (1)			
Richard A. Horn	65,802	*	
Ronald P. Badie	63,002	*	
Marvin G. Siegert	58,302	*	
M. Carl Johnson, III <sup>(7)</sup>	53,302	*	
Anne G. Saunders	30,802	*	
Employee Director (1)			
Bruce M. Cazenave <sup>(8)</sup>	553,778	1.8	%
Named Executive Officers (1)			
William B. McMahon	170,243	*	
Wayne M. Bolio	126,867	*	
Sidharth Nayar	18,064	*	
Robert O. Murdock <sup>(9)</sup>	_	_	%
Dennis H. Lee <sup>(2)</sup>			%
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (13 persons)	1,140,274	3.7	%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> The address for each director and executive officer is c/o Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Lee served as an executive officer from January 1, 2016 until December 9, 2016.

(3) Includes currently exercisable options, options that vest within 60 days of March 1, 2017, and performance stock units ("PSUs") and restricted stock units ("RSUs") that vest within 60 days of March 1, 2017 as follows:

		Performance
Name	Options	& Restricted
		Stock
Ronald P. Badie	30,000	
Richard A. Horn	30,000	_
M. Carl Johnson, III	30,000	_
Marvin G. Siegert	10,000	_
Anne G. Saunders	12,500	_
Bruce M. Cazenave	168,382	_
William B. McMahon	28,599	
Wayne M. Bolio	21,377	
Sidharth Nayar	_	_
Robert O. Murdock	_	_
Dennis H. Lee	_	_
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (13 persons)	330,858	_

- (4) Percentages have been calculated based on 30,700,170 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding as of March 1, 2017. Shares which the person or group has the right to acquire within 60 days after March 1, 2017, are deemed to be outstanding in calculating the percentage ownership of the person or group, but are not deemed to be outstanding as to any other person or group.
- <sup>(5)</sup> Information is based on the Schedule 13G/A filed on January 17, 2017 by BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock"), a parent holding company. BlackRock has sole dispositive power with respect to all shares reported and sole voting power with respect to 3,440,558 shares.
- <sup>(6)</sup> Information is based on Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2017 by Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. ("Waddell"), a parent holding company. Waddell has sole dispositive power and sole voting power with respect to all shares reported.
- (7) Includes 5,000 shares held by The M. Carl Johnson III Trust Dated February 6, 1996, of which Mr. Johnson is a trustee.
- (8) Includes 17,870 shares held for the account of Mr. Cazenave's children.
- (9) Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation on March 20, 2017, which will become effective on April 15, 2017.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table identifies our executive officers as of the date of this Proxy Statement, the positions they hold and the year in which they began serving as officers of Nautilus. Our Board appoints all of our executive officers, who hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

Name		Age	Current Position(s) with Nautilus		
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	Bruce M. Cazenave	62	Chief Executive Officer, Director	2011	
	Sidharth Nayar	56	Chief Financial Officer	2014	
	William B. McMahon	52	Chief Operating Officer	2009	
	Wayne M. Bolio	60	Senior Vice President, Law and Human Resources, General Counsel	2003	
	Robert O. Murdock	45	Senior Vice President, Innovation	2012	
	Jeffery L. Collins	50	Vice President, General Manager, Retail	2014	
	James B. Pope	50	Vice President, General Manager, Direct	2016	
	Ryan M. Simat	40	Vice President, General Manager, Commercial and Specialty	2017	

For information on Bruce M. Cazenave's business background, see nominees under "Election of Directors" above.

Sidharth (Sid) Nayar was named Chief Financial Officer in February 2014. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing financial, accounting, information technology, risk management and investor relations activities for all brands in the Nautilus portfolio. Prior to joining Nautilus, Mr. Nayar served as Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Congoleum Corporation, a manufacturer of residential and commercial flooring products, from 1999 to February 2014. Mr. Nayar held other senior accounting and finance positions at Congoleum Corporation beginning in 1986. Mr. Nayar earned a B.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and an M.B.A. in Finance from Rutgers University.

William B. McMahon was appointed Chief Operating Officer in August 2011. In this role, Mr. McMahon has responsibility for oversight of our Retail and Direct businesses, as well as overall operations and the product development function. Mr. McMahon joined Nautilus in October 2005 and has held a number of leadership roles, including Senior Vice President, Consumer Business from November 2009 until August 2011 and, prior to that, Vice President and General Manager of our Direct business. Before joining Nautilus, Mr. McMahon held several executive positions with the Readers Digest Association from 1989 through 1995, including chief operating officer of gifts.com, an e-commerce portal; director of information technology; vice president, operations of Good Catalog, a luxury home products and electronics catalog; and director of U.S. Operations for QSP Inc., the largest school fundraising program in North America. He previously spent over a decade with the United States Navy nuclear submarine force, where he oversaw reactor plant operations. Mr. McMahon is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Nuclear Engineering program.

Wayne M. Bolio assumed the position of Senior Vice President, Law and Human Resources in August 2011. He was named General Counsel in April 2008. Mr. Bolio joined Nautilus in June 2003 as Vice President, Human Resources. He was appointed Senior Vice President, Human Resources in March 2004 and was promoted to Senior Vice President, Law in January 2006. From 1997 to 2002, he served as the chief human resources officer for Consolidated Freightways, a major transportation company. Prior to that, he was employed by Southern Pacific Transportation Company as assistant general counsel with responsibility for labor relations, human resources, and employment law matters. Mr. Bolio received a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from UCLA.

Robert O. Murdock was named Senior Vice President, Innovation in June 2016. In his current role, Mr. Murdock is responsible for all facets of the Nautilus Innovation Center team, including ideation, consumer insights, product line management, engineering, industrial design, compliance, the model shop and test lab, and digital innovation. Mr. Murdock originally joined Nautilus in December 2005 as Director, Go-To-Market where he was responsible for product definition, development and management of Nautilus branded cardio and strength machines. Mr. Murdock has held multiple leadership roles in product development and marketing within the organization. In 2007, he was promoted to Senior Director, Go-To-Market, where he managed the product management team until January 2008, when he transferred to Director of Marketing, Consumer Insight and Brand. In November 2008, the Director of Marketing position held by Mr. Murdock shifted focus to the Direct channel, managing the product, placement, price and promotion of Schwinn, Nautilus, Bowflex and Universal brands. From 2012 to June 2016, Mr. Murdock held the position of Vice President, General Manager Direct, where he was responsible for the entire Direct channel. Mr. Murdock has more than 15 years of experience in hard goods product development and marketing. Prior to joining Nautilus, Mr. Murdock held management positions at high technology firms including Intel and InFocus Corporation. Mr. Murdock earned a B.A. from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from the University of Texas. On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective on April 15, 2017.

Jeffery L. Collins was named Vice President, General Manager, Retail in November 2015, and was named an officer in February 2014. In this role, he is responsible for the Retail Channel's global strategy and direction, along with managing both the domestic and international Retail sales teams. Mr. Collins joined Nautilus in August 2013, and his prior experience includes more than 20 years of sales and marketing experience in the consumer goods business segment. Prior to joining Nautilus, Mr. Collins held various senior sales and marketing positions with Pepsico, Pepsi Bottling Group, Handleman Co., Dyson Ltd., Halo Technologies, Techtronic Industries and Oreck Corporation. Mr. Collins attended both Grand Valley State University and Western Michigan University. Leveraging his prior experience and success in both the U.S. and international markets will support our strategic initiative to further grow the Retail Channel.

James B. (Brian) Pope was named Vice President, General Manager, Direct in December 2016 and is responsible for the Direct channel globally, including sales and marketing, demand generation, customer acquisition, customer care, and post-purchase customer experience. Prior to joining Nautilus in December 2016, Mr. Pope served as Chief Marketing Officer for Samsung SmartThings, interim CMO at Planet Fitness, as well as senior marketing roles for

consumer lifestyle brands including Virgin, Popchips, and Universal Studios. Mr. Pope also has experience leading the Branded Entertainment consulting practice at IMG where he developed entertainment sponsorship platforms, integrations, and digital content strategies for a range of clients including Visa, DHL, and 24 Hour Fitness. Mr. Pope holds an M.B.A. from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a B.S. in Economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Ryan M. Simat was named Vice President, General Manager, Commercial and Specialty in January 2017, and manages global sales and profitability for the Octane Fitness brand. Mr. Simat oversees 32 sales representatives and several hundred specialty fitness dealers worldwide. Previously, Mr. Simat was the Vice President of Sales for Octane Fitness. Instrumental in opening dealer distribution and developing the commercial direct sales channel for Octane Fitness, Mr. Simat started with the brand in 2003 as Octane Fitness's first sales representative. Prior to Octane Fitness and Nautilus, Inc., Mr. Simat began his fitness industry career as a Product Manager for Life Fitness, where he was instrumental in leading the development team for the international launch of three premium treadmills. Mr. Simat earned a B.S. degree in marketing and biology from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, Minnesota. and represents the Octane Fitness brand from our Brooklyn Park, Minnesota office.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

March 24, 2017

The Compensation Committee of the Board oversees Nautilus' compensation programs on the Board's behalf.

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on the review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Horn, Chairman Ronald P. Badie M. Carl Johnson, III Anne G. Saunders Marvin G. Siegert

#### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In this section of the proxy statement, we identify the material elements of our compensation programs for all of our executive officers, including an overview of our executive compensation philosophy and the processes and methodology we use in making executive pay decisions. We also provide detailed information regarding compensation paid to each Named Executive Officer ("NEO"). Our NEOs for 2016 are our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, our three other most highly compensated executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and a former vice president, as follows:

Name Position

Bruce M. Cazenave Chief Executive Officer Sidharth Nayar Chief Financial Officer William B. McMahon Chief Operating Officer

Wayne M. Bolio Senior Vice President, Law and Human Resources, General Counsel

Robert O. Murdock<sup>(1)</sup> Senior Vice President, Innovation

Dennis H. Lee<sup>(2)</sup> Former Vice President, General Manager, Commercial and Specialty

- (1) On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective on April 15, 2017.
- (2) Mr. Lee was Vice President, General Manager, Commercial and Specialty from January 1, 2016 until his resignation, effective as of December 9, 2016.

### **Executive Summary**

#### Overview

The executive compensation program is comprised of three primary elements:

a base salary that is intended to provide a market-competitive base level of compensation; a cash-based short-term incentive program that rewards the achievement of explicit, measurable, company financial objectives in the areas of operating income and net revenue growth, as well as individual and company achievement of short- and long-term business objectives; and

an equity-based long-term incentive program that rewards the achievement of sustained increases in shareholder value over the long term.

Our executive officers are eligible to participate in our other employee benefits programs on the same terms as our eligible non-executive employees. Nautilus does not provide any material executive perquisites. Unexercised stock options held by our executive officers expire 90 days following termination, which are the same terms that apply to our non-executive employees.

### Governance of Our Executive Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee (herein referred to as the "Committee") has overall responsibility for the evaluation, approval and oversight of our compensation plans, policies and programs and the total direct compensation of our executive officers. The Committee has sole responsibility for determining our CEO's compensation and for reviewing it with our Board. Our CEO provides recommendations to the Committee on compensation matters for our other executive officers. From time to time, the Committee seeks input from an independent consultant who advises the Committee regarding executive compensation matters.

During 2016, Farient Advisors, LLC ("Farient") was engaged by the Committee to advise it on executive compensation matters. All of the services that Farient performs for Nautilus are performed at the request of the Committee, are related to executive and/or director compensation, and are in support of decision making by the Committee.

The Committee considered Farient's independence in light of SEC rules and New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Committee reviewed a questionnaire completed by Farient addressing factors pertaining to the independence of Farient and the senior advisor involved in the engagement, including the following factors: (1) other services provided to us by Farient; (2) fees paid by us as a percentage of Farient's total revenue; (3) policies or procedures maintained by Farient that are designed to prevent a conflict of interest; (4) any business or personal relationships between the senior advisor and a member of the Committee; (5) any company stock owned by Farient or the senior advisor; and (6) any business or personal relationships between our executive officers and Farient or the senior advisor. The Committee discussed these considerations and concluded that the work performed by Farient and Farient's senior advisor involved in the engagement did not raise any conflict of interest. Farient reports directly to the Committee and supports the Committee by:

providing information on executive and/or director compensation best practices and current trends; reviewing compensation guiding principles and recommending assessment methodologies; conducting detailed executive and/or director compensation assessments and providing preliminary recommendations for executive and director compensation adjustments; and providing conceptual guidance and design advice on short-term and long-term incentive programs.

### Compensation Philosophy

Our executive compensation program is designed with two primary objectives in mind:

attracting, retaining and motivating executives critical to our financial stability and future success; and rewarding executives for meeting ambitious financial, operational and individual performance goals and taking effective actions which are expected to increase shareholder value over time.

Consistent with these objectives, we offer our executive officers a mix of base salary, short-term incentive cash compensation, long-term equity-based incentives, health and welfare benefits and employment contracts. While we do not target a specific percentage allocation for base salary, short-term incentive compensation or long-term incentives (as a percent of total compensation), we operate under the general philosophy of targeting a total compensation opportunity that is competitive within our market for executive talent. Relative to our peer group, we believe that we generally target a greater percentage of the executives' total compensation opportunity as variable compensation. We do not believe the elements of our compensation program are structured so as to encourage excessive risk taking by any of our executives, but are part of an overall compensation and management philosophy designed to increase shareholder value over time.

Peer group data is used to compare our compensation program for executive officers with that of executives in comparable roles at peer group companies. A comprehensive compensation review was conducted in 2016 by Farient Advisors for the purpose of determining a Total Compensation review.

Based upon the selection criteria, which targeted high-end consumer products companies with annual revenues similar to Nautilus, the following companies were chosen for our peer group:

Artic Cat Inc. (ACAT)

Bassett Furniture Industry, Inc. (BSET)

Callaway Golf Co. (ELY)

Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. (ETH)

Flexsteel Industries, Inc. (FLXS)

Hooker Furniture Corp. (HOFT)

Lifetime Brands, Inc. (LCUT)

Movado Group, Inc. (MOV)

Skullcandy Inc. (SKUL)

Summer Infant, Inc. (SUMR)

Tumi Holdings, Inc. (TUMI)

Vince Holding Corp. (VNCE)

iRobot Corp. (IRBT) ZAGG Inc. (Zagg)

Johnson Outdoors Inc. (JOUT)

Peer group data for the aforementioned companies is supplemented by data from published relevant compensation surveys, providing additional market-based analytical data for corporate executive pay at companies similar in industry, annual revenues or other relevant metrics.

The Committee has not established a desired competitive position for target total cash compensation by any specific percentile range of our peer group. Individual levels of compensation are affected by the executive's experience, performance and potential, as assessed by the Committee with input from the CEO. The Committee has considered the results of the advisory vote on executive compensation conducted during the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Company's shareholders, which indicated support for the Committee's current executive compensation policies.

#### **Base Salaries**

Base salaries of our executive officers are intended to attract and retain executives (as part of the total compensation package) by providing a competitive base level of compensation. Base salaries are typically considered by the Committee on an annual basis, as well as in connection with the hiring of a new executive, a promotion or other changes in an incumbent executive's job responsibilities. Base salaries of executive officers are determined by evaluating the responsibilities of the position, the experience and performance of the individual, and by reference to the competitive marketplace median for corporate executives in comparable positions (similarity in scope, duties and responsibilities). A base salary benchmark compensation analysis was conducted in 2016. Farient Advisors submitted an analysis and proposal for routine base salary increases that were subsequently reviewed and approved by the Committee. Base salary increases were effective February 2, 2016 for the NEOs employed by Nautilus as of such date as outlined below:

	Previous Base Salary	Percent Increase	New Base Salary
Bruce M. Cazenave	\$430,000	4.7%	\$450,000
Sidharth Nayar	\$260,000	5.8%	\$275,000
William B. McMahon	\$280,000	7.1%	\$300,000
Wayne M. Bolio	\$250,000	2.0%	\$255,000
Robert O. Murdock	\$225,000	11.1%	\$250,000
Dennis H. Lee	N/A	N/A	N/A

### **Short-Term Incentive Program**

Our short-term incentive program for 2016 remained similar to the plan implemented in 2012. The program focuses on achievement of certain annual company financial goals including operating income and net revenue growth (Corporate Financial Factor), as well as company-level key strategic initiatives (Key Initiative Factor) and individual performance goals that were established for the performance period. Under the short-term incentive program, individual plan participants are eligible to receive incentive compensation in the form of cash bonuses based on a target percentage of their annual base salary. Individual bonus target amounts under the short-term incentive program

remained unchanged in 2016, with the exception of an adjustment to Mr. Nayar's target, which was increased from 50% to 60%.

The calculation for determining an individual executive's incentive amount earned under the short-term incentive program is a product of: 1) the executive's base salary; 2) the executive's target bonus percentage; 3) the achievement against the Corporate Financial Factor; 4) the achievement against the Key Initiative Factor; and 5) the achievement against the executive's personal performance goals. We must achieve a minimum of 90% of our operating income or 85% of our net revenue growth goal for any payout to be available. For 2016, the combined maximum payout allowed under the plan was 150% of target.

#### **Individual Bonus Targets**

Individual bonus targets established under our short-term incentive program for 2016 for our NEOs ranged from 50% to 100% of annual eligible wages, consisting of base salaries, as follows:

Individual

**Bonus Target** 

(% of eligible wages)

Bruce M. Cazenave 100%
Sidharth Nayar 60%
William B. McMahon 75%
Wayne M. Bolio 50%
Robert O. Murdock 50%
Dennis H. Lee(1) N/A

(1) Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016 and, therefore, was not eligible to participate in the 2016 short-term incentive program.

#### Corporate Financial Factor

The Corporate Financial Factor is calculated on a calendar year basis. Each company financial goal is assigned a weighting. The 2016 performance criteria and specific weightings were as follows:

Corporate Financial Criteria Weighting

Continuing Operations Operating Income Percentage Combined Corporate Financial Factor 30% 100%

Achievement against the combined corporate financial factor could range from 0% to 125%. However, a threshold of 90% achievement of target operating income must be met in order to earn a minimum payout of 30%. Alternatively, a

threshold of 85% achievement of target net revenue growth percentage must be met in order to earn a payout of 50%.

#### **Key Strategic Initiatives Factor**

In addition to the corporate financial factor, we establish performance objectives to incentivize and measure successful execution of our strategic initiatives. These included, for example, goals related to new product development and introduction, market penetration, return on invested capital, integration of acquired operations and cost savings/optimization. Achievement against the objectives could range from 50% to 125%.

#### **Individual Performance Factor**

In addition to the corporate financial factor and key strategic initiatives factor, individual performance objectives were established for each executive officer in the form of formal written goals. Performance was measured against individual goals related to, for example, revenue targets, cost optimization, market research, new business development, organizational excellence, return on invested capital and product development milestones. Achievement against the individual performance factor could range from 0% to 125%.

#### 2016 Short-Term Incentive Program Payments

For 2016 performance, our NEOs earned awards pursuant to the short-term incentive program based on achieving the following company and individual performance metrics:

Corporate Financial Achievement

Continuing Operations Operating Income Net Revenue Growth Combined Corporate Financial Factor 50% —% 35%

Key Strategic Initiatives Achievement

Combined Key Strategic Initiatives Factor

101%

**Individual Performance** 

Goals Achievement

Bruce M. Cazenave 90% Sidharth Nayar 100% William B. McMahon 98% Wayne M. Bolio 105% Robert O. Murdock 90%

Based on the level of goals achieved, the NEOs earned the following short-term incentive compensation related to 2016:

Incentive Amounts Earned

Bruce M. Cazenave \$142,311 Sidharth Nayar 57,899 William B. McMahon 77,247 Wayne M. Bolio 47,200 Robert O. Murdock 39,233

### **Long-Term Incentive Program**

Long-term incentives are intended to focus executive behavior on making decisions that meaningfully contribute to our long-term success as reflected in our stock price. Under our long-term incentive plan, the Committee may grant equity awards in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance units or stock units to executive officers and other employees. Stock options have exercise prices equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant as defined by the plan. In granting these awards, the Committee may establish vesting conditions or other restrictions it deems appropriate.

### New Hire Equity Grants

Our executive officers generally are provided an equity grant upon commencement of their employment. The Committee reviews the equity position of executive officers on a periodic basis. Additionally, an executive officer's overall equity position is reviewed at the time of promotion and an additional grant may be considered at that time. There were no new hire equity grants awarded to our NEOs in 2016.

### **Equity Incentives**

In February 2016, Farient conducted a benchmark equity compensation analysis to assist the Committee in determining equity grants. The Committee approved a grant of equity compensation, which included a mix of restricted stock unit awards ("RSUs") and performance stock unit awards ("PSUs"), both issued under our long-term incentive plan. The RSUs vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to the grantee's continuous employment with the Company through such date. The PSUs vest based on achievement of goals established for operating income and return on invested capital metric over a three-year performance period. The actual number of shares issued under a PSU award is based on the level at which the financial goals are achieved and can range from a 60% minimum threshold to a maximum of 150%.

Equity awards granted to our NEOs in 2016 were as follows:

	Restricted	Performanc
	Stock	Stock
	Units (1)	Units (2)
Bruce M. Cazenave	13,242	13,242
Sidharth Nayar	5,056	5,056
William B. McMahon	6,982	6,982
Wayne M. Bolio	4,789	4,789
Robert O. Murdock <sup>(3)</sup>	9,013	4,013
Dennis H. Lee		(4)

- (1) RSUs vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) PSUs are subject to vesting based on achievement of specific financial targets for the three-year vesting term of the award. The actual number of PSUs vested can range from 0% to 150%, depending on the attainment of specific company performance goals.
- (3) On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective as of April 15, 2017 and result in the forfeiture of the identified equity awards.
- <sup>(4)</sup> Value-based stock units granted to Mr. Lee entitled him to receive shares of Nautilus common stock on the third anniversary of the award's vesting commencement date. Vesting was based on achievement of certain goals established for operating income and operating margin over a three-year performance period. The number of shares to vest following conclusion of the performance period would have been determined based on the achievement levels of such goals. Further, the number of shares that would have been issuable on the vesting date would have been determined by dividing \$990,000 by the closing price of our common stock as of the determination date. Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016, which resulted in his forfeiture of all stock unit awards.

#### Early 2017 Compensation Decisions

The Committee met in early 2017 to approve revisions to the short-term incentive plan, make routine adjustments to base salaries, and grant equity compensation awards to our NEOs.

The short-term incentive plan in place for 2017 remains within the same general structure as in 2016 with the program for 2017 focusing on achievement of certain annual company financial goals, including operating income and net revenue growth percentage (Corporate Financial Factor), as well as company-level key strategic initiatives (Key Initiative Factor) and individual performance goals that have been established for the performance period. We must achieve a minimum of 95% of our targeted operating income or 43% of our targeted net revenue growth percentage goal for any payout to be earned with a maximum combined payout of 150% of target if the goal is exceeded.

The Committee confirmed the following incentive targets for 2017, which are unchanged from the 2016 targets:

Individual Bonus Target

(% of eligible wages)

Bruce M. Cazenave 100% Sidharth Nayar 60% William B. McMahon 75% Wayne M. Bolio 50% Robert O. Murdock<sup>(1)</sup> 50%

(1) On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective April 15, 2017. Additionally, the Committee approved equity compensation awards to all NEOs employed by Nautilus on the date of the Committee's action. The awards consist of RSUs and PSUs, both granted under our 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The RSUs vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to the grantee's continuous employment

with the Company through such date. The PSUs vest based on achievement of goals established for growth in operating income as a percentage of net revenue and return on invested capital over a three-year performance period. The number of shares vested under the performance unit awards following conclusion of the performance period will be determined based on the level at which the goals are achieved. The number of shares vesting under the performance unit awards can range from 60% of the shares subject to the award, if minimum thresholds are achieved, to a maximum of 150%.

#### Perquisites and Other Benefits

Our executive officers are eligible to participate in our medical, dental, vision, flexible spending, 401(k), life, disability, Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and wellness programs on substantially the same terms as eligible non-executive employees, subject to legal limits on the amounts that may be contributed or paid to executive officers under these plans. No significant perquisites are provided to our executive officers.

#### **Post-Employment Obligations**

We believe that modest post-employment benefits are an important factor in maintaining the stability of our executive management team. We have separate severance arrangements with each of our currently-employed NEOs under their respective employment agreements. These documents outline the terms and conditions of the post-employment benefits. The agreements provide that, in the event of an involuntary termination of employment for reasons other than cause, Nautilus will pay severance of twelve months (Mr. Cazenave), six months (Messrs. Bolio, McMahon and Nayar), or four months (Mr. Murdock) of the employee's base salary. In general, the definition of "cause" includes: indictment or conviction of the employee for a crime that, in our judgment, makes the employee unfit or unable to perform his or her duties, or adversely affects our reputation; employee dishonesty related to his or her employment; violation of key company policies; insubordination; serious conflicts of interest or self-dealing; intentional or grossly negligent conduct by the employee that is significantly injurious to us; certain serious performance failures by the employee; and, death or disability of the employee. In addition, if the employee leaves for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the applicable employment agreement), we may be obligated to pay separation benefits to the employee.

The agreements with our executives also provide for continuation, during the severance period, of health benefits under COBRA for the employee and covered dependents, at active employee premium rates. Refer to the table entitled "Other Potential Post-Employment Payments" and related notes for information regarding severance and post-employment benefits that may be payable to our NEOs upon their termination.

Severance payments are made in accordance with our normal payroll cycle over the severance period. With the exception of Mr. Cazenave, severance payments for our NEOs will cease in the event the employee obtains subsequent employment, within the salary continuation period, at a salary equal to the employee's salary at the time of termination. Severance payments will be reduced in the event the NEO, with the exception of Mr. Cazenave, obtains subsequent employment, within the salary continuation period, at a salary less than the employee's salary at the time of termination. Distributions are subject to certain restrictions imposed by Internal Revenue Code Section 409A.

Mr. Lee's employment agreement included provisions for the payment of severance and accelerated vesting of equity awards in connection with the termination of his employment under certain circumstances. Mr. Lee was not entitled to receive severance payments or award acceleration in connection with his resignation on December 9, 2016.

## Tax and Accounting Considerations

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the amount we can deduct for compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer and the three other most highly-compensated executive officers (excluding the Chief Financial Officer) in any year to \$1 million.

The Committee generally reviews and considers the deductibility of executive compensation under Section 162(m) when determining the compensation of executive officers. However, the Committee also believes that it is important to preserve flexibility in administering compensation programs in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals. Accordingly, we have not adopted a policy that all compensation must qualify as deductible under Section 162(m). Base salary is not performance-based under Section 162(m), and our short-term incentive awards do

not meet the performance-based compensation requirements of Section 162(m) because these awards are not granted under a shareholder-approved plan. Under our prior long-term incentive plan, PSUs do not meet the requirements of Section 162(m) because the applicable performance criteria have not been specifically approved by the shareholders. Compensation paid under the 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, however, is generally designed in a manner intended to satisfy the requirements under Section 162(m) for qualified performance-based compensation. In 2016, a portion of the compensation paid to Mr. Cazenave was not deductible.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table summarizes the compensation earned by, awarded to or paid to our NEOs for each of the three years ended December 31, 2016:

	Year S	Salary	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards	Non-Equity Ancentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
Bruce M. Cazenave <sup>(4)</sup>	2016 \$	\$447,308	\$494,986	\$ -	\$ 142,311	\$ 9,275	\$1,093,880
Chief Executive Officer	2015 4	430,000	430,001		569,750	9,275	1,439,026
	2014 4	419,423	213,958	225,847	7555,736	9,540	1,424,504
Sidharth Nayar <sup>(5)</sup>	2016 2	272,981	188,993		57,899	9,275	529,148
Chief Financial Officer	2015 2	260,000	155,989		168,805	9,275	594,069
	2014 2	225,000	223,750		141,609	125,381	715,740
William B. McMahon	2016 2	297,308	260,987		77,247	6,927	642,469
Chief Operating Officer	2015 2	280,000	223,999		264,337	5,600	773,936
	2014 2	274,231	111,455	117,650	0253,441	6,192	762,969
Wayne M. Bolio	2016 2	254,327	179,013		47,200	9,275	489,815
Senior Vice President, Law and	2015 2	250,000	150,002		134,570	8,077	542,649
Human Resources, General Counsel	2014 2	235,325	99,520	105,047	7152,784	6,952	599,628
Robert O. Murdock <sup>(6)</sup>	2016 2	246,635	242,606		39,233	12,858	541,332
Senior Vice President, Innovation	2015 2	225,000	112,493		168,750	9,275	515,518
	2014 2	222,115	67,174	70,906	166,587	9,100	535,882
Dennis H. Lee <sup>(7)</sup>	2016 2	245,192	990,007			14,513	1,249,712

Former Vice President, General

Manager, Commercial and Specialty

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts reported in these columns reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock option, RSU and PSU awards granted under our 2015 and prior long-term incentive plans. For further information regarding our stock-based compensation, see Notes 1 and 16 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in 2016 consists of amounts earned under our short-term incentive plan for the year ended December 31, 2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> The amounts reported in this column reflect employer paid 401(k) match and/or taxable fringe benefits. Additionally, Mr. Nayar's 2014 amount includes a new hire bonus.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Cazenave served as Acting Chief Financial Officer until Mr. Nayar's appointment in February 2014.

<sup>(5)</sup> Mr. Nayar joined Nautilus in February 2014.

<sup>(6)</sup> On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective on April 15, 2017.

<sup>(7)</sup> Mr. Lee joined Nautilus in January 2016 and resigned effective as of December 9, 2016. Therefore, he did not earn any amounts pursuant to our short-term incentive program during 2016.

#### Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth certain information regarding grants of plan-based awards to our NEOs during 2016.

C		Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>		Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			Grant Date Fair Value	
	Grant Date	Thresho (\$)	Darget (\$)	Maximum (\$)	(#	oTarget (# ) Shares)	Maximum (# Shares)	of Stock and
Bruce M. Cazenave		\$1,789	\$447,308	\$670,961	_		_	\$ —
	2/9/2016			_	21,187	26,484	33,105	494,986
Sidharth Nayar		655	163,788	245,683		_	_	_
	2/9/2016			_	8,090	10,112	12,640	188,993
William B. McMahon		892	222,981	334,471		_	_	_
	2/9/2016	_		_	11,171	13,964	17,455	260,987
Wayne M. Bolio		509	127,163	190,745		_	_	_
	2/9/2016			_	7,662	9,578	11,973	179,013
Robert O. Murdock <sup>(4)</sup>		493	123,317	184,976		_	_	_
	2/9/2016	_	_	_	6,421	8,026	10,033	150,006
	7/26/2016	_	_	_	_	5,000	_	92,600
Dennis H. Lee <sup>(5)</sup>		_	_	_		_	_	_
	1/1/2016	_						990,007

- (1) Amounts reflect potential payments to our NEOs under our short-term incentive program for the year ended December 31, 2016. For amounts actually earned by our NEOs in 2016, see "Summary Compensation Table" located herein. Participation in the program is limited to those executives who are employed by us at the time the incentive payments are made. The threshold is calculated assuming the company financial factor and the key strategic initiatives are achieved at the minimum level, and the employee achieving an estimated lowest payout level at 5% for individual contribution. The target payout is calculated assuming company financial factor and the key strategic initiatives are achieved at 100%, and the employee obtaining 100% of the target payout level for individual contribution. The maximum payout is calculated assuming company financial factor and key strategic initiatives are achieved at the maximum level, and the employee achieving the highest payout level for individual contribution while taking into consideration the overall plan maximum of 150% payout. For further information regarding our short-term incentive program, see "Short-Term Incentive Program" located herein.
- (2) Amounts reflect potential stock to be earned pursuant to RSU and PSU awards. The RSUs vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to grantee's continuous employment through such date. The PSUs vest based on achievement of goals established for operating income and return on invested capital metric for a three-year performance period. The number of shares vesting under the PSU awards following conclusion of the performance period will be determined based on the level at which the financial goals are achieved. The number of shares vesting can range from 60% of the PSU awards if minimum thresholds are achieved to a maximum of 150%. See Notes 1 and 16 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 for additional information.
- (3) See Notes 1 and 16 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 for detailed information regarding determining the fair value of stock-based awards and other relevant information.
- <sup>(4)</sup> On March 20, 2017, Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation, which will become effective on April 15, 2017 and result in the forfeiture of the identified equity incentive plan awards.

(5) Value-based stock units granted to Mr. Lee entitled him to receive shares of Nautilus common stock on the third anniversary of the award's vesting commencement date. Vesting was based on achievement of certain goals established for operating income and operating margin over a three-year performance period. The number of shares to vest following conclusion of the performance period would have been determined based on the achievement levels of such goals. Further, the number of shares that would have been issuable on the vesting date would have been determined by dividing \$990,000 by the closing price of our common stock as of the determination date. Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016, which resulted in his forfeiture of all stock unit awards.

# Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following tables set forth certain information regarding outstanding stock-based awards held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2016.

Option Awards					Stock Awards				
	Grant Date	Number of Securities Under-lying Unexer-cise Options (#) Exercis-able	Unexer-cised	Price	Option e Expir-ation Date <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)(3)	of Shares or Units of Stock That Have	Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have	Market or Payout Value
Bruce M. Cazenave	5/30/2011 (2)	50,000	_	\$ 2.53	5/30/2018	_	\$ -		\$ —
Sidharth Nayar	2/16/2012 (2) 5/2/2013 (2) 2/12/2014 (2) 4/28/2015 2/9/2016 2/28/2014 (5) 4/28/2015 2/9/2016	57,000 18,000 28,922 — — — —		2.85 6.62 8.22 — — —	2/16/2019 5/2/2020 2/12/2021 — — —		244,97	,	
William B. McMahon	5/2/2013 (2)	6,000	_	6.62	5/2/2020	_		_	
	2/12/2014 <sup>(2)</sup> 4/28/2015 2/9/2016		7,533 — —	8.22 — —	2/12/2021 — —	 6,360 6,982	— 117,66 129,16		250,842 117,660 129,167
Wayne M. Bolio	5/2/2013 (2) 2/12/2014 (2) 4/28/2015 2/9/2016	1,199 13,452 —	6,726 —	6.62 8.22 —	5/2/2020 2/12/2021 —	 4,259 4,789		-	— 223,980 78,792 88,597
Robert O. Murdock	2/12/2014 (2)	_	4,540	8.22	2/12/2021	_	_	8,172	151,182
	4/28/2015 2/9/2016 7/26/2016		_ _ _	_ _ _		3,194 4,013 5,000	59,089 74,241 92,500	4,013	59,089 74,241 —

- (1) Options granted under our 2015 and prior plans generally expire seven years from the date of grant.
- (2) Option awards vest in three equal annual installments, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) RSU awards vest in full as of the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) PSU awards will be earned and vest if the applicable performance goal(s) have been achieved at the end of the three-year performance period. The three-year performance goals for the February 12, 2014 awards were achieved at the 150% level and, accordingly, such awards were earned and vested on February 27, 2017 (vesting was contingent on certification of achievement of the performance criteria by our Compensation Committee and the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016) as follows: Mr. Cazenave - 39,043 shares; Mr. Nayar - 22,500 shares; Mr. McMahon - 20,338 shares; Mr. Bolio - 18,160 shares; and Mr. Murdock - 12,258 shares. (5) Represents a stock unit award issued to Mr. Navar upon his hire. The award has a total value of \$100,000 and vests in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date. The number of shares issuable on each vesting date is determined by dividing \$33,333 by the average daily closing price of our common stock during the one year vesting period preceding the vesting date. On February 28, 2015, the first anniversary of the grant date, one-third (\$33,333) of this award vested, resulting in the vesting of 2,790 shares based on an average daily market price of \$11.95 per share. On February 28, 2016, the second anniversary of the grant date, one-third (\$33,333) of this award vested, resulting in the vesting of 1,824 shares based on an average daily market price of \$18.28 per share. The remaining value of \$33,334 equates to an estimated 1,801 shares based on the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2016 of \$18.50 per share, for a total estimated 1,801 unvested shares as of December 31, 2016. (6) Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016, resulting in the forfeiture of his stock unit awards.

## Options Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information about options exercised and stock awards vested for the NEOs during 2016.

	Option Awards		Stock Awards		
	Number		Numbe	r	
	of	Value	of	Value	
	Shares	Realized	Shares	Realized	
	Acquire <b>d</b> n		Acquiredn		
	on	Exercise	on	Vesting (1)	
	Exercis	se	Vesting	7	
Bruce M. Cazenave		\$ -	_17,250	\$311,708	
Sidharth Nayar			1,824	32,504	
William B. McMahon			6,675	120,617	
Wayne M. Bolio			3,600	65,052	
Robert O. Murdock	7,414	100,879	2,775	50,144	
Dennis H. Lee <sup>(2)</sup>					

<sup>(1)</sup> The market value realized was determined based on the NYSE closing price of our common stock on the vesting date.

#### POTENTIAL POST-EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS

Each of our NEOs is employed "at-will," meaning employment may be terminated by either party with or without cause. Upon termination of employment by us without "cause" or if the NEO leaves for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the NEO's employment agreement), we may be obligated to pay separation benefits. For a description of such benefits, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Post-Employment Obligations" above. The following table sets forth information regarding amounts that would have been payable to our NEOs had their employment been terminated without cause effective December 31, 2016:

Salary Benefits or

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016, resulting in the forfeiture of his stock unit awards.

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Continuation Perquisites<sup>(2)</sup>

or

Severance<sup>(1)</sup>

	Be ( crance	
Bruce M. Cazenave <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 450,000	\$ 12,479
Sidharth Nayar	137,500	220
William B. McMahon	150,000	2,442
Wayne M. Bolio	127,500	4,413
Robert O. Murdock <sup>(4)</sup>	83,333	1,628
Dennis H. Lee <sup>(5)</sup>		

- (1) Amounts that may be paid under the applicable employment agreement, assuming termination occurred on December 31, 2016.
- (2) Per their individual employment agreements, all NEOs are entitled to continued health benefits for themselves and their covered dependents, at active-employee premium rates, during the period in which they are entitled to severance payments.
- (3) Mr. Cazenave is also entitled to a pro-rated bonus payment for the portion of the fiscal year completed prior to the termination.
- (4) Mr. Murdock voluntarily resigned on March 20, 2017. His resignation will become effective on April 15, 2017.
- (5) Mr. Lee resigned effective as of December 9, 2016 and did not receive any post-employment payments in relation to his resignation.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2:

## ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

We are asking shareholders to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, a resolution approving our executive compensation as reported in this Proxy Statement.

We urge shareholders to read the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement, which describes how our executive compensation program is designed and operates, as well as the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables, which provide additional information on the compensation of our named executive officers. The Board and the Compensation Committee believe that our executive compensation program has supported and contributed to our recent and long-term success and the creation of long-term shareholder value; and that these programs are effective in helping us attract and retain the high caliber of executive talent necessary to drive our business forward and build sustainable value for our shareholders.

In accordance with regulations issued under Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), we are asking shareholders to approve the following non-binding, advisory resolution at the Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to Nautilus' Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, compensation tables and narrative discussion of the Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, is hereby APPROVED.

While this advisory resolution, commonly referred to as a "say on pay" resolution, is non-binding, the Compensation Committee will carefully review and consider the voting results when making future decisions regarding our executive compensation program.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RESOLUTION APPROVING NAUTILUS' NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMPENSATION.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS \*

Each current member of the Audit Committee meets the independence, financial literacy and experience requirements contained in the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") relating to audit committees. In addition, our Board has determined that Messrs. Badie, Horn and Siegert each qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" under the regulations of the SEC. Although all members of our Audit Committee meet the current NYSE regulatory requirements for accounting or related financial management expertise, and the Board has determined that Messrs. Badie, Horn and Siegert each qualify as an "audit committee financial expert," members of our Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not technical experts in auditing or accounting.

The Audit Committee oversees Nautilus' financial reporting process on behalf of the Board and operates under a written charter, approved by the Audit Committee and ratified by the Board. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 with management, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

Management has the primary responsibility for the preparation, presentation and integrity of Nautilus' financial statements and the reporting process, including internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. Management is responsible for maintaining and evaluating appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and internal controls and procedures designed to ensure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations.

The Audit Committee reviewed with the independent registered public accounting firm, which is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of Nautilus' audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of Nautilus' accounting principles. The Audit Committee also has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountant required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent accountant the independent accountant's independence from Nautilus and its management, and has considered whether the independent registered public accounting firm's provision of any non-audit services to Nautilus is compatible with maintaining such firm's independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with Nautilus' independent registered public accounting firm the overall scope and plans for their audit. In addition, the Audit Committee met with the independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examination, their evaluation of the Nautilus' internal control over financial reporting, and the overall quality of Nautilus' financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2016.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board, and the Board approved, that the audited financial statements and management's report on internal control over financial reporting be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Audit Committee has determined that provision by Deloitte & Touche LLP of other non-audit services is compatible with maintaining Deloitte & Touche LLP's independence for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Audit Committee and the Board have also recommended, subject to shareholder ratification, the selection of KPMG LLP as Nautilus' independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin G. Siegert, Chairman Ronald P. Badie Richard A. Horn Anne G. Saunders

<sup>\*</sup> The information contained in the Report of the Audit Committee shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or be incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating this proxy statement into any filings under either the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act (together the "Acts"), except to the extent Nautilus specifically incorporates such report by reference, and further, such Report shall not otherwise be deemed filed under the Acts.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 3:

# RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2017

The Audit Committee has appointed KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit our consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017. Although we are not required to seek shareholder approval of this appointment, the Board has determined it to be sound corporate governance to do so. If the appointment is not ratified by shareholders, the Audit Committee will investigate the possible bases for the negative vote and will reconsider the appointment in light of the results of its investigation.

KPMG has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since March 6, 2017. A representative of KPMG is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. The representative will be given the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of KPMG if the representative so desires, and the representative will be available to respond to appropriate shareholder questions.

We understand the need for KPMG to maintain objectivity and independence in its audit of our financial statements. To minimize relationships that could appear to impair the objectivity of KPMG, our Audit Committee has restricted the non-audit services that KPMG may provide. These determinations are among the key practices adopted by the Audit Committee in its "Policies and Procedures for the Approval of Audit and Non-audit Services Provided by the Independent Auditor." Under these policies, with Audit Committee pre-approval, we may use KPMG for the following categories of non-audit services: merger and acquisition due diligence and audit services; tax services; internal control reviews; employee benefit plan audits; and reviews and procedures that we engage KPMG to undertake to provide assurances on matters not required by laws or regulations.

We employed Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") as our independent registered public accounting firm until March 6, 2017. The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by Deloitte & Touche for the audit of our annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and fees billed for other services rendered by Deloitte & Touche during those periods.

Type of Fees 2016 2015 Audit Fees<sup>(1)</sup> \$1,070,405 \$681,494 Audit-Related Fees<sup>(2)</sup> 80,000 279,892 Tax Fees<sup>(3)</sup> 45,914 75,709 All Other Fees<sup>(4)</sup> 55,909 25,000 Total \$1,252,228 \$1,062,095

- (1) Fees for the audit of our consolidated financial statements included in Forms 10-K, review of our condensed consolidated financial statements included in Forms 10-Q and services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with our statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, including the audit of internal control over financial reporting required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (2) Fees for audit-related services consisting of due diligence and consulting rendered in connection with our acquisition of Octane Fitness in December 2015.
- (3) Fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning services rendered during the respective periods.
- (4) Fees billed for royalty inspections of licensees.

All of the services performed by Deloitte & Touche in 2016 and 2015 were pre-approved in accordance with the pre-approval policy and procedures adopted by the Audit Committee. This policy describes the permitted audit, audit-related, tax and other services that the independent auditors may perform. Generally, pre-approval is provided at regularly scheduled committee meetings; however, the authority to pre-approve services between meetings, as necessary, has been delegated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, subject to formal approval by the full Audit

Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Audit Committee believes that the foregoing expenditures are compatible with maintaining the independence of our independent registered public accounting firm.

#### Change in Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

As disclosed on our Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on March 10, 2017, the Audit Committee dismissed Deloitte & Touche, an independent registered public accounting firm, as the Company's independent auditors for the 2017 fiscal year, effective on March 6, 2017. The Audit Committee subsequently appointed KPMG, an independent registered public accounting firm, as the Company's independent auditors for the 2017 fiscal year, effective on March 6, 2017.

Deloitte & Touche's reports on the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. During the Company's fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and through March 6, 2017, there were no disagreements (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K) between Deloitte & Touche and the Company on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure which disagreements, if not resolved to Deloitte & Touche's satisfaction, would have caused Deloitte & Touche to make reference to the subject matter in their report on the Company's consolidated financial statements for such periods. Furthermore, no "reportable events" occurred within the periods covered by Deloitte & Touche's reports on the Company's consolidated financial statements, or subsequently up to the date of Deloitte & Touche's dismissal. As used herein, the term "reportable event" means any of the items listed in paragraphs (a)(1)(v)(A)-(D) of Item 304 of Regulation S-K.

The Company furnished a copy of the above disclosures to Deloitte & Touche and requested that Deloitte & Touche provide a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the statements made above. A copy of such letter is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2017.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and through March 6, 2017, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf consulted KPMG regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the consolidated financial statements of the Company; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement or a reportable event as described above; and there was neither a written report nor oral advice provided to the Company by KPMG that KPMG concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2017.

#### SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, as well as persons who own more than 10% of our outstanding common stock, to file with the SEC initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock. Based solely on a review of copies of such forms furnished to us and written representations from our executive officers, directors and 10% shareholders, we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements attributable to Nautilus were timely made with respect to the year ended December 31, 2016, with the exception of (i) the Form 4 for James B. Pope, Vice President, General Manager, Direct, disclosing an award of 10,000 restricted stock units granted on December 28, 2016, which was filed with the Commission on January 4, 2017, and (ii) the Form 4 for Robert O. Murdock, Senior Vice President, Innovation, disclosing an award of 5,000 restricted stock units granted on July 26, 2016, which was filed with the Commission on February 16, 2017.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS**

We have adopted the Nautilus, Inc. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code of Ethics"), which applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. You can view the Code of Ethics on our website at www.nautilusinc.com. A copy of the Code of Ethics will be provided in print without charge to all interested parties who submit a request in writing to Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683, Attn: Corporate Communications.

#### HOUSEHOLDING

In accordance with applicable regulations, we deliver a single Annual Report and Proxy Statement to certain persons who share an address, unless we have been notified that such persons prefer to receive individual copies of those documents. This practice is referred to as "householding." If you reside at an address that received only one copy of proxy materials as a result of householding, we will deliver additional copies upon oral or written request. If you wish to receive separate copies in the future, please contact us at Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683, or by phone at (360) 859-2900. If you and others living at your address received multiple copies of proxy materials and prefer to receive a single copy, you may request that a single copy be sent in the future by contacting us as described above.

### OTHER MATTERS

As of the date of this proxy statement, the Board is not aware of any other matters that may come before the Annual Meeting. The persons named in the enclosed proxy card intend to vote the proxy in accordance with their best judgment if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting.

We will provide, without charge, on the written request of any beneficial owner of shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Written requests should be mailed to Nautilus, Inc., 17750 S.E. 6th Way, Vancouver, Washington 98683, Attn: Company Secretary.

Please return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible. Unless a quorum consisting of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote is represented at the Annual Meeting, no business can be transacted. Therefore, please be sure to date and sign your proxy card exactly as your name appears on your stock certificate and return it in the enclosed postage prepaid return envelope. Please act promptly to ensure that you will be represented at this important meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Wayne M. Bolio WAYNE M. BOLIO Secretary

Vancouver, Washington March 24, 2017

# APPENDIX A

SAMPLE PROXY CARD