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**GREIF, INC.**  
**425 Winter Road**  
**Delaware, Ohio 43015**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

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To the Stockholders of Greif, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Greif, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at its principal executive offices, 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015, on February 27, 2018, at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect ten directors to serve for a one-year term;
2. To consider and vote upon a proposal to modify material terms of the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan and to reaffirm the material terms of such Plan; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any and all adjournments.

Only stockholders of record of the Class B Common Stock at the close of business on December 29, 2017, will be entitled to vote.

Whether or not you plan to attend this meeting, we hope that Class B stockholders will sign the enclosed proxy(s) and return them promptly in the enclosed envelope or vote by internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or by phone at +1 800 690 6903. If you are able to attend the meeting and wish to vote in person, at your request we will cancel your proxy.

/s/ Gary R. Martz

Gary R. Martz

January 12, 2018

*Secretary*

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**425 Winter Road**  
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**PROXY STATEMENT**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

To the Stockholders of Greif, Inc.:

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to all stockholders of Greif, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled to be held on February 27, 2018, at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Time, at the Company's principal executive offices, 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (the "Annual Meeting"). It is anticipated that this Proxy Statement and form of proxy will first be sent to the stockholders on or about January 12, 2018.

**PROXIES AND VOTING**

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to Class B stockholders of the Company, the only class of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, in connection with the solicitation by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") of proxies that will be used at the Annual Meeting. Class A stockholders are not entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, this Proxy Statement is being furnished to Class A stockholders for informational purposes only, and no proxy is being solicited from them.

At the Annual Meeting, the Class B stockholders will vote upon the election of ten directors to serve for a one-year term and a proposal to amend certain material terms of the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Long Term Incentive Plan") and to reaffirm the material terms of the Long Term Incentive Plan. The Class B stockholders will also vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any and all adjournments.

The ten nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as directors. Class B stockholders do not have the right to cumulate their votes in the election of directors.

The vote required to amend and reaffirm the Long Term Incentive Plan is the favorable vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Class B Common Stock voting on this proposal; provided that the total vote cast on the proposal represents over 50% in interest of all shares of Class B Common Stock entitled to vote on the proposal.

Shares of Class B Common Stock represented by properly executed proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the choices indicated on the proxy. Any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise by delivering to the Company a subsequently dated proxy or by giving notice of revocation to the Company in writing or in open meeting. A Class B stockholder's presence at the Annual Meeting does not by itself revoke the proxy.

Abstentions will be considered as shares of Class B Common Stock present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions will not be counted in the votes cast for the election of directors and will not have a positive or negative effect on the outcome of that election. Abstentions will be counted as votes cast regarding the proposal to amend the Long Term Incentive Plan and will have the same effect as a vote against such proposal.

If your Class B Common Stock is held in street name, you will need to instruct your broker regarding how to vote your Class B Common Stock. Pursuant to the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, your broker does not have discretion to vote your Class B Common Stock without your instructions with respect to certain matters. If you do not provide your broker with voting instructions, your shares of Class B Common stock **will not be considered present** at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum or for voting on such matters.

**This Proxy Statement, the form of proxy and the Company's Annual Report are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

The close of business on December 29, 2017, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Class B stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. On the record date, there were outstanding and entitled to vote 22,007,725 shares of Class B Common Stock. Each share of the Class B Common Stock is entitled to one vote in respect of the proposal or proposals to which such shares are entitled to vote.

## Proposal 1: Election of Directors

At the Annual Meeting, shares of the Class B Common Stock represented by the proxies, unless otherwise specified, will be voted to elect as directors for one-year terms Michael J. Gasser, Peter G. Watson, Vicki L. Avril, Bruce A. Edwards, Mark A. Emkes, John F. Finn, Daniel J. Gunsett, Judith D. Hook, John W. McNamara and Patrick J. Norton, the ten persons recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the "Nominating Committee"), all of whom are currently directors of the Company. All ten members were identified and proposed as candidates for service on the Board based on their record of service and individual contributions to the overall mission and responsibilities of the Board. Each of the nominees has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. In the event that any nominee named above is unable to serve (which is not anticipated), the persons named in the proxy may vote it for another nominee of their choice.

Proxies cannot be voted at the Annual Meeting for a number of persons greater than the number of nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

### Biographies of Director Nominees

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Set forth below is the following information regarding each person nominated for election as a director: his or her name; age as of February 27, 2018 (the date for the Annual Meeting); the year in which he or she first became a director; his or her principal occupation and business experience during at least the past five years; all positions he or she holds with the Company, if any; the names of other publicly held corporations for which he or she serves, or has served within the past five years, as a director; other pertinent qualifications; and the experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led to the Nominating Committee's conclusion that he or she should be nominated to serve as a director.



**MICHAEL J. GASSER, CHAIRMAN**

Age: 66

Director since 1991, Independent Director since November 2015

Mr. Gasser has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1994, including the period from November 2011 until November 2012 in which he served as Executive Chairman. Mr. Gasser served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from 1994 until October 2011. Mr. Gasser currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University and a member of its Audit and Finance Committees and as a director of the Battelle Memorial Institute and a member of its Compensation Committee. Previously, Mr. Gasser served as the lead director and a member of the finance and compensation committees for Bob Evans Farms, Inc. and as a trustee of the James Cancer Hospital Foundation. Mr. Gasser has extensive experience in the Company's manufacturing, management, accounting and financial operations, which uniquely qualifies him to serve as Chairman of the Board.



**PETER G. WATSON**

Age: 61

Director since December 2015

Mr. Watson has been President and Chief Executive Officer since November 2015. From January 2014 until October 2015, he served as Chief Operating Officer. From September 2012 until December 2013, Mr. Watson served as Vice President and Group President, Paper Packaging & Services, Global Sourcing and Supply Chain and Greif Business System. From May 2013 until May 2015, Mr. Watson also served as President of Soterra LLC, which operates the Company's Land Management business segment. From January 2010 to September 2012, he served as Vice President and Division President, Paper Packaging & Services. Prior to January 2010, Mr. Watson served many roles in the Company's Paper Packaging & Services segment including President of CorrChoice (a division of the Company). He has been employed by the Company since 1999. Mr. Watson's experience as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, as well as his extensive experience in the Company's Paper Packaging & Services and Land Management business segments, and his extensive knowledge of the Company's manufacturing and global sourcing and supply chain operations, gives him valuable insight in serving as a director of the Company.



VICKI L. AVRIL  
Age: 63  
Independent Director since 2004

From June 2008 until her retirement in September 2013, Ms. Avril served as Chief Executive Officer and President of IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., a manufacturer of steel and tubular products. She had been an executive officer of IPSCO Tubulars since 2004, including serving as its Chief Financial Officer. She is a director and member of the Audit, Compensation and Governance and Nominating Committees of Global Brass and Copper Holdings, Inc., a publicly traded (NYSE) value-added converter, fabricator, processor and distributor of specialized non-ferrous products in North America, a director and member of the Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees of Commercial Metals Company, a publicly traded (NYSE) recycler of steel and metal products, and a director and member of the Audit and Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility Committees of Finning International, Inc., a publicly traded (TSX) Caterpillar equipment dealer. In nominating Ms. Avril, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, her background, experience and judgment as a chief financial officer and chief executive officer of a major manufacturing company and her experience as a director of three other publicly traded companies.



BRUCE A. EDWARDS  
Age: 62  
Independent Director since 2006, Audit Committee Chair

From March 2008 until his retirement in October 2014, Mr. Edwards served on the Executive Management Board of Deutsche Post DHL, a global provider of mail and logistic services, with responsibility for running the supply chain operating unit of Deutsche Post DHL. From March 2007 until February 2008, Mr. Edwards was Global Chief Executive Officer for DHL Supply Chain, a supply chain services division of a subsidiary of Deutsche Post DHL. Prior to that time, and for more than five years, he was Chief Executive Officer of Exel Americas, a supply chain services subsidiary of Deutsche Post DHL. Previously, Mr. Edwards also served as a director and member of the Nomination and Compensation committees of Ashtead Group plc, a publicly traded (London) international equipment rental company, and a director and member of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination committees of Synergy Health plc, formerly a publicly traded (London) provider of outsourced sterilization services for medical device manufacturers and hospital prior to its acquisition by STERIS Corporation in 2014. In nominating Mr. Edwards, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as an executive officer of a global supply chain services company and as a director of two publicly traded companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.



MARK A. EMKES  
Age: 65  
Independent Director since 2008

From January 2011 until his retirement in May 2013, Mr. Emkes served as Commissioner of Finance and Administration for the State of Tennessee. Previously, Mr. Emkes was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bridgestone Americas, Inc. and Bridgestone Americas Holdings, Inc., a tire and rubber manufacturing company for more than five years prior to his retirement from that position in February 2010. He was also President of these companies from January 2009 until his retirement. Mr. Emkes serves as director and the Chairman of the Audit Committee of First Horizon National Corporation, a publicly traded (NYSE) bank holding company and the parent of First Tennessee Bank National Association. Mr. Emkes is a director of CoreCivic Corporation, formerly known as Corrections Corporation of America, a publicly traded (NYSE) provider of corrections management and residential re-entry services and real estate solutions to federal, state and local governments, where he is also presently serving as the Non-executive Chairman of the Board and a member of the Compensation and Nominating/Governance Committees. Mr. Emkes served as director and member of the Compensation and Director Affairs/Corporate Governance Committees of Clarcor, Inc., formerly a publicly traded (NYSE) manufacturer of industrial and environmental filtration products prior to its acquisition by Parker Hannifin Corporation in 2017. In nominating Mr. Emkes, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as a senior state government official, as the chairman, chief executive officer and president of a major manufacturing company and as a director of other publicly traded companies listed on the NYSE.



JOHN F. FINN  
Age: 70  
Independent Director since 2007

For more than five years, Mr. Finn has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gardner, Inc., a supply chain management company servicing industrial and consumer customers. Mr. Finn also serves as a trustee, member of the Equity Committee and Chairman of the Governance Committee of J.P. Morgan Funds, a registered investment company. From January 1994 until November 2014, Mr. Finn served as a director and, most recently, as the presiding director and Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committees of Cardinal Health, Inc., a publicly traded (NYSE) global, integrated healthcare services and products company. In nominating Mr. Finn, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as chief executive officer of a major distribution company and as a former presiding director of a Fortune 20 healthcare services company.



DANIEL J. GUNSETT  
Age: 69  
Independent Director since 1996, Compensation Committee Chair

For more than five years, Mr. Gunsett has been a partner with the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP and held the position of managing partner of the firm's Columbus, Ohio office until December 2012. In nominating Mr. Gunsett, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as the managing partner of an office of a major national law firm.



JUDITH D. HOOK  
Age: 64  
Independent Director since 2003, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair

Ms. Hook has been an investor for more than five years. Ms. Hook is the aunt of John W. McNamara. In nominating Ms. Hook, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, her unique knowledge and understanding of the Company's business based on her life-long affiliation.



JOHN W. MCNAMARA  
Age: 53  
Independent Director since 2009

For more than five years and until September, 2017, Mr. McNamara served as president and owner of Corporate Visions Limited, LLC, a provider of aviation management educational and training programs. Mr. McNamara is the nephew of Judith D. Hook. In nominating Mr. McNamara, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as owner and president of an aviation services company.



PATRICK J. NORTON  
Age: 67  
Independent Director since 2003

From May 2000 until his retirement in January 2003, Mr. Norton served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, a consumer lawn and garden products company. For more than five years prior to January 2010, Mr. Norton served as a director of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. In nominating Mr. Norton, the Nominating Committee considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, his background, experience and judgment as an executive officer and director of another publicly traded manufacturing company.

## Board Recommendation

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The Board of Directors recommends that the Class B Stockholders vote FOR the election of all nominees listed above to the Board of Directors.

## Proposal 2: Modifications of Material Terms of the Amended and Restated Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan and Reaffirmation of the Material Terms of such Plan

At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Class B stockholders will be requested to consider and act upon a proposal to amend three material terms of the Company's Amended and Restated Long Term Incentive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the "Long Term Incentive Plan" or "LTIP", and to reaffirm the material terms of the Long Term Incentive Plan as modified and described herein.

### Background

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The Board of Directors is asking the stockholders to approve the following modifications to the LTIP:

- Extension of the term of the LTIP by five years. Presently, the LTIP only includes performance periods ending on or before October 31, 2020. The amendment changes this date to October 31, 2025.
- Increase in the maximum amount of a final award and clarification as to its application. Presently, the maximum award that can be paid to any participant under the LTIP is \$6.0 million. The amendment increases this amount to \$12.0 million in order to permit the LTIP to continue to achieve its purposes, as described below, and clarifies that the change in share value of any Restricted Shares issued as part of an award from the initial share value determined at the commencement of the performance period shall not be considered for purposes of applying this cap. See "Purposes of the Long Term Incentive Plan".
- Change to the limitation on average base salary calculation for covered employees. The LTIP currently provides that the target incentive award for a participant is based on a percentage of that Participant's average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) during the performance period. For covered employees (named executive officers), the average base salary may not exceed 130% of the base salary of that covered employee on the first day of the performance period regardless of subsequent promotions, job changes and the like. This amendment would eliminate the 130% cap. This proposed change will generally enable employees who become covered employees through promotion during a performance period to more fully realize the benefits of the LTIP as a covered employee and permit the LTIP to continue to achieve its purposes, as described below. See "Purposes of the Long Term Incentive Plan".
- Clarification to the calculation of a final award in the event of a Participant's termination of employment due to death, disability or retirement. The LTIP prorates the Final Awards for Participant's whose employment is terminated due to death, disability and retirement to reflect participation prior to termination. This amendment will clarify the manner of calculation for each applicable Performance Period on a prorated basis.

The LTIP was designed to take into account certain limits on the ability of a public corporation to claim tax deductions for compensation paid to certain highly compensated executives. Section 162(m) of the Code generally denies a corporate tax deduction for annual compensation exceeding \$1.0 million paid to the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer and the three other most highly compensated officers of a public corporation ("covered employees"). However, "qualified performance based compensation" is exempt from this limitation. Qualified performance-based compensation is compensation paid based solely upon the achievement of objective performance goals, the material terms of which are approved by the stockholders of the paying corporation. The terms of an objective formula must preclude discretion to increase the amount of compensation payable to the specified employees that would otherwise be due upon attainment of the goal. When the amount of compensation to be paid upon attainment of the performance goal is based upon a percentage of base salary, the objective formula will not be considered discretionary under Section 162(m) of the Code if the maximum dollar amount to be paid is fixed at the time the performance goal is established. Under the tax reform legislation passed in December 2017, generally referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the "qualified performance-based compensation" exemption was eliminated. Accordingly, effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning November 1, 2018, compensation paid to covered employees under the LTIP will be subject to the limitations on deductibility under Section 162(m) of the Code.

## **Purposes of the Long Term Incentive Plan**

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The primary purposes of the LTIP are: to retain, motivate and attract top caliber executives; focus management on the key measures that drive superior performance; provide compensation opportunities that are externally competitive and internally consistent with the Company's total compensation strategies; and provide award opportunities that are comparable in both character and magnitude to those provided through stock-based plans; in each case, in a manner that is not subject to the deduction limitation rules under Section 162(m) of the Code as described above.

## **Description of the Long Term Incentive Plan**

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The following discussion describes important aspects of the LTIP. This discussion is intended to be a summary of the material provisions of the LTIP. Because it is a summary, some details that may be important to you are not included. For this reason, the entire proposed LTIP is attached as Exhibit A to this Proxy Statement. You are encouraged to read the LTIP as it is proposed to be amended and clarified in its entirety.

### ***Administration***

The LTIP is administered by the Special Subcommittee (see "Compensation Committee" for information on the Special Subcommittee). Among other matters, the Special Subcommittee has the authority to select employees to participate in the LTIP, to determine the size and types of award opportunities and final awards, and to determine the other terms and conditions of award opportunities under the LTIP (subject to the terms of the LTIP). The Special Subcommittee also has the authority to establish and amend rules and regulations relating to the LTIP and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of the LTIP. All decisions made by the Special Subcommittee pursuant to the LTIP are made at the Special Subcommittee's sole discretion and are final and binding.

### ***Eligibility***

Employees of the Company who are designated by the Special Subcommittee as "key employees" are eligible to participate and receive awards under the LTIP. In general, an employee may be designated as a key employee if he or she is responsible for, or contributes to, the management, growth and/or profitability of the business of the Company in a material way. Key employees who are chosen to participate in the LTIP for any given performance period are so notified in writing and are apprised of the performance criteria and related award opportunities determined for them for the relevant performance period. Performance periods are consecutive and overlapping three-year cycles.

### ***Establishment of Performance Goals/Criteria***

Prior to the beginning of each performance period, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Special Subcommittee selects and establishes performance goals for that performance period which, if met, will entitle participants to the payment of the incentive compensation award. The performance goals are currently based on targeted levels of increases in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization. The Special Subcommittee may establish a range of performance goals which correspond to, and will entitle participants to receive, various levels of award opportunities based on percentage multiples of the "target incentive award," which is the incentive compensation amount to be paid to participants when the performance criteria designated as the "100% award level" is met. The target incentive award for a participant is based on a percentage of that Participant's average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) during the performance period.

Prior to the modifications being presented in this Proposal, in the event that the average base salary of a covered employee during the performance period exceeds by more than 130% the base salary of that covered employee on the first day of the performance period, such covered employee's average base salary for purposes of calculating the participant's final award is capped at 130% of such covered employee's base salary on the first day of the performance period. In addition, in no event may a final award paid to any participant under the LTIP for any performance period exceed \$6.0 million. If this Proposal is approved, the overall award cap will be \$12.0 million, and with respect to participants who are covered employees, such participant's final award will no longer be capped at 130% of such covered employee's base salary on the first day of the performance period. For purposes of clarification, the change in share value of any Restricted Shares issued as part of an award from the initial share value determined at the commencement of the performance period shall not be considered for purposes of applying this cap.

In addition, each range of performance goals may include levels of performance above and below the 100% performance level, ranging from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 200% of the target incentive award. The Special Subcommittee may also establish minimum levels of performance goal achievement below which no awards are paid to any participant.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the LTIP to the contrary, the performance criteria applicable to any participant who is, or who is determined by the Special Subcommittee to be likely to become, a covered employee will be limited to growth, improvement or attainment of certain levels of return on capital, equity, or operating costs, economic value added, margins, total stockholder return on market value, operating profit or net income, cash flow, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, sales, throughput, or product volumes, or costs or expenses, or a combination of any of the foregoing. These performance criteria may be expressed either on an absolute basis or relative to other companies selected by the Special Subcommittee.

#### ***Establishment of Awards; Final Awards***

After the performance goals are established, the Special Subcommittee then aligns the achievement of the performance goals with the award opportunities, such that the level of achievement of the pre-established performance goals at the end of the performance period determines the “final awards” (i.e., the actual incentive compensation earned during the performance period by the participant). After establishing the performance criteria, the Special Subcommittee establishes the award opportunities for the participants which correspond to various levels of achievement of the pre-established performance criteria. The established award opportunities will vary in relation to the job classification of each participant. Once established, the performance criteria normally will not be changed during the performance period. However, if the Special Subcommittee determines that external or internal changes or other unanticipated business conditions materially affected the fairness of the goals or render the performance criteria unsuitable, then the Special Subcommittee may approve appropriate adjustments to the performance criteria (either up or down) during the performance period to participants other than covered employees. In addition, at the time the award subject to performance criteria is made and performance criteria are established, the Special Subcommittee is authorized to determine the manner in which the performance criteria will be calculated or measured to take into account certain factors over which participants have no or limited control. At the end of each performance period, the Special Subcommittee certifies the extent to which the performance criteria were met during the performance period and determine the final awards for the participants.

#### ***Payment of Final Awards***

A participant's final award will be paid in the form of cash, in one lump sum, and restricted shares, as determined by the Special Subcommittee no later than the time the relevant performance criteria and award opportunities are established. The Special Subcommittee determines whether an award of restricted shares will be Class A, Class B, or a combination of Class A and Class B shares. A participant's ability to transfer his or her restricted shares is subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Special Subcommittee. The number of restricted shares awarded to a participant will be based on the average closing prices of such shares during the 90-day period preceding the last trading day that precedes the day that the performance criteria for the applicable performance period are established.

#### ***Termination of Employment***

A participant whose employment terminates because of death, disability or retirement during the performance period for an award will receive a pro rata portion of the award. A participant whose employment terminates for any other reason before the end of the performance period for an award will not be entitled to any payment with respect to the award.

#### ***Amendment; Last Grant Date for Award Opportunities***

The LTIP may be amended, modified or terminated by the Special Subcommittee at any time, but no such amendment, modification or termination may materially reduce the right of a participant to a payment or distribution under the LTIP to which such participant has already become entitled, without the consent of such participant. In addition, any amendment which will make a change which may require stockholder approval under the rules of any exchange on which the Company's Common Stock is listed, or in order for awards granted under the LTIP to qualify for an exemption from Section 162(m) of the Code, will require stockholder approval. Prior to the modifications being voted on in connection with this Proposal, no effective award opportunities could be granted for any performance period ending after October 31, 2020. If the modification is approved, no effective award opportunities could be granted for any performance period ending after October 31, 2025.

### **Board Recommendation**

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**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR approval of the modification and reaffirmation of the Long Term Incentive Plan.**

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is currently composed of nine independent directors and one director, Mr. Watson, who as an employee of the Company is not independent under the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") listing rules.

## Board Committees and Meetings

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The Board's current standing committees are a Compensation Committee, an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the "Nominating Committee"). The Board has adopted written charters for these standing committees. Copies of the charters are available on the Company's website (<http://www.greif.com>). See "Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Documents."

The Compensation Committee is responsible, among other matters, for discharging the Board's responsibility relating to the compensation of executive officers and directors. This is accomplished by evaluating the compensation, fringe benefits and perquisites provided to the Company's executive officers and adopting compensation policies applicable to the Company's executive officers, including the specific relationship of corporate performance to executive compensation and the factors and criteria upon which the Company's Chief Executive Officer's and other executive officers' compensation should be based.

The Audit Committee is responsible, among other matters, for engaging and, when appropriate, replacing the Company's independent auditors, reviewing with such auditors the scope and results of their audit, reviewing the Company's accounting functions, operations and management, considering the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal accounting controls and internal auditing methods, policies and procedures of the Company and overseeing the Company's enterprise risk management program. The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Audit Committee member Bruce A. Edwards is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by applicable SEC regulations. No member of the Audit Committee may simultaneously serve on the audit committee of more than two other publicly traded companies.

The Nominating Committee is responsible, among other matters, for recommending to the Board a slate of director nominees for election at each annual meeting of the Company's stockholders and director nominees for election at any other stockholder meeting held for the election of one or more directors. The Board then acts on the Committee's recommendations and is responsible for (1) recommending to stockholders a slate of director nominees for election at each annual meeting of the Company's stockholders and director nominees for election at any other stockholder meeting held for the election of one or more directors and (2) nominating at such meetings those persons it has recommended as director nominees.

In addition to the standing Committees, the Board currently has a Stock Repurchase Committee which is responsible for administering the Company's stock repurchase program. The Board also has a special committee to provide strategic input on the Company's ongoing transformation initiatives (the "Transformation Committee").

The table below provides information regarding the current membership of each Board committee and the number of meetings held during fiscal 2017:

Director Name (1)	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance	Stock Repurchase	Transformation
Vicki L. Avril		X			X
Bruce A. Edwards	Chair				Chair
Mark A. Emkes		X			X
John F. Finn	X		X		
Michael J. Gasser	X		X	Chair	
Daniel J. Gunsett		Chair	X	X	
Judith D. Hook		X	Chair	X	
John W. McNamara	X				
Patrick J. Norton		X			X
Peter G. Watson					
Meetings in Fiscal 2017	5	6	4	0	0

There were 6 meetings of the Board of Directors during fiscal 2017. During fiscal 2017, all directors attended at least 75 percent of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and committees on which he or she served. Under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors are expected to attend the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. All of the director nominees attended the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

## Board Leadership Structure

The Board is the ultimate decision-making body of the Company, except for those matters reserved to or shared with the stockholders, with the Company's day-to-day business conducted and managed by the management of the Company under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board does not have a policy as to whether the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer should be separate or combined. From 1994 until November 2011, the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer were combined and held by Michael J. Gasser. Upon Mr. Gasser's retirement as Chief Executive Officer in November 2011, the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer were separated. Currently, our Board leadership structure is comprised of an independent Chairman of the Board who is a former executive officer (Mr. Gasser), eight additional independent directors and a director who is a current executive officer (Mr. Watson).

The Board believes this leadership structure is appropriate for the Company at this time. This structure permits Mr. Watson to primarily focus his time and attention on the business, while Mr. Gasser directs his attention on guiding the Board's agenda in setting priorities for the Company to address the risks and challenges faced by the Company. Further, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the stockholders for Mr. Gasser to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Company due to his extensive knowledge of the Company based on his 17 years of experience as chief executive officer. While this structure has worked particularly well, it is not a permanent policy of the Board. It is the Board's belief that no single organizational model is best or most effective in all circumstances. Therefore, although the Board has determined that the current structure works best for the Company at this time, the Board may implement another structure if deemed to be appropriate in the future.

The Company has adopted various policies to provide for a strong and independent Board, including the following.

- The majority of the Board must be independent of management and have no material relationship with the Company, either directly or indirectly as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has such a relationship with the Company, and must meet the standards of independence under the applicable rules of the SEC and the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).
- Only independent directors are members of the Compensation, Audit and Nominating Committees.
- Independent/non-management directors meet at least four times each year, and during at least one of those meetings, the non-management directors schedule an executive session that includes only independent directors.

In addition, the Board and the Nominating Committee have assembled a Board that consists of capable and experienced directors, many of whom are currently or have recently been leaders of companies, who are independent thinkers and have a wide range of expertise and skills. The Board currently does not have a lead director. However, because of its capable and experienced independent directors, including its Chairman, and for the reasons described above, along with the above described policies which promote an open discussion among the independent directors, the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, the Board has determined that a lead director is not necessary at this time.

## **Director Independence**

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Pursuant to NYSE rules, in order for a director to qualify as “independent,” the Board of Directors must affirmatively determine that the director has no material relationship with the Company that would impair the director’s independence. The Board has adopted categorical standards to assist it in making its determination of director independence. These categorical standards are set forth on the Company’s website. See “— Availability of Corporate Governance Documents.”

After applying these categorical standards, the Board of Directors has determined that all directors and director nominees have no material relationship with the Company and, therefore, are independent, except for Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board has determined that Mr. Gunsett is independent because legal fees paid to Baker & Hostetler LLP, where Mr. Gunsett is a partner, are not material to the Company or to that firm and that the nature of the relationship has been properly disclosed to the Board. The Company does not anticipate that legal fees paid to Baker & Hostetler LLP will be material in fiscal 2018. The Board has determined that Mr. Gasser is independent because over three years have passed since he retired as an employee of the Company, which is consistent with the NYSE listing rules.

## **Board’s Role in Risk Management Oversight**

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While the Company’s management is responsible for day-to-day management of the various risks facing the Company, the Board of Directors takes an active role in the oversight of the management of critical business risks. The Board does not view risk in isolation. Risks are considered in virtually every business decision and as part of the Company’s business strategy. The Board recognizes it is neither possible nor prudent to eliminate all risk. Purposeful and appropriate risk-taking is essential for the Company to be competitive and to achieve its strategic objectives.

The Company maintains a formal enterprise risk management program managed by the Enterprise Risk Committee, a committee established and appointed by, and comprised of, Company management. The enterprise risk management program is a Company-wide effort involving both the Board and management. Management’s role is to identify, mitigate, guide and review the efforts of the Company’s business units with respect to risk, consider whether various risks are acceptable, and approve plans to deal with critical business risks. The Board has designated the Audit Committee to oversee the process and improve or guide management’s decisions. Specifically, the Audit Committee:

- Annually reviews the documented risk management process and recommends such changes as are deemed necessary to provide assurance that the Company has implemented an enterprise risk management process;
- Evaluates significant risks identified by the Company;
- Reviews risk philosophy, strategy, policies and processes; and considers reports on risk implementation and communication to help ensure enterprise risk management is a part of the Company’s culture; and
- Reviews the Company’s risk assessment, both annual and periodic updates, considers the appropriateness thereof, and decides whether or not any risks should be added, deleted or modified, paying particular attention to the Company’s perceived appetite for risk.

The Company provides its feedback on business unit risks during periodic business reviews and strategic planning discussions. Each quarter, the business units identify key risks. That review process includes identifying risks that could prevent achievement of business goals or plans. Additionally, the Company’s internal audit department uses this information to determine whether its audit plans need to be adjusted. In addition to quarterly reviews of business risks in connection with the Company’s periodic disclosures, the Audit Committee reviews on an annual basis detailed reports that assess the strategic, operational, infrastructure and external risks facing the Company to be certain that the Company develops and maintains comprehensive risk management policies and procedures to assess, mitigate and monitor risks.

Although the Audit Committee oversees the Company's risk management function and processes, particularly with respect to the overall business, the Audit Committee and other Board committees, consistent with their respective charters, assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility by coordinating the review of certain other risks within its purview. In particular:

- The Audit Committee considers risks related to the Company's financial statements, the financial reporting and disclosure process, accounting and legal matters. Audit Committee responsibilities include overseeing the internal audit function, monitoring the integrity of our internal control processes and assessing management's steps to manage and report such risk exposures.
- The Compensation Committee oversees the Company's compensation and benefit practices and assesses potential material risks that could result from the design and structure of the Company's compensation programs.
- The Nominating Committee is responsible for developing and proposing to the Board corporate governance guidelines and for recommending changes to enhance the Board's performance and development. The Nominating Committee annually reviews and reassesses risk associated with corporate governance and Board performance and recommends to the Board any changes it deems necessary to the corporate governance guidelines or the Board composition and committee structure to address these risks.

## **Communications with the Board**

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The Board believes it is important for stockholders to have a process to send communications to the Board. Accordingly, any stockholder or other interested party who desires to make his or her concerns known to the non-management directors or to the entire Board may do so by communicating with the chairperson of the Audit Committee by e-mail to [audit.committee@greif.com](mailto:audit.committee@greif.com) or in writing to Audit Committee Chairperson, Greif, Inc., 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. All such communications will be forwarded to the non-management directors or the entire Board as requested in the communication.

## **Executive Sessions of Non-Management Directors**

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The non-management directors of the Company meet without the Company's management at least four times each year, and during at least one of those meetings, the non-management directors schedule an executive session that includes only independent directors. These meetings are typically held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board meeting and at such other times as necessary or appropriate. The chairpersons of the Company's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee rotate as chairperson of meetings of the non-management directors.

## **Director Nominations**

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The Nominating Committee identifies potential director candidates through a variety of means, including recommendations from members of the Committee or the Board, suggestions from Company management, and stockholder recommendations. The Committee also may, in its discretion, engage director search firms to identify candidates. Stockholders may recommend director candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee by submitting a written recommendation to the Secretary of the Company at 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (the "Recommendation Notice"). The Recommendation Notice must contain, at a minimum, the following: the name and address, as they appear on the Company's books, and telephone number, of the stockholder making the recommendation, including information on the number of shares and class of stock owned, and if such person is not a stockholder of record or if such shares are owned by an entity, reasonable evidence of such person's ownership of such shares or such person's authority to act on behalf of such entity; the full legal name, address and telephone number of the individual being recommended, together with a reasonably detailed description of the background, experience and qualifications of that individual; a written acknowledgement by the individual being recommended that he or she has consented to that recommendation and consents to the Company's undertaking of an investigation into that individual's background, experience and qualifications in the event that the Nominating Committee desires to do so; the disclosure of any relationship of the individual being recommended with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, whether direct or indirect; and, if known to the stockholder, any material interest of such stockholder or individual being recommended in any proposals or other business to be presented at the Company's next annual meeting of stockholders (or a statement to the effect that no material interest is known to such stockholder).

Except for the director nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee to the Board, no person may be nominated for election as a director of the Company during any stockholder meeting unless such person was first recommended by a stockholder for Board membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in the preceding paragraph and the Recommendation Notice was received by the Company not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date of such meeting; provided, however, if less than 75 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of a stockholders' meeting is given or made to stockholders, then, in order to be timely received, the Recommendation Notice must be received by the Company no later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such notice of the date of the stockholders' meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made.

The Nominating Committee's Charter sets forth certain specific, minimum qualifications that must be met by a Nominating Committee-recommended nominee for a position on the Board, as well as qualities and skills that Board members must possess. The Nominating Committee determines, and reviews with the Board on an annual basis, the desired skills and characteristics for directors as well as the composition of the Board as a whole. This assessment considers director's qualification as independent, as well as diversity, age, skill and experience in the context of the needs of the Board. The Nominating Committee seeks to achieve diversity of occupational and personal backgrounds and considers diversity as a factor in director nominations. The Nominating Committee views diversity in a broad context to include race, gender, ethnicity, geography, diversity of viewpoint, professional and industry experience, skills, education and personal expertise, among others. At a minimum, directors should share the values of the Company and should possess the following characteristics: high personal and professional integrity; the ability to exercise sound business judgment; an inquiring mind; and the time available to devote to Board activities and the willingness to do so. Ultimately, the Nominating Committee will select prospective

Board members who the Nominating Committee believes will be effective, in conjunction with the other members of the Board, in collectively serving the long-term interests of the stockholders.

In the event that the Nominating Committee, the Board, the Chairman or the Chief Executive Officer identifies the need to fill a vacancy or to add a new member to fill a newly created position on the Board with specific criteria, the Nominating Committee initiates a search process and keeps the Board apprised of progress. The Nominating Committee may seek input from members of the Board, the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and other management or hire a search firm when appropriate. In addition, as a matter of policy, the Nominating Committee will consider candidates for Board membership recommended by stockholders. The initial candidate or candidates, including anyone recommended by a stockholder, who satisfy the specific criteria for Board membership and otherwise qualify for membership on the Board, are then reviewed and evaluated by the Nominating Committee; the evaluation process for candidates recommended by stockholders is not to be different. The Nominating Committee is to maintain and update a list of candidates recommended from all sources. The Nominating Committee will then determine the committee member or Board member or other person involved in the process (such as a search firm) who will make the initial contact with the prospective candidate or candidates. The Chairman and/or the Chief Executive Officer and at least one member of the Nominating Committee will interview the identified candidate or candidates. Based on the interviews and all other information available to the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee will meet to consider and approve a final candidate or candidates, as the case may be. The Nominating Committee then will make its recommendation to the Board.

## **Availability of Corporate Governance Documents**

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The Board has adopted the following corporate governance documents with respect to the Company (the “Corporate Governance Documents”):

- Corporate Governance Guidelines of the Board;
- Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for directors, officers and employees (which is available in several different languages);
- Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers;
- Stock Ownership Guidelines applicable to directors, officers and other key employees;
- Independence Standards for Directors;
- Charter for the Audit Committee;
- Charter for the Nominating Committee; and
- Charter for the Compensation Committee.

Each of the Corporate Governance Documents is posted on the Company’s website at [www.greif.com](http://www.greif.com) under “Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Documents.” Copies of each of the Corporate Governance Documents are also available in print to any stockholder of the Company, without charge, by making a written request to the Company. Requests should be directed to Greif, Inc., Attention: Secretary, 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

# Director Compensation for Fiscal 2017

The following table sets forth the compensation of the Company's directors for fiscal 2017:

Name (1)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) (2)	Stock Awards (\$) (3)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Michael J. Gasser	221,512	124,988	—	—	—	—	346,500
Vicki L. Avril (4)	77,012	124,988	—	—	—	20,376	222,376
Bruce A. Edwards (5)	187,762	124,988	—	—	—	—	312,750
Mark A. Emkes	81,512	124,988	—	—	—	—	206,500
John F. Finn	83,762	124,988	—	—	—	—	208,750
Daniel J. Gunsett	103,512	124,988	—	—	—	—	229,500
Judith Hook	93,512	124,988	—	—	—	—	218,500
John W. McNamara	80,012	124,988	—	—	—	—	205,000
Patrick J. Norton	88,512	124,988	—	—	—	—	213,500

(1) As an employee of the Company during fiscal 2017, Mr. Watson was not compensated for his services as a director. See “- Summary Compensation Table” for information on Mr. Watson’s compensation as an executive officer.

(2) Amounts include fees earned, but the receipt of which have been deferred under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

(3) Amounts represent the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes during fiscal 2017 computed in accordance with ASC 718 and represents the cash value of the total number of restricted shares of Class A Common Stock awarded to such director during fiscal 2017 under the Company’s 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan (2,152 shares per outside director). Included in this column are restricted shares of Class A Common Stock that have been deferred by such director under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. For a discussion of the relevant ASC 718 valuation assumptions, see Note 1 in the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of the 2016 Form 10-K.

As of October 31, 2017, each outside director owned 9,707 shares of Class A Common Stock that had been awarded to them under the above plan that were subject to restrictions on transfer. (For the aggregate number of restricted and non-restricted shares of Class A and Class B stock beneficially owned by each of the outside directors, see “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.”) No stock options have been awarded to any outside directors since 2005 and, as of October 31, 2017, no stock options remain outstanding with respect to any outside director.

(4) All Other Compensation for Ms. Avril includes \$20,376, which represents the incremental value for the personal use of the corporate aircraft by Ms. Avril. The Company provided the corporate aircraft to Ms. Avril in connection with an emergency situation. The incremental cost to the Company of personal use of the Company aircraft is calculated on average hourly cost in fiscal year 2017 and is calculated by adding variable operating costs for fuel, maintenance, engine reserves, weather monitoring, crew expenses, and landing/ramp fees. The methodology excludes fixed costs that do not change based on usage, such as pilots’ and other employees’ salaries, purchase costs of the aircraft and non-trip related hangar and insurance expenses.

(5) During fiscal 2017, Mr. Edwards received \$18,750 for continued work with the Transformation Committee and \$75,000 for work on special projects for the Board.

## Director Compensation Arrangements

No director fees are paid to directors who are employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. During fiscal 2017, outside directors of the Company received:

- An annual retainer of \$65,000 per year. The Chairman receives an additional \$135,000.
- \$1,500 for each Board meeting attended.
- For committee members, \$1,250 for each committee meeting attended (\$1,500 for Audit Committee and Compensation Committee members).
- For chairs of board committees, an annual retainer of \$7,000 for each committee chaired (\$14,000 for the chairs of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee).

Under the terms of the 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan, outside directors of the Company may receive options to purchase shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock, restricted shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock and/or stock appreciation rights. The Compensation Committee is responsible for administering the 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan. For fiscal 2017, the Compensation Committee awarded each of the outside directors at the time of the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders (held on February 28, 2017) a number of restricted shares of Class A Common Stock under this Plan in an amount equal to \$125,000 divided by the last reported sale price of a share of Class A Common Stock on the NYSE on February 27, 2017 (the last trading day immediately preceding the date of the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders). All of these shares of Class A Common Stock are not subject to any risk of forfeiture, are subject to restrictions on transfer

for three years or the director's termination of Board membership and will be deemed fully vested on the award date with eligibility to participate in the receipt of all dividends declared on the Company's shares of Class A Common Stock.

**Stock Ownership Guidelines for Directors.** Under the Company's stock ownership guidelines (see the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Elements of Our Compensation Program - Stock Ownership Guidelines" for information on these guidelines generally), each outside director is required to own a minimum of five times his or her annual retainer in shares of Company common stock after five years of service as a director. Restricted shares of Class A Common Stock which have been awarded to an outside director under the Company's 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan and the receipt of which has been deferred at the election of such outside director under the terms of the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan are counted as owned by the deferring outside director for purposes of these stock ownership guidelines. The Board of Directors evaluates whether exceptions should be made in the case of any outside director who, due to his or her unique financial circumstances, would incur a hardship by complying with these requirements. All current outside directors are in compliance with these stock ownership guidelines.

## **Director Participation in Directors Deferred Compensation Plan**

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The non-employee directors are eligible to participate in our Amended and Restated Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. Participants may elect (within 30 days of when he or she first becomes eligible to participate in the Plan for the initial calendar year of participation or, for subsequent calendar years, not later than the December 31 prior to each such year) to defer the receipt of between 25 and 100 percent of his or her respective retainer fees, regular fees and meeting fees (including committee fees) as well as restricted stock awards granted under the 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan. Once made, any such elections (including without limitation the percentage of Board Fees and/or restricted stock to be deferred) shall be irrevocable for all such amounts earned during the calendar year for which the election is made.

The Plan is considered to be an "unfunded" arrangement as amounts generally will not be set aside or held by the Company in a trust, escrow, or similar account. Amounts deferred under the plan are credited to a participant's account under the plan. For cash compensation deferrals, the value of the cash compensation is credited as "Phantom Shares." "Phantom Shares" have a value equal to the market value from time to time of the Company's Class A common stock, without par value. The number of Phantom Shares credited to a participant's account is based on the dollar amount of deferral, divided by the then current per share value of the Company's Class A common stock, without par value. Restricted stock related to deferred receipt of restricted stock awards is held in a so-called "rabbi" trust established by the Company. Dividends paid on shares of restricted stock are contributed to the rabbi trust and are paid from the rabbi trust to the participants and are not accumulated in the rabbi trust.

The participants are fully vested in the value of their account, including investment returns, at all times.

Generally, each participant will receive his or her account value as retirement benefits under the Plan upon termination from Board membership as an annual benefit payable in monthly, quarterly or annual installments over ten years, as elected, and all restricted stock deferrals are distributed by one or more stock certificates in a single distribution. However participants may elect to receive:

- Cash compensation deferrals (credited as Phantom Shares) in a single lump sum payment or annual installments over a period of five years or ten years or two payments on fixed dates, upon the earlier of termination of Board membership for any reason or a fixed date.
- Restricted stock deferrals upon termination of Board membership for any reason or a fixed date that is at least three years after the date of the restricted stock award, or the earlier of a fixed date that is at least three years after the date of the restricted stock award and termination of Board membership for any reason.

# Executive Officers of the Company

The following information relates to executive officers of the Company (elected annually):

Name	Age <sup>(1)</sup>	Positions and Offices	Year first became executive officer
<b>Peter G. Watson</b>	61	President and Chief Executive Officer	2011
<b>Lawrence A. Hilsheimer</b>	60	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2014
<b>Gary R. Martz</b>	59	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2002
<b>Michael Cronin</b>	60	Senior Vice President and Group President, RIPS EMEA and APAC, GPA and Global Key Accounts	2015
<b>DeeAnne Marlow</b>	52	Senior Vice President, Human Resources	2015
<b>Ole G. Rosgaard</b>	54	Senior Vice President and Group President, RIPS Americas and Global Sustainability	2015
<b>Timothy L. Bergwall</b>	53	Vice President and Group President, Paper Packaging & Services and Soterra LLC	2014
<b>Hari K. Kumar</b>	55	Vice President and Division President, Flexible Products & Services	2016
<b>Douglas W. Lingrel</b>	54	Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	2010
<b>David C. Lloyd</b>	48	Vice President, Corporate Financial Controller and Treasurer	2014
<b>Christopher E. Luffler</b>	42	Vice President, Business Managerial Controller	2014

(1) As of February 27, 2018, the date for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company.

*Peter G. Watson* has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since November 2015. From January 2014 to October 2015, Mr. Watson served as Chief Operating Officer. From September 2012 until December 2013, Mr. Watson served as Vice President and Group President, Paper Packaging & Services, Global Sourcing and Supply Chain and Greif Business System. From May 2013 until May 2015, Mr. Watson also served as President of Soterra LLC, which operates the Company's Land Management business segment. From January 2010 to September 2012, he served as Vice President and Division President, Paper Packaging & Services. Prior to January 2010 and for more than five years, Mr. Watson served many roles in the Company's Paper Packaging & Services segment including President of CorrChoice (a division of the Company).

*Lawrence A. Hilsheimer* has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since May 2014. From April 2013 to April 2014, Mr. Hilsheimer was executive vice president and chief financial officer of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. From August 2012 to March 2013, Mr. Hilsheimer was the president and chief operating officer of Nationwide Retirement Plans, a division of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. From January 2010 to July 2012, Mr. Hilsheimer was the president and chief operating officer of Nationwide Direct & Customer Solutions, also a division of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. For the two years prior to that time, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. Prior to joining Nationwide, he was vice chairman and regional managing partner for Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP, which included serving on the board of directors of the Deloitte Foundation. Mr. Hilsheimer is a director and member of the Audit Committee of Installed Building Products, Inc., a publicly traded (NYSE) installer of insulation products.

*Gary R. Martz* has served as Executive Vice President since June 2010 (and prior to that as Senior Vice President) and as General Counsel and Secretary since joining the Company in 2002. From March 2014 until May 2014, Mr. Martz also served as Chief Administrative Officer. Since May 2014, Mr. Martz has assumed responsibility for the management of the Company's global real estate services department. From June 2005 until May 2013, Mr. Martz served as President of Soterra LLC. Prior to 2002, he was a partner in the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP.

*Michael Cronin* has served as Senior Vice President and Group President, Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services (RIPS)—EMEA since joining the Company in May 2015. In January 2016, he assumed additional responsibility for RIPS—APAC, Greif Packaging Accessories and Global Key Accounts. From February 2013 to February 2014, Mr. Cronin was chief executive officer of Coveris Packaging, a global manufacturer and distributor of packaging solutions and coated film technologies. From March 2010 to August 2012, Mr. Cronin was the president of the packaging division of SCA Hygiene Products, a Swedish consumer goods company and pulp and paper manufacturer. From January 2003 to January 2010, Mr. Cronin was the president of the European packaging division of Rio Tinto Alcan, a global mining company.

*DeeAnne Marlow* has served as Senior Vice President, Human Resources since joining the Company in May 2015. Prior to that time, and for more than five years, she was executive director, human resources at Cummins Inc., a U.S. Fortune 500 corporation that designs, manufactures and distributes engines, filtration and power generation products.

*Timothy L. Bergwall* currently serves as Vice President and Group President, Paper Packaging & Services and Soterra LLC. Prior to that, Mr. Bergwall had served as Vice President and Division President, Paper Packaging & Services since January 2014 and as President of Soterra LLC since May 2015. Prior to that time and for more than five years, Mr. Bergwall served as Vice President, Containerboard Mills.

*Hari Kumar* has served as Vice President and Division President, Flexible Products & Services since May 2016. From October 2015 to May 2016, Mr. Kumar served as Vice President, Transformation and Greif Business System. From November 2014 until October 2015, Mr. Kumar served as Vice President, Portfolio Optimization. From January 2012 until November 2014, Mr. Kumar served as a Vice President of Flexible Products & Services with responsibility over the Asia Pacific region.

*Ole Rosgaard* has served as Senior Vice President and Group President, RIPS—Americas and Global Sustainability since June 2017. From August 2015 to June 2017, he had served as Vice President and Division President, RIPS—North America. In January 2016, he assumed additional responsibility for RIPS—Latin America and Container Life Cycle Management LLC, a joint venture which operates the Company's North American reconditioning business. Prior to joining the Company, and for more than five years, he served in various roles of increasing responsibility with Icopal a/s, a designer, manufacturer and installer of high end roofing solutions, including managing director in Denmark, group managing director/chief executive officer of the West European Region and group managing director/chief executive officer of the Central European Region.

*Douglas W. Lingrel* has served as Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer since June 2016. From February 2009 to June 2016, Mr. Lingrel served as Chief Information Officer. From 2005 to 2009, Mr. Lingrel served as Vice President, Global Supply Chain Process and Administration.

*David C. Lloyd* has served as Vice President and Corporate Financial Controller since joining the Company in April 2014, and in that capacity, Mr. Lloyd is the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company. In March 2016, David also assumed the role of Treasurer. Prior to that time, and for more than five years, he was a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, a certified public accounting firm.

*Christopher E. Luffler* has served as Vice President and Business Managerial Controller since April 2014. From January 2013 to April 2014, Mr. Luffler served as the Assistant Corporate Controller. From January 2012 to December 2012, Mr. Luffler assisted with the implementation and deployment of the Scalable Business Platform. From November 2009 to December 2011, he served as the Director of Financial Reporting. Prior to that time, and for more than five years, he was an accountant with Ernst & Young, LLP, a certified public accounting firm.

# Stock Holdings of Certain Owners and Management

The following table sets forth the number of shares of each class of Greif securities beneficially owned, as of December 31, 2017, by (i) each person known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the Company's Class B Common Stock, the Company's only class of voting securities, (ii) each of the nominees for director, (iii) the executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table (the "Named Executive Officers"), and (iv) all nominees, Named Executive Officers, and other executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, all persons named below can be reached at c/o Gary R. Martz, Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Greif, Inc., 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

	Title of Class	Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Vicki L. Avril</b>	Class A	28,428 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
<b>Michael Cronin</b>	Class A	735	*
<b>Patricia M. Dempsey</b> 12781 NE 72 <sup>nd</sup> Boulevard, Lady Lake, FL 32162	Class B	3,050,502 <sup>(45)</sup>	13.9%
<b>Shannon J. Diener</b> 200 Civic Center Drive, Suite 1200, Columbus, OH 43215	Class B	3,219,075 <sup>(46)</sup>	14.6%
<b>Bruce A. Edwards</b>	Class A	35,428 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
	Class B	2,000	*
<b>Mark A. Emkes</b>	Class A	24,918 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
<b>John F. Finn</b>	Class A	23,918 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
<b>Michael J. Gasser</b>	Class A	171,026 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
	Class B	23,796	*
<b>Daniel J. Gunsett</b>	Class A	22,889 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
	Class B	4,000	*
<b>Lawrence A. Hilsheimer</b>	Class A	59,018	*
	Class B	27,261	*
<b>Judith D. Hook</b> 200 Civic Center Drive, Suite 1200, Columbus, OH 43215	Class A	35,277 <sup>(3)(7)</sup>	*
	Class B	2,782,347 <sup>(8)</sup>	12.6%
<b>Gary R. Martz</b>	Class A	39,169	*
	Class B	600	*
<b>Mary T. McAlpin</b> 200 Civic Center Drive, Suite 1200, Columbus, OH 43215	Class B	3,370,012 <sup>(49)</sup>	15.3%
<b>John W. McNamara</b>	Class A	18,889 <sup>(3)(10)</sup>	*
	Class B	329,088 <sup>(11)</sup>	1.5%
<b>Patrick J. Norton</b>	Class A	61,428 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
<b>Virginia D. Ragan</b> 200 Civic Center Drive, Suite 1200, Columbus, OH 43215	Class B	3,673,662 <sup>(412)</sup>	16.7%
<b>Ole G. Rosgaard</b>		-	
<b>Peter G. Watson</b>	Class A	27,849	*
	Class B	4,400	*
<b>Nob Hill Trust</b> c/o Shannon Diener 200 Civic Center Drive, Suite 1200, Columbus, OH 43215	Class B	2,127,026 <sup>(4)</sup>	9.6%
<b>All directors and executive officers as a group (20 persons)</b>	Class A	573,860 <sup>(3)</sup>	2.22%
	Class B	3,173,482	14.42%

(1) A person is considered to beneficially own any shares: (a) over which the person exercises sole or shared voting or investment power, or (b) of which the person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership at any time within 60 days (such as through conversion of securities or exercise of stock options). Unless otherwise indicated, voting and investment power relating to the above shares is exercised solely by the beneficial owner (and their spouses, if applicable).

(2) \* indicates less than 1 percent.

(3) This table includes restricted shares of Class A Common Stock that have been awarded to directors under the Company's 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan, including shares the receipt of which has been deferred at the director's election under the terms of the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. If deferral is elected, shares are issued to the trustee of a rabbi trust established in connection with the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. The total number of shares of Class A Common Stock held in the rabbi trust for the benefit of each director as of December 31, 2017, was as follows: Ms. Avril—21,302 shares; Mr. Edwards—22,722 shares; Mr. Emkes—12,736 shares; Mr. Finn—21,918 shares; Mr. Gasser—11,466 shares; Mr. Gunsett—9,707 shares; Ms. Hook—9,707 shares; Mr. McNamara—18,889 shares; and Mr. Norton—24,428 shares. See also "Director Compensation for Fiscal 2016 – Director Participation in Directors Deferred Compensation Plan."

(4) Only Class B Common Stock (voting stock) was reported for these stockholders.

(5) All shares held by Ms. Dempsey as trustee under her revocable trust and a family trust.



- (6) All shares held by Ms. Diener as trustee under her revocable trust and family trusts or as custodian for a minor.
- (7) Includes shares of Class A Common Stock held by Ms. Hook (A) as trustee under her revocable trust, and (B) which have been awarded to Ms. Hook under the Company's 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan and receipt has been deferred as set forth in footnote (3) of this table.
- (8) All shares held by Ms. Hook as trustee under her revocable trust and a family trust.
- (9) All shares held by Ms. McAlpin as trustee under her revocable trust and a family trust.
- (10) Includes shares of Class A Common Stock which have been awarded to Mr. McNamara under the Company's 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan and receipt has been deferred as set forth in footnote (3) of this table. Does not include shares held by Virginia D. Ragan, who is Mr. McNamara's mother. Mr. McNamara disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Class A Common Stock held by Ms. Ragan.
- (11) All shares (other than 1,000) held by Mr. McNamara as trustee of a family trust and a voting trust. Does not include shares held by Virginia D. Ragan, who is Mr. McNamara's mother. Mr. McNamara disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Class B Common Stock held by Ms. Ragan.
- (12) Includes shares held by Ms. Ragan as trustee under her revocable trust and a family trust. Also includes shares held by a charitable foundation (525,140 shares) of which Ms. Ragan is the president. Does not include shares held by John W. McNamara, a director of the Company, who is Ms. Ragan's son. Ms. Ragan disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Mr. McNamara.

## **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

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Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons owning more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to the Company, the Company believes that during fiscal 2017 all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders were complied with by such persons.

## **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

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During fiscal 2017, the Compensation Committee members were Daniel J. Gunsett—Chairperson, Mark A. Emkes, Judith D. Hook and Patrick J. Norton. Michael J. Gasser was also a member of the committee until February 28, 2017. On that date, Vicki L. Avril replaced Mr. Gasser on the Committee. During fiscal 2017, the Company retained the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP to perform certain legal services on its behalf, and it anticipates retaining such firm in fiscal 2018. Mr. Gunsett is a partner of Baker & Hostetler LLP. The Board has determined that Mr. Gunsett and the other members of the Company's Compensation Committee met all of the applicable standards of independence for compensation committee members.

No executive officer of the Company served during fiscal 2017 as a member of a compensation committee or as a director of any entity of which any of the Company's directors served as an executive officer.

# COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis below with the Company's management and, based on this review and discussion, has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2017 (the "2017 Form 10-K").

*Submitted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.*

Daniel J. Gunsett, Committee Chairperson  
Vicki L. Avril  
Mark A. Emkes  
Judith D. Hook  
Patrick J. Norton

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The purpose of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis section is to discuss and analyze the objectives and implementation of our executive compensation programs with respect to the Named Executive Officers. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the compensation related tables that immediately follow this discussion and analysis, as well as with our 2017 Form 10-K. This discussion and analysis was prepared in cooperation with the Company's Compensation Committee, the members of which have reviewed and conferred with the Company's management regarding this discussion and analysis.

### Executive Summary

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis explains our compensation philosophy, summarizes our compensation programs and reviews compensation decisions for our Named Executive Officers for fiscal 2017:

- Peter G. Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Lawrence A. Hilsheimer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- Gary R. Martz, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
- Michael Cronin, Senior Vice President and Group President, RIPS – EMEA and APAC, GPA and Global Key Accounts
- Ole G. Rosgaard, Senior Vice President and Group President, RIPS Americas and Global Sustainability

Our executive compensation program, similar to our non-executive compensation programs, is aligned with our business strategy and culture to attract and retain top talent, reward business results and individual performance, and drive stockholder value. Our total compensation program for the Named Executive Officers is highly incentive-based and competitive in the marketplace, with Company performance determining a significant portion of total compensation.

## Executive Compensation Governance Practices

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To achieve the objectives of our executive compensation program and emphasize pay-for-performance principles, the Compensation Committee has continued to employ strong governance practices, including:

We Do	We Don't Do
✓ Base a majority of total compensation on performance and retention incentives	✗ Repricing of options without stockholder approval
✓ Set annual and long-term incentive targets based on objective performance measures	✗ Hedging transactions or short sales by executive officers or directors
✓ Mitigate undue risk associated with compensation by using caps on potential incentive payments and different performance targets	✗ Significant perquisites
✓ Require executive officers and non-employee directors to hold Greif stock through published stock ownership guidelines	✗ Tax gross-ups for perquisites
✓ Require executive officers and directors to obtain pre-approval to pledge Greif stock	✗ Employment contracts

## Executive Compensation Highlights

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The total compensation for each of the Named Executive Officers is shown in the Summary Compensation Table that immediately follows this discussion and analysis. While we describe executive compensation in greater detail throughout this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, certain actions the Committee has taken are highlighted below:

- Base Salary.** For calendar year 2017, Mr. Watson's base salary was increased from \$900,000 to \$980,100 and the base salaries of Messrs. Hilsheimer, Martz, Cronin and Rosgaard were each increased by 3.5%, 2.9%, 2.6% and 10%, respectively. On June 4, 2017, Mr. Rosgaard also received a 6% salary increase in connection with his promotion to Senior Vice President. For calendar year 2018, the base salary for each Named Executive Officer increased as follows: Mr. Watson (5.1%), Mr. Hilsheimer (2.3%), Mr. Martz (2.3%), Mr. Cronin (2.6%) and Mr. Rosgaard (10.0%).
- Short Term Incentive Plan.** For fiscal 2017, target award percentages were increased for Mr. Watson (100% to 110%), Mr. Hilsheimer (75% to 80%) and Mr. Rosgaard (60% to 65%). Based on financial performance goals set by the Committee in December 2016 and actual performance results, each Named Executive Officer's bonus for fiscal 2017 was paid out at 100% of target. For fiscal 2018, target award percentages were increased for Mr. Watson (110% to 125%), Mr. Hilsheimer (80% to 85%) and Mr. Martz (65% to 70%).
- Long Term Incentive Plan.** Target award percentages for the 2017 to 2019 performance period were increased for Mr. Watson (300% to 310%) and Mr. Rosgaard (115% to 125%). Based on long-term financial performance goals set by the Committee in December 2014 and actual performance results, each Named Executive Officer received a payout of 77.51% of target. Target award percentages for the 2018 to 2020 performance period were increased for Mr. Watson (310% to 330%).
- Peer Group.** As a result of a merger, Nortek Inc. was removed from the peer group during fiscal 2017. No changes were made to the peer group for fiscal 2018.

# Compensation Committee

During fiscal 2017, the Compensation Committee members were, prior to February 28, 2017, Daniel J. Gunsett—Chairperson, Mark A. Emkes, Michael J. Gasser, Judith D. Hook and Patrick J. Norton. On February 28, 2017, Vicki L. Avril replaced Mr. Gasser on the Committee. The Compensation Committee’s responsibilities include, among other matters, the following:

- reviewing and approving the compensation of the CEO and the Company’s other Named Executive Officers to ensure that their compensation is consistent with the Company’s compensation policies and philosophies and does not encourage officers to take unnecessary and excessive risks;
- reviewing, approving and overseeing the administration of the Company’s equity-based compensation plans;
- reviewing and discussing with management and, based upon this review and discussion, recommending to the Board of Directors whether the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company’s Proxy Statement; and
- reviewing and approving compensation programs limited to executive officers and other key employees.

See “Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Compensation Policies and Philosophies – CEO’s Role in Executive Compensation Determinations” for the CEO’s role in determining the amounts or forms of executive compensation.

The Compensation Committee also has a Special Subcommittee on Incentive Compensation (the “Special Subcommittee”) that administers the Company’s annual cash incentive bonus plan (the “Short Term Incentive Plan” or “STIP”) and its long term incentive plan (the “Long Term Incentive Plan” or “LTIP”). The members of the Special Subcommittee are Patrick J. Norton — chairperson, Vicki L. Avril, Mark A. Emkes and Judith D. Hook. The STIP and the LTIP, which have received stockholder approval, are intended to provide participants with incentive compensation that is not subject to the deduction limitation rules prescribed under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). All of the members of the Special Subcommittee are “outside directors” as that term is defined in Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Special Subcommittee’s responsibilities for the STIP and the LTIP include, among other matters, the following:

- selecting participants from among the Company’s executive officers and key employees;
- at the beginning of a performance period, establishing the performance goals to be achieved and the target amount of the awards to be earned by participants based upon the level of achievement of such performance goals; and
- after the end of the performance period, certifying the extent to which the performance goals have been achieved and determining the amount of the awards that are payable to participants.

See “Elements of Our Compensation Program — Short Term Incentive Plan,” and “— Long Term Incentive Plan” below for a more detailed discussion of these plans.

The Compensation Committee also uses an outside compensation consultant, Willis Towers Watson, to provide it with peer group and market information. See “Peer Group Review” below. Willis Towers Watson also provides other services to the Company. In determining whether Willis Towers Watson has a conflict of interest that would influence its advice to the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Committee considered, among other things, the six factors set forth in the applicable SEC regulations issued under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, namely: the other services provided by Willis Towers Watson to the Company; the amount of fees payable by the Company to Willis Towers Watson as a percentage of that firm’s total revenues; the policies and procedures maintained by Willis Towers Watson to prevent or mitigate potential conflicts of interest; any business or personal relationship between any member of Willis Towers Watson’s executive compensation team serving the Company and any member of the Compensation Committee; any stock of the Company owned by any member of Willis Towers Watson’s executive compensation team serving the Company; and any business or personal relationship between any member of Willis Towers Watson’s executive compensation team serving the Company and any executive officer of the Company. The Compensation Committee reviewed information provided by Willis Towers Watson addressing each of these factors. These SEC regulations retain the principle that the Compensation Committee should have the final say in determining the independence and objectivity of its advisors. No single factor was considered by the Compensation Committee as more important than any other factor or automatically disqualified Willis Towers Watson from being independent. After completing its review, the Compensation Committee determined that Willis Towers Watson does not have a conflict of interest that would influence its advice to the Compensation Committee.

The charter for the Compensation Committee is available on the Company’s website located at [www.greif.com](http://www.greif.com) under “Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Documents.” All of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent directors as defined in the NYSE listing standards and meet the categorical standards of independence adopted by the Board.

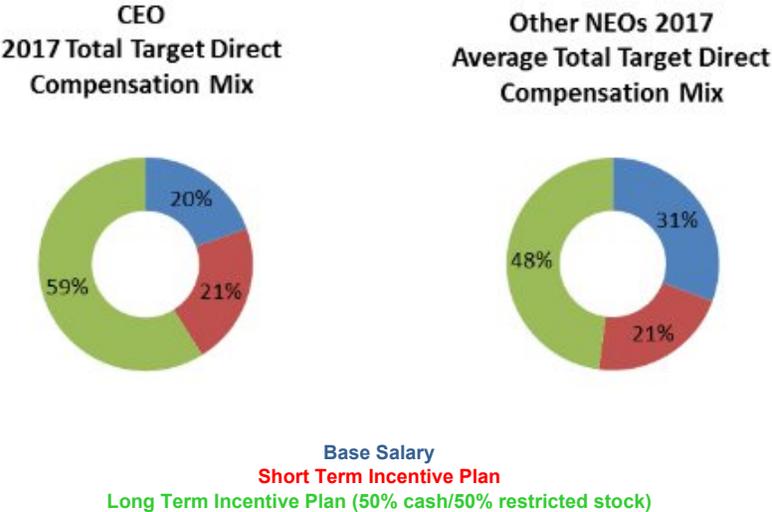
Furthermore, the Board has determined that, after considering all factors specifically relevant to determining whether a member of the Company's Compensation Committee has a relationship to the Company that is material to his or her ability to be independent from management in connection with the duties of a Compensation Committee member, all of the members of the Company's Compensation Committee are independent under the compensation committee independence tests of the NYSE. See "Corporate Governance—Director Independence" above. The Compensation Committee and the Special Subcommittee have the authority to hire their own attorneys, compensation consultants and other advisors.

**Compensation Policies and Philosophies**

The Company's compensation policies and philosophies are designed to align compensation with business objectives, performance and long-term stockholder value, while enabling the Company to attract, retain, incentivize and reward individuals who contribute to the long-term success of the Company. As a manufacturer of industrial packaging products, the Company recruits and hires executives from other major manufacturing companies and Fortune 500 companies, and thus we believe our executive compensation program must be competitive in order to attract and retain our executives, including each of the Named Executive Officers. The Company attempts to achieve its policies and philosophies by establishing performance objectives for its executive officers and by linking compensation to financial performance goals, which may include, but are not limited to, targets for earnings before interest, tax and depreciation, depletion and amortization and return on net assets.

The Compensation Committee further believes that a portion of each executive's compensation should be linked to the Company's short-term and long-term performance. In that regard, the Company has the STIP, an annual cash incentive bonus plan that links the annual payment of cash bonuses to the achievement of targeted financial performance goals. See "Elements of Our Compensation Program — Short Term Incentive Plan." The Company also has the LTIP that links the long-term payment of bonuses to the achievement of targeted financial performance goals. See "Elements of Our Compensation Program — Long Term Incentive Plan." The LTIP aligns long-term stockholder value with compensation by providing for a portion of the payouts in restricted shares, as well as cash. The LTIP is also intended to facilitate compliance with the Company's stock ownership guidelines. See "Elements of Our Compensation Program — Stock Ownership Guidelines" below.

In determining the award levels for each of the elements in our total compensation program, our philosophy is to "pay for performance." As a result, we place relatively greater emphasis on the variable components of compensation (STIP and LTIP) to align the interests of our executives with stockholders, and motivate them to drive stockholder value. This is balanced with retention incentives provided by base salary and, in certain limited cases, restricted stock awards. The Company looks to the experience and judgment of the Compensation Committee to determine what it believes to be the appropriate target compensation mix for each Named Executive Officer. The Company does not apply fixed ratios or formulas, or rely on market data or quantitative measures. As shown in the charts below, incentive components accounted for 80% of the CEO's target compensation and approximately 69% of the other Named Executive Officers' average target compensation in fiscal 2017.



During 2017, management of the Company, with the assistance of Willis Towers Watson, performed an assessment of the risks associated with the Company's incentive plans and determined that such plans are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### ***Peer Group Review.***

The Compensation Committee periodically, but at least annually, reviews comparable positions in the market to confirm that the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers remains competitive. For fiscal 2017, the Compensation Committee engaged Willis Towers Watson to provide it with peer group and market information to enable the Compensation Committee to confirm that the Company's executive compensation was competitive and commensurate with the executive officers' responsibilities and to provide advice on market trends in executive compensation practices. The information provided by Willis Towers Watson is used by the Compensation Committee and the Special Subcommittee to provide context for their decision making process and is not used to determine or recommend the amount or form of compensation paid to our executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers. Willis Towers Watson did not at any time determine or recommend the amount or form of compensation paid to our executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers.

The companies in the peer group were selected by the Compensation Committee based on the nature, composition, geographic scope, complexity and key financial data of potential peer companies in the packaging, paper, manufacturing and industrial businesses. The Compensation Committee reviews the peer group compensation in comparison with the Company's Named Executive Officer compensation levels. The Compensation Committee does not establish targets or benchmarks in assessing peer data in comparison with the Company's executive compensation, but rather uses peer and other market data to confirm that the Company's compensation awards are comparable and competitive with peer and market data. At the beginning of fiscal 2017, the Company's peer group consisted of the following companies:

Aptargroup, Inc.	Lennox International Inc.
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.	Nortek Inc.
Avery Dennison Corporation	Owens Corning
Ball Corporation	Owens-Illinois, Inc.
Berry Plastics Group, Inc.	Packaging Corporation of America
Bemis Company Inc.	Sealed Air Corporation
Boise Cascade Company	Silgan Holdings, Inc.
Crown Holdings, Inc.	Sonoco Products Company
Graphic Packaging Holding Company	Universal Forest Products Inc.
Griffon Corporation	USG Corporation
KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation	Valmont Industries, Inc.

As a result of a merger, Nortek Inc. was removed from the peer group during fiscal 2017. In August 2017, the Compensation Committee conducted its regular periodic review of the Company's peer group. In reviewing the factors described above, it was determined that there would be no further changes for fiscal 2018.

#### ***CEO's Role in Executive Compensation Determinations.***

Our CEO reviews the performance of each Named Executive Officer (other than himself) on an annual basis. After completing his performance review, the CEO makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee on the amount of each such Named Executive Officer's base salary for the upcoming calendar year and on award opportunities with respect to the STIP for the upcoming fiscal year and the LTIP for the prospective three-year performance period. The CEO makes his recommendations based on his subjective review of pre-established categories of executive performance for each Named Executive Officer, as approved by the Compensation Committee and as discussed under "2017 Performance Reviews of the Chief Executive Officer and Other Named Executive Officers" below. The Compensation Committee establishes base salaries for the Named Executive Officers after reviewing and discussing the CEO's recommendations with him, and the Special Subcommittee, which administers the STIP and the LTIP, establishes award opportunity levels under those plans.

# Elements of Our Compensation Program

Our executive compensation program is aligned with our business strategy and culture to attract and retain top talent, reward business results and individual performance, and drive long-term stockholder value. Our total compensation program for the Named Executive Officers is highly incentive-based and competitive in the marketplace, with Company performance determining a significant portion of total compensation. During fiscal 2017, the key elements of the Company's compensation package were:

- Base salary
- Annual performance-based incentive cash bonus under our STIP
- A combination of cash and restricted stock awards under our LTIP
- Retirement benefits under various Company sponsored pension plans
- Deferred cash awards under a deferred compensation plan and a supplemental executive retirement plan (the "SERP") or defined contribution supplemental executive retirement plan (the "DC SERP").

The Compensation Committee uses tally sheets for the CEO and each of the other Named Executive Officers to review total compensation and each of the elements of compensation. These tally sheets typically contain the following information: current base salary; STIP payments for the preceding two fiscal years, and the anticipated payment for the fiscal year just ended; LTIP payments for the preceding two fiscal years, and the anticipated payment to be made for the three-year period just ended; the current value of the SERP or the DC SERP, as applicable; and the value of the Company's perquisites (discussed below). Tally sheets are used by the Compensation Committee to ensure that it has access to a comprehensive summary of each Named Executive Officer's total compensation, or potential total compensation, as the Compensation Committee makes compensation decisions for the next calendar year. The Compensation Committee's final determinations regarding one element of compensation are independent of the other elements of compensation and do not affect decisions regarding those other elements of compensation, other than to the extent that awards under the STIP and the LTIP are calculated by using a percentage of base salary. Further, the base salaries are also compared to the compensation levels of other executive officers having equivalent responsibility within the Company for internal fairness purposes.

## Base Salary

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The Committee generally reviews base salaries of the Named Executive Officers annually at a meeting in December, with salary adjustments becoming effective for the first pay period in January. For the 2017 calendar year, the base salary for each Named Executive Officer was based upon the scope of his responsibilities and an assessment of his contributions towards the Company's success. In addition, each Named Executive Officer's base salary was impacted by his performance during the prior twelve-month period against the criteria described below in "2017 Performance Reviews of Chief Executive Officer and Other Named Executive Officers," as reviewed by the Compensation Committee and recommended by the CEO (for each Named Executive Officer other than himself). The base salaries were also compared to the compensation levels of other executive officers having equivalent responsibility at the peer group companies to confirm that the base salaries were competitive with the market, as well as to compensation levels of other executive officers at the Company for internal fairness purposes.

In making his base salary recommendations for calendar year 2018, Mr. Watson noted the following factors for the performance of each of the Named Executive Officers during the prior calendar year:

- for Mr. Hilsheimer, his leadership in driving the Company to meet its transformational performance objectives, his continuing guidance in the implementation of a global ERP system and the improvement of our internal controls environment, his focus on proactive communication with company stakeholders and the investment community, the successful modifications to the Company's tax structure and the creation and implementation of a robust risk management process related to investment capital;
- for Mr. Martz, his leadership of the legal and global real estate departments in providing excellent customer service to the Company's businesses and corporate departments, as well as his astute legal advice and counsel on business transactions and regulatory matters;
- for Mr. Cronin, his commitment to serving our customers as evidenced by improving Customer Service Index scores, his continued focus on improving relationships with our global key accounts, and his leadership in achieving improved business results and financial targets in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services (RIPS)

business units in EMEA and APAC, including the effective start-up of several new plants in those business units; and

- for Mr. Rosgaard, his leadership and business acumen in guiding business execution and performance improvement in the North American RIPS business and in the Latin America RIPS business; and his continued focus on serving our customers by achieving excellent Customer Service Index scores for the businesses he leads.

In December 2017, the Compensation Committee approved the following base salary changes for the Named Executive Officers for calendar year 2018:

Named Executive Officer	2017 Base Salary	2018 Base Salary	Percentage Change
Mr. Watson	\$980,100	\$1,030,000	5.1%
Mr. Hilsheimer	\$686,205	\$701,988	2.3%
Mr. Martz	\$573,071	\$586,251	2.3%
Mr. Cronin(1)	\$524,515	\$538,125	2.6%
Mr. Rosgaard(2)	\$424,424	\$466,866	10.0%

(1) Mr. Cronin's compensation is paid in Euros and has been converted to U.S. Dollars using an exchange rate of 1.110424.

(2) In June 2017, the Compensation Committee approved a mid-year base salary increase for Mr. Rosgaard in the amount of 6% (from his base salary of \$400,400 at the start of the calendar year) in connection with his promotion to Senior Vice President.

## Short Term Incentive Plan

The STIP is intended to provide short-term incentive compensation to participants that, consistent with our compensation objectives, is linked to the profitability of the Company's businesses during each fiscal year. Compensation paid under the STIP is not intended to be subject to the deduction limitation rules prescribed under Section 162(m) of the Code. See "— Tax Considerations Affecting Compensation Decisions" below.

The Special Subcommittee administers the STIP. Among other matters, the Special Subcommittee approves participants for the STIP from among the Company's executive employees and determines the performance goals, target amounts, award opportunities and other terms and conditions of awards under the STIP. Awards under the STIP consist of cash amounts payable upon the achievement, during a specified performance period, of specified objective performance goals. At the beginning of a performance period for a given award, the Special Subcommittee establishes the performance goals, award opportunity and the target amount of the award which will be earned by the Named Executive Officers if the performance goals are achieved in full, together with any lesser or greater amount that will be earned if the performance goals are only partially achieved or exceeded. After the end of the performance period, the Special Subcommittee certifies the extent to which the performance goals are achieved and determines the amount of the award that is payable.

Consistent with prior years, the STIP's fiscal 2017 financial performance goals were based, and its fiscal 2018 financial performance measures are based, upon the achievement of targeted measures of return on net assets ("RONA"), subject to such adjustments that the Special Subcommittee determines to be necessary to reflect accurately the RONA of the Company and/or one or more operating groups of the Company on the award date. The Special Subcommittee originally chose RONA as the measure for the STIP because it believed this metric to be the best measure of current profitability supporting growth. For fiscal year 2017, the targeted measure of RONA for all Named Executive Officers was based on corporate performance ("Corporate RONA"). For fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the targeted measure of RONA for all Named Executive Officers was Corporate RONA, except with respect to Messrs. Cronin and Rosgaard. Their awards were based 50% on Corporate RONA and 50% on the RONA of their respective business units.

No incentive bonus is paid if the RONA calculation is below the threshold established for that specific performance period. No additional incentive bonus is paid beyond the established applicable maximum RONA calculation for each performance period. Under the STIP, the maximum payment that could be paid to any participant during any twelve-month period is \$3.0 million. The Special Subcommittee establishes the threshold number as being realistic and the maximum as being aggressive for each performance period.

The Special Subcommittee may establish a range of performance goals which correspond to, and will entitle participants to receive, various levels of awards based on percentage multiples of the “target incentive award,” which is the incentive compensation amount to be paid to participants when the performance criteria designated as the “100% award level” is met. The Special Subcommittee establishes the target incentive award for each participant based on a percentage of that participant’s average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) during the performance period. Under the STIP, each range of performance goals may include levels of performance above and below the 100% performance level, ranging from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 200% of the target incentive award. The Special Subcommittee may also establish a minimum level of performance goal achievement below which no awards are paid to any participant.

In December 2016, the Special Subcommittee established performance goals for the fiscal 2017 STIP. The table below summarizes the fiscal 2017 STIP performance goals established by the Special Subcommittee. For fiscal 2017, Greif achieved an adjusted Corporate RONA of 15.97%. As a result, the STIP awards for the Named Executive Officers were paid out at 100% of the target award. See “Executive Compensation - Summary Compensation Table” for the amount of the award to the Named Executive Officers under the STIP for fiscal 2017.

Fiscal 2017 STIP Performance	Threshold Performance	Threshold % Payout	Target Performance	Target % Payout	Maximum Performance	Maximum % Payout	Actual Performance	Actual % Payout
Corp RONA (1)	14.52%	50%	15.97%	100%	17.56%	200%	15.97%	100% (1)

(1) Prorated for performance between payout levels.

Each year the Committee reviews the STIP target awards for each Named Executive Officer based on its judgment of the impact of the position in the Company and what it believes to be competitive against market data while considering internal pay equity for comparable positions. The fiscal 2018 target awards are as follows:

Named Executive Officer	Fiscal 2017 STIP Target Award		Fiscal 2018 STIP Target Award	
	(% of Base Salary)	(\$)	(% of Base Salary)	(\$)
Mr. Watson	110%	\$1,078,110	125%	\$1,287,500
Mr. Hilsheimer	80%	\$548,964	85%	\$596,690
Mr. Martz	65%	\$372,496	70%	\$410,376
Mr. Cronin (1)	65%	\$340,935	65%	\$349,781
Mr. Rosgaard	65%	\$260,260	65%	\$303,463

(1) Mr. Cronin's compensation is paid in Euros and has been converted to U.S. Dollars using an exchange rate of 1.110424.

The table below summarizes the fiscal 2018 STIP performance goals established by the Special Subcommittee in December 2017 based on its evaluation of our business plan and prospects for the year.

Fiscal 2018 STIP Performance Goals	Threshold Performance	Threshold % Payout	Target Performance	Target % Payout	Maximum Performance	Maximum % Payout
Corp RONA (1)	15.56%	50%	16.94%	100%	18.31%	200% (1)

(1) Prorated for performance between payout levels.

## Long Term Incentive Plan

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The LTIP is intended to focus management on the key measures that drive superior performance over the longer-term. Compensation paid under the LTIP is not intended to be subject to the deduction limitation rules prescribed under Section 162(m) of the Code. See “— Tax Considerations Affecting Compensation Decisions” below.

The Special Subcommittee administers the LTIP. Employees of the Company who are designated by the Special Subcommittee as “key employees” are eligible to participate in and receive awards under the LTIP. Specifically, the LTIP is based on three-year performance periods that commence at the start of every fiscal year. At the beginning of each three-year performance period, the Special Subcommittee selects and establishes the award opportunity for each Named Executive Officer based on the Special Subcommittee’s reasoned business judgment and subjective review of, based in part on the recommendation of the CEO, his or her scope of responsibility and historical performance and the performance goals for that three-year performance period which, if met, will entitle the executive to the payment of the incentive compensation award. The award opportunity for the each Named Executive Officer for three-year period performance period that ended in fiscal 2017 was:

Named Executive Officer	LTIP Target Award for 2015-2017 Performance Period	
	(% of Average Base Salary)	(\$)
Mr. Watson	225%	\$1,260,000
Mr. Hilsheimer	190%	\$1,235,000
Mr. Martz	160%	\$873,600
Mr. Cronin (1)	80%	\$199,692
Mr. Rosgaard (2)	100%	\$364,000

(1) Based on Mr. Cronin’s start date with the Company, his award during this performance period was prorated to 83.33% of the award calculation. Mr. Cronin’s compensation is paid in Euros and has been converted to U.S. Dollars using an exchange rate of 1.110424.

(2) Mr. Rosgaard’s target award was determined by the Compensation Committee in December 2016 when he was selected to become a participant in the LTIP for the fiscal 2015 to 2017 performance period.

For the three-year performance periods ending in fiscal 2015, 2016 and 2017, the performance goals were based on targeted levels of adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (“EBITDA”). This measure was chosen because the Special Subcommittee believes it is the one most aligned with current analyses for maximizing stockholder value.

For each performance period, participants are to be paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted shares of the Company’s Class A and/or Class B Common Stock, as determined by the Special Subcommittee, with the number of restricted shares awarded being based on the average closing price of such restricted shares during the 90 day period preceding the day that the performance criteria for the applicable three-year performance period was established. The Special Subcommittee believes that awarding restricted shares in lieu of cash better aligns the interests of the Named Executive Officers and other key employees with the interests of the Company’s stockholders and facilitates compliance with the stock ownership guidelines by participants. See “Stock Ownership Guidelines” below. All restricted stock issued pursuant to the LTIP is fully vested on the date of issuance, with a restriction on the sale or transfer of the restricted shares within a prescribed time period determined by the Special Subcommittee (typically one year and one day from the date of issuance) that is not impacted in any way upon a change in control of the Company.

The Special Subcommittee may establish a range of performance goals which correspond to, and will entitle participants to receive, various levels of awards based on percentage multiples of the “target incentive award,” which is the incentive compensation amount to be paid to participants when the performance criteria designated as the “100% award level” is met. The Special Subcommittee establishes the target incentive award for each participant based on a percentage of that participant’s average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) during the three-year performance period. Under the LTIP, each range of performance goals may include levels of performance above and below the 100% performance level, ranging from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 200% of the target incentive award. The Special Subcommittee may also establish a minimum level of performance goal achievement below which no awards are paid to any participant. For the three-year performance periods ending in fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019, the minimum level of performance goal achievement is 33% of the target award.

The Special Subcommittee established the threshold number as being realistic to achieve and the maximum as being difficult to achieve for this performance period. After the performance goals are established, the Special Subcommittee aligns the achievement of the performance goals with the award opportunities, such that the level of achievement of

the pre-established performance goals at the end of the performance period determines the “final awards” (i.e., the actual incentive compensation earned during the performance period by the participant).

For fiscal 2017, Named Executive Officers were eligible to receive LTIP award payouts based on performance targets set in December 2014 covering the fiscal 2015-2017 performance period. In December 2017, the Special Subcommittee determined a payout of 77.51% under these awards was earned based on the adjusted EBITDA for the performance period shown in the table below. See “Executive Compensation - Summary Compensation Table” for the amount of the award to the Named Executive Officers under the LTIP for fiscal 2017.

2015-2017 LTIP Performance Goals	Threshold Performance	Threshold % Payout	Target Performance	Target % Payout	Maximum Performance	Maximum % Payout	Actual Performance	Actual % Payout
EBITDA	\$1,086.5 million	33%	\$1,358.1 million	100%	\$1,629.7 million	200%	\$1,266.9 million	77.51(1)

(1) Prorated for performance between payout levels.

**Confidentiality** - The Company’s EBITDA performance goals, used in the LTIP for each of the three year periods ending in fiscal year 2018, 2019 and 2020, are not included in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis section because the Company believes that disclosure of this information would cause the Company substantial competitive harm. In the rigid industrial packaging and the flexible products segments of the Company’s business, which account for over three-quarters of the Company’s revenues, the Company’s competitors are mostly privately-held companies that generally do not disclose their financial information, executive salaries and other key information to the public. Although the Company provides earnings guidance to investors, the Company attempts to incentivize key employees at levels above and below this guidance at a higher or lower percentage of their annual base salaries and the public disclosure of such levels could create confusion with investors. In addition, the public disclosure of the prospective targets and ranges of EBITDA under the LTIP would cause substantial competitive harm because, among other matters, the Company would be disclosing to its competitors the long-term bonus structure of its Named Executive Officers and other key employees and would be providing competitors with the Company’s anticipated level of earnings for the next three years, which could provide significant insight into the Company’s corporate initiatives and activities, including merger and acquisition activities and other growth plans. Furthermore, because the Company’s significant competitors in the rigid industrial packaging and the flexible products segments do not make similar disclosures, the Company’s detailed disclosure of targeted EBITDA gives a competitive advantage to its competitors.

For purposes of illustration and to provide context to our stockholders regarding the difficulty our Named Executive Officers face in achieving the performance targets under the LTIP, the percent of the target goal achieved for each performance target for each of the three year periods ending in the last three fiscal years is set forth below:

3-Year Performance Period Ending Fiscal Year	EBITDA	
	Target Goal Achieved (%)	Target Goal Achievable (%)
2017	78	200
2016	35	200
2015	38	200

## Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans

### Pension Plans

The Greif, Inc. Pension Plan (the “Pension Plan”) is a tax-qualified defined benefit plan meeting the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Code. The Pension Plan is designed to provide benefits to those employees hired in the United States prior to November 1, 2007 who have long and continuous service before retirement. Messrs. Watson and Martz are able to participate in the 35% final average earnings benefit structure under the Pension Plan. Messrs. Hilsheimer, Cronin and Rosgaard are not eligible to participate in the Pension Plan, although Mr. Cronin is a participant in other pension plans of the Company for non-U.S. employees. The Pension Plan provides for a monthly benefit for the participant’s lifetime upon reaching the normal retirement age under the Pension Plan, which is 65. The monthly benefit is calculated by multiplying the participant’s annual average compensation (calculated using the five highest complete years of the last ten years of compensation or the final sixty months of compensation, whichever is higher, capped at Code limits) by 35% and by the participant’s years of service divided by the years the participant could have worked until his or her normal retirement date divided by 12. Participants are 100% vested in the Pension Plan once they have been credited with five years of service with the Company. Thus, Messrs. Watson and Martz are each

100% vested in the Pension Plan. Once a participant is 100% vested, the participant will have earned a nonforfeitable right to a benefit under the Pension Plan. Benefits commence at the later of age 65 or five years vested in the Pension Plan. The Pension Plan offers early retirement benefits at age 55 on a reduced basis with a required 15 years of service.

Mr. Cronin participates in a pension plan sponsored by a subsidiary of the Company in the Netherlands. This pension plan provides benefits to Mr. Cronin upon his reaching the normal retirement age under the plans, which is 67. Mr. Cronin is currently vested in the pension plan. Mr. Cronin's pension plan does not offer early retirement benefits.

### ***Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans***

The Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") provides benefits for a select group of executives, including the Named Executive Officers who participate in a Company sponsored pension plan. The benefit from applicable pension plans and the SERP is equal to a target percentage (ranging from 40% to 50% depending on job classification) times the executive's highest three-year average compensation of the last five years worked by the executive and reduced for less than 20 years of continuous service and for receiving benefits prior to the executive's normal retirement age. "Compensation" for purposes of the SERP includes base salary and payments under the STIP, and benefits are payable quarterly under the SERP for 15 years. "Normal retirement age" under the SERP for executives other than the chief executive officer is age 65 and for the chief executive officer it is 62. Generally, vesting under the SERP requires 10 years of service or the attainment of the normal retirement age with at least five years of service. Mr. Watson's vesting age is 60. Messrs. Watson and Martz are fully vested in the SERP.

Named Executive Officers who are not eligible to participate in a Company sponsored pension plan may participate in the Defined Contribution Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("DC SERP"). Under this plan, each year the Company accrues into an account an amount equal to a specified percentage of the executive's annual Compensation as his or her future retirement benefit. "Compensation" for purposes of the DC SERP includes base salary and payments under the STIP. This account is also credited annually with interest based on the discount rate used under the Pension Plan. Vesting under the DC SERP requires 10 years of service or the attainment of age 65 with at least five years of service. Vested executives are entitled to the payment of a future benefit upon retirement equal to the accrued amounts and credited interest, which is payable in equal installments quarterly over 15 years. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, Mr. Hilsheimer is the only Named Executive Officer participating in the DC SERP.

### ***Defined Contribution/401(k) Plan***

The Company maintains a tax-qualified defined contribution plan meeting the requirements of Section 401(k) of the Code, commonly called a 401(k) plan, for substantially all of its U.S. employees. The 401(k) plan is available on the same terms to all of our U.S. employees, including our Named Executive Officers who are U.S. employees. Each participant can elect to contribute from 0% to 100% of his or her base salary to the 401(k) plan, subject to Internal Revenue Service and ERISA limitations. The deferred amount is invested in accordance with the election of the participant in a variety of investment choices, including a Company stock fund. Subject to certain limitations, the Company has the option to match a participant's contributions to the 401(k) plan. While a participant is always vested in his or her own salary reduction contributions, the right of a participant to amounts credited to his or her account as company-matching contributions is subject to vesting as provided by the 401(k) plan.

### ***Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan***

The Company has a nonqualified deferred compensation plan for the Company's executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, which allows them to defer income into a nonqualified plan. This plan is compliant with the regulations promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 409A of the Code and provides a vehicle for the executives to defer amounts higher than the IRS limits established for qualified plans. Although the Company has not done so to date, the Company may provide a match on any compensation deferred by the Named Executive Officers equivalent to the match that would have been made in the qualified plan but for such limits on the amount that could be contributed under the qualified plan. The Company may also make discretionary contributions into each officer's account, but the Company has not done so to date. Base salary, STIP and LTIP payments are all eligible for deferral into this plan. There are no limits on the amounts of compensation eligible for deferral. For example, an executive officer may defer 100% of his or her compensation.

The deferred compensation and Company match (and Company contributions, if any) are deposited into a rabbi trust to protect and segregate the funds. Deferred funds are invested in the same range of investment options as are available in the Company's qualified 401(k) plan.

Each year each Named Executive Officer makes an election whether or not to participate in the plan and at what level he or she wishes to defer. The executive also chooses the investment fund in which he or she wants the funds to be invested. In addition, the executive chooses the schedule on which these funds are to be distributed to them or their beneficiary upon retirement or death.

## Perquisites

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In addition to the compensation described above, the Company administers a health and wellness program for its executive officers, including its Named Executive Officers, which includes yearly general physical exams. The Company offers no other perquisites to the Named Executive Officers who work in the United States of America. Mr. Cronin, who is based in Europe, is provided with a car in accordance with customary local practice, a housing allowance and tax preparation services fee reimbursement. See Footnote (5) to the “Summary Compensation Table” for information concerning these perquisites.

## Stock Ownership Guidelines

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The Board of Directors has adopted stock ownership guidelines for our CEO and for our other executive officers and key employees. These guidelines are designed to better align the interests of our executives with that of our stockholders. In furtherance of the Company’s commitment to sound corporate governance, our CEO and other executive officers and key employees are required to hold shares of Company stock valued at the following multiple of their annual base salary:

Position	Ownership Level
Chief Executive Officer	5X Base Salary
Executive Officers	3X Base Salary
Key Employees	1X Base Salary

Executive officers and key employees have five years after initial participation in the LTIP or the attainment of a position that requires a higher threshold to satisfy compliance with these stock ownership guidelines. Executive officers and other key employees of the Company, including each of the Named Executive Officers, are required to retain 100% of the shares of their restricted stock awards under the LTIP (all of which shares are fully vested upon issuance) until they have satisfied the stock ownership threshold associated with their position. Once in compliance with the stock ownership guidelines associated with their position, executives and key employees will remain in compliance with these guidelines regardless of decreases in the trading price of the Company’s shares, changes to their base salary or immaterial dispositions of shares, until attainment of a position requiring a higher threshold, in which case the five-year compliance period starts again.

The Compensation Committee annually reviews compliance by our executives and key employees with these stock ownership guidelines. The Compensation Committee has determined that each of the Named Executive Officers are in compliance with the foregoing stock ownership guidelines or are within the five-year period for satisfying the stock ownership guidelines associated with their position. Failure to satisfy the requirements of the guidelines may impact an employee’s participation in the LTIP in future years.

## Tax Considerations Affecting Compensation Decisions

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Section 162(m) of the Code imposes a limit on the amount of compensation that the Company may deduct in any one year with respect to certain “covered employees,” unless certain specific and detailed criteria are satisfied. Performance-based compensation, as defined in the Code, is fully deductible if the programs are approved by stockholders and meet other requirements. The STIP and LTIP have both been approved by our stockholders and thus are designed to permit us to receive a federal income tax deduction for the awards made pursuant to these incentive plans. However, we seek to maintain flexibility in compensating our executives, and as a result, our Compensation Committee has not adopted a policy requiring all compensation to be deductible. Under the tax reform legislation passed in December 2017, generally referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the “qualified performance-based compensation” exemption was eliminated. Accordingly, effective for the Company’s fiscal year beginning November 1, 2018, compensation paid to covered employees under the LTIP will be subject to the limitations on deductibility under Section 162(m) of the Code.

# 2017 Performance Reviews of Chief Executive Officer and Other Named Executive Officers

In December 2017, the Compensation Committee reviewed the performance of the Named Executive Officers based upon certain pre-established performance categories approved by the Compensation Committee. The performance categories were determined by the Compensation Committee to be aligned with the Company's compensation policies and philosophies. These performance categories were also reviewed by Mr. Watson in connection with his recommendations to the Compensation Committee. These categories are as follows:

1. Financial Performance Results
2. Strategic Effectiveness and Innovation
3. Business Management
4. Talent Management
5. Personal Effectiveness

The Compensation Committee adds "Board Relations" as an additional performance category for the CEO.

Mr. Watson reviewed the other Named Executive Officers based on the above five categories using three criteria —exceeds expectations, meets expectations and needs improvement, as well as using other subjective assessments of performance, and reported his subjective determinations to the Compensation Committee. No single factor was given specific relative weight by Mr. Watson or the Compensation Committee, but all of the factors were considered in the aggregate in their collective experience and reasoned business judgment. The Compensation Committee and Special Subcommittee considered the proposed adjustments, if any, to the base salary, STIP and LTIP compensation, and award opportunities for those Named Executive Officers and determined they were at appropriate levels in light of the salaries and bonuses of other executive officers in equivalent roles in the Company's peer group and market data provided by Willis Towers Watson.

In reviewing Mr. Watson's performance as Chief Executive Officer for fiscal 2017, the Compensation Committee solicited written comments from all members of the Board of Directors based on the above six categories using the following criteria - exceeds expectations; meets expectations; and needs improvement. The Compensation Committee compiled the written comments. In evaluating fiscal 2017 performance of Mr. Watson with respect to each of the categories of his compensation, the Compensation Committee specifically discussed and recognized the following factors of Mr. Watson's performance during the year:

- His intense focus on serving the needs of the Company's customers with high quality products and services resulting in improved financial performance and higher gross margins and net income;
- His leadership in guiding the Company through the successful completion of the transformation process and pivoting the Company towards promising capital investment opportunities in the Company's business segments;
- His continued efforts to embed continuous improvement, lean operating principles and the enhanced Greif Business System throughout the organization;
- His commitment to the safety of the Company's employees and to the Greif Way;
- His leadership in initiating changes to the Company's tax structure, which should result in a more competitive tax structure for years to come; and
- The transparency of his leadership style, resulting in improved external relationships and better credibility with the Company's many stakeholders.

## **“Say-on-Pay” Advisory Votes**

At the 2017 annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company, the holders of Class B Common Stock approved a three-year frequency period for holding advisory votes on the Company’s executive compensation to its named executive officers (with a vote in excess of 55% of shares voted). In addition, the holders of Class B Common Stock approved the compensation (by an affirmative vote in excess of 99% of shares voted), as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and compensation tables, as well as the other narrative executive compensation disclosures, contained in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for its 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, of the Company’s named executive officers identified therein. Based on that vote, the Compensation Committee determined that no changes to the Company’s executive compensation program were warranted. The next stockholder advisory votes on approval of executive compensation and the frequency period of such votes will be held during the 2020 and 2023 annual meetings of the stockholders of the Company, respectively. The Compensation Committee will continue to review the design of the executive compensation program in light of its “say-on-pay” votes, developments in executive compensation and the Company’s pay-for-performance philosophy to ensure that the executive compensation program continues to serve the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

# Executive Compensation

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the compensation for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 for the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer (and those individuals acting in a similar capacity) and three other most highly compensated executive officers (the "Named Executive Officers").

Name and Principal Position							Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)(5)	Total (\$)
Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)				
Peter G. Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer	2017	967,778	-	836,573	-	1,670,539	1,092,876	13,120	4,580,886
	2016	834,617	75,000	171,981	-	1,450,095	935,632	9,272	3,476,597
	2015	555,388	-	77,607	-	381,788	148,484	15,832	1,179,099
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial officer	2017	682,635	-	683,269	-	1,039,666	7,314	242,932	2,655,816
	2016	662,500	13,000	200,823	-	917,646	3,258	249,776	2,047,003
	2015	641,250	-	122,504	-	525,450	682	189,944	1,479,830
Gary R. Martz, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2017	570,587	-	482,362	-	714,086	562,013	13,120	2,342,168
	2016	555,240	10,920	153,056	-	674,732	645,817	13,225	2,052,990
	2015	543,539	20,000	121,717	-	412,437	360,521	12,455	1,470,669
Michael Cronin, Senior Vice President and Group President (6)	2017	525,000	-	185,744	-	473,568	70,382	97,180	1,351,874
	2016	508,475	-	39,457	-	604,218	14,062	113,074	1,279,286
	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ole Rosgaard, Senior Vice President and Group President	2017	404,040	-	150,211	-	419,711	-	10,320	984,282
	2016	358,000	53,083	-	-	361,295	-	16,039	788,417
	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- (1) The amounts of base salary for fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017 reflect actual amounts paid to the respective Named Executive Officer for each fiscal year ended October 31. As discussed in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of Our Compensation Program - Base Salary" above, the Company implements increases on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis.
- (2) Amounts represent the restricted share portion of LTIP awards, as described below (see "—Incentive Compensation Plans") and as discussed in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Long Term Incentive Plan" above, based upon the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes during fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively, computed in accordance with Accounting Standards Certification ("ASC") 718. For a discussion of the relevant ASC 718 valuation assumptions, see Note 1 in the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of the 2017 Form 10-K. For fiscal 2017, LTIP award amounts were determined by multiplying the closing price of the Company's Class A Common Shares on January 4, 2018 (\$62.20) by the number of shares granted. For fiscal 2016, LTIP award amounts were determined by multiplying the closing price of the Company's Class A Common Shares on January 11, 2017 (\$53.61) by the number of shares granted. For fiscal 2015, LTIP award amounts were determined by multiplying the average closing price of the Company's Class A Common Shares for the 90 days prior to the date of the grant of the award (\$33.00) by the number of shares granted.
- (3) Amounts represent the cash awards earned under the Company's STIP and LTIP. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of Our Compensation Program —Short Term Incentive Plan" and "—Long Term Incentive Plan." The cash awards earned under the STIP and the LTIP for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

Name	Fiscal Year	Short Term Incentive Plan Awards (\$)	Long Term Incentive Plan Awards (\$)	Total Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation Awards (\$)
Peter G. Watson	2017	1,078,111	592,428	1,670,539
	2016	1,283,401	166,694	1,450,095
	2015	281,064	100,724	381,788
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer	2017	548,964	490,702	1,039,666
	2016	722,982	194,664	917,646
	2015	366,454	158,996	525,450
Gary R. Martz	2017	372,496	341,590	714,086
	2016	526,332	148,400	674,732
	2015	254,463	157,974	412,437
Michael Cronin	2017	341,250	132,318	473,568
	2016	565,982	38,236	604,218
	2015	—	—	—
Ole Rosgaard	2017	275,876	143,836	419,711
	2016	361,295	—	361,295
	2015	—	—	—

- (4) Amounts represent the change in the pension value for each Named Executive Officer, including amounts accruing under the Pension Plan, other company pension plans, the SERP and the DC SERP. None of the Named Executive Officers who participate in the nonqualified deferred compensation plan receive preferential or above market earnings. During Fiscal 2017, the Company accrued above market interest with respect to the DC SERP, a nonqualified defined contribution plan, for Mr. Hilsheimer in the amount of \$7,314 which equaled the difference between the interest accrued at 3.82% and that which would have accrued at 2.34% (120% of the long term applicable federal rate for October 2016).
- (5) For Named Executive Officers based in the United States, amounts represent the Company's match of employee contributions to the 401(k) plan, premiums paid for life insurance and the value of the annual wellness physical and any other perquisites paid by the Company to or on behalf of such Named Executive Officers during the fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Name	Year	Company Match for 401(k) Plan (\$)	Company paid Life Insurance Premiums (\$)	Value of Wellness Physical Exams (\$)	DC SERP (\$) <sup>†</sup>	Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits (\$) <sup>††</sup>	Total All Other Compensation (\$)
Peter G. Watson	2017	8,100	2,220	2,800	—	—	13,120
	2016	4,147	2,325	2,800	—	—	9,272
	2015	11,177	2,255	2,400	—	—	15,832
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer	2017	8,100	2,220	—	232,612	—	242,392
	2016	7,665	2,325	—	239,786	—	249,776
	2015	7,800	2,255	2,400	177,489	—	189,944
Gary R. Martz	2017	8,100	2,220	2,800	—	—	13,120
	2016	8,100	2,325	2,800	—	—	13,225
	2015	7,800	2,255	2,400	—	—	12,455
Michael Cronin	2017	—	27,024	—	—	70,488	97,180
	2016	—	—	—	—	113,074	113,074
	2015	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ole Rosgaard	2017	8,100	2,220	—	—	—	10,320
	2016	10,914	2,325	2,800	—	—	16,039
	2015	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>†</sup> This column includes pay credits and non-above market interest credits accrued with respect to the DC SERP.

<sup>††</sup> This column typically includes benefits related to expatriate assignments and other miscellaneous benefits. The amount for Mr. Cronin represents perquisites customary to his assignment in Europe, such as the provision of a car, a tax preparation allowance and a housing allowance paid by the Company to or on behalf of Mr. Cronin as set forth below.

	Pension Contribution Gap (\$)	Tax Preparation (\$)	Housing Allowance (\$)
2017	30,514	1,109	38,865
2016	56,495	1,109	55,470

- (6) Mr. Cronin's compensation is paid in Euros and has been converted to U.S. Dollars using an exchange rate of 1.110424.

## Grants of Plan-based Awards in Fiscal 2017

The following table summarizes grants of non-equity and stock-based compensation awards made during fiscal 2017 to the Named Executive Officers.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)(2)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stocks (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Peter G. Watson											
Long term	12/14/2016	1,395,001	2,790,002	5,580,004	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Short term	12/14/2016	539,055	1,078,110	2,156,220	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer											
Long term	12/14/2016	663,000	1,326,000	2,652,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Short term	12/14/2016	274,482	548,964	1,097,928	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gary R. Martz											
Long term	12/14/2016	445,537	891,073	1,782,146	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Short term	12/14/2016	186,248	372,496	744,992	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Michael Cronin											
Long term	12/14/2016	345,441	690,882	1,381,764	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Short term	12/14/2016	170,468	340,935	681,870	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ole Rosgaard (3)											
Long term	12/14/2016	227,500	455,000	910,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Short term	12/14/2016	137,938	275,876	551,752	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

- (1) In fiscal 2017, each Named Executive Officer was selected to participate in the LTIP for the performance period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2019. If the performance goals are achieved for that performance period, then awards will be made based on a percentage of such person's average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) during the three-year performance period. However, if such person's average base salary during the three-year performance period exceeds by more than 130% the base salary of such person on the first day of the performance period, then such person's average base salary for purposes of calculating the final award will be capped at 130% of such person's base salary on the first day of the performance period subject to the approval of Proposal 2 to this proxy statement which would eliminate this cap. For the performance period, the threshold and maximum levels are 33% and 200%, respectively, of the target award. Estimated future payouts are based on the Named Executive Officer's salary as of January 1, 2017, and are to be paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted shares of the Company's Class A and/or Class B Common Stock, as determined by the Special Subcommittee, with the number of restricted shares awarded being based on the average closing price of such restricted shares during the 90-day period preceding the day that the performance criteria for the performance period was established. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of Our Compensation Program — Long Term Incentive Plan."
- (2) In fiscal 2017, each Named Executive Officer was selected to participate in the STIP. Under the STIP, threshold, target and maximum levels of each individual Named Executive Officer's award potential are established for each performance period, based on Corporate RONA. Approved target awards for fiscal 2017 are based upon a percentage of the Named Executive Officer's base salary paid during fiscal 2017. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of Our Compensation Program — Short Term Incentive Plan." The actual payments earned by each Named Executive Officer in fiscal 2017 and paid in fiscal 2018 are shown in the Summary Compensation Table in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column.
- (3) In June 2017, the Compensation Committee approved a mid-year base salary increase for Mr. Rosgaard in the amount of 6% (from his base salary of \$400,400 at the start of the calendar year) in connection with his promotion to Senior Vice President.

## Stock-based Compensation

Since 2006, the Company has not issued stock options or made stock awards to its executive officers or employees, other than as a component of the LTIP or in certain circumstances, as a component of compensation packages offered to attract new key employees. Although it is the Compensation Committee's current intention to use only the LTIP for stock-based compensation to executive officers and other key employees, stock option and stock awards could be granted by the Company's Compensation Committee under the Company's 2001 Management Equity Incentive and Compensation Plan (the "2001 Plan"). The 2001 Plan provides for the award of incentive and nonqualified stock options and restricted and performance shares of Class A Common Stock to key employees. The maximum number of shares that could be issued each year is determined by a formula that takes into consideration the total number of shares outstanding and is also subject to certain limits. In addition, the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the 2001 Plan during its term for incentive stock options is 5,000,000 shares. The shares of Class A Common Stock subject to the 2001 Plan have been

registered under the Securities Act of 1933. No option may vest less than two years after the grant date and or be exercised greater than ten years after its grant date. In addition, no options granted under the 2001 Plan can be repriced by the Company or repurchased by the Company without stockholder approval. In general, options may not be transferred by the option holder, except that the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit transfers by the option holder to his or her spouse, children, grandchildren and certain other relatives or a trust for the principal benefit of one or more such persons or to a partnership whose only partners are one or more such persons.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information (1)

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Security Holders (2)	--	--	(3)
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Security Holders	--	--	--
Total:	--	--	--

(1) Information as of October 31, 2017.

(2) These plans include the 2001 Plan and the 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan, under which shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock may be issued, and the LTIP, under which restricted shares of the Company's Class A and Class B Common Stock may be issued. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of Our Compensation Program — Long Term Incentive Plan," "Executive Compensation - Stock-based Compensation," and "Director Compensation for Fiscal 2015 - Director Compensation Arrangements" for a further description of these plans. Stock options are no longer issued under the incentive stock option plan.

(3) Presently 164,365 shares of Class A Common Stock remain available for future issuance under the 2005 Outside Directors Equity Award Plan. The LTIP does not contain a limit on, or a formula for calculating, the number of shares available for future issuance under that plan. The 2001 Plan contains a formula for calculating the number of shares available for future issuance under that Plan. This formula provides that the maximum number of shares which may be issued each calendar year under the 2001 Plan is equal to the sum of (a) 5.0% of the total outstanding shares as of the last day of the Company's immediately preceding fiscal year, plus (b) any shares related to awards under the 2001 Plan that, in whole or in part, expire or are unexercised, forfeited, or otherwise not issued to a participant or returned to the Company, plus (c) any unused portion of the shares available under (a), above, for the immediately preceding two fiscal years as a result of not being made subject to a grant or award in such preceding two fiscal years. The approximate number of shares that may be issued under the 2001 Plan in fiscal 2018 is 3,900,000 shares. The maximum number of shares that may be issued under the 2001 Plan with respect to incentive stock options is 5,000,000 shares (1,072,311 shares remain available for future issuance under this limitation).

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

As of the end of fiscal 2017, there were no stock-based compensation awards outstanding for the Named Executive Officers. As discussed in "Stock-based Compensation" above, since 2006, the Company has not issued stock options or made stock awards to its executive officers or employees, including the Named Executive Officers, other than as a component of the LTIP or in certain circumstances, as a component of compensation packages offered to attract new key employees.

## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation awards exercised or vested during fiscal 2017 by the Named Executive Officers.

Name	OPTION AWARDS		STOCK AWARDS	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Peter G. Watson	--	--	--	--
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer (1)	--	--	5,000	283,550
Gary R. Martz	--	--	--	--
Michael Cronin	--	--	--	--
Ole Rosgaard	--	--	--	--

(1) In fiscal year 2014, Mr. Hilsheimer was awarded 15,000 restricted shares of the Company's Class A common stock under the 2001 Plan as a component of his hiring compensation package with an aggregate fair value of \$829,650 based upon the closing price of the Company's Class A Common Stock on May 12, 2014 of \$55.31. The shares were subject to forfeiture in the event Mr. Hilsheimer ceased to be an active full-time employee.

of the Company, but all risk of forfeiture lapsed as of May 12, 2017. The closing price of the Company's Class A Common Stock on May 12, 2017 was \$56.71.

## Pension Benefits

The table below sets forth the years of service and present value of the accumulated benefit for each of the eligible Named Executive Officers under the Pension Plan and other pension plans sponsored by subsidiaries of the Company and the SERP as of October 31, 2017.

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$) (1)(2)(3)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Peter G. Watson	Pension Plan	18	569,819	—
	SERP	6	922,496	—
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer	Pension Plan	—	—	—
	SERP	—	—	—
Gary R. Martz	Pension Plan	16	480,030	—
	SERP	16	2,390,526	—
Michael Cronin	Netherlands Pension	1.5	21,650	—
	SERP	—	—	—
Ole Rosgaard	Pension Plan	—	—	—
	SERP	—	—	—

(1) Assumptions for calculations:

(A) Age 65 commencement;

(B) No decrements for death nor termination prior to age 65;

(C) RP-2014 Projected Mortality for the Pension Plan. For the Netherlands Pension, the AP Prognosetafel 2014 mortality table as of October 31, 2015 with the AP Prognosetafel 2016 mortality table as of October 31, 2016;

(D) Discount rates for the Pension Plan of 3.82% as of October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2016 and 4.40% as of October 31, 2015; and discount rates for the Netherlands Pension of 1.55% and 1.32% as of October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2016, respectively.

(E) Pension Plan benefits accrued to December 31, 2004 are payable as a lump sum and valued using a 0.25% lower discount rate and Revenue Ruling 2008-65 mortality.

(2) See Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of the 2017 Form 10-K for a discussion of the valuation method and material assumptions applied in quantifying the present value of the accumulated benefit.

(3) Mr. Cronin's Netherlands Pension benefits were calculated in Euros and converted to U.S. Dollars using an exchange rate of 1.1610 and 1.0897 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

The table below provides information regarding the Named Executive Officers accounts under the Company's non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Mr. Hilsheimer is the only Named Executive Officer that has elected to defer compensation under the Company's non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$) (1)(2)	Company Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$) (3)
Peter G. Watson	—	—	—	—	—
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer (4)	6,120	—	32,038	—	254,807
Gary R. Martz	—	—	—	—	—
Michael Cronin	—	—	—	—	—
Ole Rosgaard	—	—	—	—	—

(1) The amounts shown above include salary, LTIP and STIP awards deferred during Fiscal 2017.

(2) The amounts included in the table and also reported as Fiscal 2017 compensation in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement are \$6,120.

(3) The amounts included in the aggregate balance at October 31, 2017 in the table and also reported as Fiscal 2016 and 2015 compensation in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement are \$138,694 and \$33,987, respectively.

(4) Not previously reported.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

The Company has no plans, agreements, contracts or other arrangements providing any Named Executive Officer with severance or change-in-control benefits.

## **Agreements with Named Executive Officers**

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The Company does not have an employment agreement with any Named Executive Officer. All the Named Executive Officers, as well as other participants in the LTIP, have agreed to certain post-employment covenants prohibiting them from becoming involved in any enterprise which competes with any business engaged in by the Company or its subsidiaries.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

During fiscal 2017, the Audit Committee members were, prior to February 28, 2017, Vicki L. Avril (Chairperson), Bruce A. Edwards, John F. Finn and John W. McNamara. On February 28, 2017, Ms. Avril was replaced on the Audit Committee by Michael J. Gasser, and Mr. Edwards was appointed the Chairman. The Audit Committee's primary responsibilities include the following:

- Overseeing the integrity of the financial statements of the Company;
- Overseeing the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- Overseeing the Company's independent auditors' qualifications and independence;
- Monitoring and evaluating the Company's independent auditors and internal audit function; and
- Reviewing management's performance related to the assessment and management of risk. (See "Board's Role in Risk Management Oversight" for the Audit Committee's role in risk management.)

The Board has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, a copy of which is posted on the Company's website at [www.greif.com](http://www.greif.com) under "Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Documents." The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Audit Committee member Bruce A. Edwards is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by applicable SEC regulations. All of the members of the Audit Committee meet the categorical standards of independence adopted by the Board and are independent directors as defined in the NYSE listing standards and the applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. See "Corporate Governance-Director Independence."

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal controls and preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements in the 2017 Form 10-K 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 consolidated financial statements. Throughout the year, the Audit Committee also monitored the results of the testing of internal control over financial reporting pursuant to §404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, reviewed a report from management and internal audit regarding the design, operation and effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and reviewed a report from Deloitte & Touche LLP regarding the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee reviewed with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited consolidated financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the Audit Committee in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"). In addition, the Audit Committee received written disclosures regarding the independent auditors' independence from management and the Company, and received a letter confirming that fact from the independent auditors, which included applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and considered the compatibility of nonaudit services with the auditors' independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with the Company's internal and independent auditors the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Audit Committee meets separately with the internal and independent auditors, with and without management present, and separately with management, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company's internal controls and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

As discussed above, the Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the Company's financial reporting process. It is not the duty or responsibility of the Audit Committee to conduct auditing or accounting reviews or procedures. Members of the Audit Committee are not employees of the Company. Therefore, the Audit Committee has relied, without independent verification, on management's representation that the consolidated financial statements have been prepared with integrity and objectivity and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and on the representations of the independent auditors included in their report on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Audit Committee's review does not provide its members with an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles or policies, or appropriate internal controls and

procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions with management and the independent auditors do not assure that the Company's consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, that the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements has been carried out in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, or that the Company's independent auditors are in fact "independent."

The Audit Committee receives regular reports from the Company's General Counsel with respect to matters coming within the scope of the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The CEO and the principal financial officer have each agreed to be bound by the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act mandated Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers. The Company has also implemented and applied the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics throughout the Company. It also has in place procedures for the receipt of complaints concerning the Company's accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing practices, including the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing practices.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board (and the Board has approved) that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the 2017 Form 10-K for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee has selected Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the 2018 fiscal year.

***Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.***

Bruce A. Edwards, Committee Chairperson  
John F. Finn  
Michael J. Gasser  
John W. McNamara

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICY**

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors. As part of this responsibility, the Audit Committee is required to pre-approve the audit and permissible non-audit services performed by the independent auditors in order to assure that such services do not impair the auditors' independence from the Company. The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued rules specifying the types of services that independent auditors may not provide to their audit client, as well as the audit committee's administration of the engagement of the independent auditors. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has adopted a Pre-Approval Policy (the "Policy"), which sets forth the procedures and the conditions under which services proposed to be performed by the independent auditors must be pre-approved.

Pursuant to the Policy, certain proposed services may be pre-approved on a periodic basis so long as the services do not exceed certain pre-determined cost levels. If not pre-approved on a periodic basis, proposed services must otherwise be separately pre-approved prior to being performed by the independent auditors. In addition, any proposed services that were pre-approved on a periodic basis, but later exceed the pre-determined cost level would require separate pre-approval of the incremental amounts by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to the Chairperson of the Audit Committee for proposed services to be performed by the independent auditors for up to \$100,000 per engagement. Pursuant to such Policy, in the event the Chairperson pre-approves services, the Chairperson is required to report decisions to the full Audit Committee at its next regularly-scheduled meeting.

# INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Deloitte & Touche LLP served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017. It is currently expected that a representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if such representative so desires and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders. The Company's Audit Committee has selected Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2018 fiscal year.

Deloitte & Touche LLP was initially engaged by the Audit Committee as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm on August 26, 2014. Deloitte & Touche LLP's engagement to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm was effective upon Ernst & Young LLP's resignation on August 29, 2014.

All services to be provided by the Company's independent auditors are pre-approved by the Audit Committee, including audit services, audit-related services, tax services and certain other services. See "Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy." Aggregate fees billed to the Company for each of the fiscal years ended October 31, 2016 and October 31, 2017 by Deloitte & Touche LLP were as follows:

Type of Service	2017	2016
<b>Audit Fees</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	\$6,640,000	\$7,176,000
<b>Audit-Related Fees</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	305,000	\$566,000
<b>Tax Fees</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	1,525,000	\$1,305,000
<b>All Other Fees</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	61,000	\$60,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,531,000</b>	<b>\$9,107,650</b>

(1) Comprises the audits of the Company's annual financial statements and internal controls over financial reporting and reviews of the Company's quarterly financial statements, attest services and consents to SEC filings.

(2) Comprises statutory audits of Company subsidiaries, employee benefit plan audits and consultations regarding financial accounting and reporting.

(3) Comprises services for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax compliance includes services for compliance related tax advice, as well as the preparation and review of both original and amended tax returns for the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. Tax compliance related fees represented \$24,907 and \$379,985 of the tax fees for fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively. The remaining tax fees primarily include tax planning.

(4) Comprises other miscellaneous services.

None of the services described under the headings "—Audit-Related Fees," "—Tax Fees," or "—All Other Fees" above were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the waiver procedure set forth in 17 CFR 210.2-01 (c)(7)(i)(C).

## Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

During fiscal year 2017, the Company retained the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP to perform certain legal services on its behalf. Daniel J. Gunsett, a partner in that firm, is a director of the Company and a member of the Compensation, Nominating and Stock Repurchase Committees. The Company anticipates retaining Baker & Hostetler LLP in the 2018 fiscal year. The Board has affirmatively determined that Mr. Gunsett meets the categorical standards of independence adopted by the Board and is an independent director as defined in the NYSE listing standards. See "Corporate Governance-Director Independence."

The Company has a written policy for the approval of a transaction between the Company and one of its directors, executive officers, greater than 5% Class B stockholders, an entity owned or controlled by such persons, or an immediate family member of such persons, which is generally referred to as a related party transaction. This policy provides that the Audit Committee must review, evaluate and approve or disapprove all related party transactions involving an amount equal to or greater than \$5,000. This policy also requires that all related party transactions be disclosed in the Company's applicable filings as required by the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related rules. In addition, the Nominating Committee, which advises the Board of Directors on corporate governance matters, independently reviews and assesses corporate governance issues related to contemplated related party transactions.

## Stockholder Proposals

Proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders (scheduled for February 26, 2019) must be received by the Company for inclusion in the Proxy Statement and form of proxy on or prior to 120 days in advance of the first anniversary of the date of this Proxy Statement. If a stockholder intends to present a proposal at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, but does not seek to include such proposal in the Company's Proxy Statement and form of proxy, such proposal must be received by the Company on or prior to 45 days in advance of the first anniversary of the date of this Proxy Statement or the persons named in the form of proxy for the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders will be entitled to use their discretionary voting authority should such proposal then be raised at such meeting, without any discussion of the matter in the Company's Proxy Statement or form of proxy. Furthermore, stockholders must follow the procedures set forth in Article I, Section 8, of the Company's Second Amended and Restated By-Laws, as amended, in order to present proposals at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders.

## Other Matters

The proxy card enclosed with this Proxy Statement is solicited from Class B stockholders by and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company. A person giving the proxy has the power to revoke it.

The expense for soliciting proxies for this Annual Meeting is to be paid by the Company. Solicitations of proxies also may be made by personal calls upon or telephone or telegraphic communications with stockholders, or their representatives, by not more than five officers or regular employees of the Company who will receive no compensation for doing so other than their regular salaries.

Management knows of no matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting other than the above proposals. However, if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to vote the proxy in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

January 9, 2018

/s/ Gary R. Martz

Gary R. Martz

Secretary

**GREIF, INC.**  
**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

*[Proposed changes are shown as ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions, bold for insertions and have been underlined for reference purposes.]*

**Article 1. Establishment and Purpose**

1.1. Establishment of Plan. The Greif, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") amends, restates and continues the previously established Greif Bros. Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Prior Plan"). The Prior Plan became effective as of May 1, 2001. No Performance Period under this Plan shall end after October 31, ~~2020-2025~~, and this Plan shall remain in effect until the payment of any Final Award in connection therewith; provided, however, that this Plan may be terminated by the Board or the Committee.

The Plan shall become effective as of January 1, 2006, subject to approval of the Plan by holders of a majority of the securities of the Company present, or represented, and entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders duly held in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware within 12 months following adoption of the Plan by the Board. If the Plan is not approved by stockholders, as described in the preceding sentence, within 12 months following its adoption by the Board, then the Prior Plan shall continue in full force and effect without change thereto.

1.2. Purpose. The primary purposes of the Plan are to:

- (a) Retain, motivate and attract top caliber executives;
- (b) Focus management on key measures that drive superior performance and thus, creation of value for the Company;
- (c) Provide compensation opportunities that are externally competitive and internally consistent with the Company's total compensation strategies; and
- (d) Provide award opportunities that are comparable in both character and magnitude to those provided through stock-based plans.

**Article 2. Definitions**

Whenever used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below and, when the defined meaning is intended, the term is capitalized:

2.1. "Adopted Child" or "Adopted Children" means one or more persons adopted by court proceedings, the finality of which is not being contested at the time of the Participant's death.

2.2. "Award Opportunity" means the various levels of incentive compensation, payable in cash and/or Shares, which a Participant may earn under the Plan, as established by the Committee pursuant to Article 4 herein.

2.3 "Base Salary" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.4

2.4. "Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.5. "Child" or "Children" means a Participant's natural and Adopted Children living or deceased on the date of the Participant's death. A Child who was conceived but not yet born on the date of the Participant's death shall be regarded for purposes of the Plan as though such Child were living on that date, but only if such Child survives birth.

2.6. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

2.7. "Committee" means the Special Subcommittee on Incentive Compensation, comprised of two (2) or more individuals appointed by the Board to administer the Plan, in accordance with Article 8.

2.8. "Company" means Greif, Inc., formerly known as Greif Bros. Corporation, or any successor thereto.

2.9. "Covered Employee" means any Participant who is, or who is determined by the Committee to be likely to become, a "covered employee" within the meaning of Code 162(m).

2.10. "Descendants" mean legitimate descendants of whatever degree, including descendants both by blood and Adopted Children.

2.11. "Disability" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the long term disability plan maintained by the Participant's employer at the time that the determination regarding Disability is made hereunder.

2.12. "Effective Date" means May 1, 2001, as to the Prior Plan and January 1, 2006, as to this Amended and Restated Plan.

2.13. "Employee" means any employee of the Company. Directors who are not employed by the Company shall not be considered Employees under the Plan.

2.14. "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

2.15. "Final Award" means the actual incentive compensation earned during a Performance Period by a Participant, as determined by the Committee following the end of the Performance Period.

2.16. "Final Award Document" means the document given by the Company to a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to such Participant's Final Award, determined in accordance with Articles 4 and 5.

2.17. "Participant" means an Employee who meets the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to one or more Performance Periods.

2.18. "Performance Criteria" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 4.

2.19. "Performance Period" means the consecutive and overlapping three-year cycles beginning on each November 1st during the term of the Plan.

2.20. "Period of Restriction" means the period during which the transfer of Restricted Shares is limited based on the passage of time, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

2.21. "Plan" means this Greif, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, as hereafter amended from time to time.

2.22. "Restricted Shares" means the portion of a Final Award granted to a Participant in accordance with Article 4, which is payable in Shares in accordance with Article 5.

2.23. "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act.

2.24. "Share" means a share of the Company's no par value Class A and/or Class B common stock.

2.25. "Target Incentive Award" means the incentive compensation amount, or formula to determine such amount, to be paid to Participants when the Performance Criteria designated as the "100% Award Level" are met, as established by the Committee for a Performance Period.

### **Article 3. Eligibility and Participation**

3.1. Eligibility. All Employees who are designated by the Committee to be key Employees shall be eligible to receive an Award Opportunity under the Plan. In general, an Employee may be designated as a key Employee if such Employee is responsible for or contributes to the management, growth, and/or profitability of the business of the Company in a material way.

3.2. Participation. Participation in the Plan shall be determined annually or for each Performance Period by the Committee based upon the criteria set forth in Section 3.1 herein. Employees who are chosen to participate in the Plan for any given Performance Period shall be so notified in writing, and shall be apprised of the Performance Criteria and related Award Opportunities determined for them for the relevant Performance Period, as soon as is practicable after such Award Opportunities are established.

3.3. Partial Performance Period Participation. An Employee who becomes eligible after the beginning of a Performance Period may participate in the Plan for that Performance Period. Such situations may include, but are not limited to (a) new hires; or (b) when an Employee is promoted from a position which did not previously meet the eligibility criteria. The Committee, in its sole discretion, retains the right to prohibit or allow participation in the initial Performance Period of eligibility for any of the aforementioned Employees.

3.4. No Right to Participate. No Participant or other Employee shall at any time have a right to be selected for participation in the Plan for any Performance Period, whether or not he or she previously participated in the Plan.

#### Article 4. Award Determination

4.1. Performance Criteria. Prior to the beginning of each Performance Period, or as soon as practicable thereafter (but in no event later than 90 days following the first day of the Performance Period), the Committee shall select and establish performance goals for that Performance Period, which, if met, will entitle Participants to the payment of the Award Opportunities. Such performance goals shall be established without regard to length of service with the Company, and shall be based on targeted levels of increase in (a) earnings per share, and (b) free cash flow, as hereinafter defined, or (c) such other measures of performance success as the Committee may determine. For purposes of the Plan, "free cash flow" means the Company's net cash provided by operating activities for the Performance Period, subject to such adjustments that the Committee determines are necessary or proper to reflect accurately the free cash flow of the Company.

For each Performance Period, the Committee may, in its discretion, establish a range of performance goals which correspond to, and will entitle Participants to receive, various levels of Award Opportunities based on percentage multiples of the Target Incentive Award. Each performance goal range shall include a level of performance designated as the "100% Award Level" at which the Target Incentive Award shall be earned. In addition, each range may include levels of performance above and below the one hundred percent (100%) performance level, ranging from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 200% of the Target Incentive Award.

After the performance goals are established, the Committee will align the achievement of the performance goals with the Award Opportunities (as described in Section 4.2 herein), such that the level of achievement of the pre-established performance goals at the end of the Performance Period will determine the Final Awards.

4.2. Award Opportunities. As soon as practicable after establishing Performance Criteria in accordance with Section 4.1 above, but in no event later than 90 days following the first day of each Performance Period, the Committee shall establish, in writing, Award Opportunities, which correspond to various levels of achievement of the pre-established Performance Criteria. The established Award Opportunities shall vary in relation to the job classification of each Participant. In the event a Participant changes job levels during a Performance Period, the Participant's Award Opportunity may, subject to Section 4.3 below, be adjusted to reflect the amount of time at each job level during the Performance Period.

4.3. Adjustment of Performance Criteria. Once established, the Performance Criteria normally shall not be changed during the Performance Period. However, if the Committee determines that external changes or other unanticipated business conditions have materially affected the fairness of the goals, or that a change in the business, operations, corporate structure or capital structure of the Company, or the manner in which it conducts its business, or other events or circumstances render the Performance Criteria unsuitable, then the Committee may approve appropriate adjustments to the Performance Criteria (either up or down) during the Performance Period as such criteria apply to the Award Opportunities of specified Participants; provided, however, that no modification shall be made in the case of any award to a Participant who is, or is determined by the Committee to be likely to become, a Covered Employee if the effect would be to cause the award to fail to qualify for the performance-based exception to Code Section 162(m). In addition, at the time the award subject to Performance Criteria is made and Performance Criteria are established, the Committee is authorized to determine the manner in which the Performance Criteria will be calculated or measured to take into account certain factors over which Participants have no or limited control, including market related changes in inventory value, changes in industry margins, changes in accounting principles, and extraordinary charges to income.

4.4. Final Award Determinations. Subject to the provisions of Section 6.3, at the end of each Performance Period, the Committee shall certify in writing the extent to which the Performance Criteria were met during the Performance Period. Thereafter, the Committee shall determine and compile Final Awards for each Participant. Final Award amounts shall be described in the Final Award Documents, and may vary above or below the Target Incentive Award based on the level of achievement of the pre-established corporate, divisional, and/or individual performance goals, provided, however, that the range of such variance shall be between 0% and 200% of the Target Incentive Award in accordance with the pre-established performance goal ranges.

The Target Incentive Award for each Participant will be a percentage of that Participant's average base salary (exclusive of any bonus and other benefits) (the "Base Salary") during the Performance Period ~~; provided, however, that in the event that a Covered Employee's average Base Salary during the Performance Period exceeds by more than 130% the Base Salary of that Covered Employee on the first day of the Performance Period, such Covered Employee's average Base Salary for purposes of calculating the Final Award shall be capped at 130% of such Covered Employee's Base Salary on the first day of the Performance Period.~~ In addition, in no event shall the Final Award paid to any Employee under the Plan for any Performance Period exceed \$ ~~6,000,000~~ **12,000,000**; **for purposes of clarification, the change in share value of any**

**Restricted Shares issued as part of a Final Award from the award value determined in accordance with Section 5.1(a) shall not be considered for purposes of applying this cap.**

4.5. Threshold Levels of Performance. The Committee may establish minimum levels of performance goal achievement under the Performance Criteria, below which no payouts of Final Awards shall be made to any Participant.

4.6. Performance Criteria Applicable to Covered Employees. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the Performance Criteria applicable to any Participant who is, or who is determined by the Committee to be likely to become, a Covered Employee shall be limited to growth, improvement or attainment of certain levels of:

- (a) return on capital, equity, or operating costs;
- (b) economic value added;
- (c) margins;
- (d) total stockholder return on market value;
- (e) operating profit or net income;
- (f) cash flow, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization;
- (g) sales, throughput, or product volumes; and/or
- (h) costs or expenses.

Such Performance Criteria may be expressed either on an absolute basis or relative to other companies selected by the Committee. This Section 4.6 is intended to ensure compliance with the exception from Code Section 162(m) for qualified performance-based compensation, and shall be construed, applied and administered accordingly.

**Article 5. Payment of Final Awards**

**5.1. Form and Timing of Payment.**

(a) Generally. Each Participant's Final Award shall be paid in a combination of cash, in one lump sum, and Restricted Shares, as determined by the Committee no later than the time the relevant Performance Criteria and Award Opportunities were established, no sooner than 75 days after the end of each Performance Period and no later than the 15th day of the third month after the end of the taxable year of the Participant in which the Final Award was earned. The number of Restricted Shares awarded shall be based on the average closing price of such Restricted Shares during the ninety (90) day period preceding the last trading day that precedes the day that the Performance Criteria for the applicable Performance Period were established, rounded down to the next nearest whole share. The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether an award of Restricted Shares shall be Class A, Class B, or a combination of Class A and Class B Shares.

(b) Transfer of Restricted Shares. A Participant may not sell, transfer, pledge, assign, or otherwise alienate or hypothecate Restricted Shares granted hereunder until the end of the applicable Period of Restriction, as set forth in the Participant's Final Award Document. All rights with respect to Restricted Shares granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be available during his or her lifetime only to such Participant. The Company shall retain the certificates representing Restricted Shares in the Company's possession until such time as the applicable Periods of Restriction have expired. Restricted Shares awarded under the Plan shall become freely transferable by the Participant after the last day of the applicable Period of Restriction, subject to any applicable securities laws.

5.2. Unsecured Interest. No Participant or any other party claiming an interest in amounts earned under the Plan shall have any interest whatsoever in any specific asset of the Company. To the extent that any party acquires a right to receive cash or Restricted Shares under the Plan, such right shall be equivalent to that of an unsecured general creditor of the Company.

**Article 6. Termination of Employment**

6.1. Termination of Employment Due to Death, Disability, or Retirement. In the event a Participant's employment is terminated by reason of death, Disability, or "retirement" (as determined by the Committee), the Final Award determined in accordance with Section 4.4 herein shall be reduced **on a prorated basis** to reflect participation prior to termination ~~only~~. The reduced award shall be determined by multiplying said Final Award by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days of employment in the Performance Period through the date of employment termination, and the denominator of which is the number of days in the Performance Period. In the case of a Participant's Disability, the employment termination shall

be deemed to have occurred on the date that the Committee determines the definition of Disability to have been satisfied. The Final Award thus determined shall be paid as soon as practicable and reasonable following the end of the applicable Performance Period ~~s in which employment termination occurs~~, but in no event shall such amount be paid sooner than 75 days after the end of each applicable ~~such~~ Performance Period nor later than the 15th day of the third month after the end of the taxable year of the Participant in which the Final Award for that Performance Period was earned.

## 6.2. Beneficiary Designations.

(a) General. Each Participant under the Plan may, from time to time, name any beneficiary or beneficiaries (who may be named contingently or successively) to whom any benefit under the Plan is to be paid in case of his or her death before such Participant receives any or all of such benefit. Each designation will revoke all prior designations by the same Participant, shall be in a form prescribed by the Committee, and will be effective only when filed by the Participant in writing with the Committee during his or her lifetime.

(b) Invalidity of Powers of Attorney. The Plan shall not recognize beneficiary designations made on a Participant's behalf by the Participant's attorney in fact, or by any person acting under a power of attorney or any instrument by which the Participant has appointed another person as his or her agent, thereby conferring upon him or her the authority to perform certain specified acts on the Participant's behalf.

(c) Failure of Beneficiary Designation. In the absence of a beneficiary designation made by the Participant in accordance with Section 6.2(a), or if the beneficiary named by a Participant predeceases him or her, then the Committee shall pay any benefits remaining unpaid at the Participant's death to the Participant's surviving spouse. If the Participant has no surviving spouse at his or her date of death, then the Committee shall pay the remaining benefit hereunder to the Participant's Children per capita and to any deceased Child's Descendants per stirpes. If no spouse, Children or Descendants survive the Participant, then the Committee shall pay any remaining benefits hereunder to the Participant's estate.

6.3. Termination of Employment for Other Reasons. In the event a Participant's employment is terminated before the date payment of the Final Award is made for any reason other than death, Disability, or "retirement" as described in Section 6.1, all of the Participant's rights to any unpaid Final Award shall be forfeited.

## Article 7. Rights of Participants

7.1. Employment. Nothing in the Plan shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company to terminate any Participant's employment at any time, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company.

7.2. Nontransferability. No right or interest of any Participant in the Plan shall be assignable or transferable, or subject to any lien, directly, by operation of law or otherwise, including, but not limited to, execution, levy, garnishment, attachment, pledge, and bankruptcy.

7.3. Stockholder Rights. No Participant shall be deemed for any purpose to be or to have the rights and privileges of the owner of any Restricted Shares to be awarded under the Plan until such Participant shall have become the holder thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Participant who has received a Final Award shall have the following rights during the Period of Restriction:

(a) Voting Rights. Such Participants may exercise full voting rights with respect to Restricted Shares.

(b) Dividends and Other Distributions. Such Participants shall receive regular cash dividends paid by the Company with respect to the underlying Shares while they are so held.

7.4. Foreign Participants. Subject to the provisions of Section 4.3, the Committee may, in order to fulfill the Plan purposes and without amending the Plan, modify Award Opportunities granted to Participants who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States to the extent necessary to recognize differences in local law, tax policy or custom.

## Article 8. Administration

8.1. The Committee. The Committee, as defined in Section 2.6, shall administer the Plan. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by, and shall serve at the discretion of, the Board. All Committee members shall be members of the Board, and must be "non-employee directors," as such term is described in Rule 16b-3, if and as such Rule is in effect, and "outside directors" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m). Appointment of Committee members shall be effective upon acceptance of appointment. Committee members may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board. The Board shall fill vacancies in the Committee.

## 8.2. Authority of the Committee.

(a) General. Except as limited by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Company, and subject to the provisions herein, the Committee shall have full power to select Employees who shall participate in the Plan; determine the size and types of Award Opportunities and Final Awards; determine the terms and conditions of Award Opportunities in a manner consistent with the Plan; construe and interpret the Plan and any agreement or instrument entered into under the Plan; establish, amend, or waive rules and regulations for the Plan's administration; and (subject to the provisions of Article 4 herein) amend the terms and conditions of any outstanding Award Opportunity to the extent such terms and conditions are within the discretion of the Committee as provided in the Plan. Further, the Committee shall make all other determinations, which may be necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. As permitted by law, the Board, the Compensation Committee of the Board, and the Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, appraisers and other persons, and may delegate as appropriate its authorities as identified hereunder. The Committee, the Company and its officers and directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or evaluations of any such persons.

(b) Facility of Payment. If the Committee deems any person entitled to receive any amount under the provisions of the Plan to be incapable of receiving or disbursing the same by reason of minority, illness or infirmity, mental incompetency, or incapacity of any kind, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, take any one or more of the following actions:

(i) apply such amount directly for the comfort, support and maintenance of such person;

(ii) reimburse any person for any such support theretofore supplied to the person entitled to receive any such payment;

(iii) pay such amount to any person selected by the Committee to disburse it for such comfort, support and maintenance, including without limitation, any relative who has undertaken, wholly or partially, the expense of such person's comfort, care and maintenance, or any institution in whose care or custody the person entitled to the amount may be; or

(iv) with respect to any amount due to a minor, deposit such amount to his or her credit in any savings or commercial bank of the Committee's choice, direct that such distribution be paid to the legal guardian, or if none, to a parent of such person or a responsible adult with whom the minor maintains his or her residence, or to the custodian for such person under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act or Gift to Minors Act, if such payment is permitted by the laws of the state in which the minor resides.

Payment pursuant to this Section 8.2(b) shall fully discharge the Company, the Board, the Compensation Committee of the Board, the Committee, and the Plan from further liability on account thereof.

8.3. Majority Rule. The Committee shall act by a majority of its members.

8.4. Decisions Binding. All determinations and decisions of the Committee as to any disputed question arising under the Plan, including questions of construction and interpretation, shall be final, binding and conclusive upon all parties.

8.5. Indemnification. Each person who is or shall have been a member of the Committee, the Compensation Committee of the Board, or the Board shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party, or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act under the Plan, and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in settlement thereof, with the Company's approval, or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her, provided he or she shall give the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

## Article 9. Amendments

The Board or the Committee, without notice, at any time and from time to time, may modify or amend, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of the Plan, or suspend or terminate it entirely; provided, however, that:

(a) no such modification, amendment, suspension, or termination may, without the consent of a Participant materially reduce the right of a Participant to a payment or distribution hereunder to which he or she has already become entitled, as determined under Sections 4.4 and 6.3; and

(b) no amendment shall be effective unless approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes eligible to be cast at a meeting of stockholders of the Company held within twelve (12) months of the date of adoption of such amendment and prior to payment of any compensation pursuant to such amendment, where such amendment will make any change which may require stockholder approval under the rules of any exchange on which Shares are traded, or in order for awards granted under the Plan to qualify for an exception from Code Section 162(m). No Award Opportunity may be granted during any period of suspension of the Plan or after termination of the Plan, and in no event may any Award Opportunities be granted for any Performance Period ending after October 31, 2020.

## **Article 10. Miscellaneous**

### **10.1. Regulations and Other Approvals; Governing Law.**

(a) The obligation of the Company to deliver Shares with respect to any Final Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including all applicable federal and state securities laws and the obtaining of all such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

(b) The portion of each Final Award payable in Restricted Shares is subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee determines, in its sole discretion, that the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with the issuance of Restricted Shares, no such Shares will be issued unless such consent or approval has been effected or obtained free of any conditions and as acceptable to the Committee.

(c) In the event that the disposition of Restricted Shares acquired under the Plan is not covered by a then current registration statement under the Exchange Act and is not otherwise exempt from registration, such Shares shall be restricted against transfer to the extent required by the Exchange Act or regulations thereunder, and the Committee may require any individual receiving Shares pursuant to the Plan, as a condition precedent to receipt of such Shares, to represent to the Company in writing that the Shares acquired by such individual are acquired for investment only and not with a view to distribution. The certificate for any Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan shall include any legend that the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer.

**10.2. Choice of Law.** The Plan and all agreements hereunder, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without reference to principles of conflicts of law.

**10.3. Withholding Taxes.** The Company shall have the right to deduct from all cash payments under the Plan any federal, state, or local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to any Final Award.

**10.4. Gender and Number.** Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine; the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.

**10.5. Severability.** In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

**10.6. Costs of the Plan.** All costs of implementing and administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company.

**10.7. Successors.** All obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company.

**10.8. Titles; Construction.** Titles are provided herein for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of the Plan. The masculine pronoun shall include the feminine and neuter and the singular shall include the plural, when the context so indicates. Any reference to a section (other than to a section of the Plan) shall also include a successor to such section .

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 Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Greif, Inc., c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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GREIF, INC.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

Proposal 1. THE ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTOR NOMINEES LISTED BELOW (except as marked to the contrary to the right)

	For All	Withhold All	For All Except	To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

01) Vicki L. Avril	06) Daniel J. Gunsett
02) Bruce A. Edwards	07) Judith D. Hook
03) Mark A. Emkes	08) John W. McNamara
04) John F. Finn	09) Patrick J. Norton
05) Michael J. Gasser	10) Peter G. Watson

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

Proposal 2. PROPOSAL TO AMEND A MATERIAL TERM OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LONG TERM INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN AND TO REAFFIRM SUCH PLAN

	For	Against	Abstain
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: In addition, the named proxies are authorized to vote, in their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Please date and sign this proxy exactly as your name appears herein; joint owners should each sign personally. Trustees and others signing in a representative capacity should indicate the capacity in which they sign.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]	Date	Signature (Joint Owners)	Date
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**GREIF, INC.  
CLASS B PROXY  
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of Board of Directors**

The undersigned, being the record holder of Class B Common Stock and having received the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Proxy Statement related thereto dated January 9, 2018, hereby appoints Michael J. Gasser, Peter G. Watson, Vicki L. Avril, Bruce A. Edwards, Mark A. Emkes, John F. Finn, Daniel J. Gunsett, Judith D. Hook, John W. McNamara, and Patrick J. Norton, and each or any of them as proxies, with full power of substitution, to represent the undersigned and to vote all shares of Class B Common Stock of Greif, Inc. (the "Company"), which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at 425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015, at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Time, on February 27, 2018, and at any adjournment thereof, as indicated on the reverse side.

**The Shares represented by this proxy will be voted upon the proposal listed on the reverse side in accordance with the instructions given by the undersigned, but if this proxy is signed and returned and no instructions are given, this proxy will be voted to elect all of the nominees for directors as set forth in Item 1 and FOR Item 2 on the reverse side, and in the discretion of the proxies on any other matter which properly comes before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.**

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