
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 04, 2026

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-34091
(Commission File Number)

52-2230784
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

55 Hudson Yards
15th Floor
New York, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10001
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (212) 813-6000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.003 par value	MKTX	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 4, 2026, MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (the “Company”), as borrower, entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “A&R Credit Agreement”) with a syndicate of lenders and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (“JPMorgan”), as administrative agent. The A&R Credit Agreement amends and restates in its entirety that certain Credit Agreement, dated August 9, 2023, among the Company, as borrower, a syndicate of lenders and JPMorgan, as administrative agent (the “Existing Credit Agreement”). Pursuant to the A&R Credit Agreement, the lenders will continue to provide aggregate commitments totaling \$750.0 million, consisting of a revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”), a \$5.0 million letter of credit sub-limit for standby letters of credit and a \$380.0 million sub-limit for swingline loans. Subject to satisfaction of certain specified conditions, the Company continues to be permitted to upsize the Credit Facility by up to \$375.0 million in total. The incremental facility continues to be uncommitted, and it is possible that the Company may not be successful in obtaining such commitments from existing or new lenders in the amount desired or at all.

The A&R Credit Agreement amends and restates the Existing Credit Agreement to, among other things: (1) extend the maturity of the Credit Facility from August 9, 2026 to February 2, 2029, with the Company’s option to request up to two additional 364-day extensions at the discretion of each lender and subject to customary conditions; (2) eliminate the 0.10% credit spread adjustment previously added to the interest rate on Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) based borrowings; and (3) increase the maximum amount of cash that may be net against debt for the purposes of calculating the Company’s Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio (as defined in the A&R Credit Agreement) from \$30,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

As of the date hereof, the Company has \$220.0 million in borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility and one standby letter of credit, which borrowings were outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement and remain outstanding under the A&R Credit Agreement. No additional funds are being borrowed by, and no additional letters of credit will be issued to, the Company at this time. Any future credit extensions under the Credit Agreement are subject to customary conditions precedent. The proceeds of any additional loans incurred under the Credit Facility are expected to be used for general corporate purposes.

The foregoing description of the A&R Credit Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 6, 2026, the Company issued a press release announcing the Company’s financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2025. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 hereto) that is furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In addition, the information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 hereto) that is furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference into such filing.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 6, 2026, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend to be paid to the holders of the outstanding shares of capital stock. A cash dividend of \$0.78 per share of common stock outstanding will be paid on March 4, 2026 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 18, 2026.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

- 10.1 [Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2026, among MarketAxess Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.](#)⁺
- 99.1 [Press Release issued by MarketAxess Holdings Inc. on February 6, 2026](#)
- 104 Cover Page Interactive File (the cover page tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

⁺ Certain schedules and other similar attachments to this exhibit have been omitted from this filing pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The registrant will provide a copy of such omitted documents to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC.

Date: February 6, 2026

By: /s/ Ilene Fiszel Bieler

Name: Ilene Fiszel Bieler

Title: Chief Financial Officer

AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of

February 4, 2026

among

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC.,
as Borrower

The Lenders Party Hereto

and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
as Administrative Agent

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC,
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AND BOFA SECURITIES, INC.
as Joint Bookrunners, Syndication Agents and Joint Lead Arrangers

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This AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT dated as of February 4, 2026 (the “*Agreement*”), among MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC., a Delaware corporation (the “*Borrower*”), the LENDERS party hereto, and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

RECITALS

A. The Borrower has requested, and the Lenders have agreed to extend, certain credit facilities on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

B. The Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders are currently party to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of August 9, 2023 (as may be amended, restated, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time, the “*Existing Credit Agreement*”), and the Borrower hereby requests that the Existing Credit Agreement be amended and restated pursuant to the terms hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“*ABR*” when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“*Acquisition*” means any transaction or series of related transactions resulting, directly or indirectly, in (a) the acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets of any Person, or any business unit, division, product line or line of business of any Person, (b) the acquisition of in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the Equity Interests of any Person, or (c) the acquisition of another Person by a merger, amalgamation or consolidation or any other combination with such Person.

“*Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate*” means an interest rate per annum equal to the Daily Simple SOFR; *provided* that if Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for purposes of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate shall only be available under this Agreement after its implementation in accordance with Section 2.14 hereof.

“*Adjusted Term SOFR Rate*” means for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to the Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period; *provided* that if the Adjusted Term SOFR

Rate as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for purposes of this Agreement.

“Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (or any of its designated branch offices or affiliates), in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by or otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Financial Institution” means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Agent-Related Person” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.03(d).

“Agreement” has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble.

“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the NYFRB Rate in effect on such day plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, and (c) the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for a one month Interest Period as published two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such day (or if such day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the immediately preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day) plus 1%; provided that, for the purpose of this definition, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for any day shall be based on the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m. Chicago time on such day (or any amended publication time for the Term SOFR Reference Rate, as specified by the CME Term SOFR Administrator in the Term SOFR Reference Rate methodology). Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, respectively. If the Alternate Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to Section 2.14 (for the avoidance of doubt, only until the Benchmark Replacement has been determined pursuant to Section 2.14(b)), then the Alternate Base Rate shall be the greater of clauses (a) and (b) above and shall be determined without reference to clause (c) above. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Alternate Base Rate as determined pursuant to the foregoing would be less than the Floor plus 1.0%, such rate shall be deemed to be the Floor plus 1.0% for purposes of this Agreement.

“Ancillary Document” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.06(b).

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

“Applicable Party” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.03(c).

“*Applicable Percentage*” means, with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the total Commitments represented by such Lender’s Commitment; *provided* that, in the case of Section 2.20 when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, “Applicable Percentage” shall mean the percentage of the total Commitments (disregarding any Defaulting Lender’s Commitment) represented by such Lender’s Commitment. If the Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments and to any Lender’s status as a Defaulting Lender at the time of determination.

“*Applicable Rate*” means, for any day, with respect to any ABR Loan or Term Benchmark Revolving Loan, or the Unused Revolving Commitment Fees and with respect to the letter of credit fees payable hereunder, as the case may be, the applicable rate *per annum* set forth below under the caption “ABR Spread,” “Term Benchmark Spread,” “Letter of Credit Rate” or “Unused Revolving Commitment Fees” as the case may be, based upon the Borrower’s Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio as of the last day of the Reference Period most recently ended prior to such date for which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to Section 5.01:

CONSOLIDATED TOTAL LEVERAGE RATIO	TERM BENCHMARK SPREAD AND LETTER OF CREDIT FEE RATE	ABR SPREAD	UNUSED REVOLVING COMMITMENT FEES
Category 1 > 2.00 to 1.00	1.75%	0.75%	0.30%
Category 2 ≤ 2.00 to 1.00 but > 1.50 to 1.00	1.50%	0.50%	0.25%
Category 3 ≤ 1.50 to 1.00 but > 1.00 to 1.00	1.375%	0.375%	0.225%
Category 4 ≤ 1.00 to 1.00	1.25%	0.25%	0.20%

For purposes of the foregoing, (a) from the Effective Date until the date that is three (3) Business Days after delivery of financial statements pursuant to Section 5.01 for the first fiscal quarter ended after the Effective Date (which, for the avoidance of doubt, is March 31, 2026), the Applicable Rate shall be as set forth in Category 4 and (b) thereafter, the Applicable Rate shall be determined as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, based upon the Borrower’s annual or quarterly consolidated financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 5.01 and (c) each change in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio shall be effective during the period commencing on and including the date that is three (3) Business Days after delivery to the Administrative Agent of such consolidated financial statements indicating such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next

such change, *provided* that if the Borrower fails to deliver the annual or quarterly consolidated financial statements required to be delivered by it pursuant to Section 5.01, at the option of the Administrative Agent or at the request of the Required Lenders, the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio shall be deemed to be in Category 1 during the period from the date that is three (3) Business Days after expiration of the time for delivery thereof until the date that is three (3) Business Days after the day such consolidated financial statements are delivered.

“Approved Borrower Portal” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.08(a).

“Approved Electronic Platform” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.03(a).

“Approved Fund” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04(b).

“Arrangers” means collectively, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., PNC Capital Markets LLC, U.S. Bank National Association, and BofA Securities, Inc., in their capacities as joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers hereunder.

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.04), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit A or any other form (including electronic records generated by the use of an electronic platform) approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Augmenting Lender” is defined in Section 2.04(a) hereof.

“Availability Period” means the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof), as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period for any term rate or otherwise, for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to clause (e) of Section 2.14.

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution

of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bankruptcy Event” means, with respect to any Person, such Person becomes the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business appointed for it, or, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment or has had any order for relief in such proceeding entered in respect thereof; *provided* that a Bankruptcy Event shall not result solely by virtue of any ownership interest, or the acquisition of any ownership interest, in such Person by a Governmental Authority or instrumentality thereof, unless such ownership interest results in or provides such Person with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permits such Person (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made by such Person.

“Benchmark” means initially, with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the Term SOFR Rate; *provided* that if a Benchmark Transition Event and the related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Term SOFR Rate or the then-current Benchmark, then *“Benchmark”* means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to clause (b) of Section 2.14.

“Benchmark Replacement” means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

(1) the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate;

(2) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time in the United States and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above would be less than the Floor, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a

positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.

“Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes” means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement and/or any Term Benchmark Loan, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate,” the definition of “Business Day,” the definition of “U.S. Government Securities Business Day,” the definition of “Interest Period,” timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides, in consultation with the Borrower, may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent, in consultation with the Borrower, determines that no market practice for the administration of such Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been or, if such Benchmark is a term rate, all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or component thereof) have been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be no longer representative; provided, that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (3) and even if such Benchmark (or component thereof) or, if such

Benchmark is a term rate, any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (1) or (2) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“*Benchmark Transition Event*” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such Benchmark (or such component thereof) or, if such Benchmark is a term rate, any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Federal Reserve Board, the NYFRB, the CME Term SOFR Administrator, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide such Benchmark (or such component thereof) or, if such Benchmark is a term rate, all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; *provided* that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such Benchmark (or such component thereof) or, if such Benchmark is a term rate, any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such Benchmark (or such component thereof) or, if such Benchmark is a term rate, all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set

forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Unavailability Period” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to clauses (1) or (2) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14 and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14.

“Beneficial Ownership Certification” means a certification regarding beneficial ownership or control as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“Benefit Plan” means any of (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in Section 4975 of the Code to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, and (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of the Plan Asset Regulations or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan.”

“BHC Act Affiliate” of a party means an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

“Borrower” has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble.

“Borrower Communications” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.08(c).

“Borrowing” means (a) a Revolving Borrowing, or (b) a Swingline Loan.

“Borrowing Request” means a request by the Borrower for a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03, which shall be substantially in the form approved by the Administrative Agent and separately provided to the Borrower.

“Broker-Dealer Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that (a) is a “registered broker and/or dealer or other regulated investment firm or trading platform” under the Securities Exchange Act or under any similar foreign law or regulatory regime established for the registration of brokers and/or dealers or trading platform of securities and/or (b) is required to be registered under the Commodity Exchange Act or under any similar regulatory regime established for the registration of operators, merchants, brokers and/or dealers of commodities, including, but not limited to, future commissions merchants, introducing brokers and commodity pool operators. For the avoidance of doubt, as of the Effective Date, MarketAxess Corporation, MarketAxess Europe, MarketAxess Brazil, MarketAxess Capital Limited, MarketAxess Singapore PTE Limited and MarketAxess NL B.V. are the only existing Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries, of which MarketAxess

Brazil, MarketAxess Singapore PTE Limited and MarketAxess NL B.V. are Immaterial Subsidiaries as of the Effective Date.

“*Business Day*” means, any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for business in New York City; provided that, in addition to the foregoing, a Business Day shall be any such day that is only a U.S. Government Securities Business Day in relation to Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate and any interest rate settings, fundings, disbursements, settlements or payments of any such Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or any other dealings of such Loans referencing the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate.

“*Capital Lease Obligations*” of any Person means the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases or financing leases on a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person under GAAP, and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

“*Cash Equivalent Investments*” means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States (or by any agency or instrumentality thereof to the extent such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States), in each case maturing within two years from the date of acquisition thereof;

(b) investments in commercial paper and variable or fixed rate notes maturing within one year from the date of acquisition thereof rated at least P-2 by Moody’s or at least A-2 by S&P (or, if at any time neither Moody’s nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency);

(c) investments in certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances, time deposits and eurodollar time deposits maturing within one year from the date of acquisition thereof issued or guaranteed by or placed with, and money market deposit accounts issued or offered by, any Lender or with any domestic or foreign bank having, or which is the principal banking subsidiary of a bank holding company organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia or any U.S. branch of a foreign bank having capital and surplus of not less than \$500,000,000;

(d) fully collateralized repurchase agreements with a term of not more than thirty (30) days for securities described in clause (a) above and entered into with a financial institution satisfying the criteria described in clause (c) above;

(e) money market funds that (i) comply with the criteria set forth in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and (ii) are rated AA- or better (or the equivalent thereof) by S&P (or the equivalent thereof) and Aa3 or better by Moody’s (or the equivalent thereof) (or, if at any time neither Moody’s

nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency);

(f) readily marketable direct obligations issued by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof having an Investment Grade Rating from either Moody's or S&P (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency) with maturities of two years or less from the date of acquisition; and

(g) investment funds investing substantially all of their assets in Cash Equivalent Investments of the kinds described in clauses (a) through (f) of this definition.

"Change in Control" means (a) the acquisition of ownership, directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any Person or group (within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the SEC thereunder as in effect on the date hereof), but excluding any employee benefit plan of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and any Person acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan, of Equity Interests representing more than 35% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Borrower, or (b) the occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Borrower by Persons who were not (i) a member of the board of directors of the Borrower on the Effective Date, (ii) nominated for election to the board of directors of the Borrower with the approval of a committee of the board of directors consisting of a majority of the independent continuing directors or (iii) nominated for election, elected or appointed to the board of directors of the Borrower with the approval of a majority of the continuing directors who were members of the Borrower's board of directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of the Borrower's proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director). As used in this definition, "continuing director" means any director described in subclause (i), (ii) or (iii) of clause (b) in the preceding sentence.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement (or, with respect to any Lender, such later date on which such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement) of (a) the adoption of or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) compliance by any Lender or Issuing Bank (or, for purposes of Section 2.15(b), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement; *provided that*, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith or in the implementation thereof and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall, in each case, be deemed to be a "Change in Law," regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.

“*Charges*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.14.

“*Class*” when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Loans or Swingline Loans.

“*CME Term SOFR Administrator*” means CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited as administrator of the forward-looking term SOFR (or a successor administrator).

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“*Collateral Account*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.06(j).

“*Commitment*” means, with respect to each Lender, the amount set forth on Schedule 2.01 opposite such Lender’s name, or in the Assignment and Assumption or other documentation or record (as such term is defined in Section 9-102(a)(70) of the New York Uniform Commercial Code) as provided in Section 9.04(b)(ii)(C), pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Commitment, as applicable, and giving effect to (a) any reduction in such amount from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 and (b) any reduction or increase in such amount from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 9.04; *provided*, that at no time shall the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender exceed its Commitment. The initial aggregate amount of the Lenders’ Commitments is \$750,000,000.

“*Communications*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.03(c).

“*Compliance Certificate*” means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

“*Connection Income Taxes*” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“*Consolidated*” or “*consolidated*” means, with reference to financial statements or financial statement items of any Person, such statements or items of such Person and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with applicable principles of consolidation under GAAP.

“*Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA*” means, for any applicable period, the sum of Consolidated EBITDA for such period plus, to the extent a Permitted Acquisition has been consummated during such period, Consolidated EBITDA attributable to such Permitted Acquisition calculated on a *pro forma* basis as if such Permitted Acquisition (and any other Permitted Acquisition consummated after the most recent period preceding the date of such Acquisition for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements) had occurred on the first day of such period (but only that portion of *pro forma* Consolidated EBITDA for such Permitted Acquisition that is attributable to the portion of such period that occurred prior to the date of consummation of such Permitted Acquisition).

“*Consolidated EBITDA*” means, for any Reference Period, Consolidated Net Income for such Reference Period, *plus*

(a) without duplication and to the extent deducted (and not added back) in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income (except with respect to clause (vii)), the sum of the following amounts for such Reference Period:

(i) Consolidated Interest Expense, increased, to the extent not already reflected in Consolidated Interest Expense, by payments made in respect of hedging obligations or other derivative instruments entered into for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk (minus any payments received in respect of such hedging obligations or other derivative instruments), amortization or write off of debt discount and debt issuance costs and commissions and discounts and other fees and charges (including bank fees) associated with Indebtedness (including the Loans and Letters of Credit),

(ii) the provision for taxes based on income, profits or capital of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including foreign, state, franchise and similar taxes (including foreign withholding and penalties and interest),

(iii) depreciation expense,

(iv) amortization expense,

(v) non-cash losses, charges or expenses, including but not limited to stock-based compensation,

(vi) extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring cash losses, charges or expenses,

(vii) without duplication, the amount of net cost savings and synergies projected by the Borrower in good faith to be realized as a result of specified actions taken or expected to be taken and calculated on a pro forma basis as though such cost savings and synergies had been realized on the first day of such Reference Period, net of the amount of actual benefits realized from such actions; *provided* that the chief financial officer of the Borrower shall have certified to the Administrative Agent that (1) such cost savings and synergies are reasonably identifiable and factually supportable, reasonably attributable to the actions specified and reasonably anticipated to result from such actions, (2) such actions have been taken, initiated or are reasonably expected to be taken and (3) the benefits resulting therefrom are anticipated by the Borrower to be realized within eighteen (18) months after the date of such actions, and *provided further* that the amounts added back to Consolidated Net Income in any Reference Period pursuant to this clause (a)(vii) and pursuant to clause (a)(vi) shall not in the aggregate exceed 20% of Consolidated EBITDA for such Reference Period (as Consolidated EBITDA is calculated immediately prior to any addbacks pursuant to this clause (a)(vii)), and

(viii) other losses, charges or expenses related to financing, refinancings, acquisitions and investments,

minus

(b) without duplication and to the extent included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, the sum of the following amounts for such Reference Period:

(i) non-cash income or gains (other than amounts accrued in the ordinary course of business consistent under accrual-based revenue recognition procedures in accordance with GAAP) excluding any such income that represents the reversal of any accrual of, or cash reserve for, anticipated cash charges in any prior Reference Period (other than such cash charges that have not increased Consolidated EBITDA),

(ii) extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring income or gains; in each case, as determined on a consolidated basis for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries,

(iii) federal, state, local and foreign income tax credits and refunds (to the extent not netted from clause (a)(ii) above), and

(iv) cash charges and expenses when paid to the extent such charges and expenses were added back to Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (a)(v) above.

“*Consolidated Interest Expense*” means, for any Reference Period, for the Borrower and the Subsidiaries calculated in accordance with GAAP on a consolidated basis (without duplication) for such Reference Period, all interest expense (including interest expense under Capital Lease Obligations that is treated as interest in accordance with GAAP) with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries (other than Ordinary Course Operating Debt) allocable to such Reference Period in accordance with GAAP (including all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit).

“*Consolidated Net Income*” means, for any Reference Period, the net income (or loss) of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries calculated in accordance with GAAP on a consolidated basis (without duplication) for such Reference Period; *provided*, that the net income (and loss) of any Person that is not the Borrower or a Subsidiary will be excluded except to the extent that any such net income is actually received in cash by the Borrower or a Subsidiary in the form of dividends or similar distributions in respect of such Reference Period. In addition, to the extent not already included in Consolidated Net Income, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing (but without duplication of any of the foregoing exclusions and adjustments), Consolidated Net Income shall include the amount of (i) proceeds received from business interruption insurance in respect of expenses, charges or losses with respect to business interruption and (ii) reimbursements of any expenses and charges in connection with any Investment or any Disposition of assets or properties (including Equity Interests) permitted hereunder (and whether or not consummated) to the extent reducing Consolidated Net Income, in each case, *provided* that such proceeds or

reimbursements are actually received and covered by third-party indemnification or other reimbursement provisions.

“*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets*” means, as of any date of determination, the consolidated total assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries less (i) the goodwill and other intangible assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and (ii) the securities failed-to-deliver from broker-dealers, clearing organizations and customers, as reflected on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

“*Consolidated Total Funded Debt*” means, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount as of such date of all Indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a), (b), (f) (to the extent such Guarantee relates to Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (a), (b), (g), (h) (to the extent such Indebtedness consists of unreimbursed payments made by the issuers of letters of credit described in such clause (h)) and (i) (to the extent such Indebtedness consists of unreimbursed payments made by the issuers of bankers’ acceptances described in such clause (i)) of the definition of “Indebtedness”), (g), (h) (to the extent such Indebtedness consists of unreimbursed payments made by the issuers of letters of credit described in such clause (h)) and (i) (to the extent such Indebtedness consists of unreimbursed payments made by the issuers of bankers’ acceptances described in such clause (i)) of the definition of “Indebtedness,” in each case of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; *provided*, that Ordinary Course Operating Debt shall be excluded in determining Consolidated Total Funded Debt.

“*Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio*” means, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Total Funded Debt as of such date less the aggregate amount of Unrestricted Cash on such date in an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 to (b) Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA for the Reference Period ended on such date.

“*Contractual Obligation*” means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

“*Control*” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “*Controlling*” and “*Controlled*” have meanings correlative thereto.

“*Corresponding Tenor*” with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

“*Covered Entity*” means any of the following:

- (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);

- (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Covered Party” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.18.

“Credit Party” means the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lenders or any other Lender.

“Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day (a “SOFR Rate Day”), a rate per annum equal to SOFR for the day (such day “SOFR Determination Date”) that is five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to (i) if such SOFR Rate Day is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such SOFR Rate Day or (ii) if such SOFR Rate Day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as such SOFR is published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator’s Website. If by 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following any SOFR Determination Date, SOFR in respect of such SOFR Determination Date has not been published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Daily Simple SOFR has not occurred, then SOFR for such SOFR Determination Date will be SOFR as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such SOFR was published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website. Any change in Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Borrower.

“Default” means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which upon notice, lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that (a) has failed, within two (2) Business Days of the date required to be funded or paid, to (i) fund any portion of its Loans, (ii) fund any portion of its participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans or (iii) pay over to any Credit Party any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder, unless, in the case of clause (i) above, such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) has not been satisfied, (b) has notified the Borrower or any Credit Party in writing, or has made a public statement to the effect, that it does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement (unless such writing or public statement indicates that such position is based on such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) to funding a loan under this Agreement cannot be satisfied) or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) has failed, within three (3) Business Days after request in

writing by the Borrower or a Credit Party, acting in good faith, to provide a certification in writing from an authorized officer of such Lender that it will comply with its obligations (and is financially able to meet such obligations as of the date of certification) to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans under this Agreement, *provided* that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon the Borrower or such Credit Party's receipt of such certification in form and substance satisfactory to it and the Administrative Agent, or (d) has become the subject of (A) a Bankruptcy Event or (B) a Bail-In Action.

"Disclosed Matters" means the actions, suits and proceedings and the environmental matters disclosed in Schedule 3.06.

"Disposition" or *"Dispose"* means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (in one transaction or in a series of transactions and whether effected pursuant to a division or otherwise) of any property by any Person (including any sale and leaseback transaction and any issuance of Equity Interests by a Subsidiary of such Person), including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith.

"Disqualified Equity Interests" means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security or other Equity Interest into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event or condition (i) matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Equity Interest which is not otherwise Disqualified Equity Interests), pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, (ii) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Equity Interests which is not otherwise Disqualified Equity Interests), in whole or in part, (iii) provides for the scheduled payments of dividends in cash, or (iv) is or becomes convertible into or exchangeable for Indebtedness or any other Equity Interests that would constitute Disqualified Equity Interests, in each case, prior to the date that is 91 days after the Maturity Date, except, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), if as a result of a change of control event or asset sale or other Disposition or casualty event, so long as any rights of the holders thereof to require the redemption thereof upon the occurrence of such a change of control event or asset sale or other Disposition or casualty event are subject to the prior payment in full of the Obligations (other than any contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations, in each case in respect of which no claim has been asserted by the Person entitled thereto); *provided* that if such Equity Interest is issued pursuant to any equity or incentive compensation or benefit plan or arrangement of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or members of management of any such Person), such Equity Interest shall not constitute Disqualified Equity Interest solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of the termination, death or disability of the Person to whom such Equity Interest is issued.

"Disqualified Lenders" means those Persons listed on Schedule 9.04 hereof, as such Schedule may be supplemented from time to time by the Borrower with Persons that are competitors of the Borrower and any of its Subsidiaries (*"Competitors"*) and approved by the Administrative Agent, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld; *provided* that any update to Schedule 9.04 after the Effective Date and provided pursuant to this definition shall be effective

only if delivered to JPMDQ_Contact@jpmorgan.com and shall become effective three (3) Business Days after approval by the Administrative Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld); *provided further*, that (A) any such updates to Schedule 9.04 shall not apply retroactively to any prior or pending assignment or participation at the time of effectiveness of any such updates and (B) no commercial bank (as hereinafter defined) shall be deemed to be a Competitor. As used herein, a “commercial bank” shall mean (i) any bank or trust company incorporated and doing business under the laws of the United States (including laws relating to the District of Columbia) or of any state, a substantial part of the business of which consists of receiving deposits and making loans and discounts, or of exercising fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to national banks under authority of the Comptroller of the currency, and which is subject by law to supervision and examination by state, territorial or federal authority having supervision over banking institutions, and (ii) any entity chartered under the laws of a country outside the United States that has a business similar to that described in clause (i) and which is subject by law, treaty or otherwise to supervision by provincial, territorial, national, supranational or other governmental or international authority having supervision over banking institutions.

“dollars” or “\$” refers to lawful money of the United States.

“*EEA Financial Institution*” means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“*EEA Member Country*” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

“*EEA Resolution Authority*” means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“*Effective Date*” means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 4.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02).

“*Electronic Signature*” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to, or associated with, a contract or other record and adopted by a Person with the intent to sign, authenticate or accept such contract or record.

“*Environmental Laws*” means all laws, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions, notices or binding agreements issued, promulgated or entered into by any Governmental Authority, relating in any way to (i) the environment, (ii) preservation or reclamation of natural resources, (iii) the management, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Material or (iv) health and safety matters.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower or any Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interests” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest, but excluding any debt securities convertible into any of the foregoing.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Borrower, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or Section 4001(14) of ERISA or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event,” as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30 day notice period is waived); (b) the failure to satisfy the “minimum funding standard” (as defined in Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived; (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal of the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (g) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, concerning the imposition upon the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor Person), as in effect from time to time.

“Event of Default” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 7.01.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan, Letter of Credit or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan, Letter of Credit or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 2.19(b)) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.17, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender’s assignor immediately before such Lender acquired the applicable interest in a Loan, Letter of Credit or Commitment or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient’s failure to comply with Section 2.17(f), and (d) any withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Commitment Maturity Date” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.21.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble.

“Existing Letters of Credit” means that certain standby letter of credit in the original face amount of \$63,357.75 issued for the benefit of Fort Hill Square 1 Owner LLC with an expiry date of July 1, 2026.

“Exiting Lender” has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 9.19(b).

“Extending Lender” has the meaning ascribed to in Section 2.21(b)(ii).

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such Sections of the Code.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions, as determined in such manner as shall be set forth on the NYFRB’s Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the effective federal funds rate; provided that if the Federal Funds Effective Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

“Federal Reserve Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

“*Fee Letter*” means that certain Fee Letter dated as of December 29, 2025, by and between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

“*Financial Officer*” means the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or corporate controller, or any other authorized officer of the Borrower who is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and familiar with the historical and current financial condition of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries.

“*Floor*” means the benchmark rate floor provided in this Agreement initially (as of the execution of this Agreement, the modification, amendment or renewal of this Agreement or otherwise) with respect to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, the initial Floor for each of the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate shall be 0.0%.

“*Foreign Lender*” means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

“*GAAP*” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time.

“*Governmental Authority*” means the government of the United States, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government, including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank and any group or body charged with setting financial accounting or regulatory capital rules or standards (including the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Bank for International Settlements or the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision or any successor or similar authority to any of the foregoing).

“*Guarantee*” of or by any Person (the “*guarantor*”) means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of the guarantor guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person (the “*primary obligor*”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of the guarantor, direct or indirect, (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment thereof, (b) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the owner of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment thereof, (c) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation or (d) as an account party in respect of any letter of credit or letter of guaranty issued to support such Indebtedness or obligation; *provided*, that the term Guarantee shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business or customary indemnity obligations in effect on the Effective Date or entered into in connection with any acquisition or Disposition permitted under this Agreement (other than such obligations with respect to Indebtedness). The

amount of any Guarantee of any guaranteeing person shall be deemed to be the lower of (x) the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee is made and (y) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee, unless such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee shall be such guaranteeing person's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.

"Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Immaterial Subsidiary" means, on any date of determination, any Subsidiary with (i) total assets (less goodwill and other intangible assets) equal to or less than 5.0% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (as set forth in the most recently available balance sheet) and (ii) total revenue equal to or less than 10.0% of total revenue of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, in each case as determined in accordance with GAAP, and with respect to revenue, for the most recent Reference Period preceding such date of determination for which the Borrower has delivered financial statements.

"Increasing Lender" is defined in Section 2.04(a) hereof.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person, (d) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding (i) current accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business, (ii) any earn-out obligation unless either (A) such obligation is not paid within thirty (30) days after becoming due and payable or (B) such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP, and (iii) accruals for payroll or other employee compensation and other liabilities accrued in the ordinary course of business), (e) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed (but limited to the lesser of the fair market value of such property and the principal amount of such Indebtedness), (f) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others, (g) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (h) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit and letters of guaranty, and (i) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a) hereof, Other Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.03(c).

“Ineligible Institution” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04(b).

“Information” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.12.

“Interest Election Request” means a request by the Borrower to convert or continue a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.08, which shall be substantially in the form approved by the Administrative Agent and separately provided to the Borrower.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan (other than a Swingline Loan), the date that is fifteen Business Days after the first day of each April, July, October and January and the Maturity Date, (b) with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three months’ duration after the first day of such Interest Period, and the Maturity Date, and (c) with respect to any Swingline Loan, the day that such Loan is required to be repaid in accordance with Section 2.10(a)(ii) and the Maturity Date.

“Interest Period” means with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to the availability for the Benchmark applicable to the relevant Loan), as the Borrower may elect; *provided*, that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day, (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a Term Benchmark Borrowing that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period and (iii) no tenor that has been removed from this definition pursuant to Section 2.14(e) shall be available for specification in such Borrowing Request or Interest Election Request. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and, in the case of a Revolving Borrowing, thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

“Investment” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 6.05.

“Investment Grade Rating” means a corporate credit rating equal to or higher than Baa3 by Moody’s and BBB- by S&P.

“*IRS*” means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

“*Issuing Bank*” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in its capacity as the issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, and its successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.06(i). The Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by its Affiliates, in which case the term “*Issuing Bank*” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

“*LC Disbursement*” means a payment made by the Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“*LC Exposure*” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time, plus (b) the aggregate amount of all LC Disbursements that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrower at such time. The LC Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the LC Exposure at such time. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Article 29(a) of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time) or Rule 3.13 or Rule 3.14 of the International Standby Practices, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time) or similar terms of the Letter of Credit itself, or if compliant documents have been presented but not yet honored, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be “outstanding” and “undrawn” in the amount so remaining available to be paid, and the obligations of the Borrower and each Lender shall remain in full force and effect until the Issuing Bank and the Lenders shall have no further obligations to make any payments or disbursements under any circumstances with respect to any Letter of Credit.

“*Lender Parent*” means, with respect to any Lender, any Person as to which such Lender is, directly or indirectly, a subsidiary.

“*Lender-Related Person*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.03(b).

“*Lenders*” means the Persons listed on Schedule 2.01 and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “*Lenders*” includes the Swingline Lenders and the Issuing Bank.

“*Letter of Credit*” means any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement and shall include each Existing Letter of Credit.

“*Letter of Credit Agreement*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.06(b).

“*Letter of Credit Sublimit*” means \$5,000,000 or, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, such greater amount as may be agreed upon by the Issuing Bank, in its sole discretion, from time to time.

“*Liabilities*” means any losses, claims (including intraparty claims), demands, damages or liabilities of any kind.

“*Lien*” means, with respect to any asset, (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset and (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset (*provided* that in no event shall an operating lease in and of itself constitute a Lien).

“*Loan Documents*” means this Agreement, including schedules and exhibits hereto, and any agreements entered into in connection herewith by the Borrower with or in favor of the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders, including any amendments, modifications or supplements thereto or waivers thereof, letter of credit applications and any agreements between the Borrower and the Issuing Bank regarding the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder and/or the respective rights and obligations between the Borrower and the Issuing Bank in connection thereunder and any other documents prepared in connection with the other Loan Documents, if any.

“*Loans*” means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

“*Margin Stock*” means margin stock within the meaning of Regulations T, U and X, as applicable.

“*MarketAxess Brazil*” means MarketAxess Plataforma de Negociacao Ltda., a company organized under the laws of Brazil.

“*MarketAxess Canada*” means MarketAxess Canada Limited, a Canadian corporation.

“*MarketAxess Europe*” means MarketAxess Europe Limited, a company organized under the laws of England and Wales.

“*MarketAxess Limited*” means MarketAxess Limited, a company organized under the laws of England and Wales.

“*Material Adverse Effect*” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, operations, or financial condition of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower to perform any of its Obligations or (c) the rights of or benefits available to the Lenders under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, taken as a whole.

“*Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary*” means each of (i) MarketAxess Corporation, (ii) MarketAxess Capital Limited, (iii) MarketAxess Europe Limited, and (iv) any other Broker Dealer

Subsidiary that (a) is self-clearing its trades or (b) has gross revenues in excess of 5% of consolidated group revenues.

“Material Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Letters of Credit or other Obligations), or obligations in respect of one or more Swap Agreements, of any one or more of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$50,000,000. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “principal amount” of the obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of any Swap Agreement at any time shall be the maximum aggregate amount (giving effect to any netting agreements) that the Borrower or such Subsidiary would be required to pay if such Swap Agreement were terminated at such time.

“Maturity Date” means February 2, 2029, as may be extended pursuant to Section 2.21, such extended maturity date as determined pursuant to such Section; *provided, however*, in each case, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.

“Maximum Rate” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.14.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Ratings.

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Non-extending Lender” has the meaning ascribed to in Section 2.21(a).

“NYFRB” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“NYFRB Rate” means, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); *provided* that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term “NYFRB Rate” means the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m. on such day received by the Administrative Agent from a federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; *provided, further*, that if any of the aforesaid rates as so determined be less than 0.00%, such rate shall be deemed to be 0.00% for purposes of this Agreement.

“NYFRB’s Website” means the website of the NYFRB at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

“Obligations” means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, the Borrower arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any debtor relief laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed or allowable claims in such proceeding.

Without limiting the foregoing, the Obligations include (a) the obligation to pay principal, interest, Letter of Credit commissions, charges, expenses, fees, indemnities and other amounts payable by the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse any amount in respect of any of the foregoing that the Administrative Agent or any Lender, in each case in its sole discretion, may elect to pay or advance on behalf of the Borrower.

“Ordinary Course Operating Debt” means (i) Indebtedness incurred for operational liquidity needs pursuant to lines of credit and other liabilities payable to brokers, dealers, clearing organizations, clients and correspondents, and liabilities in respect of securities sold but not yet purchased, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of the “broker-dealer” business of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries, including Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business to finance or secure the purchase or carrying of securities, the provision of margin for forward, futures, repurchase or similar transactions, the making of advances to customers, the establishment of performance or surety bonds or guarantees, or in the nature of a letter of credit or letter of guaranty to support or secure trading and other obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (ii) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the ordinary course of business of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries, (iii) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, notes, bills and checks presented in the ordinary course of business by such Person to banks for collection or deposit, and (iv) Guarantees of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries arising in the ordinary course of business pursuant to contract or applicable law, rule or regulation with respect to the obligations of other members of securities and commodities clearinghouses and exchanges.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan, Letter of Credit or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19(b)).

“Overnight Bank Funding Rate” means, for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight Eurodollar transactions denominated in dollars by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions, as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the NYFRB’s Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate.

“Participant” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04(c).

“Participant Register” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04(c).

“Patriot Act” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.16.

“Payment” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.06(c).

“Payment Notice” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8.06(c).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“Permitted Acquisition” means any Acquisition by the Borrower or any Subsidiary disclosed in Schedule 2.04, and any other Acquisition by the Borrower or any Subsidiary that satisfies all of the following conditions:

(a) both before and immediately after giving effect to such Acquisition and the incurrence or assumption of any Indebtedness in connection therewith, no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(b) both before and immediately after giving effect to such Acquisition and the incurrence or assumption of any Indebtedness in connection therewith, the Borrower shall be in compliance on a pro forma basis with each financial covenant set forth in Section 6.10 (*provided, however*, that Borrower shall have a Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio equal to or less than 2.25:1.00), recomputed, in the case of each such financial covenant, (i) as if such Acquisition (and any other Permitted Acquisition consummated after the most recent Reference Period preceding the date of such Acquisition for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements), including the incurrence or assumption of any Indebtedness in connection therewith, had occurred on the first day of such Reference Period, (ii) with Consolidated Total Funded Debt and Unrestricted Cash measured as of the date of such Acquisition and immediately after giving effect to such Acquisition and any Indebtedness incurred or assumed in connection therewith, and (iii) with Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense measured for such Reference Period (and, if the Indebtedness incurred or assumed has a floating or formula rate, such Indebtedness shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable Reference Period for purposes hereof determined by utilizing the rate which is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as of the first day of such Reference Period);

(c) in the case of an Acquisition of a “registered broker and/or dealer or other regulated investment firm or trading platform” under the Securities Exchange Act, such Person is in compliance with Section 6.10(b)(i), if such person would constitute a Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary; and

(d) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Borrower substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B certifying that such Acquisition satisfies each of the foregoing clauses (a) through (c) and attaching evidence demonstrating pro forma financial covenant compliance (as required pursuant to clause (b) above) and compliance with the other conditions required by this definition, together with copies of corresponding pro forma financial statements

(which may be internally prepared), in each case in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (copies of which certificate and financial statements the Administrative Agent shall promptly provide to the Lenders).

“Permitted Encumbrances” means:

- (a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes that are not yet due or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;
- (b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s, landlord’s and other like Liens imposed by law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than sixty (60) days or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;
- (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;
- (d) Liens consistent with those arising by operation of law consisting of customary and ordinary course rights of setoff upon deposits of cash and Cash Equivalent Investments in favor of banks or other financial or depository institutions in the ordinary course of business;

provided that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness.

“Permitted Refinancing” means, with respect to any Indebtedness of any Person, any refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement, defeasance, discharge or extension of such Indebtedness (including any such Indebtedness incurred or issued pursuant to a Permitted Refinancing) (each, a “refinancing,” with “refinanced” having a correlative meaning); *provided* that the aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) does not exceed the then outstanding aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness so refinanced, except by an amount equal to all unpaid accrued or capitalized interest thereon, any make-whole payments or premium (including tender premium) applicable thereto or paid in connection therewith, any swap breakage costs and other termination costs related to Swap Agreements, plus upfront fees and original issue discount on such refinancing Indebtedness, plus other customary fees and expenses in connection with such refinancing and by an amount equal to any existing commitments unutilized thereunder.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Plan” means any employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated,

would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

“*Plan Asset Regulations*” means 29 CFR § 2510.3-101 *et seq.*, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA, as amended from time to time.

“*Prime Rate*” means the rate of interest last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the “Prime Rate” in the United States or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the highest per annum interest rate published by the Federal Reserve Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the “bank prime loan” rate or, if such rate is no longer quoted therein, any similar rate quoted therein (as determined by the Administrative Agent) or any similar release by the Federal Reserve Board (as determined by the Administrative Agent). Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced or quoted as being effective.

“*Proceeding*” means any claim, litigation, investigation, action, suit, arbitration or administrative, judicial or regulatory action or proceeding in any jurisdiction.

“*PTE*” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“*QFC*” has the meaning assigned to the term “qualified financial contract” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

“*QFC Credit Support*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.18.

“*Qualified Equity Interests*” means Equity Interests that are not Disqualified Equity Interests.

“*Recipient*” means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) the Issuing Bank, as applicable.

“*Reference Period*” means, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter, the period of four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries ending on such date.

“*Reference Time*” with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (1) if such Benchmark is the Term SOFR Rate, 5:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the day that is two U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the date of such setting, (2) if following a Benchmark Transition Event and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Rate, such Benchmark is Daily Simple SOFR, 5:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the day that is four U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such setting or (3) if such Benchmark is none of the Term SOFR Rate or Daily Simple SOFR, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

“*Register*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04(b).

“*Regulation D*” means Regulation D of the Federal Reserve Board, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“*Regulation T*” means Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“*Regulation U*” means Regulation U of the Federal Reserve Board, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“*Regulation X*” means Regulation X of the Federal Reserve Board, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“*Regulatory Authority*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.12.

“*Regulatory Net Capital*” of any Person means (a) in the case such Person is a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary of the type described in clause (a) of the definition of “Broker-Dealer Subsidiary,” the amount of net capital held by such Person as a broker-dealer under Section 15(c)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (or under comparable statutes and regulations of the applicable jurisdiction) and (b) in the case such Person is a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary of the type described in clause (b) of the definition of “Broker-Dealer Subsidiary,” the amount of net capital held by such Person as a futures commission merchant or introducing broker under Section 4f(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (or under comparable statutes and regulations of the applicable jurisdiction).

“*Related Parties*” means, with respect to any specified Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and such Person’s Affiliates.

“*Relevant Governmental Body*” means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB and/or the CME Term SOFR Administrator, as applicable, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB, or, in each case, any successor thereto.

“*Replacement Lender*” has the meaning ascribed to in Section 2.21(c).

“*Replacement Liens*” means, with respect to any Lien, any modification, replacement, renewal or extension of such Lien; *provided* that (i) such modification, replacement, renewal or extension of such Lien does not extend to any additional property other than (A) after-acquired property (to the extent such after-acquired property would have been subject to such Lien prior to such modification, replacement, renewal or extension) and (B) proceeds and products thereof, and (ii) any Indebtedness secured by such Liens is permitted by Section 6.01.

“*Required Lenders*” means, subject to Section 2.20, (a) at any time prior to the earlier of the Loans becoming due and payable pursuant to Section 7.01 or the Commitments terminating or expiring, Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposures and Unfunded Commitments representing more than 50.0% of the Total Revolving Credit Exposure and Unfunded Commitments at such

time; and (b) for all purposes after the Loans become due and payable pursuant to Section 7.01 or the Commitments expire or terminate, Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposures representing more than 50.0% of the Total Revolving Credit Exposure; *provided* that, in the case of clauses (a) and (b) above, (x) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender that is a Swingline Lender shall be deemed to exclude any amount of its Swingline Exposure in excess of its Applicable Percentage of all outstanding Swingline Loans, adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.20 of the Swingline Exposures of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time, and the Unfunded Commitment of such Lender shall be determined on the basis of its Revolving Credit Exposure excluding such excess amount and (y) for the purpose of determining the Required Lenders needed for any waiver, amendment, modification or consent of or under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, if, and to the extent then permitted under Section 9.04, any Lender that is the Borrower or an Affiliate of the Borrower shall be disregarded.

“Resolution Authority” means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

“Response Date” has the meaning ascribed to in Section 2.21(a).

“Responsible Officer” means the president or Financial Officer of the Borrower.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests in the Borrower or any Subsidiary (in each case, solely to a holder of Equity Interests in such Person’s capacity as a holder of such Equity Interests), or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such Equity Interests.

“Reuters” means, as applicable, Thomson Reuters Corp., Refinitiv, or any successor thereto.

“Revolving Borrowing” means Revolving Loans of the same Type, made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Revolving Loans, its LC Exposure and its Swingline Exposure at such time.

“Revolving Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.03.

“RFR Borrowing” means, as to any Borrowing, the RFR Loans comprising such Borrowing.

“RFR Loan” means a Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate.

“*S&P*” means S&P Global Ratings.

“*Sanctioned Country*” means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic, the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic, the Crimea, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson Regions of Ukraine, Cuba, Iran and North Korea).

“*Sanctioned Person*” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state, His Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom or other relevant sanctions authority, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country, (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing clauses (a) or (b), or (d) any Person otherwise the subject of any Sanctions.

“*Sanctions*” means all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state, His Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom or other relevant sanctions authority.

“*SEC*” means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United State of America.

“*SOFR*” means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

“*SOFR Administrator*” means the NYFRB (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

“*SOFR Administrator’s Website*” means the NYFRB’s website, currently at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

“*SOFR Determination Date*” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Daily Simple SOFR”.

“*SOFR Rate Day*” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Daily Simple SOFR”.

“*Solvent*” means that (a) the fair value of the assets of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, at a fair valuation, exceeds their aggregate debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise; (b) the present fair saleable value of the assets of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis will be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of their debts and other liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, as such debts and other liabilities become absolute and matured; (c) the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis will be able to pay their debts and liabilities,

subordinated, contingent or otherwise, as such debts and liabilities become absolute and matured; and (d) the Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis will not have unreasonably small capital with which to conduct the business in which they are engaged.

“*Specified Event of Default*” means any Event of Default (i) arising due to a breach of Section 6.10(a), or (ii) under any of clauses (a), (b), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (o), (p), (q), (r) or (s) of Section 7.01.

“*Subordinated Indebtedness*” means any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that is expressly subordinated in right of payment and performance to the Obligations.

“*subsidiary*” means, with respect to any Person (the “*parent*”) at any date, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the parent in the parent’s consolidated financial statements if such financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP as of such date, as well as any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity of which securities or other ownership interests representing more than 50% of the equity or more than 50% of the ordinary voting power or, in the case of a partnership, more than 50% of the general partnership interests are, as of such date, owned, Controlled or held.

“*Subsidiary*” means any subsidiary of the Borrower.

“*Supported QFC*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.18.

“*Swap Agreement*” means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or derivative transaction or option or similar agreement involving, or settled by reference to, one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity or debt instruments or securities, or economic, financial or pricing indices or measures of economic, financial or pricing risk or value or any similar transaction or any combination of these transactions; *provided* that no phantom stock or similar plan providing for payments only on account of services provided by current or former directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Borrower or the Subsidiaries shall be a Swap Agreement.

“*Swingline Exposure*” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time. The Swingline Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be the sum of (a) its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time (excluding, in the case of any Lender that is a Swingline Lender, Swingline Loans made by it that are outstanding at such time to the extent that the other Lenders shall not have funded their participations in such Swingline Loans), adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.20 of the Swingline Exposure of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time, and (b) in the case of any Lender that is a Swingline Lender, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans made by such Lender outstanding at such time, less the amount of participations funded by the other Lenders in such Swingline Loans.

“*Swingline Lenders*” means, collectively, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., PNC Bank, National Association, U.S. Bank National Association, and Bank of America, N.A. (or in each

case, any of its designated branch offices or affiliates), in their capacity as a lender of Swingline Loans hereunder.

“*Swingline Loan*” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.05.

“*Swingline Sublimit*” means, with respect to each Swingline Lender, the amount set forth on Schedule 2.01 opposite such Swingline Lender’s name. The initial aggregate amount of the Swingline Sublimit is \$380,000,000.

“*Taxes*” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), value added taxes, or any other goods and services, use or sales taxes, assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“*Term Benchmark*” when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate.

“*Term SOFR Determination Day*” has the meaning assigned to it under the definition of Term SOFR Reference Rate.

“*Term SOFR Rate*” means, with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m., Chicago time, two (2) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the commencement of such tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, as such rate is published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator.

“*Term SOFR Reference Rate*” means, for any day and time (such day, the “*Term SOFR Determination Day*”) and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the rate per annum published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator and identified by the Administrative Agent as the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR. If by 5:00 pm (New York City time) on such Term SOFR Determination Day, the “*Term SOFR Reference Rate*” for the applicable tenor has not been published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Rate has not occurred, then, so long as such day is otherwise a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such Term SOFR Determination Day will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate was published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator, so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such Term SOFR Determination Day.

“*Total Revolving Credit Exposure*” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans at such time and (b) the total LC Exposure at such time.

“*Transactions*” means (i) the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of the Loan Documents, the borrowing of Loans, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of

Letters of Credit hereunder, and (ii) the payment of fees, costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses payable to lawyers and accountants) owing in connection with any of the foregoing.

“*Type*,” when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, the Alternate Base Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate.

“*UK Financial Institutions*” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“*UK Resolution Authority*” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

“*Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement*” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“*Unfunded Commitment*” means, with respect to each Lender, the Commitment of such Lender less its Revolving Credit Exposure.

“*Unrestricted Cash*” means cash or Cash Equivalent Investments of the Borrower that are not subject to any express contractual restrictions on the application thereof or any regulatory restrictions by any applicable Governmental Authority, including with regard to capital maintenance requirements of any registered broker and/or dealer or holding company of any registered broker and/or dealer (it being expressly understood and agreed that, for the avoidance of doubt, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default that do not expressly restrict the application of such cash or Cash Equivalent Investments shall not constitute express contractual restrictions for purposes of this definition) and not subject to any Lien (other than Permitted Encumbrances).

“*Unused Revolving Commitment Fee*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.12(a).

“*U.S. Government Securities Business Day*” means any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities.

“*U.S. Person*” means a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“*U.S. Special Resolution Regime*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.18.

“*U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate*” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.17(f)(ii)(B)(3).

“*Withdrawal Liability*” means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

“*Write-Down and Conversion Powers*” means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

Section 1.02. Classification of Loans and Borrowings. Classification of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “*Revolving Loan*”) or by Type (e.g., a “*Term Benchmark Loan*”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “*Term Benchmark Revolving Loan*”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “*Revolving Borrowing*”) or by Type (e.g., a “*Term Benchmark Borrowing*”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “*Term Benchmark Borrowing*”).

Section 1.03. Terms Generally. Terms Generally . The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” The word “law” shall be construed as referring to all statutes, rules, regulations, codes and other laws (including official rulings and interpretations thereunder having the force of law or with which affected Persons customarily comply), and all judgments, orders and decrees, of all Governmental Authorities. Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, restatements, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) any definition of or reference to any law shall be construed as referring thereto as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (including by succession of comparable successor laws), except that for purposes of determining the accuracy of any representation or warranty, such reference or definition shall only be to such law as in effect on the date the representation and warranty was made, (c) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns (subject to any restrictions on assignment set forth herein) and, in the case of any Governmental Authority, any other Governmental Authority that shall have succeeded to any or

all functions thereof, (d) the words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder,” and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (e) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement and (f) the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

Section 1.04. Accounting Terms; GAAP. (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature shall be construed in accordance with GAAP, as in effect from time to time; *provided* that, if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower requests an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the date hereof in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower that the Required Lenders request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to (i) any election under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 825 (or any other Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness or other liabilities of the Borrower or any Subsidiary at “fair value,” as defined therein and (ii) any treatment of Indebtedness under Accounting Standards Codification 470-20 or 2015-03 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification or Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any such Indebtedness in a reduced or bifurcated manner as described therein, and such Indebtedness shall at all times be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 1.04(a) or in the definition of “Capital Lease Obligations,” with respect to any change in accounting for leases pursuant to GAAP resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“*FAS 842*”), to the extent such adoption would require treating any lease (or similar arrangement conveying the right to use) as a capital lease where such lease (or similar arrangement) would not have been required to be so treated under GAAP as in effect on December 31, 2015, such lease shall not be considered a capital lease, and all calculations and deliverables under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be made or delivered, as applicable, in accordance therewith.

Section 1.05. Classification of Permitted Items. Classification of Permitted Items. For purposes of determining the amount of any Investment, Indebtedness or Disposition permitted under Article VI, (i) relating to a percentage of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, Consolidated Net Tangible Assets shall be measured at the time such Investment, Indebtedness or Disposition is made, incurred or consummated and (ii) relating to Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio shall be measured as of the last fiscal quarter ending prior to the time such Investment, Indebtedness or Disposition is made, incurred or consummated, giving

pro forma effect to such Investment, Indebtedness or Disposition (without adjustment for subsequent changes to Consolidated Net Tangible Assets or Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, and no Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of a change in Consolidated Net Tangible Assets or Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio occurring after the time such Investment, Indebtedness or Disposition is made, incurred or consummated). Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any Loan Document to the contrary, the Borrower may rely on more than one basket or exception hereunder (including both ratio-based and non-ratio based baskets and exceptions, and including partial reliance on different baskets that, collectively, permit the entire proposed transaction) at the time of any proposed transaction.

Section 1.06. Rounding. Rounding. Any financial ratios required to be satisfied in order for a specific action to be permitted under this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

Section 1.07. Interest Rates; Benchmark Notification. Interest Rates; Benchmark Notification. The interest rate on a Loan denominated in dollars may be derived from an interest rate benchmark that may be discontinued or is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, Section 2.14(b) provides the mechanism for determining an alternative rate of interest. The Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission, performance or any other matter related to any interest rate used in this Agreement or with respect to any alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof, including, without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, the existing interest rate being replaced or have the same volume or liquidity as did any existing interest rate prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates and/or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of any interest rate used in this Agreement or any alternative or successor rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) and/or any relevant adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to the Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain any interest rate used in this Agreement, any component thereof, or rates referenced in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

Section 1.08. Letter of Credit Amounts. Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the amount of such Letter of Credit available to be drawn at such time; *provided* that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Letter of Credit Agreement related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the available amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of

Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum amount is available to be drawn at such time.

Section 1.09. Divisions. Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

ARTICLE II

THE CREDITS

Section 2.01. Commitments. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally (and not jointly) agrees to make Revolving Loans in dollars to the Borrower from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result (after giving effect to any application of proceeds of such Borrowing pursuant to Section 2.10(a)) in (i) such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding such Lender's Commitment or (ii) the Total Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding the total Commitments. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Loans.

Section 2.02. Loans and Borrowings. (a) Each Revolving Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Revolving Loans made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligations hereunder; *provided* that the Commitments of the Lenders are several and no Lender shall be responsible for any other Lender's failure to make Loans as required.

(b) Subject to Section 2.14, each Revolving Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans, Term Benchmark Loans or RFR Loans as the Borrower may request in accordance herewith. Each Swingline Loan shall be an ABR Loan. Each Lender at its option may make any Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; *provided* that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Term Benchmark Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$1,000,000. At the time that each ABR Revolving Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$1,000,000; *provided* that an ABR Revolving Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the total Commitments or that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(e). Each Swingline Loan shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$1,000,000.

Borrowings of more than one Type and Class may be outstanding at the same time; *provided* that there shall not at any time be more than a total of seven (7) Term Benchmark Borrowings outstanding.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Borrower shall not be entitled to request, or to elect to convert or continue, any Borrowing if the Interest Period requested with respect thereto would end after the Maturity Date.

Section 2.03. Requests for Revolving Borrowings. To request a Revolving Borrowing, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by submitting a Borrowing Request (a) in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three (3) Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing or (b) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, the date of the proposed Borrowing; *provided* that any such notice of an ABR Revolving Borrowing to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(e) may be given not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of the proposed Borrowing. Each such Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall be signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Each such Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Type of such Borrowing;

(ii) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing;

(iii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;

(iv) in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period"; and

(v) the location and number of the Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed, which shall comply with the requirements of Section 2.07.

If no election as to the Type of Revolving Borrowing is specified, then the requested Revolving Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Term Benchmark Borrowing, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Borrower be permitted to request pursuant to this Section 2.03 prior to a Benchmark Transition Event and Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, an RFR Loan (it being understood and agreed that Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate shall only apply to the extent provided in Sections 2.14(a) and 2.14(f)), as applicable.

Section 2.04. Incremental Commitments. (a) The Borrower may from time to time elect to increase the total Commitments in a minimum amount of \$10,000,000 and an integral multiple of \$5,000,000 in excess thereof so long as, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of all such Commitment increases does not exceed \$375,000,000. The Borrower may arrange for any such Commitment increase to be provided by one or more Lenders (each Lender so agreeing to an increase in its Commitment, an “*Increasing Lender*”), or by one or more new banks, financial institutions or other entities (each such new bank, financial institution or other entity, an “*Augmenting Lender*”), to increase their existing Commitments or extend Commitments, as the case may be; *provided*, that (i) each Augmenting Lender shall be subject to the approval of (x) the Borrower, in its sole discretion and (y) the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lenders and the Issuing Bank, which, in the case of this clause (y), approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned, (ii) (A) in the case of an Increasing Lender, the Borrower and such Increasing Lender shall execute an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit D, and (B) in the case of an Augmenting Lender, the Borrower and such Augmenting Lender shall execute an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto, and (iii) each Lender may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to become an Increasing Lender. No consent of any Lender (other than the Lenders participating in such Commitment increase) shall be required for any such increase pursuant to this Section 2.04.

(b) Commitment increases and new Commitments created pursuant to this Section 2.04 shall become effective on the date agreed by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the relevant Increasing Lenders or Augmenting Lenders, and the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no increase in the total Commitments (or in the Commitment of any Lender) shall become effective under this paragraph unless (i) on the proposed date of the effectiveness of such Commitment increase, (A) the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 shall either (i) be satisfied both immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such Commitment increase, and the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate to that effect dated such date and executed by a Financial Officer of the Borrower or (ii) be waived by the Lenders and (B) the Borrower shall be in *pro forma* compliance with each financial covenant set forth in Section 6.10, recomputed (1) as if such Commitment increase (and the application of proceeds thereof to the repayment of any other Indebtedness) had occurred on the first day of the most recent Reference Period preceding the date thereof for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements, (2) with Consolidated Total Funded Debt and Unrestricted Cash measured as of the date of and immediately after giving effect to any funding in connection with such Commitment increase (and the application of the proceeds thereof to the repayment of any other Indebtedness) and (3) with Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense measured for such Reference Period, as adjusted to give *pro forma* effect (in the manner set forth in the definition of Permitted Acquisition) to any Permitted Acquisition consummated after such Reference Period, and (ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received documents (including customary legal opinions) consistent with those delivered on the Effective Date as to the corporate power and authority of the Borrower to borrow hereunder immediately after giving effect to such Commitment increase.

(c) On the effective date of any increase in the Commitments, (i) each relevant Increasing Lender and Augmenting Lender shall make available to the Administrative Agent such amounts in immediately available funds as the Administrative Agent shall determine, for the

benefit of the other Lenders, as being required in order to cause, after giving effect to such Commitment increase and the use of such amounts to make payments to such other Lenders, each Lender's portion of the outstanding Revolving Loans of all the Lenders to equal its Applicable Percentage of such outstanding Revolving Loans, and (ii) the Borrower shall be deemed to have repaid and reborrowed all outstanding Revolving Loans as of the date of any increase in the aggregate Commitments (with such reborrowing to consist of the Types of Revolving Loans, with related Interest Periods if applicable, specified in a notice delivered by the Borrower, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.03). The deemed payments made pursuant to clause (ii) of the immediately preceding sentence shall be accompanied by payment of all accrued interest on the amount prepaid and, in respect of each Term Benchmark Loan, shall be subject to indemnification by the Borrower pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.16 if the deemed payment occurs other than on the last day of the related Interest Periods.

Section 2.05. Swingline Loans. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, from time to time during the Availability Period, each Swingline Lender agrees to make Swingline Loans to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding that will not result in (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Swingline Loans made by such Swingline Lender exceeding its Swingline Sublimit, (ii) any Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding its Commitment, or (iii) the sum of the Total Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding the total Commitments; *provided* that a Swingline Lender shall not be required to make a Swingline Loan to refinance an outstanding Swingline Loan. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Swingline Loans.

(b) To request a Swingline Loan, the Borrower shall submit a written notice to the Administrative Agent by telecopy or electronic mail not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the day of a proposed Swingline Loan. Each such notice shall be in a form approved by the Administrative Agent, shall be irrevocable and shall specify the requested date (which shall be a Business Day) and amount of the requested Swingline Loan. The Administrative Agent will promptly advise the Swingline Lenders of any such notice received from the Borrower. Each Swingline Lender shall make its ratable portion of the requested Swingline Loan (such ratable portion to be calculated based upon such Swingline Lender's Swingline Commitment to the total Swingline Commitments of all of the Swingline Lenders) available to the Borrower by means of a credit to an account of the Borrower with the Administrative Agent designated for such purpose (or, in the case of a Swingline Loan made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(e), by remittance to the Issuing Bank) no later than the earlier of (i) three (3) hours after delivery of any such notice and (ii) by 4:00 p.m., New York City time, on the requested date of such Swingline Loan.

(c) The failure of any Swingline Lender to make its ratable portion of a Swingline Loan shall not relieve any other Swingline Lender of its obligation hereunder to make its ratable portion of such Swingline Loan on the date of such Swingline Loan, but no Swingline Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Swingline Lender to make the ratable portion of a Swingline Loan to be made by such other Swingline Lender on the date of any Swingline Loan.

(d) Any Swingline Lender may by written notice given to the Administrative Agent require the Lenders to acquire participations in all or a portion of its Swingline Loans outstanding.

Such notice shall specify the aggregate amount of Swingline Loans in which Lenders will participate. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Administrative Agent will give notice thereof to each Lender, specifying in such notice such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loans. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees, promptly upon receipt of such notice from the Administrative Agent (and in any event, if such notice is received by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day no later than 5:00 p.m. New York City time on such Business Day and if received after 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day shall mean no later than 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the immediately succeeding Business Day), to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of such Swingline Lender, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loans. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Swingline Loans pursuant to this paragraph is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender shall comply with its obligation under this paragraph by wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the such Swingline Lender the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower in writing (including by electronic mail) of any participations in any Swingline Loan acquired pursuant to this paragraph, and thereafter payments in respect of such Swingline Loan shall be made to the Administrative Agent and not to any Swingline Lender. Any amounts received by any Swingline Lender from the Borrower (or other party on behalf of the Borrower) in respect of a Swingline Loan after receipt by such Swingline Lender of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted to the Administrative Agent; any such amounts received by the Administrative Agent shall be promptly remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this paragraph and to such Swingline Lender, as their interests may appear; *provided* that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to such Swingline Lender or to the Administrative Agent, as applicable, if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Swingline Loan pursuant to this paragraph shall not relieve the Borrower of any default in the payment thereof.

(e) Any Swingline Lender may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced Swingline Lender and the successor Swingline Lender. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of a Swingline Lender. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid interest accrued for the account of the replaced Swingline Lender pursuant to Section 2.13(a). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (x) the successor Swingline Lender shall have all the rights and obligations of the replaced Swingline Lender under this Agreement with respect to Swingline Loans made thereafter and (y) references herein to the term "Swingline Lender" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Swingline Lender, or to such successor and all previous Swingline Lenders, as the context shall require. After the replacement of a Swingline Lender hereunder, the replaced Swingline Lender shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of a Swingline Lender under

this Agreement with respect to Swingline Loans made by it prior to its replacement, but shall not be required to make additional Swingline Loans.

(f) Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Swingline Lender, any Swingline Lender may resign as a Swingline Lender at any time upon thirty days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the Lenders, in which case, such Swingline Lender shall be replaced in accordance with Section 2.05(e) above.

Section 2.06. Letters of Credit.

(a) *General.* Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may request the issuance of Letters of Credit as the applicant thereof for the support of its or its Subsidiaries' obligations, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Bank, at any time and from time to time during the Availability Period, and the Issuing Bank may, in its sole discretion, agree to issue such requested Letter of Credit.

(b) *Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Extension; Certain Conditions.* To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrower shall hand deliver or telecopy (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the Issuing Bank) to the Issuing Bank and to the Administrative Agent (reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment or extension, but in any event no less than three (3) Business Days or such shorter period as the Issuing Bank shall agree) a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended, renewed or extended, and specifying the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with paragraph (c) of this Section), the amount of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend or extend such Letter of Credit. In addition, as a condition to any such Letter of Credit issuance, the Borrower shall have entered into a continuing agreement (or other letter of credit agreement) for the issuance of letters of credit and/or shall submit a letter of credit application, in each case, as required by the Issuing Bank and using the Issuing Bank's standard form (each, a "*Letter of Credit Agreement*"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any Letter of Credit Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, renewed or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment or extension of each Letter of Credit the Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment or extension (i) the LC Exposure shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit, (ii) no Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure shall exceed its Commitment and (iii) the sum of the Total Revolving Credit Exposure shall not exceed the total Commitments. The Borrower may, at any time and from time to time, reduce the Letter of Credit Sublimit with the consent of the Issuing Bank; *provided* that the Borrower shall not reduce the Letter of Credit Sublimit if, after giving effect of such reduction, the conditions set forth in clauses (i) through (iii) above shall not be satisfied.

The Issuing Bank shall not be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

(i) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the Issuing Bank from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any law applicable to the Issuing Bank shall prohibit, or require that the Issuing Bank refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the Issuing Bank with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which the Issuing Bank is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Effective Date, or shall impose upon the Issuing Bank any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense that was not applicable on the Effective Date and that the Issuing Bank in good faith deems material to it; or

(ii) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the Issuing Bank applicable to letters of credit generally.

(c) *Expiration Date.* Each Letter of Credit shall expire (or be subject to termination by notice from the Issuing Bank to the beneficiary thereof) at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (i) the date one year after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any extension of the expiration date thereof (including by automatic extension or renewal), one year after such extension) and (ii) the date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date.

(d) *Participations.* By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the Issuing Bank or the Lenders, the Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from the Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each LC Disbursement made by the Issuing Bank and not reimbursed by the Borrower on the date due as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section, or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason, including after the Maturity Date. Each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this paragraph in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments.

(e) *Reimbursement.* If the Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such LC Disbursement not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date that such LC Disbursement is made, if the Borrower shall have received notice of such LC Disbursement prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on such date, or, if such notice has not been received by the Borrower prior to such time on such date, then not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice; *provided* that, if such LC Disbursement is not less than \$250,000,

the Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.03 or 2.05 that such payment be financed with an ABR Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Loan in an equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Loan. If the Borrower fails to make such payment when due, or finance such payment in accordance with the proviso to the preceding sentence, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrower in respect thereof and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Applicable Percentage of the payment then due from the Borrower, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the Borrower pursuant to this paragraph, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the Issuing Bank, then to such Lenders and the Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement (other than the funding of ABR Revolving Loans or a Swingline Loan as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) *Obligations Absolute.* The Borrower's obligation to reimburse LC Disbursements as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit, any Letter of Credit Agreement or this Agreement, or any term or provision therein, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by the Issuing Bank under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit, or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor the Issuing Bank, nor any of their respective Related Parties, shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms, any error in translation or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuing Bank; *provided* that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the Issuing Bank from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by the Issuing Bank's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto

expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Issuing Bank (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), the Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented which appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, the Issuing Bank may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

(g) *Disbursement Procedures.* The Issuing Bank shall, within the time allowed by applicable law or the specific terms of the Letter of Credit following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under such Letter of Credit. The Issuing Bank shall promptly after such examination notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower by telephone (confirmed by telecopy or electronic mail) of such demand for payment and whether the Issuing Bank has made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; *provided* that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse the Issuing Bank and the Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(h) *Interim Interest.* If the Issuing Bank for any Letter of Credit shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless the Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement in full on the date such LC Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such LC Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that the reimbursement is due and payable at the rate *per annum* then applicable to ABR Revolving Loans and such interest shall be due and payable on the date when such reimbursement is payable; *provided* that, if the Borrower fails to reimburse such LC Disbursement when due pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, then Section 2.13(c) shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be for the account of the Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section to reimburse the Issuing Bank for such LC Disbursement shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

(i) *Replacement and Resignation of the Issuing Bank.* (i) The Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced Issuing Bank and the successor Issuing Bank; *provided* that no consent of the replaced Issuing Bank will be required if the replaced Issuing Bank has no Letters of Credit or LC Disbursements with respect thereto outstanding. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of the Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.12(b). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (x) the successor Issuing Bank shall have all the rights and obligations of the Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued by it thereafter and (y) references herein to the term "Issuing Bank" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Issuing Bank (solely with respect to the Letters of Credit issued by such previous Issuing Bank), or to such successor and all previous Issuing Banks (solely with respect to the Letters of Credit issued by such previous Issuing Banks), as the context shall require. After the replacement

of the Issuing Bank hereunder, the replaced Issuing Bank shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of the Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit or extend or otherwise amend any existing Letter of Credit.

(ii) Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Issuing Bank, the Issuing Bank may resign as the Issuing Bank at any time upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the Lenders, in which case, such resigning Issuing Bank shall be replaced in accordance with Section 2.06(i)(i) above.

(j) *Cash Collateralization.* If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day that the Borrower receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrower shall deposit in an account with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders (the "*Collateral Account*"), an amount in cash equal to 103% of the LC Exposure as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; *provided* that the obligation to deposit such cash collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to the Borrower described in Section 7.01(h) or (i). Such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing or paragraph (c) of this Section, if any LC Exposure remain outstanding after the expiration date specified in said paragraph (c), the Borrower shall immediately deposit into the Collateral Account an amount in cash equal to 103% of such LC Exposure as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account, and the Borrower hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a security interest in such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made, in consultation with the Borrower, at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse the Issuing Bank for LC Disbursements for which it has not been reimbursed, together with related fees, costs and customary processing charges, and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrower for the LC Exposure at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to the consent of the Required Lenders), be applied to satisfy other Obligations. If the Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrower within three (3) Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived.

(k) *Letters of Credit Issued for Account of Subsidiaries.* Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder supports any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary, or states that a Subsidiary is the "account party," "applicant," "customer," "instructing party," or the like of or for such Letter of Credit, and without derogating from any rights of the

Issuing Bank (whether arising by contract, at law, in equity or otherwise) against such Subsidiary in respect of such Letter of Credit, the Borrower (i) shall reimburse, indemnify and compensate the Issuing Bank hereunder for such Letter of Credit (including to reimburse any and all drawings thereunder) as if such Letter of Credit had been issued solely for the account of the Borrower and (ii) irrevocably waives any and all defenses that might otherwise be available to it as a guarantor or surety of any or all of the obligations of such Subsidiary in respect of such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of such Letters of Credit for its Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

Section 2.07. Funding of Borrowings. (a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof solely by wire transfer of immediately available funds, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders; *provided* that Swingline Loans shall be made as provided in Section 2.05. Except in respect of the provisions of this Agreement covering the reimbursement of Letters of Credit, the Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received in like funds, to an account of the Borrower maintained with the Administrative Agent in New York City and designated by the Borrower in the applicable Borrowing Request; *provided* that ABR Revolving Loans made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(e) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Issuing Bank.

(b) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing.

Section 2.08. Interest Elections. (a) Each Revolving Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the Borrower may elect to convert such Borrowing to a different Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section. The Borrower may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Borrowing, and the Loans

comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing. This Section shall not apply to Swingline Loans, which may not be converted or continued.

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if the Borrower were requesting a Revolving Borrowing of the Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall be signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

(c) Each Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) the Type of the resulting Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "*Interest Period*."

If any such Interest Election Request requests a Term Benchmark Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Borrower be permitted to request pursuant to this Section 2.08(c) prior to a Benchmark Transition Event and Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, an RFR Loan (it being understood and agreed that Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate shall only apply to the extent provided in Sections 2.14(a) and 2.14(f)), as applicable.

(d) Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the Borrower fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Term Benchmark Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, at the end of such Interest Period such Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing. Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent, at the request of

the Required Lenders, so notifies the Borrower in writing (including electronic mail), then, so long as an Event of Default is continuing (i) no outstanding Revolving Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a Term Benchmark Borrowing and (ii) unless repaid, each Term Benchmark Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

Section 2.09. Termination and Reduction of Commitments. (a) Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date.

(b) The Borrower may at any time terminate, or from time to time reduce, the Commitments; *provided* that (i) each reduction of the Commitments shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$5,000,000 and not less than \$25,000,000 and (ii) the Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans in accordance with Section 2.11, (A) any Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure would exceed its Commitment or (B) the sum of the Total Revolving Credit Exposure would exceed the total Commitments.

(c) The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Commitments under paragraph (b) of this Section at least three (3) Business Days prior to the effective date of such termination or reduction, specifying such election and the effective date thereof. Promptly following receipt of any notice, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each notice delivered by the Borrower pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; *provided* that a notice of termination of the Commitments delivered by the Borrower may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities or any financing or a sale transaction, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. Any termination or reduction of the Commitments shall be permanent. Each reduction of the Commitments shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitments.

Section 2.10. Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt. (a) The Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan on the Maturity Date, and (ii) to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Swingline Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Swingline Loan on the earlier of the Maturity Date and the fifth Business Day after such Swingline Loan is made; *provided* that on each date that a Revolving Borrowing is made, the Borrower shall repay all Swingline Loans then outstanding and the proceeds of any such Borrowing shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to repay any Swingline Loans outstanding.

(b) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrower to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall maintain accounts in which it shall record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Class and Type thereof and the Interest Period applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder for the account of the Lenders and each Lender's share thereof.

(d) The entries made in the accounts maintained pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this Section shall be *prima facie* evidence, absent manifest error, of the existence and amounts of the obligations recorded therein; *provided* that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(e) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it be evidenced by a promissory note. In such event, the Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender (or, if requested by such Lender, to such Lender and its registered assigns) and in a form approved by the Administrative Agent. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 9.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form.

Section 2.11. Prepayment of Loans. (a) The Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to prior notice in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section.

(b) The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent (and, in the case of prepayment of Swingline Loans, the applicable Swingline Lender) by telephone (confirmed by telecopy or electronic mail) of any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three (3) Business Days before the date of prepayment, (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Revolving Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of prepayment, or (iii) in the case of prepayment of a Swingline Loan, not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date of prepayment. Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the prepayment date and the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid; *provided* that, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.09, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.09 and any notice of prepayment of Borrowings may be conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities or any other financing or a sale transaction, in which case such notice shall be deemed to have been properly revoked by the Borrower if such condition is not met. Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Revolving Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Revolving Borrowing shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of an advance of a Revolving Borrowing of the same Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Revolving Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowing. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 2.13 and any break funding payments required by Section 2.16.

Section 2.12. Fees. (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages a commitment fee at the rate per annum equal to the Applicable Rate (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and the actual number of days elapsed) times the daily amount by which the aggregate Commitments exceeds the principal amount of Revolving Loans and LC Exposure then outstanding (the “*Unused Revolving Commitment Fee*”). The Unused Revolving Commitment Fee shall accrue on a quarterly basis commencing on (and including) the Effective Date and ending on (but excluding) the date on which the Commitments are terminated in full and shall be due and payable in arrears on the fifteenth (15th) Business Day after the last day of March, June, September and December of each year and on the date on which the Commitments terminate, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof.

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a participation fee with respect to its participations in each outstanding Letter of Credit, which shall accrue on the daily maximum amount then available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit at the same Applicable Rate used to determine the interest rate applicable to Term Benchmark Revolving Loans, during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender’s Commitment terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure, and (ii) to the Issuing Bank for its own account a fronting fee with respect to each Letter of Credit issued by the Issuing Bank, which shall accrue at the rate of 0.125% *per annum* on the daily maximum amount then available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit, during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date of termination of the Commitments and the date on which there ceases to be any LC Exposure with respect to Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Bank, as well as the Issuing Bank’s standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of the Issuing Bank relating the Letters of Credit as from time to time in effect. Participation fees and fronting fees accrued through and including the last day of each month of each year shall be payable on the fifteenth day following such last day, commencing on the first such date to occur after the Effective Date; *provided* that all such fees shall be payable on the date on which the Commitments terminate and any such fees accruing after the date on which the Commitments terminate shall be payable on demand. Any other fees payable to the Issuing Bank pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable within ten (10) days after written demand therefor (which may be by electronic mail). All participation fees and fronting fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(c) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

(d) All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in dollars in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent (or to the Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable to it) for distribution, in the case of facility fees and participation fees, to the Lenders. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

Section 2.13. Interest .

(a) The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing (including each Swingline Loan) shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.

(b) The Loans comprising each Term Benchmark Borrowing shall bear interest at the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the Borrower hereunder is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate *per annum* equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal of any Loan, 2% plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section or (ii) in the case of any other overdue amount, 2% plus the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.

(d) Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and upon termination of the Commitments; *provided* that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of an ABR Revolving Loan prior to the end of the Availability Period), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion of any Term Benchmark Revolving Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion.

(e) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). The applicable Alternate Base Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or Term SOFR Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

Section 2.14. Alternate Rate of Interest . (a) Subject to clauses (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this Section 2.14, if:

(i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate (including because the Term SOFR Reference Rate is not available or published on a current basis), for such Interest Period, or (B) at any time for an RFR Borrowing, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate; or

(ii) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period or (B) at any time for an RFR Borrowing, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower and the Lenders by telephone, telecopy or electronic mail as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist with respect to the relevant Benchmark and the Borrower delivers a new Interest Election Request in accordance with the terms of Section 2.08 or a new Borrowing Request in accordance with the terms of Section 2.03, (A) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Borrowing as, a Term Benchmark Borrowing and any Borrowing Request that requests a Term Benchmark Borrowing shall instead be deemed to be an Interest Election Request or a Borrowing Request, as applicable, for (x) an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is not also the subject of Section 2.14(a)(i) or (ii) above or (y) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate also is the subject of Section 2.14(a)(i) or (ii) above ; provided that if the circumstances giving rise to such notice affect only one Type of Borrowings, then all other Types of Borrowings shall be permitted. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan is outstanding on the date of the Borrower's receipt of the notice from the Administrative Agent referred to in this Section 2.14(a) with respect to the relevant Benchmark applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan, then until (x) the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist with respect to the relevant Benchmark and (y) the Borrower delivers a new Interest Election Request in accordance with the terms of Section 2.08 or a new Borrowing Request in accordance with the terms of Section 2.03, any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan (or the next succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day), be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, (x) an RFR Loan so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (y) an ABR Loan if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event, on such day.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document (and any Swap Agreement shall be deemed not to be a "Loan Document" for purposes of this Section 2.14), if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (1) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark (including any related adjustments) for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark

Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, the Administrative Agent, in consultation with the Borrower, will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(d) The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (iv) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to clause (f) below and (v) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 2.14, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 2.14.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(f) Upon the Borrower’s receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower may revoke any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing,

conversion to or continuation of Term Benchmark Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to (x) an RFR Borrowing so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (B) an ABR Borrowing if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of ABR based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of ABR. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan is outstanding on the date of the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to the relevant Benchmark applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan, then until such time as a Benchmark Replacement is implemented pursuant to this Section 2.14, any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, (x) an RFR Loan so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (y) an ABR Loan if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event, on such day.

Section 2.15. Increased Costs. (a) If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, liquidity or similar requirement (including any compulsory loan requirement, insurance charge or other assessment) against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender or the Issuing Bank;

(ii) impose on any Lender or the Issuing Bank or the applicable offshore interbank market any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein; or

(iii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Recipient of making, continuing, converting or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or to increase the cost to such Lender, the Issuing Bank or such other Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender, the Issuing Bank or such other Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise), then the Borrower will pay to such Lender, the Issuing Bank or such other Recipient, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, the Issuing Bank or such other Recipient, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) If any Lender or the Issuing Bank determines that any Change in Law regarding capital or liquidity requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Bank, to a level below that which such Lender or the Issuing Bank or such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Bank or such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) A certificate of a Lender or the Issuing Bank setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the Issuing Bank or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) days after receipt thereof.

(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's right to demand such compensation; *provided* that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 270 days prior to the date that such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's intention to claim compensation therefor; *provided further* that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 270-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

Section 2.16. Break Funding Payments. In the event of (a) the payment of any principal of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default or an optional or mandatory prepayment of Loans), (b) the conversion of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (c) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Term Benchmark Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under Section 2.11(b) and is revoked in accordance therewith), or (d) the assignment of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.19(b), then, in any such event, the Borrower shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to such event. A certificate of any Lender setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within fifteen (15) days after receipt thereof.

Section 2.17. Withholding of Taxes; Gross-Up .

(a) *Payments Free of Taxes.* Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable withholding agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a withholding agent, then the applicable withholding agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(b) *Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower.* The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for, Other Taxes.

(c) *Evidence of Payments.* As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) *Indemnification by the Borrower.* The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(e) *Indemnification by the Lenders.* Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 9.04(c) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive

absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to setoff and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (e).

(f) *Status of Lenders.* (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.17(f)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person, (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), an executed copy of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax; (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, an executed copy of IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(2) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming that its extension of credit will generate U.S. effectively connected income, an executed copy of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the

form of Exhibit C-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a “bank” within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a “10 percent shareholder” of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a “controlled foreign corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “*U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate*”) and (y) an executed copy of IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, an executed copy of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2 or Exhibit C-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; *provided* that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender’s obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), “FATCA” shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(g) *Treatment of Certain Refunds.* If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to

this Section), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (g) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (g), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (g) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(h) *Survival.* Each party's obligations under this Section shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Loan Document.

(i) *Defined Terms.* For purposes of this Section, the term "Lender" includes the Issuing Bank and the term "applicable law" includes FATCA.

Section 2.18. Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Setoffs. (a) The Borrower shall make each payment or prepayment required to be made by it hereunder (whether of principal, interest, fees or reimbursement of LC Disbursements, or of amounts payable under Section 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17, or otherwise) prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date when due or the date fixed for any prepayment hereunder, in immediately available funds, without setoff, recoupment or counterclaim. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent at its offices at 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, except payments to be made directly to the Issuing Bank or the applicable Swingline Lender as expressly provided herein and except that payments pursuant to Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension. All payments hereunder shall be made in dollars.

(b) At any time that payments are not required to be applied in the manner required by Section 7.03, if at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative

Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, unreimbursed LC Disbursements, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) first, towards payment of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) second, towards payment of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due to such parties.

(c) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Revolving Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Swingline Loans resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans and accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans of other Lenders to the extent necessary so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans; *provided* that (i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest, and (ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply). The Borrower consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrower rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrower in the amount of such participation.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received, prior to any date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the Issuing Bank pursuant to the terms hereof or any other Loan Document (including any date that is fixed for prepayment by notice from the Borrower to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 2.11(b)), notice from the Borrower that the Borrower will not make such payment or prepayment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

Section 2.19. Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders. (a) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Sections 2.15 or 2.17, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, or if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, or if any Lender does not consent to any proposed amendment, supplement, modification, consent or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document that requires the consent of each of the Lenders or each of the Lenders affected thereby (so long as the consent of the Required Lenders has been obtained), then the Borrower may, in its sole discretion, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.04), all its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Sections 2.15 or 2.17) and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); *provided* that (i) the Borrower shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (and if a Commitment is being assigned, the Issuing Bank and the Swingline Lenders), which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder, from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts) and (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.15 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.17, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments. A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment and delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply. Each party hereto agrees that (i) an assignment required pursuant to this paragraph may be effected pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption executed by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the assignee (or, to the extent applicable, an agreement incorporating an Assignment and Assumption by reference pursuant to an Approved Electronic Platform as to which the Administrative Agent and such parties are participants), and (ii) the Lender required to make such assignment need not be a party thereto in order for such assignment to be effective and shall be deemed to have consented to and be bound by the terms thereof; *provided* that, following the effectiveness of any such assignment, the other parties to such assignment agree to execute and deliver such documents necessary to evidence such assignment as reasonably requested by the

applicable Lender; *provided* that any such documents shall be without recourse to or warranty by the parties thereto.

Section 2.20. Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

(a) the Unused Commitment Fee shall cease to accrue on the unfunded portion of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12;

(b) any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Section 7.03 or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 9.08 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: *first*, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; *second*, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders hereunder; *third*, to cash collateralize LC Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with this Section; *fourth*, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; *fifth*, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) cash collateralize future LC Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with this Section; *sixth*, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document; *seventh*, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document; and *eighth*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided* that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or LC Disbursements in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and LC Disbursements owed to, all non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or LC Disbursements owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in the Borrower's obligations corresponding to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure and Swingline Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments

without giving effect to clause (d) below. Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post cash collateral pursuant to this Section shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(c) the Commitment and Revolving Credit Exposure of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether the Required Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or other modification pursuant to Section 9.02); *provided* that this clause (c) shall not apply to the vote of a Defaulting Lender in the case of an amendment, waiver or other modification requiring the consent of such Lender or each Lender affected thereby;

(d) if any Swingline Exposure or LC Exposure exists at the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:

(i) all or any part of the Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure of such Defaulting Lender (other than, in the case of a Defaulting Lender that is a Swingline Lender, the portion of such Swingline Exposure referred to in clause (b) of the definition of such term) shall be reallocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages but only to the extent that such reallocation does not, as to any non-Defaulting Lender, cause such non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure to exceed its Commitment;

(ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall within one Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent (x) first, prepay such Swingline Exposure and (y) second, cash collateralize for the benefit of the Issuing Bank only the Borrower's obligations corresponding to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above) in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.06(j) for so long as such LC Exposure is outstanding;

(iii) if the Borrower cash collateralizes any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to clause (ii) above, the Borrower shall not be required to pay any fees to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure during the period such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is cash collateralized;

(iv) if the LC Exposure of the non-Defaulting Lenders is reallocated pursuant to clause (i) above, then the fees payable to the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.12(a) and Section 2.12(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with such non-Defaulting Lenders' Applicable Percentages; and

(v) if all or any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is neither reallocated nor cash collateralized pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Issuing Bank or any other Lender

hereunder, all letter of credit fees payable under Section 2.12(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure shall be payable to the Issuing Bank until and to the extent that such LC Exposure is reallocated and/or cash collateralized; and

(e) so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swingline Lenders shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend, extend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless they are satisfied that the related Swingline Exposure and the Defaulting Lender's then outstanding LC Exposure will be fully covered by the cash collateral provided by the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.20(d), and Swingline Exposure related to any newly made Swingline Loan or LC Exposure related to any newly issued or increased Letter of Credit shall be allocated among non-Defaulting Lenders in a manner consistent with Section 2.20(d)(i) (and such Defaulting Lender shall not participate therein).

If (i) a Bankruptcy Event or a Bail-In Action with respect to a Lender Parent shall occur following the date hereof and for so long as such event shall continue or (ii) the Swingline Lenders or the Issuing Bank has a good faith belief that any Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other agreements in which such Lender commits to extend credit, the Swingline Lenders shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend, extend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless the Swingline Lenders or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall have entered into arrangements with the Borrower or such Lender, satisfactory to the Swingline Lenders or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, to defease any risk to it in respect of such Lender hereunder.

In the event that each of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the Swingline Lenders and the Issuing Bank agrees that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Lender's Commitment and on such date such Lender shall purchase at par such of the Loans of the other Lenders (other than Swingline Loans) as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Lender to hold such Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.

Section 2.21. Extension of Maturity Date. (a) The Borrower may, by notice to Administrative Agent (which shall promptly deliver a copy to each of the Lenders) given at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the then applicable Maturity Date (the "*Existing Commitment Maturity Date*"), request that Lenders extend the Existing Commitment Maturity Date for an additional 364-days; *provided that* the Borrower may request no more than two additional 364-day periods in the aggregate. Upon the Borrower's timely delivery of such notice to Administrative Agent and provided, that (i) such request is subject to approval of the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (ii) no Default has occurred and is continuing (both on the date the notice is delivered and on the then Existing Commitment Maturity Date), (iii) the Borrower and the Subsidiaries are in compliance with all covenants contained in Sections 5 and 6 hereof, (iv) all representations and warranties contained in Section 3 hereof shall be true and correct in all material respects (except in the case of a representation or warranty qualified by materiality in which case such representation or warranty

shall be true and correct in all respects) on the date the notice is delivered and on the then Existing Commitment Maturity Date except for representations and warranties that relate to a prior date, which shall have been true and correct in all material respects (except in the case of a representation or warranty qualified by materiality in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as of the applicable date on which they were made and (v) the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent an extension fee as may be agreed upon between the Borrower and each Lender agreeing to the extension, then the Maturity Date shall be extended to the date that is 364 days from the then Existing Commitment Maturity Date. Each Lender, acting in its sole discretion, shall, by written notice to the Administrative Agent given not later than the date that is the 20th day after the date of the request to extend the Existing Commitment Maturity Date, or if such date is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day (the “*Response Date*”), advise the Administrative Agent in writing whether or not such Lender agrees to the requested extension. Each Lender that advises the Administrative Agent that it will not extend the Existing Commitment Maturity Date is referred to herein as a “*Non-extending Lender*”; *provided*, that any Lender that does not advise the Administrative Agent of its consent to such requested extension by the Response Date and any Lender that is a Defaulting Lender on the Response Date shall be deemed to be a Non-extending Lender. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower, in writing, of the Lenders’ elections promptly following the Response Date.

(b) (i) If, by the Response Date, Lenders holding Commitments that aggregate 50% or more of the total Commitments shall constitute Non-extending Lenders, then the Existing Commitment Maturity Date shall not be extended and the outstanding principal balance of all Loans and other amounts payable hereunder shall be payable, and the Commitments shall terminate, on the Existing Commitment Maturity Date in effect prior to such extension.

(ii) If (and only if), by the Response Date, Lenders holding Commitments that aggregate more than 50% of the total Commitments shall have agreed to extend the Existing Commitment Maturity Date (each such consenting Lender, an “*Extending Lender*”), then effective as of the Existing Commitment Maturity Date, the Maturity Date for such Extending Lenders shall be extended to the first anniversary of the Existing Commitment Maturity Date (subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Section 2.21). In the event of such extension, the Commitment of each Non-extending Lender shall terminate on the Existing Commitment Maturity Date in effect for such Non-extending Lender prior to such extension and the outstanding principal balance of all Loans and other amounts payable hereunder to such Non-extending Lender shall become due and payable on such Existing Commitment Maturity Date and, subject to Section 2.21(c) below, the total Commitments hereunder shall be reduced by the Commitments of the Non-extending Lenders so terminated on such Existing Commitment Maturity Date.

(c) In the event of any extension of the Existing Commitment Maturity Date pursuant to Section 2.21(b)(ii), the Borrower shall have the right on or before the Existing Commitment Maturity Date, at its own expense, to require any Non-extending Lender to transfer and assign without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.04) all its interests, rights (other than its rights to payments pursuant to Section 2.15, Section 2.16, Section 2.17 or Section 9.03 arising prior to the effectiveness of such assignment) and obligations under this Agreement to one or more banks or other financial institutions identified to the Non-extending Lender by the Borrower, which may include any existing Lender (each a “*Replacement Lender*”);

provided that (i) such Replacement Lender, if not already a Lender hereunder, shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Bank (such approvals to not be unreasonably withheld) to the extent the consent of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank would be required to effect an assignment under Section 9.04(b), (ii) such assignment shall become effective as of a date specified by the Borrower (which shall not be later than the Existing Commitment Maturity Date in effect for such Non-extending Lender prior to the effective date of the requested extension) and (iii) the Replacement Lender shall pay to such Non-extending Lender in immediately available funds on the effective date of such assignment the principal of and interest accrued to the date of payment on the outstanding principal amount of Loans made by it hereunder and all other amounts accrued and unpaid for its account or otherwise owed to it hereunder on such date.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, the operation of this Section 2.21 in accordance with its terms is not an amendment subject to Section 9.02.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

Section 3.01. Organization; Powers. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Immaterial Subsidiaries for which the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or its jurisdictional equivalent) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is qualified to do business in, and is in good standing (or its jurisdictional equivalent) in, every jurisdiction where such qualification is required.

Section 3.02. Authorization; Enforceability. The Transactions are within the Borrower's corporate or other applicable organizational powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other applicable organizational actions and, if required, stockholder action. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

Section 3.03. Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts. The Transactions (a) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, or those which, if not made or obtained, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (b) will not violate any applicable law or regulation other than any violation which would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (c) will not violate the charter,

by-laws or other organizational documents of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any order of any Governmental Authority, (d) as of the Effective Date, will not violate or result in a default under any indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon the Borrower or any Subsidiary or its assets, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by the Borrower or any Subsidiary other than any such violation or default which would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (e) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than a Permitted Encumbrance) on any asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

Section 3.04. Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change. (a) The Borrower has heretofore furnished to the Lenders its consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders equity and cash flows (i) as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, reported on by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, independent public accountants, and (ii) as of and for the fiscal quarter and the portion of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, certified by its chief financial officer. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations and cash flows of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and for such periods in accordance with GAAP, subject to year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes in the case of the statements referred to in clause (ii) above.

(b) Since December 31, 2024, there has been no material adverse change in the business, assets, operations, prospects or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 3.05. Properties. (a) Except for exceptions to the following that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its real and personal property material to the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, except for minor defects in title that do not interfere with its ability to conduct its business as currently conducted or to utilize such properties for their intended purposes.

(b) Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all trademarks, trade names, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property material to its business, and the use thereof by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries does not infringe upon the rights of any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.06. Litigation and Environmental Matters. (a) There are no actions, suits or proceedings by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority pending against or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened in writing against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (i) as to which there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect (other than the Disclosed Matters) or (ii) that involve this Agreement or the Transactions.

(b) Except for the Disclosed Matters and except with respect to any other matters that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse

Effect, neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability.

(c) Since the date of this Agreement, there has been no change in the status of the Disclosed Matters that, individually or in the aggregate, has resulted in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.07. Compliance with Laws and Contractual Obligations; No Defaults. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries is in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its property and all of its Contractual Obligations, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

Section 3.08. Investment Company Status. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries is an “investment company” as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Section 3.09. Taxes. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has timely filed or caused to be filed all U.S. federal income tax and all other material Tax returns and reports required to have been filed and has paid or caused to be paid all Taxes required to have been paid by it, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as applicable, has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (b) to the extent that the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.10. ERISA. No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Schedule B (Actuarial Information) to the most recent annual report (Form 5500 Series) for each Plan, copies of which have been filed with the IRS and will be made available to the Lenders upon a written request to the Borrower, is complete and accurate in all material respects and fairly presents the funding status of such Plan as of the date specified in such filing. Neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has contributed or has had an obligation to contribute to any Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.11. Disclosure. (a) The reports, financial statements, certificates and other written information (taken as a whole) furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any Lender pursuant to or in connection with the Loan Documents (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) do not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading; provided that, with respect to projections, *pro forma* financial information and information of a general economic nature or general industry nature, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time, it being

recognized by the Lenders that such projections and information are not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such projections and information may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount.

(b) As of the Effective Date, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification provided on or prior to the Effective Date to any Lender in connection with this Agreement is true and correct in all respects.

Section 3.12. Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Borrower has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and directors and to the knowledge of the Borrower its employees and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Borrower, any Subsidiary, any of their respective directors or officers or employees, or (b) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. No Borrowing or Letter of Credit, use of proceeds or other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will violate any Anti-Corruption Law or applicable Sanctions.

Section 3.13. Affected Financial Institutions. The Borrower is not an Affected Financial Institution.

Section 3.14. Plan Assets; Prohibited Transactions. None of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is an entity deemed to hold “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Plan Asset Regulations), and, assuming the Lenders are not using “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Plan Asset Regulations) in connection with the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments or the applicable Lender is relying on an applicable prohibited transaction exemption, neither the execution, delivery nor performance of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement, including the making of any Loan and the issuance of any Letter of Credit hereunder, will give rise to a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

Section 3.15. Subsidiaries. As of the date of this Agreement, Schedule 3.15 is a complete list of each Subsidiary, identifying such Subsidiary’s jurisdiction of organization, and identifying if such Subsidiary is a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary or an Immaterial Subsidiary, to the extent applicable.

Section 3.16. Margin Regulations. The Borrower is not engaged and will not engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying Margin Stock, or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying Margin Stock, and no part of the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit extension hereunder will be used in any manner that would result in a violation of Regulation T, U or X. Following the application of the proceeds of each Borrowing or drawing under each Letter of Credit, not more than 25% of the value of the assets (either of the Borrower only or of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis) will be Margin Stock.

Section 3.17. Solvency. The Borrower and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis are Solvent.

ARTICLE IV

CONDITIONS

Section 4.01. Effective Date. The effectiveness of the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement as contemplated hereunder shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions is satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received from each party hereto a counterpart of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party (which, subject to Section 9.06(b), may include any Electronic Signatures transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page).

(b) [reserved].

(c) The Administrative Agent shall have received a favorable written opinion (addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and dated the Effective Date) of counsel for the Borrower, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and certificates as the Administrative Agent or its counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of the Borrower and the authorization of the Transactions, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, dated the Effective Date and signed by the President, a Vice President or a Financial Officer of the Borrower, confirming compliance with the conditions set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 4.02.

(f) The Administrative Agent (for its benefit and the benefit of the Lenders) and the Arrangers shall have received all fees, including those fees specified in the Fee Letter, and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Effective Date, including, to the extent invoiced one Business Day prior to the Effective Date, reimbursement or payment of all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses required to be reimbursed or paid by the Borrower hereunder.

(g) (i) The Administrative Agent shall have received, at least five (5) days prior to the Effective Date, all documentation and other information regarding the Borrower requested in connection with applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act, to the extent requested in writing of the

Borrower at least ten (10) days prior to the Effective Date and (ii) to the extent requested at least ten (10) days prior to the Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received, at least five (5) days prior to the Effective Date, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrower (but solely if the Borrower qualifies as a legal entity customer under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation).

(h) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received a written certification from a Financial Officer of the Borrower that, after giving effect to all Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries outstanding on the Effective Date (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate amount of Loans, if any, to be borrowed hereunder on the Effective Date), the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are Solvent and will be Solvent subsequent to incurring such Indebtedness on the Effective Date.

(i) All material governmental and material third party approvals necessary or reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent in connection with the consummation of the Transactions shall have been obtained and be in full force and effect.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Effective Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding.

Section 4.02. Each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing, and of the Issuing Bank to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit, is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions (or waiver in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) The representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (other than, on any date other than the Effective Date, the representations and warranties set forth in Sections 3.04(b), 3.06(a) and 3.06(c)) shall be true and correct in all material respects (or, with respect to representations and warranties already qualified by concepts of materiality, in all respects) on and as of the date of such credit event (or, to the extent any such representation or warranty is expressly stated to have been made as of a specific earlier date, on and as of such earlier date).

(b) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Each Borrowing and each issuance, amendment or extension of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower on the date thereof as to the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

ARTICLE V

AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Until the Commitments have expired or been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder shall have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations in respect of which no claim for payment has been asserted by the Person entitled thereto) and all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated or been cash collateralized in a manner consistent with Section 2.06(j), in each case, without any pending draw, and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders as follows; *provided that*, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the provisions of Sections 5.03 through 5.07 shall not apply to any Immaterial Subsidiary:

Section 5.01. Financial Statements and Other Information. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender:

(a) within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, its audited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all reported on by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP or other independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit other than any such exception or explanatory paragraph that is solely with respect to, or solely resulting from, an upcoming maturity date under any of the credit facilities hereunder occurring within one year from the time such report is delivered) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied;

(b) within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Borrower, its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures as of the end of and for the corresponding period or periods of the previous fiscal year, all certified by one of its Financial Officers as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;

(c) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) above, a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Borrower (i) certifying as to whether a Default has occurred and, if a Default has occurred, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, (ii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating compliance with Section 6.10 and (iii) stating whether

any change in GAAP or in the application thereof has occurred since the date of the audited financial statements referred to in Section 3.04 and, if any such change has occurred, specifying the effect of such change on the financial statements accompanying such certificate;

(d) (i) promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed by the Borrower or any Subsidiary with the SEC or any other Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of the functions of the SEC, or with any national securities exchange or distributed by the Borrower to its shareholders generally, as the case may be, and (ii) promptly after the same shall be filed with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“*FINRA*”), copies of all Financial Operational Combined Uniform Single (“*FOCUS*”) reports filed by or with respect to any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, in each case, other than reports, statements or other materials (x) filed in the ordinary course of business or filed in connection with routine examinations (including self-examinations) or (y) that do not contain information about any facts, circumstances or events that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(e) promptly after receipt thereof by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, copies of each notice, examination report or other correspondence received from the SEC, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (or comparable agency in any applicable foreign jurisdiction) concerning any examination or review, investigation or possible investigation, or other inquiry by such agency regarding financial or other operational results of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, in each case, other than any examination, review, investigation or other inquiry (x) made in the ordinary course of business or in connection with routine examinations (including self-examinations) or (y) that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(f) promptly following any request therefor, (x) such other information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of this Agreement, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) may reasonably request and (y) information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a), (b) or (d) (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and, if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which such materials are publicly available as posted on the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (EDGAR); or (ii) on which such documents are posted on the Borrower’s behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether made available by the Administrative Agent).

Section 5.02. Notices of Material Events. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender prompt written notice of the following:

- (a) knowledge by a Financial Officer of the Borrower of the occurrence of any Default;
- (b) the filing or commencement of any Proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof, including pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws, that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
- (c) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (d) notice of any action arising under any Environmental Law or of any noncompliance by the Borrower or any Subsidiary with any Environmental Law or any permit, approval, license or other authorization required thereunder that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) any material change in accounting or financial reporting practices by the Borrower or any Subsidiary not otherwise reported in the Borrower's SEC filings;
- (f) any other development that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect, including (i) breach or non-performance of, or any default under, a Contractual Obligation of the Borrower or any Subsidiary; (ii) any dispute, litigation, investigation, proceeding or suspension between the Borrower or any Subsidiary and any Governmental Authority; and (iii) the commencement of, or any material development in, any litigation or proceeding affecting the Borrower or any Subsidiary, including pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws, which in each instance referred to in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect;
- (g) the formation, conversion, or acquisition of any Subsidiary after the Effective Date that is a Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary; and
- (h) the failure of any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary to meet the minimum capital requirements imposed by applicable regulatory authorities and how the Borrower plans to address such failure.

Each notice delivered under this Section (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall contain a heading or a reference line that reads "Notice under Section 5.02 of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated February 4, 2026" and (iii) shall be accompanied by a statement of a Financial Officer or other executive officer of the Borrower setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto.

Section 5.03. Existence; Conduct of Business. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, do or cause to be done all things necessary to (a) preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that the foregoing shall not limit any change in form of entity or organization) and good standing (or its jurisdictional equivalent) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) maintain all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted, (c) except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its qualification to do business in, and its good standing (or its jurisdictional equivalent) in, every jurisdiction where such qualification is required, and (d) except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect all other rights, qualifications, licenses, permits, privileges and franchises material to the conduct of its business; *provided*, that the foregoing shall not prohibit any merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution permitted under Section 6.03.

Section 5.04. Payment of Obligations. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, pay its obligations, including Tax liabilities, that, if not paid, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect before the same shall become delinquent or in default, except where (a) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) the Borrower or such Subsidiary has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (c) the failure to make payment pending such contest could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.05. Maintenance of Properties; Insurance. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) keep and maintain all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and (b) maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance (or a program of self insurance acceptable to the Administrative Agent) in such amounts and against such risks as are customarily maintained by companies engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations; provided that such insurance shall not be required to cover matters for which insurance is not available, or is not available on commercially reasonable terms. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent, upon its request, information in reasonable detail as to the insurance so required to be maintained.

Section 5.06. Books and Records; Inspection Rights. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct in all material respects entries are made of all material financial dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect its properties, to examine and make extracts from its books and records, to discuss its affairs, finances and condition with its officers and independent accountants (and hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent and each Lender to contact its independent accountants directly) and to provide contact information for each bank where the Borrower has a depository and/or securities account and the Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent and each Lender to contact the bank(s) in order to request bank statements and/or balances, all at such reasonable times and as often as reasonably requested. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

Administrative Agent and each Lender shall provide notice to Borrower prior to contacting its independent accountants pursuant to this Section 5.06 and shall provide Borrower the opportunity to join any such conversations with its independent accountants.

Section 5.07. Compliance with Laws and Material Contractual Obligations. (a) The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (i) comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its property, and (ii) perform, in all material respects, its Contractual Obligation, in each case except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

(c) The Borrower will cause each of its Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries to (y) comply in all material respects with all applicable regulatory requirements for the protection of client funds and securities, including by maintaining required reserves and liquidity and (z) prohibit withdrawals from any reserve bank account that such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is required to maintain pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3(e) below the minimum required balance thereto.

Section 5.08. Use of Proceeds and Letters of Credit. The proceeds of the Loans and the Letters of Credit will be used only for general corporate purposes of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries including Permitted Acquisitions. No part of the proceeds of any Loan will be used, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that entails a violation of any of the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, including Regulations T, U and X. The Borrower will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrower shall not use, and shall ensure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, except to the extent permitted for a Person required to comply with Sanctions, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

Section 5.09. Accuracy of Information. The Borrower will ensure that the written information, including financial statements or other documents (taken as a whole), furnished to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders in connection with any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder (or modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains no material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading; *provided*, that, with respect to projections, *pro forma* financial information and information of a general economic nature or general industry nature, the Lenders recognize that such projections and information as they relate to future events are not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such projections and information may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount.

ARTICLE VI

NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Until the Commitments have expired or terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations in respect of which no claim for payment has been asserted by the Person entitled thereto) and all Letters of Credit have expired or terminated or have been cash collateralized in a manner consistent with Section 2.06(j), in each case, without any pending draw, and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders as follows; *provided* that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the provisions of Section 6.03 and Sections 6.05 through 6.08, shall not apply to any Immaterial Subsidiary:

Section 6.01. Indebtedness. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) Indebtedness created hereunder;

(b) Indebtedness existing on the date hereof and set forth in Schedule 6.01, and any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(c) (i) Indebtedness of the Borrower owed to any Subsidiary and of any Subsidiary owed to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary, including Indebtedness owing by a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary to the Borrower and (ii) Guarantees by the Borrower of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary;

(d) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary incurred to finance the acquisition, installation, repair, construction, replacement or improvement of any fixed or capital assets, including Capital Lease Obligations and any Indebtedness assumed in connection with the acquisition of any such assets or secured by a Lien on any such assets prior to the acquisition thereof, and Permitted Refinancings thereof; *provided* that (i) such Indebtedness is incurred prior to or within 270 days after such acquisition or the completion of such installation, repair, construction, replacement or improvement and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this clause (d) shall not exceed the greater of (i) \$50,000,000 and (ii) 5% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (measured as of the date of incurrence) at any time outstanding;

(e) Ordinary Course Operating Debt;

(f) Indebtedness under Swap Agreements permitted under Section 6.05;

(g) Indebtedness incurred by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or similar instruments issued or created in the ordinary course of business in respect of workers compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or

self-insurance or other Indebtedness with respect to reimbursement-type obligations regarding workers compensation claims; *provided* that upon the drawing of such letter of credit or the incurrence of such Indebtedness, such obligations are reimbursed within 270 days (or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the Administrative Agent) unless the amount or validity of such obligations are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of the Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary, as the case may be;

(h) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of performance, bid, release, appeal and surety bonds and performance and completion guarantees and similar obligations provided by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case in the ordinary course of business, and letters of credit supporting such obligations;

(i) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, cash management obligations and other Indebtedness in respect of cash management services in the ordinary course of business and Indebtedness arising from the endorsement of instruments or other payment items for deposit and the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of instruments or other payments items drawn against insufficient funds;

(j) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, indemnification, deferred purchase price adjustments, earn-outs or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition of any business or assets or any Investment permitted to be acquired or made hereunder or any Disposition permitted hereunder;

(k) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary incurred in the ordinary course of business with respect to customer deposits and other unsecured current liabilities not the result of borrowing and not evidenced by any note or other evidence of Indebtedness;

(l) Indebtedness issued by the Borrower or any Subsidiary to future, current or former directors, officers, employees, members of management or consultants thereof or any direct or indirect parent thereof, their respective estates, heirs, family members, spouses or former spouses, in each case to be used solely to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests of the Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(m) Indebtedness of the Borrower and any Permitted Refinancings in respect thereof; *provided*, that, at the time of the incurrence of any such Indebtedness and immediately after giving effect thereto, (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and no Event of Default would result immediately therefrom, and (ii) the Borrower shall have a Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio equal to or less than 2.25:1.00 (with Consolidated Total Funded Debt measured as of such time and Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA measured for the Reference Period then most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements);

(n) Indebtedness of the Subsidiaries (including Indebtedness of any Subsidiary acquired in connection with a Permitted Acquisition) and any Permitted Refinancings in

respect thereof; *provided*, that, at the time of the incurrence of any such Indebtedness and immediately after giving effect thereto, (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and no Event of Default would result immediately therefrom, (ii) the Borrower shall have a Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio equal to or less than 2.25:1.00 (with Consolidated Total Funded Debt measured as of such time and Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA measured for the Reference Period then most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements), (iii) any such Indebtedness incurred by any Subsidiary, including any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, shall not be permitted under this Section 6.01(n) if such Indebtedness directly or indirectly contributes to the regulatory capital of the Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries, and (iv) that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of Subsidiaries incurred or assumed in reliance upon this clause shall not exceed \$50,000,000 at any one time;

(o) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, all premiums (if any), interest (including post-petition interest), fees, expenses, charges and additional or contingent interest on obligations described in this Sections 6.01;

(p) obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary as an account party in respect of letters of credit in the ordinary course of business in the face amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time;

(q) Indebtedness representing deferred compensation or similar obligations to directors, officers, employees, members of management and consultants of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries incurred in the ordinary course of business or in connection with Permitted Acquisitions; and

(r) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, any Investment permitted under Section 6.05.

Section 6.02. Liens. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by it, or assign or sell any income or revenues (including accounts receivable) or rights in respect of any thereof, except:

(a) Liens created pursuant to any Loan Documents;

(b) Permitted Encumbrances;

(c) any Lien on any property or asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary existing on the Effective Date and set forth in Schedule 6.02; *provided* that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Effective Date and Replacement Liens;

(d) any Lien existing on any property or asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or existing on any property or asset of any Person that

becomes a Subsidiary after the date hereof prior to the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than proceeds or products thereof), (iii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary, as the case may be; and Replacement Liens and (iv) any Liens existing on the property or assets of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary after the date hereof pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition shall comply with Section 6.02(r);

(e) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired, constructed or improved by the Borrower or any Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) such Liens shall be created within 270 days of the construction, installation, repair or improvement or refinancing of such fixed or capital assets, (ii) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property acquired, constructed, installed, repaired, improved or financed by such Indebtedness when such Indebtedness was originally incurred, and the proceeds and products of such property, and (iii) the principal amount of Indebtedness initially secured thereby is not more than 100% of the purchase price or cost of construction, installation, repair or improvement of such fixed or capital asset; *provided* that, in each case, individual financings of equipment provided by one lender or lessor may be cross collateralized to other outstanding financings of equipment provided by such lender or lessor; and Replacement Liens in respect thereof;

(f) Liens created, incurred, assumed or suffered to exist by any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business upon assets owned by such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary or as to which such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary has rights to create Liens thereon or held for its account to secure liabilities or obligations, actual or contingent, incurred in the ordinary course of business (including Ordinary Course Operating Debt), including Liens in favor of clearing houses, clearing brokers or other entities providing clearing services and borrowings collateralized by client assets in the ordinary course of business;

(g) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;

(h) judgment liens in respect of judgments that do not constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01(k);

(i) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(j) Liens securing good faith earnest money deposits made in connection with a Permitted Acquisition or any other Investment or letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted hereunder;

(k) (i) any interest or title of a lessor or sublessor under any lease or sublease or real property license or sub-license entered into by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased, subleased, licensed or sub-licensed, (ii) any Liens on such lessor's, sublessor's, licensee or sub-licensee's interest or title and (iii) subordination of the interest of the lessee or sublessee under such lease to any Lien or restriction referred to in the preceding clause (ii);

(l) (i) Liens of a collection bank arising under Section 4-208 of the Uniform Commercial Code on the items in the course of collection, (ii) Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodities brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes and (iii) bankers' Liens, rights of setoff and other similar Liens existing solely with respect to accounts and cash and Cash Equivalent Investments on deposit in accounts maintained by the Borrower or any Subsidiary (including any restriction on the use of such cash and Cash Equivalent Investments or investment property), in each case under this clause (iii) granted in the ordinary course of business in favor of the banks or other financial or depository institutions with which such accounts are maintained; *provided that*, in the case of this clause (iii), unless such Liens arise by operation of applicable law, in no case shall any such Liens secure (either directly or indirectly) the repayment of any Indebtedness for borrowed money;

(m) licenses and sublicenses of intellectual property granted by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(n) UCC financing statements or similar public filings that are filed as a precautionary measure in connection with operating leases or consignment of goods in the ordinary course of business;

(o) Liens (i) on cash advances in favor of the seller of any property to be acquired in a Permitted Acquisition or an Investment permitted pursuant to Section 6.05 to be applied against the purchase price for such Investment or (ii) consisting of an agreement to Dispose of any property in a Disposition permitted under Section 6.04, in each case, solely to the extent such Investment or Disposition, as the case may be, would have been permitted on the date of the creation of such Lien;

(p) Liens that are customary contractual rights of setoff relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(q) Liens on cash or Cash Equivalent Investments to secure obligations in respect of Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement and other letters of credit permitted pursuant to Section 6.01(p); and

(r) in addition to Liens otherwise permitted by this Section 6.02, Liens on any property or assets of the Borrower or any Subsidiary which, when added together with Liens described in Section 6.02(d)(iv), do not secure Indebtedness in excess of the greater of (i) \$50,000,000 and (ii) 15% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (measured as of the date of incurrence) in the aggregate for all such Liens at any time outstanding.

Section 6.03. Fundamental Changes. (a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, merge into or consolidate with any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it, or liquidate or dissolve, except that, if at the time thereof and immediately after giving effect thereto no Specified Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing: (i) any Subsidiary may merge into the Borrower in a transaction in which the Borrower is the surviving corporation, (ii) any Subsidiary may merge into another Subsidiary in a transaction in which the surviving entity is a Subsidiary, and (iii) any Subsidiary (other than MarketAxess Corporation) may liquidate or dissolve if the Borrower determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Borrower and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders; *provided* that any such merger involving a Person that is not a wholly owned Subsidiary immediately prior to such merger shall not be permitted unless also permitted by Section 6.05.

(b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, engage to any material extent in any business other than businesses of the type conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on the date of execution of this Agreement and businesses reasonably related, complementary or ancillary thereto.

(c) The Borrower will not permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31 or change the Borrower's method of determining its fiscal quarters; *provided*, that any Subsidiary acquired after the Effective Date may change its fiscal year to December 31.

Section 6.04. Dispositions. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any Disposition, except:

(a) Dispositions of (i) obsolete or worn out property in the ordinary course of business and (ii) inventory and equipment in the ordinary course of business;

(b) Dispositions of cash and Cash Equivalent Investments in the ordinary course of business;

(c) Dispositions of equipment or real property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property or (ii) the proceeds of such Disposition are reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;

(d) Dispositions of property by (i) the Borrower to any Subsidiary or (ii) any Subsidiary to the Borrower or to a Subsidiary; *provided*, however, that a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary may only Dispose of assets pursuant to or in reliance upon this clause (d) if such Disposition is to the Borrower or to another Broker-Dealer Subsidiary;

- (e) Dispositions permitted by Section 6.03;
- (f) leases, licenses, subleases or sublicenses granted in the ordinary course of business and on ordinary commercial terms that do not interfere in any material respect with the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries;
- (g) Dispositions of intellectual property rights that are no longer used or useful in the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries;
- (h) Dispositions of accounts receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof in the ordinary course of business (and not for financing purposes);
- (i) Dispositions constituting Liens permitted by Section 6.02, Investments permitted by Section 6.05 and Restricted Payments permitted by Section 6.07;
- (j) Dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary drag-along or buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in the joint venture agreements;
- (k) the unwinding of any Swap Agreement;
- (l) the discounting or other compromising for less than the face value thereof, of notes or accounts receivable in order to resolve disputes of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that occur in the ordinary course of business;
- (m) Dispositions of Equity Interests in any Subsidiary in order to qualify members of the governing body of the Subsidiary if and solely to the extent required by applicable law; and
- (n) Dispositions by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries not otherwise permitted under this Section; *provided* that at the time of such Disposition and immediately after giving effect thereto (i) no Specified Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result immediately therefrom and (ii) the Borrower shall have a Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio equal to or less than 2.25:1.00 (with Consolidated Total Funded Debt measured as of such time and Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA measured for the Reference Period then most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements as if the Disposition occurred on the first day of the Reference Period).

Section 6.05. Investments, Loans, Advances, Guarantees and Acquisitions. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any merger with any Person that was not a wholly owned Subsidiary prior to such merger) any Equity Interest, evidences of indebtedness or other securities (including any option, warrant or other right to acquire any of the foregoing) of, make or permit to exist any loans or advances or capital contributions to, Guarantee any obligations of, any other Person, or purchase

or otherwise acquire (in one transaction or a series of transactions) any assets of any other Person constituting a business unit (each, an “*Investment*”), except:

(a) Investments existing on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 6.05 and any modification, replacement, renewal, reinvestment or extension thereof (*provided* that the amount of the original Investment is not increased except by the terms of such original Investment or as otherwise permitted by this Section 6.05);

(b) Investments in cash and Cash Equivalent Investments;

(c) Investments of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business including, without limitation, (i) Investments in accordance with Rule 15c3-3 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act, and (ii) loans and advances constituting margin loans to the customers of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary;

(d) Investments by the Borrower in the Equity Interests of its Subsidiaries or Investments by any Subsidiary in the Equity Interests of its respective Subsidiaries;

(e) loans, advances and capital contributions made by the Borrower to any Subsidiary and made by any Subsidiary to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary;

(f) Guarantees (i) constituting Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01, and (ii) by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of obligations of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary (other than obligations constituting Indebtedness), *provided* that a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary may not Guarantee the obligations of any Affiliate;

(g) Investments in and obligations under Swap Agreements permitted by Section 6.06;

(h) Investments consisting of (i) endorsements of negotiable instruments and other payment items for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business and (ii) lease, utility or other similar deposits in the ordinary course of business;

(i) Investments consisting of loans or advances to directors, officers, employees, managers or consultants in the ordinary course of business, in an aggregate amount for all such loans and advances not to exceed \$10,000,000;

(j) Permitted Acquisitions;

(k) extensions of trade credit or the holding of receivables in the ordinary course of business and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors and other credits to suppliers in the ordinary course of business;

(l) Investments received in connection with the workout, bankruptcy or reorganization of, insolvency or liquidation of, or settlement of claims against and delinquent accounts of and disputes with, customers and suppliers, or as security for any such claims, accounts and disputes, or upon the foreclosure with respect to any secured Investment;

(m) Investments consisting of promissory notes and other deferred payment obligations and noncash consideration delivered as the purchase consideration for a Disposition permitted by Section 6.04, so long as such notes and deferred payment obligations do not exceed the greater of (i) \$75,000,000 and (ii) 7.5% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (measured as of the date of each such Investment) in the aggregate, net of recoveries and distributions thereon received in cash by the Borrower or any Subsidiary at any time outstanding;

(n) Investments consisting of Restricted Payments permitted by Section 6.07;

(o) Investments of any Person that becomes (or is merged or consolidated or amalgamated with) a Subsidiary of the Borrower on or after the Effective Date hereof on the date such Person becomes (or is merged or consolidated or amalgamated with) a Subsidiary of the Borrower; *provided* that (i) such Investments exist at the time such Person becomes (or is merged or consolidated or amalgamated with) a Subsidiary, and (ii) such Investments are not made in anticipation or contemplation of such Person becoming (or merging or consolidating or amalgamated with) a Subsidiary;

(p) Investments consisting of good faith earnest money deposits made in connection with a Permitted Acquisition or any other Investment or letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted hereunder;

(q) Investments consisting of Liens permitted pursuant to Section 6.02;

(r) Investments in Equity Interests in connection with the satisfaction or enforcement of Indebtedness or claims due or owing to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or as security for any such Indebtedness or claim;

(s) Investments in corporate bonds and similar debt securities of issuers having (at the time of such Investment) an investment grade rating (including Investments in investment funds holding as Investments solely assets consisting of such corporate bonds and similar debt securities having an investment grade rating); and

(t) Investments not otherwise permitted by this Section so long as (i) no Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time such Investment is made or would result from the making of such Investment, and (ii) at the time of such Investment and immediately after giving effect thereto, the Borrower shall have a Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio equal to or less than 2.25:1.00 (with Consolidated Total Funded Debt measured as of such time and Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated

Adjusted EBITDA measured for the Reference Period then most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered Financial Statements).

Section 6.06. Swap Agreements. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, enter into any Swap Agreement, except (a) Swap Agreements entered into to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary has actual exposure (other than those in respect of Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries), and (b) Swap Agreements entered into in order to effectively cap, collar or exchange interest rates or currency fluctuations (from fixed to floating rates, from one floating rate to another floating rate or otherwise) with respect to any interest-bearing liability or investment of the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

Section 6.07. Restricted Payments. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, except (a) the Borrower may declare and pay dividends with respect to its Equity Interests payable solely in additional shares of its common stock, (b) Subsidiaries may declare and pay dividends ratably with respect to their Equity Interests, (c) the Borrower may make Restricted Payments pursuant to and in accordance with stock option plans or other benefit plans for management or employees of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries and (d) the Borrower may make other Restricted Payments so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time such Restricted Payment is declared or would result from the making of such Restricted Payment.

Section 6.08. Transactions with Affiliates. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, sell, lease or otherwise transfer any property or assets to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any property or assets from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates, except (a) at prices and on terms and conditions (taken as a whole) not less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary than could be obtained (taken as a whole) on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties, (b) transactions between or among the Borrower and the Subsidiaries, (c) transactions between or among the Borrower or any Subsidiary and any Person that becomes a Subsidiary as a result of such transaction not involving any other Affiliate, (d) any Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01, any Lien permitted pursuant to Section 6.02, any Investment permitted by Section 6.04, or any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 6.07, (e) employment and severance arrangements with officers, directors, members of management, consultants and employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (f) the payment of director, officer and employee compensation (including bonuses) and other benefits (including retirement, health, stock option and other benefit plans) and indemnification and expense reimbursement arrangements, (g) the issuance or transfer of Qualified Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to any former, current or future director, member of management, officer, employee or consultant (or any spouses, former spouses, successors, executors, administrators, heirs, legatees or distributees of any of the foregoing) of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to the extent otherwise permitted by this Agreement, (h) payments to and receipt of payments from, and the entry into and consummation of transactions with, joint ventures (to the extent any such joint venture is only an Affiliate as a result of Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in such joint venture) in the ordinary course of business to the extent otherwise permitted hereunder, (i) any contribution to the capital of the Borrower and any contribution to the capital of any other Subsidiary, (j) the payment of reasonable and customary fees and reasonable out-of-pocket costs to members of the governing bodies of Borrower and its Subsidiaries including

any reasonable out-of-pocket costs paid to Persons with observation rights on such governing bodies, and (k) the entry into of any Tax sharing agreement, and the making of payments with respect thereto in each case, with the Borrower to the extent attributable to the ownership of the Subsidiaries.

Section 6.09. Restrictive Agreements. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into, incur or permit to exist any agreement or other arrangement that prohibits, restricts or imposes any condition upon (a) the ability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur or permit to exist any Lien upon any of its property or assets, or (b) the ability of any Subsidiary to pay dividends or other distributions with respect to any Equity Interests or to make or repay loans or advances to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary or to Guarantee the Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary; *provided that*

(i) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed by law or by any Loan Document;

(ii) the foregoing shall not apply to customary restrictions and conditions contained in agreements relating to the sale of a Subsidiary pending such sale, *provided* such restrictions and conditions apply only to the Subsidiary that is to be sold and such sale is permitted hereunder;

(iii) the foregoing shall not apply to any restrictions imposed by any agreement governing Indebtedness entered into after the Effective Date and permitted under Section 6.01 that are, taken as a whole, in the good faith judgment of the Borrower, no more restrictive with respect to the Borrower or any Subsidiary than the then customary market terms for Indebtedness of such type, so long as the Borrower shall have determined in good faith that such restrictions will not affect the obligation or ability of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries to (x) make any payments required to be made by it hereunder or (y) perform obligations required to be performed by it under the Loan Documents to which it is a party;

(iv) Section 6.09(a) shall not apply to customary provisions in leases and other contracts restricting the assignment thereof;

(v) Section 6.09(a) shall not apply to customary provisions in joint venture agreements and similar agreements that restrict transfer of assets of, or Equity Interests in, joint ventures provided that such provisions do not restrict the Borrower from granting the Administrative Agent a Lien on the proceeds of the Borrower's interest therein;

(vi) Section 6.09(a) shall not apply to licenses or sublicenses by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries of intellectual property in the ordinary course of business (in which case any prohibition or limitation shall only be effective against the intellectual property subject thereto);

(vii) the foregoing shall not apply to any prohibitions and limitations that are binding on a Subsidiary at the time such Subsidiary first becomes a Subsidiary, so long as such prohibitions and limitations were not created in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary and apply only to such Subsidiary;

(viii) Section 6.09(a) shall not apply to any customary restrictions on cash or other deposits imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(ix) Section 6.09(b) shall not apply to any restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with the Disposition of all or substantially all of the Equity Interests or assets of such Subsidiary which Disposition is permitted by Section 6.04;

(x) Section 6.09(b) shall not apply to any customary net worth provisions contained in real property leases, subleases, licenses or permits entered into by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries so long as such net worth provisions would not reasonably be expected to impair materially the ability of the Borrower to meet its ongoing obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents; and

(xi) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions imposed by any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of the contracts, instruments or obligations referred to in clauses (i) through (ix) above; *provided* that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are, in the good faith judgment of the Borrower, no more restrictive with respect to such Lien restrictions than those contained in the restrictions described in this Section prior to such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing.

Section 6.10. Financial Covenants.

(a) *Maximum Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio.* The Borrower will not permit the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio as of the last day of any Reference Period to be greater than 2.50:1.00.

(b) *Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries.* (i) The Borrower shall cause each Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary (other than MarketAxess Corporation) to, at all times, maintain the monthly Regulatory Net Capital of such Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary in an amount equal to or in excess of 125% of the amount required to meet all net capital requirements imposed by any applicable regulatory authority on or with respect to such Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary.

(ii) The Borrower shall cause MarketAxess Corporation to maintain at all times its monthly Regulatory Net Capital equal to or in excess of the greater of an amount that is (A) 125% of the amount required to meet all net capital requirements imposed by any applicable regulatory authority on or with respect to MarketAxess Corporation and (B) 6.0% of MarketAxess Corporation's aggregate debit items calculated using the alternative method for computing net capital under Appendix E to Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act.

(iii) The Borrower shall make computations under this Section 6.10(b) demonstrating compliance as of the last day of each fiscal quarter concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under Section 5.01 (a) or (b) and a duly completed Compliance Certificate.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Section 7.01. Events of Default. If any of the following events (“*Events of Default*”) shall occur:

(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise;

(b) the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in clause (a) of this Article) payable under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of five (5) Business Days;

(c) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) in or in connection with this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any amendment or modification hereof or thereof or waiver hereunder or thereunder, or in any report, certificate, financial statement or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any amendment or modification hereof or thereof or waiver hereunder or thereunder, shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect (or in any respect if such representation or warranty is already qualified by concepts of materiality) when made or deemed made;

(d) the Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 5.01(a), (b), (c), and (f), 5.02(a), 5.03 (with respect to the Borrower’s existence), or 5.08 or in Article VI;

(e) the Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement (other than those specified in clause (a), (b) or (d) of this Article) or any other Loan Document, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days following the first to occur of (i) a Financial Officer of the Borrower having knowledge of such failure, and (ii) delivery of written notice thereof to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent;

(f) the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall fail to make any payment (whether of principal or interest and regardless of amount) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, when and as the same shall become due and payable (in each case after giving effect to any applicable grace period);

(g) any event or condition occurs that results in any Material Indebtedness becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity or that enables or permits (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods or notice requirements) the holder or holders of any

Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its or their behalf to cause any Material Indebtedness to become due, or to require the prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance thereof, prior to its scheduled maturity; *provided* that this clause (g) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness;

(h) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) or its debts, or of a substantial part of its assets, under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) or for a substantial part of its assets, and, in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed or undischarged for sixty (60) days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered;

(i) the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) shall (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in clause (h) of this Article, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) or for a substantial part of its assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (vi) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing;

(j) the Borrower or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) shall become unable, admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(k) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50,000,000 shall be rendered against the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any combination thereof and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of forty-five (45) consecutive days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed, or any action shall be legally taken by a judgment creditor to attach or levy upon any assets of the Borrower or any Subsidiary to enforce any such judgment;

(l) an ERISA Event shall have occurred that, when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(m) any material provision of any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or

thereunder or satisfaction in full of all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement Obligations in respect of which no claim for payment has been asserted by the Person entitled thereto), ceases to be in full force and effect; or the Borrower or any other Person contests in writing the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document; or the Borrower denies in writing that it has any or further liability or obligation under any Loan Document, or purports in writing to revoke, terminate or rescind any Loan Document;

(n) a Change in Control shall occur;

(o) any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary shall fail to meet the minimum capital requirements imposed by applicable regulatory authorities that is not cured within five (5) Business Days of a Financial Officer of the Borrower having knowledge of such failure; *provided*, that any failure by a Material Broker-Dealer Subsidiary to comply with Section 6.10(b) shall be an Event of Default under Section 7.01(d) above;

(p) the Borrower or any Subsidiary that holds the Equity Interests of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary shall become ineligible to hold such Equity Interests by reason of a statutory disqualification or otherwise;

(q) the SEC shall revoke the registration of any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act or any such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary shall fail to maintain such registration;

(r) the Examining Authority (as defined in Rule 15c3-1) for any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary shall suspend or shall revoke such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary's status as a member organization thereof; or

(s) the occurrence of any event of acceleration in a subordination agreement, as defined in Appendix D to Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act, to which the Borrower or any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary is a party.

Section 7.02. Remedies Upon an Event of Default. If an Event of Default occurs (other than an event with respect to the Borrower described in Sections 7.01(h) or 7.01(i)), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may with the consent of the Required Lenders, and shall at the request of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower, take any or all of the following actions, at the same or different times:

(a) terminate the Commitments, and thereupon the Commitments shall terminate immediately;

(b) declare the Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part, in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Borrower accrued hereunder and under any other Loan Document, shall become due

and payable immediately, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower;

(c) require that the Borrower provide cash collateral as required in Section 2.06(j); and

(d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank all rights and remedies available to it, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank under the Loan Documents and Applicable Law.

If an Event of Default described in Sections 7.01(h) or 7.01(i) occurs with respect to the Borrower, the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Borrower accrued hereunder and under any other Loan Document including any break funding payment or prepayment premium, shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of the Borrower to cash collateralize the LC Exposure as provided in clause (c) above shall automatically become effective, in each case, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower.

Section 7.03. Application of Payments . Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, and notice thereof to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower or the Required Lenders:

(a) all payments received on account of the Obligations shall, subject to Section 2.20, be applied by the Administrative Agent as follows:

(i) first, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts payable to the Administrative Agent (including fees and disbursements and other charges of counsel to the Administrative Agent payable under Section 9.03 and amounts pursuant to Section 2.12(c) payable to the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such);

(ii) second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, expenses, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, reimbursement obligations in respect of LC Disbursements, interest and Letter of Credit fees) payable to the Lenders and the Issuing Bank (including fees and disbursements and other charges of counsel to the Lenders and the Issuing Bank payable under Section 9.03) arising under the Loan Documents, ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause (ii) payable to them;

(iii) third, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Letter of Credit fees and charges and interest on the Loans and unreimbursed LC Disbursements, ratably among the Lenders and the Issuing Bank in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause (iii) payable to them;

(iv) fourth, (A) to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and unreimbursed LC Disbursements and (B) to cash collateralize that portion of LC Exposure comprising the undrawn amount of Letters of Credit to the extent not otherwise cash collateralized by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.06 or 2.20, ratably among the Lenders and the Issuing Bank in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause (iv) payable to them; *provided* that (x) any such amounts applied pursuant to subclause (B) above shall be paid to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Bank to cash collateralize Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit, (y) subject to Section 2.06 or 2.20, amounts used to cash collateralize the aggregate amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to this clause (iv) shall be used to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur and (z) upon the expiration of any Letter of Credit (without any pending drawings), the pro rata share of cash collateral shall be distributed to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth in this Section 7.03;

(v) fifth, to the payment in full of all other Obligations, in each case ratably among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank based upon the respective aggregate amounts of all such Obligations owing to them in accordance with the respective amounts thereof then due and payable; and

(vi) finally, the balance, if any, after all Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by law; and

(b) if any amount remains on deposit as cash collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired (without any pending drawings), such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

ARTICLE VIII

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Section 8.01. Authorization and Action. (a) Each Lender and the Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably appoints the entity named as Administrative Agent in the heading of this Agreement and its successors and assigns to serve as the administrative agent under the Loan Documents and each Lender and the Issuing Bank authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent under such agreements and to exercise such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, each Lender and the Issuing Bank hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, each of the Loan Documents to which the Administrative Agent is a party, and to exercise all rights, powers and remedies that the Administrative Agent may have under such Loan Documents.

(b) As to any matters not expressly provided for herein and in the other Loan Documents (including enforcement or collection), the Administrative Agent shall not be required

to exercise any discretion or take any action, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in so acting or refraining from acting) upon the written instructions of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, pursuant to the terms in the Loan Documents), and, unless and until revoked in writing, such instructions shall be binding upon each Lender and the Issuing Bank; *provided, however*, that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that (i) the Administrative Agent in good faith believes exposes it to liability unless the Administrative Agent receives an indemnification and is exculpated in a manner satisfactory to it from the Lenders and the Issuing Bank with respect to such action or (ii) is contrary to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or applicable law, including any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any requirement of law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any requirement of law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors; *provided, further*, that the Administrative Agent may seek clarification or direction from the Required Lenders prior to the exercise of any such instructed action and may refrain from acting until such clarification or direction has been provided. Except as expressly set forth in the Loan Documents, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Administrative Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(c) In performing its functions and duties hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the Administrative Agent is acting solely on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank (except in limited circumstances expressly provided for herein relating to the maintenance of the Register), and its duties are entirely mechanical and administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(i) the Administrative Agent does not assume and shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligation or duty or any other relationship as the agent, fiduciary or trustee of or for any Lender, the Issuing Bank or holder of any other obligation other than as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, regardless of whether a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (and it is understood and agreed that the use of the term “agent” (or any similar term) herein or in any other Loan Document with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary duty or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law, and that such term is used as a matter of market custom and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties); additionally, each Lender agrees that it will not assert any claim against the Administrative Agent based on an alleged breach of fiduciary duty by the Administrative Agent in connection with this Agreement and/or the transactions contemplated hereby; and

(ii) nothing in this Agreement or any Loan Document shall require the Administrative Agent to account to any Lender for any sum or the profit element of any sum received by the Administrative Agent for its own account.

(d) The Administrative Agent may perform any of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any of their respective duties and exercise their respective rights and powers through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities pursuant to this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agent except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and nonappealable judgment that the Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agent.

(e) No Arranger shall have obligations or duties whatsoever in such capacity under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and shall incur no liability hereunder or thereunder in such capacity, but all such persons shall have the benefit of the indemnities provided for hereunder.

(f) In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, LC Disbursements and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent (including any claim under Sections 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.17 and 9.03) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(ii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the Issuing Bank to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, in the event that the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders or the Issuing Bank, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due to it, in its capacity as the Administrative Agent, under the Loan Documents (including under Section 9.03). Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the Issuing Bank any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or the Issuing Bank or to authorize the

Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or the Issuing Bank in any such proceeding.

(g) The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank, and, except solely to the extent of the Borrower's rights to consent pursuant to and subject to the conditions set forth in this Article, none of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any of their respective Affiliates, shall have any rights as a third party beneficiary under any such provisions.

Section 8.02. Administrative Agent's Reliance, Limitation of Liability, Etc. (a) Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its Related Parties shall be (i) liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by such party, the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties under or in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents (x) with the consent of or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith to be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in the Loan Documents) or (y) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct (such absence to be presumed unless otherwise determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and non-appealable judgment) or (ii) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by the Borrower or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by the Administrative Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in connection with the Administrative Agent's reliance on any Electronic Signature transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page) or for any failure of the Borrower to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any (i) notice of any of the events or circumstances set forth or described in Section 5.02 unless and until written notice thereof stating that it is a "notice under Section 5.02" in respect of this Agreement and identifying the specific clause under said Section is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, or (ii) notice of any Default or Event of Default unless and until written notice thereof (stating that it is a "notice of Default" or a "notice of an Event of Default") is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, a Lender or the Issuing Bank. Further, the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with any Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered thereunder or in connection therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the sufficiency, validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items (which on their face purport to be such items) expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent

or satisfaction of any condition that expressly refers to the matters described therein being acceptable or satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(c) Without limiting the foregoing, the Administrative Agent (i) may treat the payee of any promissory note as its holder until such promissory note has been assigned in accordance with Section 9.04, (ii) may rely on the Register to the extent set forth in Section 9.04(b), (iii) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel to the Borrower), independent public accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts, (iv) makes no warranty or representation to any Lender or Issuing Bank and shall not be responsible to any Lender or Issuing Bank for any statements, warranties or representations made by or on behalf of the Borrower in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (v) in determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the Issuing Bank, may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the Issuing Bank unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the Issuing Bank sufficiently in advance of the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit and (vi) shall be entitled to rely on, and shall incur no liability under or in respect of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by acting upon, any notice, consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which writing may be a fax, any electronic message, internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) or any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper party or parties (whether or not such Person in fact meets the requirements set forth in the Loan Documents for being the maker thereof).

Section 8.03. Posting of Communications. (a) The Borrower agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make any Communications available to the Lenders and the Issuing Bank by posting the Communications on IntraLinks™, DebtDomain, SyndTrak, ClearPar or any other electronic platform chosen by the Administrative Agent to be its electronic transmission system (the “*Approved Electronic Platform*”).

(b) Although the Approved Electronic Platform and its primary web portal are secured with generally-applicable security procedures and policies implemented or modified by the Administrative Agent from time to time (including, as of the Effective Date, a user ID/password authorization system) and the Approved Electronic Platform is secured through a per-deal authorization method whereby each user may access the Approved Electronic Platform only on a deal-by-deal basis, each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower acknowledges and agrees that the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure, that the Administrative Agent is not responsible for approving or vetting the representatives or contacts of any Lender that are added to the Approved Electronic Platform, and that there may be confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower hereby approves distribution of the Communications through the Approved Electronic Platform and understands and assumes the risks of such distribution.

(c) THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS ARE PROVIDED “AS IS” AND “AS AVAILABLE.” THE

APPLICABLE PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY THE APPLICABLE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY ARRANGER, OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RELATED PARTIES (COLLECTIVELY, “*APPLICABLE PARTIES*”) HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO THE BORROWER, ANY LENDER, THE ISSUING BANK OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF THE BORROWER’S OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT’S TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM, OTHER THAN FOR DIRECT DAMAGES (AND NOT, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO SECTION 9.03(B)) IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIONS ARISING AS A RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY SUCH APPLICABLE PARTIES AS DETERMINED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN A FINAL, NONAPPEALABLE JUDGMENT.

“*Communications*” means, collectively, any notice, demand, communication, information, document or other material provided by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to any Loan Document or the transactions contemplated therein which is distributed by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Bank by means of electronic communications pursuant to this Section, including through an Approved Electronic Platform.

(d) Each Lender and the Issuing Bank agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that Communications have been posted to the Approved Electronic Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender and the Issuing Bank agrees (i) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (which could be in the form of electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender’s or the Issuing Bank’s (as applicable) email address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and (ii) that the foregoing notice may be sent to such email address.

(e) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but (except as may be required by applicable law) shall not be obligated to, store the Communications on the Approved Electronic Platform in accordance with the Administrative Agent’s generally applicable document retention procedures and policies.

(f) Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Bank to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document.

Section 8.04. The Administrative Agent Individually. With respect to its Commitment, Loans (including Swingline Loans) and Letters of Credit, the Person serving as the Administrative Agent shall have and may exercise the same rights and powers hereunder and is subject to the same obligations and liabilities as and to the extent set forth herein for any other Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be. The terms “Issuing Bank,” “Lenders,” “Required Lenders” and any similar terms shall, unless the context clearly otherwise indicates, include the Administrative Agent in its individual capacity as a Lender, Issuing Bank or as one of the Required Lenders, as applicable. The Person serving as the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust or other business with, the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing as if such Person was not acting as the Administrative Agent and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders or the Issuing Bank.

Section 8.05. Successor Administrative Agent. (a) The Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving thirty (30) days’ prior written notice thereof to the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower, whether or not a successor Administrative Agent has been appointed. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor Administrative Agent. If no successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders, and shall have accepted such appointment, within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent’s giving of notice of resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank, appoint a successor Administrative Agent, which shall be a bank with an office in New York, New York or an Affiliate of any such bank. In either case, such appointment shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Borrower (which approval may not be unreasonably withheld and shall not be required while an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing). Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Administrative Agent by a successor Administrative Agent, such successor Administrative Agent shall succeed to, and become vested with, all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent. Upon the acceptance of appointment as Administrative Agent by a successor Administrative Agent, the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Prior to any retiring Administrative Agent’s resignation hereunder as Administrative Agent, the retiring Administrative Agent shall take such action as may be reasonably necessary to assign to the successor Administrative Agent its rights as Administrative Agent under the Loan Documents.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this Section, in the event no successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its intent to resign, the retiring Administrative Agent may give notice of the effectiveness of its resignation to the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower, whereupon, on the date of effectiveness of such resignation stated in such notice, (i) the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents; and (ii) the Required Lenders shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of

the retiring Administrative Agent; *provided* that (A) all payments required to be made hereunder or under any other Loan Document to the Administrative Agent for the account of any Person other than the Administrative Agent shall be made directly to such Person and (B) all notices and other communications required or contemplated to be given or made to the Administrative Agent shall directly be given or made to each Lender and the Issuing Bank. Following the effectiveness of the Administrative Agent's resignation from its capacity as such, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.03, as well as any exculpatory, reimbursement and indemnification provisions set forth in any other Loan Document, shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

Section 8.06. Acknowledgements of Lenders and Issuing Bank. (a) Each Lender and the Issuing Bank represents and warrants that (i) the Loan Documents set forth the terms of a commercial lending facility, (ii) it is engaged in making, acquiring or holding commercial loans and in providing other facilities set forth herein as may be applicable to such Lender or the Issuing Bank, in each case in the ordinary course of business, and not for the purpose of investing in the general performance or operations of the Borrower, or for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring or holding any other type of financial instrument such as a security (and each Lender and the Issuing Bank agrees not to assert a claim in contravention of the foregoing, such as a claim under the federal or state securities laws), (iii) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, or any other Lender or the Issuing Bank, or any of the Related Parties of any of the foregoing, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement as a Lender, and to make, acquire or hold Loans hereunder and (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to make, acquire and/or hold commercial loans and to provide other facilities set forth herein, as may be applicable to such Lender or the Issuing Bank, and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to make, acquire and/or hold such commercial loans or to provide such other facilities, is experienced in making, acquiring or holding such commercial loans or providing such other facilities. Each Lender and the Issuing Bank also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any other Lender or the Issuing Bank, or any of the Related Parties of any of the foregoing, and based on such documents and information (which may contain material, non-public information within the meaning of the United States securities laws concerning the Borrower and its Affiliates) as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

(b) Each Lender, by delivering its signature page to this Agreement on the Effective Date, or delivering its signature page to an Assignment and Assumption or any other Loan Document pursuant to which it shall become a Lender hereunder, shall be deemed to have acknowledged receipt of, and consented to and approved, each Loan Document and each other document required to be delivered to, or be approved by or satisfactory to, the Administrative Agent or the Lenders on the Effective Date.

(c) (i) Each Lender hereby agrees that (x) if the Administrative Agent notifies such Lender that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a “*Payment*”) were erroneously transmitted to such Lender (whether or not known to such Lender), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter (or such later date as the Administrative Agent, may, in its sole discretion, specify in writing), return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon (except to the extent waived in writing by the Administrative Agent) in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender shall not assert, and hereby waives, as to the Administrative Agent, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on “discharge for value” or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender under this Section 8.06(c) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(ii) Each Lender hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a “*Payment Notice*”) or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter (or such later date as the Administrative Agent, may, in its sole discretion, specify in writing), return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon (except to the extent waived in writing by the Administrative Agent) in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

(iii) The Borrower hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) are not recovered from any Lender that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender with respect to such amount and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Borrower, except, in each case, to the extent such erroneous Payment is, and with respect to the amount of such erroneous Payment that is, comprised of funds received from or on behalf of the Borrower.

(iv) Each party's obligations under this Section 8.06(c) shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations under any Loan Document.

Section 8.07. Certain ERISA Matters. (a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of the Plan Asset Regulations) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments,

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement,

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or such Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant as provided in sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender

further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, that none of the Administrative Agent, nor any Arranger, any Syndication Agent or any of their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related to hereto or thereto).

(c) The Administrative Agent and the Arrangers hereby inform the Lenders that each such Person is not undertaking to provide investment advice or to give advice in a fiduciary capacity, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and that such Person has a financial interest in the transactions contemplated hereby in that such Person or an Affiliate thereof (i) may receive interest or other payments with respect to the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments, this Agreement and any other Loan Documents (ii) may recognize a gain if it extended the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments for an amount less than the amount being paid for an interest in the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments by such Lender or (iii) may receive fees or other payments in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, the Loan Documents or otherwise, including structuring fees, commitment fees, arrangement fees, facility fees, upfront fees, underwriting fees, ticking fees, agency fees, administrative agent or collateral agent fees, utilization fees, minimum usage fees, letter of credit fees, fronting fees, deal-away or alternate transaction fees, amendment fees, processing fees, term out premiums, banker's acceptance fees, breakage or other early termination fees or fees similar to the foregoing.

Section 8.08. Borrower Communications. (a) The Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank agree that the Borrower may, but shall not be obligated to, make any Borrower Communications to the Administrative Agent through an electronic platform chosen by the Administrative Agent to be its electronic transmission system (the "*Approved Borrower Portal*").

(b) Although the Approved Borrower Portal and its primary web portal are secured with generally-applicable security procedures and policies implemented or modified by the Administrative Agent from time to time (including, as of the Effective Date, a user ID/password authorization system), each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower acknowledges and agrees that the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure, that the Administrative Agent is not responsible for approving or vetting the representatives or contacts of the Borrower that are added to the Approved Borrower Portal, and that there may be confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower hereby approves distribution of Borrower Communications through the Approved Borrower Portal and understands and assumes the risks of such distribution.

(c) THE APPROVED BORROWER PORTAL IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE". THE APPLICABLE PARTIES DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER COMMUNICATION, OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE APPROVED BORROWER PORTAL AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE APPROVED BORROWER PORTAL AND THE

BORROWER COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY THE APPLICABLE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER COMMUNICATIONS OR THE APPROVED BORROWER PORTAL. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE APPLICABLE PARTIES HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY LOAN PARTY, ANY LENDER, ANY ISSUING BANK OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF THE BORROWER'S TRANSMISSION OF BORROWER COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THE APPROVED BORROWER PORTAL, OTHER THAN FOR DIRECT DAMAGES (AND NOT, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO SECTION 9.03(B)) IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIONS ARISING AS A RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY SUCH APPLICABLE PARTIES AS DETERMINED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN A FINAL, NONAPPEALABLE JUDGMENT.

"Borrower Communications" means, collectively, any Borrowing Request, Interest Election Request, notice of prepayment, notice requesting the issuance, amendment or extension of a Letter of Credit or other notice, demand, communication, information, document or other material provided by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to any Loan Document or the transactions contemplated therein which is distributed by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent through an Approved Borrower Portal.

(d) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but (except as may be required by applicable law) shall not be obligated to, store the Borrower Communications on the Approved Borrower Portal in accordance with the Administrative Agent's generally applicable document retention procedures and policies.

(e) Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Borrower to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01. Notices. (a) Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and subject to paragraph (b) below), all notices and

other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopy, as follows:

(i) if to the Borrower, to it at MarketAxess Holdings Inc., 55 Hudson Yards, New York, NY, 10001, Attention of Ilene Fiszal Bieler and Scott Pintoff (email: ifiszalbieler@marketaxess.com and spintoff@marketaxess.com); with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attention of Jessie Chiang (email: jessie.chiang@weil.com);

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent from the Borrower, to the address or addresses separately provided to the Borrower; and

(iii) if to any other Lender, to it at its address (or telecopy number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices delivered through Approved Electronic Platforms or the Approved Borrower Portal, to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b).

(b) Notices and other communications to the Borrower, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank hereunder may be delivered or furnished by using Approved Electronic Platforms or the Approved Borrower Portal (as applicable), in each case, pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; *provided* that the foregoing shall not apply to notices pursuant to Article II unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender; *provided, further*, that notices and other communications to the Borrower that are delivered by using the Approved Borrower Portal, if any, shall be substantially concurrently delivered to the email addresses in Section 9.01(a)(i). The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; *provided* that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

(c) Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient, at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i), of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; *provided* that, for both clauses (i) and (ii) above, if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient.

(d) Any party hereto may change its address or telecopy number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

Section 9.02. Waivers; Amendments . (a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the Lenders hereunder are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure by the Borrower therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the making of a Loan or issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

(b) Subject to Section 2.14(b), (c) and (d) and Section 9.02(c) below, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Required Lenders or by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders; *provided* that no such agreement shall (i) increase the Commitment of any Lender without the written consent of such Lender (it being understood that a waiver of any condition precedent set forth in Section 4.02 or the waiver of any Default shall not constitute an increase of any Commitment of any Lender), (ii) reduce the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or reduce any fees payable hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby, *provided, however*, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to amend the provisions with respect to the application or amount of the default rate described in Section 2.13(c) or waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest, fees or other amounts at such default rate, (iii) postpone the scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement, or any interest thereon, or any fees payable hereunder, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the scheduled date of expiration of any Commitment, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby, (iv) change the definition of “Applicable Percentage,” Section 2.09(c) or Section 2.18(b) or (c) in a manner that would alter the ratable reduction of Commitments or the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby, without the written consent of each Lender, (v) change the payment waterfall provisions of Section 2.20(b) or 7.03 without the written consent of each Lender, or (vi) change any of the provisions of this Section or the definition of “Required Lenders” or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to waive, amend or modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender; *provided further* that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders, as the case may be; and *provided further* that no such

agreement shall amend or modify the provisions of Section 2.06 without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Bank.

(c) If the Administrative Agent and the Borrower acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, then the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect, and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, technical and conforming modifications to the Loan Documents may be made with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to the extent necessary to integrate any incremental Commitments on substantially the same basis as the Commitments.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no amendment or waiver of this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall require the consent or approval of any Lender which immediately after giving effect to such amendment or waiver (A) shall have no Commitment or other obligation to maintain or extend credit under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as so amended or waived) and (B) substantially contemporaneously with the effectiveness of such amendment or waiver shall have been paid in full all amounts owing to it under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including, without limitation, principal, interest and fees, but excluding unmatured contingent obligations), it being understood and agreed that from and after the effectiveness of any such amendment or waiver, any such Lender shall be deemed to no longer be a "Lender" hereunder or a party hereto; provided that any such Lender shall retain the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 with respect to facts and circumstances arising prior to the effectiveness of such amendment or waiver.

Section 9.03. Expenses; Limitation of Liability; Indemnity, Etc.

(a) *Expenses.* The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent, in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit; *provided*, that the Borrower's obligations under this Section 9.03(a) for fees and expenses of legal counsel shall be limited to fees and expenses of (x) one outside legal counsel for all Persons described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above, taken as a whole, (y) in the case of any conflict of

interest, one outside legal counsel for such affected Person or group of Persons and (z) if necessary, one specialist counsel and local legal counsel in each material relevant jurisdiction.

(b) *Limitation of Liability.* To the extent permitted by applicable law (i) the Borrower shall not assert, and the Borrower hereby waives, any claim against the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Syndication Agent, the Issuing Bank and any Lender, and any Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called a “*Lender-Related Person*”) for any Liabilities arising from the use by others of information or other materials (including, without limitation, any personal data) obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet, any Approved Electronic Platform and any Approved Borrower Portal), and (ii) no party hereto shall assert, and each such party hereby waives, any Liabilities against any other party hereto, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; *provided* that, nothing in this Section 9.03(b) shall relieve the Borrower of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnitee, as provided in Section 9.03(c), against any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party.

(c) *Indemnity.* The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Syndication Agent, the Issuing Bank and each Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “*Indemnitee*”) against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the Transactions or any other transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) any action taken in connection with this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the payment of principal, interest and fees; *provided, however,* that this clause (iii) shall not apply to the Borrower with respect to any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of the enforcement or protection of such Indemnitee’s rights and obligations pursuant to Section 8.06(c), (iv) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (v) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (vi) any actual or prospective Proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether or not such Proceeding is brought by the Borrower or its equity holders, Affiliates, creditors or any other third Person and whether based on contract, tort or any other theory and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; *provided that* such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such Liabilities or related expenses are (i) determined by a court of

competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted primarily from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (ii) arising solely from suits among Indemnitees that do not involve any act or omission of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries (other than any suits against an Indemnitee in its capacity as the Administrative Agent or an Arranger). This Section 9.03(c) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims or damages arising from any non-Tax claim.

(d) *Lender Reimbursement.* Each Lender severally agrees to pay any amount required to be paid by the Borrower under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 9.03 to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the Swingline Lenders, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each, an “*Agent-Related Person*”) (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), ratably according to their respective Applicable Percentage in effect on the date on which such payment is sought under this Section (or, if such payment is sought after the date upon which the Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with such Applicable Percentage immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (whether before or after the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Agent-Related Person in any way relating to or arising out of the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by such Agent-Related Person under or in connection with any of the foregoing; *provided* that the unreimbursed expense or Liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Agent-Related Person in its capacity as such; *provided further* that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such Liabilities, costs, expenses or disbursements that are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from such Agent-Related Party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

(e) *Payments.* All amounts due under this Section 9.03 shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

Section 9.04. Successors and Assigns. (a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of the Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this Section. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of the Issuing Bank), Participants (to the extent provided in paragraph (c) of this Section) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (b)(ii) below, any Lender may assign to one or more Persons (other than an Ineligible Institution) all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment, participations in Letters of Credit and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of:

(A) the Borrower (not to unreasonably withheld or delayed); *provided* that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to an assignment of all or a portion of the Revolving Loans and Commitments unless it shall have objected thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof; *provided* that no consent of the Borrower shall be required for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender, an Approved Fund or, if an Event of Default described in Section 7.01(a), 7.01(b), 7.01(h), 7.01(i) or 7.01(j) has occurred and is continuing, any other assignee;

(B) the Administrative Agent; *provided* that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for an assignment of any Commitment to an assignee that is a Lender (other than a Defaulting Lender) with a Commitment immediately prior to giving effect to such assignment;

(C) the Issuing Bank; and

(D) each Swingline Lender.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than \$5,000,000 unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent; *provided* that no such consent of the Borrower shall be required if an Event of Default described in Section 7.01(a), 7.01(b), 7.01(h), 7.01(i) or 7.01(j) has occurred and is continuing;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent (x) an Assignment and Assumption or (y) to the extent applicable, an agreement incorporating an Assignment and Assumption by reference pursuant to an Approved Electronic Platform as to which the Administrative Agent and the parties to the Assignment and Assumption are participants, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500; and

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire in which the assignee designates one or more credit contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain material non-public information about the Borrower and its related parties or its securities) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the assignee's compliance procedures and applicable laws, including Federal and state securities laws.

For the purposes of this Section 9.04(b), the term "*Approved Fund*" and "*Ineligible Institution*" have the following meanings:

"*Approved Fund*" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"*Ineligible Institution*" means (a) a natural person, (b) a Defaulting Lender or its Lender Parent, (c) a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural person or relative(s) thereof; *provided that*, with respect to clause (c), such holding company, investment vehicle or trust shall not constitute an Ineligible Institution if it (i) has not been established for the primary purpose of acquiring any Loans or Commitments, (ii) is managed by a professional advisor, who is not such natural person or a relative thereof, having significant experience in the business of making or purchasing commercial loans, and (iii) has assets greater than \$25,000,000 and a significant part of its activities consist of making or purchasing commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business, (d) the Borrower or any of its Affiliates or (e) a Disqualified Lender.

(iii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to paragraph (b)(iv) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 with respect to facts and circumstances arising prior to the effective date of such assignment). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section.

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amount (and stated interest) of the Loans and LC Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "*Register*"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative

Agent, the Issuing Bank and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Issuing Bank and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon its receipt of (x) a duly completed Assignment and Assumption executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee or (y) to the extent applicable, an agreement incorporating an Assignment and Assumption by reference pursuant to an Approved Electronic Platform as to which the Administrative Agent and the parties to the Assignment and Assumption are participants, the assignee's completed Administrative Questionnaire (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and any written consent to such assignment required by paragraph (b) of this Section, the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information contained therein in the Register; *provided* that if either the assigning Lender or the assignee shall have failed to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(c), 2.06(d) or (e), 2.07(b), 2.18(d) or 9.03(d), the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information therein in the Register unless and until such payment shall have been made in full, together with all accrued interest thereon. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph.

(c) Any Lender may, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lenders, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (a "*Participant*"), other than an Ineligible Institution, in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); *provided* that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged; (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations; and (C) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; *provided* that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in the first proviso to Section 9.02(b) that affects such Participant. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Sections 2.17(f) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.17(f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender and the information)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; *provided* that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Section 2.19 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section; and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.15 or 2.17, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired

the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 2.19(b) with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.08 as though it were a Lender; *provided* that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.18(c) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "*Participant Register*"); *provided* that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans, Letters of Credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan, Letter of Credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(d) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, and this Section shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; *provided* that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible or have any liability for, or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into monitor or enforce, compliance with the provisions relating to Disqualified Lenders. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent shall not (x) be obligated to ascertain, monitor or inquire as to whether any Lender or Participant or prospective Lender or Participant is a Disqualified Institution or (y) have any liability with respect to or arising out of any assignment or participation of Loans, or disclosure of confidential information, to any Disqualified Lender.

(f) The Administrative Agent shall make Schedule 9.04 available to any Lender or Participant or prospective Lender or Participant on the Platform or another similar electronic system (1) to the extent the Borrower desires to prevent any such Disqualified Lender from being a Lender or Participant or (2) upon written request by such Lender or Participant or prospective Lender or Participant

Section 9.05. Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Borrower herein and in the other Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Documents shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any Loans and issuance

of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated. The provisions of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 and Article VIII shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

Section 9.06. Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution. (a) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof which, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

(b) Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of (x) this Agreement, (y) any other Loan Document and/or (z) any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any notice delivered pursuant to Section 9.01), certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or the transactions contemplated hereby and/or thereby (each an “*Ancillary Document*”) that is an Electronic Signature transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement, such other Loan Document or such Ancillary Document, as applicable. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in any electronic form (including deliveries by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page), each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be; *provided* that nothing herein shall require the Administrative Agent to accept Electronic Signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent and pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, further, without limiting the foregoing, (i) to the extent the Administrative Agent has agreed to accept any Electronic Signature, the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders shall be entitled to rely on such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower without further verification thereof and without any obligation to review the appearance or form of any such Electronic signature and (ii) upon the request of the Administrative Agent or any

Lender, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by a manually executed counterpart. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Borrower hereby (i) agrees that, for all purposes, including without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, and the Borrower, Electronic Signatures transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page and/or any electronic images of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, (ii) the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders may, at its option, create one or more copies of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document in the form of an imaged electronic record in any format, which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document (and all such electronic records shall be considered an original for all purposes and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record), (iii) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the legal effect, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document based solely on the lack of paper original copies of this Agreement, such other Loan Document and/or such Ancillary Document, respectively, including with respect to any signature pages thereto and (iv) waives any claim against any Lender-Related Person for any Liabilities arising solely from the Administrative Agent's and/or any Lender's reliance on or use of Electronic Signatures and/or transmissions by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page, including any Liabilities arising as a result of the failure of the Borrower to use any available security measures in connection with the execution, delivery or transmission of any Electronic Signature.

Section 9.07. Severability. Any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 9.08. Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, each Swingline Lender, the Issuing Bank, and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to setoff and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held, and other obligations at any time owing, by such Lender, such Swingline Lender, the Issuing Bank, or any such Affiliate, to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender, such Swingline Lender, or the Issuing Bank or their respective Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender, such Swingline Lender, the Issuing Bank or Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch office or Affiliate of such Lender, such Swingline Lender or the Issuing Bank different from the branch office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; *provided* that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so setoff shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.20 and, pending such

payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lenders and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, each Swingline Lender, the Issuing Bank and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, such Swingline Lender, the Issuing Bank or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender, each Swingline Lender and the Issuing Bank agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application; *provided* that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

Section 9.09. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process. (a) This Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) Each of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that, notwithstanding the governing law provisions of any applicable Loan Document, any claims brought against the Administrative Agent by any Lender relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document or the consummation or administration of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(c) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan (or if such court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan), and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding (whether in tort, contract, law or equity) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions relating hereto or thereto, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may (and any such claims, cross-claims or third party claims brought against the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties may only) be heard and determined in such Federal (to the extent permitted by law) or New York State court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding (whether in tort, contract, law or equity) relating to this Agreement against the Borrower or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(d) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding (whether in tort, contract, law or equity) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (c) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives,

to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(e) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.01. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

Section 9.10. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

Section 9.11. Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

Section 9.12. Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its and its Affiliates' directors, officers, employees and agents, including accountants, legal counsel and other advisors (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any Governmental Authority (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the enforcement of rights hereunder or under any other Loan Document, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap derivative or credit insurance transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (g) on a confidential basis to (1) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided for herein or (2) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of identification numbers with respect to the credit facilities provided for herein, (h) with the consent of the Borrower or (i) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower. For the purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower relating to the Borrower or its business, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative

Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower and other than information pertaining to this Agreement routinely provided by arrangers to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry; *provided* that, in the case of information received from the Borrower after the date hereof such information shall be deemed confidential unless such information is either clearly identified at the time of delivery as not being confidential or publicly filed with any Governmental Authority. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 9.12 shall prohibit any Person from voluntarily disclosing or providing any Information within the scope of this confidentiality provision to any governmental, regulatory or self-regulatory organization (any such entity, a “*Regulatory Authority*”) to the extent that any such prohibition on disclosure set forth in this Section 9.12 shall be prohibited by the laws or regulations applicable to such Regulatory Authority.

Section 9.13. Material Non-Public Information. (a) EACH LENDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 9.12 FURNISHED TO IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY INCLUDE MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BORROWER AND ITS RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES, AND CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS DEVELOPED COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE USE OF MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THAT IT WILL HANDLE SUCH MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

(b) ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS, FURNISHED BY THE BORROWER OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT PURSUANT TO, OR IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING, THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE SYNDICATE-LEVEL INFORMATION, WHICH MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE BORROWER AND ITS RELATED PARTIES OR ITS SECURITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EACH LENDER REPRESENTS TO THE BORROWER AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE A CREDIT CONTACT WHO MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW.

Section 9.14. Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the “*Charges*”), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the “*Maximum Rate*”) which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the NYFRB Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

Section 9.15. No Fiduciary Duty, etc. (a) The Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Subsidiaries' understanding, that no Credit Party will have any obligations except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents and each Credit Party is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Borrower with respect to the Loan Documents and the transactions contemplated herein and therein and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Borrower or any other person. The Borrower agrees that it will not assert any claim against any Credit Party based on an alleged breach of fiduciary duty by such Credit Party in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Additionally, the Borrower acknowledges and agrees that no Credit Party is advising the Borrower as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting, regulatory or any other matters in any jurisdiction. The Borrower shall consult with its own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making its own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated herein or in the other Loan Documents, and the Credit Parties shall have no responsibility or liability to the Borrower with respect thereto.

(b) The Borrower further acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Subsidiaries' understanding, that each Credit Party, together with its Affiliates, in addition to providing or participating in commercial lending facilities such as that provided hereunder, is a full service securities or banking firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities as well as providing investment banking and other financial services. In the ordinary course of business, any Credit Party may provide investment banking and other financial services to, and/or acquire, hold or sell, for its own accounts and the accounts of customers, equity, debt and other securities and financial instruments (including bank loans and other obligations) of, the Borrower and other companies with which the Borrower may have commercial or other relationships. With respect to any securities and/or financial instruments so held by any Credit Party or any of its customers, all rights in respect of such securities and financial instruments, including any voting rights, will be exercised by the holder of the rights, in its sole discretion.

(c) In addition, the Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Subsidiaries' understanding, that each Credit Party and its affiliates may be providing debt financing, equity capital or other services (including financial advisory services) to other companies in respect of which the Borrower may have conflicting interests regarding the transactions described herein and otherwise. No Credit Party will use confidential information obtained from the Borrower by virtue of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or its other relationships with the Borrower in connection with the performance by such Credit Party of services for other companies, and no Credit Party will furnish any such information to other companies. The Borrower also acknowledges that no Credit Party has any obligation to use in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, or to furnish to the Borrower, confidential information obtained from other companies.

Section 9.16. USA PATRIOT Act; Beneficial Ownership Regulation. Each Lender that is subject to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (the "*Patriot Act*") and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address

of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

Section 9.17. Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
- (b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
 - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
 - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
 - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

Section 9.18. Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Swap Agreements or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support “*QFC Credit Support*” and each such QFC a “*Supported QFC*”), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “*U.S. Special Resolution Regimes*”) in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a “*Covered Party*”) becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and

any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

Section 9.19. Amendment and Restatement; Exiting Lenders. This Agreement shall, upon the effectiveness of the amendment and restatement contemplated hereby, replace and supersede the Existing Credit Agreement in its entirety, except as expressly provided in this Section 9.19. Each of the parties hereto (including JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as Administrative Agent) understands and agrees that, upon the effectiveness of the amendment and restatement contemplated hereby, without any further action, (i) the Commitment under, and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement of any Person that is not a Lender hereunder shall terminate (but any such Person shall retain the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 with respect to facts and circumstances arising prior to the Effective Date) (each such Person, an “*Exiting Lender*”), (ii) the Commitment under, and as defined in, the Existing Credit Agreement of any Person that is a Lender hereunder shall be superseded by the Commitment of such Person under this Agreement (and no Person shall have, on the date of this Agreement, a Commitment except as set forth on Schedule 2.01 hereto) and (iii) each of the Lenders shall be deemed to assign and assume Revolving Loans (and participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans) from one another and from each Exiting Lender so that the Lenders’ interests in the Revolving Loans and participations in the Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans (if any) shall be held ratably by the Lenders in accordance with each Lender’s Commitments as set forth on Schedule 2.01 hereto and each Exiting Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans (under and defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) and participations in LC Disbursements (under and defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) and Swingline Loans (under and defined in the Existing Credit Agreement), accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts due and payable to it under the Existing Credit Agreement, from the Lenders (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts). Each Lender that is a party to the Existing Credit Agreement hereby waives any prior notice required for the termination of any commitments under the Existing Credit Agreement contemplated by this Section 9.19.

[SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS, INC., as the Borrower

By: /s/ Ilene Fiszel Bieler
Name: Ilene Fiszel Bieler
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., individually as a Lender and as
Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Sonu Dhillon
Name: Sonu Dhillon
Title: Vice President

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Gabrielle Quinto
Name: Gabrielle Quinto
Title: Director

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender and
Swingline Lender

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Name: Brendan Saldana
Title: Vice President

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By: /s/ Christopher Baderston
Name: Christopher Balderston
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GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Ananda DeRoche

Name: Ananda DeRoche

Title: Authorized Signatory

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MORGAN STANLEY BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Michael King
Name: Michael King
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MUFG BANK, LTD., as a Lender

By: /s/ Rajiv Ranjan
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M&T BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ Isaac Bailey
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Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, New York Branch,
as a Lender

By: /s/ Chit Lam
Name: Chit Lam
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By: /s/ Robert O'Brien
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MarketAxess Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2025 Financial Results

Record Revenue of \$846 Million in 2025 Driven by 10% Growth in Revenue Outside U.S. Credit Products

24% Increase in Block Trading ADV to Record \$5 Billion in 2025

48% Increase in Portfolio Trading ADV to Record \$1.4 Billion in 2025 with Record U.S. Credit ADV & Market Share

33% Increase in Dealer-Initiated ADV in 2025

NEW YORK | February 6, 2026 - MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq: MKTX), the operator of a leading electronic trading platform for fixed-income securities, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2025.

4Q25 select financial and operational highlights*

- Total revenues of **\$209.4 million** increased **3.5%**, and included an increase of approximately **\$1.6 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.
- Strong progress with our new initiatives across our **three strategic channels**:
 - **Client-Initiated Channel** - **29%** increase in block trading average daily volume ("ADV"), including **21%** growth in U.S. credit, **41%** growth in emerging markets (**record**) and **43%** growth in eurobonds.
 - **Portfolio Trading Channel** - **41%** increase in total portfolio trading ADV to **record \$1.5 billion** with **record** U.S. high-yield and **record** emerging markets portfolio trading ADV of **\$368 million** and **\$118 million**, respectively. **Record** U.S. credit portfolio trading market share of **21%**, an increase of **440 basis points**.
 - **Dealer-Initiated Channel** - **32%** increase in dealer-initiated ADV to **\$1.8 billion**, including **20%** increase in dealer request for quote ("RFQ") ADV and a **185%** increase in Mid-X ADV. Our Mid-X protocol in U.S. credit surpassed **\$3.0 billion** in trading volume in December 2025.
- Total expenses of **\$133.4 million** increased **9%**, and included an increase of approximately **\$1.3 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Total expenses, excluding notable items,¹ of **\$132.3 million** increased **8%**.
- Effective tax rate of **(15.8%)**; effective tax rate excluding notable items¹ of **23.4%**.
- Diluted earnings-per-share ("EPS") of **\$2.51** on net income of **\$92.4 million**; Diluted EPS of **\$1.68** on net income of **\$61.9 million**, each excluding notable items.¹
- Announced 3-year financial targets and increased stock repurchase authorizations to **\$505.0 million**, including a **\$300.0 million** accelerated stock repurchase ("ASR") agreement that commenced in December 2025.

Full Year 2025 select financial and operational highlights**

- **Record** total revenues of **\$846.3 million** increased **4%** (**10%** outside U.S. credit), and included an increase of approximately **\$4.6 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.
- **Record** commission revenue, including **record** emerging markets (**+10%**), **record** eurobonds (**+10%**) and **record** U.S. Government bonds (**+13%**).
- **Record** services revenue³ of **\$111.6 million**, up **6%**.
- Strong progress with our new initiatives across our **three strategic channels**:
 - **Client-Initiated Channel** - **24%** increase in block trading ADV to a **record \$5 billion**, including **18%** growth in U.S. credit (**record**), **27%** growth in emerging markets (**record**) and **66%** growth in eurobonds (**record**).

Chris Concannon, CEO of MarketAxess, commented:

"In 2025, we made significant strides in enhancing the MarketAxess advantage by expanding our global network, deepening our differentiated liquidity. We also accelerated our use of AI in enhancing the proprietary data and analytics that underpin our protocols and workflow tools for clients, helping them to be more efficient and gain deeper insights into their trading activity.

We delivered record volumes in U.S. credit and record revenue outside of U.S. credit of \$406 million, a 10% increase, reflecting the strong returns generated from our investments in these areas. We also made strong progress across our three U.S. credit strategic channels: block trading ADV increased 24%, total portfolio trading ADV increased 48%, and dealer-initiated ADV increased 33%. Additionally, the Mid-X solution launched in the second half of 2025 continues to gain momentum, delivering over \$3 billion in trading volume in December 2025.

The client initiatives that we expect to deliver in 2026 and beyond include enhancements to our X-Pro platform and our automation suite, as well as the launch of new solutions that allow dealers to send axes directly to investor clients. These enhancements are progressing well and we expect them to drive market share and revenue growth consistent with our medium-term financial targets."

- **Portfolio Trading Channel** - 48% increase in total portfolio trading ADV to record **\$1.4 billion** with record U.S. credit portfolio trading ADV of **\$1.1 billion**, an increase of **43%**. Record U.S. credit portfolio trading market share of **19%**, an increase of **270 basis points**.
- **Dealer-Initiated Channel** - 33% increase in dealer-initiated ADV to **\$1.7 billion**, including a **29%** increase in dealer RFQ ADV and a **102%** increase in Mid-X ADV with the launch of the Mid-X protocol in September 2025.
- Total expenses of **\$504.4 million** increased **6%**, and included an increase of approximately **\$4.5 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Total expenses, excluding notable items,¹ of **\$499.4 million** increased **5%**.
- Diluted EPS of **\$6.64** on net income of **\$246.9 million**; Diluted EPS of **\$7.39** on net income of **\$274.7 million**, each excluding notable items.¹

*All comparisons versus 4Q24

**All comparisons versus full year 2024

Table 1: 4Q25 and full year 2025 select financial results

\$ in millions, except per share data (unaudited)	Quarter			% Change		Full Year		% Change
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	QoQ	YoY	FY 2025	FY 2024	YoY
<i>Selected GAAP-basis financial results</i>								
Revenues	\$ 209	\$ 209	\$ 202	— %	3 %	\$ 846	\$ 817	4 %
Expenses	133	123	122	8	9	504	476	6
Net Income	92	68	65	35	42	247	274	(10)
Diluted EPS	2.51	1.84	1.73	36	45	6.64	7.28	(9)
Net Income Margin	44.1%	32.7%	32.2%	NM	NM	29.2%	33.6%	NM
<i>Selected GAAP-basis financial results ex-notable items (non-GAAP)¹</i>								
Revenues	209	209	202	—	3	846	817	4
Expenses	132	123	122	7	8	499	476	5
Net Income	62	68	65	(9)	(5)	275	274	—
Diluted EPS	1.68	1.84	1.73	(9)	(3)	7.39	7.28	2
<i>Other Non-GAAP financial measures</i>								
EBITDA ²	95	108	97	(12)	(2)	421	410	3
EBITDA Margin ²	45.3%	51.5%	47.8%	(620) bps	(250) bps	49.7%	50.2%	(50) bps

NM - not meaningful

4Q25 overview of results

Table 1A: Notable items¹

	Quarter			Full Year	
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024
\$ in millions, except per share data (unaudited)					
Repositioning charges	\$ 1.1	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5.1	\$ —
Acquisition-related charge/(credit)	—	—	—	0.6	—
Notable items (pre-tax)	1.1	—	—	5.7	—
Income tax impact from notable items	(0.3)	—	—	(1.5)	—
Reserve for uncertain tax positions related to prior periods	(31.3)	—	—	23.6	—
Total notable items	\$ (30.5)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 27.8	\$ —
EPS impact	\$ (0.83)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.75	\$ —

Notable items¹

- Notable items in 4Q25 include repositioning charges of **\$1.1 million**, which consisted of severance costs related to changes in management structure, and a benefit to the reserve for uncertain tax positions of approximately **\$31.3 million** related to prior periods.

Revenue

- Total revenues of **\$209.4 million** increased **3.5%** compared to the prior year and included RFQ-hub revenues of approximately **\$3.7 million** and a **\$1.6 million** increase from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

Commission revenue

Table 1B: 4Q25 variable transaction fees per million (FPM)

	Quarter			% Change		Full Year		% Change
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	QoQ	YoY	FY 2025	FY 2024	YoY
AVG. VARIABLE TRANS. FEE PER MILLION (FPM)								
Total Credit	\$ 138	\$ 140	\$ 150	(1) %	(8) %	\$ 139	\$ 150	(7) %
Total Rates	4.79	4.21	4.31	14	11	4.28	4.39	(3)

Credit

- Total credit commission revenue of **\$165.2 million** (including **\$32.8 million** in fixed-distribution fees) increased **\$3.0 million**, or **2%**, compared to **\$162.2 million** (including **\$32.8 million** in fixed-distribution fees) in the prior year, and was consistent with 3Q25 levels. An **11%** increase in total credit ADV compared to the prior year, driven by growth in market volumes, was partially offset by an **8%** decrease in total credit variable transaction fee per million (“FPM”). The **2%** increase in total credit commission revenue was driven by a **7%** increase in emerging markets and eurobonds commission revenue, reflecting continued product and geographic diversification. The decline in 4Q25 total credit FPM both year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter was due principally to protocol mix.

Rates

- Total rates commission revenue of **\$6.8 million** decreased **\$0.5 million**, or **7%**, compared to the prior year, and increased **2%** from 3Q25 levels. A **17%** decrease in total rates ADV compared to the prior year was partially offset by an **11%** increase in FPM.

Other

- **Record** total other commission revenue of **\$9.4 million** increased **\$4.1 million**, or **79%**, compared to the prior year, driven by the inclusion of approximately **\$3.4 million** from RFQ-Hub, majority control of which was acquired in 2Q25.

Services revenue

- Services revenue³ of **\$28.1 million** increased **\$0.4 million**, or **2%**, compared to the prior year.

Information services

- Information services revenue of **\$13.5 million** increased **\$0.3 million**, or **2%**, compared to the prior year. The increase was principally driven by an increase of **\$0.3 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

Post-trade services

- Post-trade services revenue of **\$11.0 million** increased **\$0.1 million**, or **1%**, compared to the prior year principally due to an increase of **\$0.6 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, partially offset by lower net contract revenue.

Technology services

- Total technology services revenue of **\$3.6 million** increased **\$0.1 million**, or **2%**, compared to the prior year. The increase was driven by connectivity fees from RFQ-hub, majority control of which was acquired in 2Q25.

Expenses

- Total expenses of **\$133.4 million** increased **9%** from the prior year, including approximately **\$3.5 million** of RFQ-hub expenses and an increase of **\$1.3 million** from the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

Non-operating

- **Other income (expense):** Other income was **\$3.8 million**, down from **\$4.6 million** in the prior year. The decrease was driven by lower interest income due to a decrease in interest rates and higher interest expense due to borrowings on the Company's credit facility that were used, along with cash on hand, to fund the ASR, partially offset by unrealized gains on investments compared to unrealized losses in the prior year.
- **Tax rate:** The effective tax rate was **(15.8%)**, compared to **23.0%** in the prior year. The effective tax rate excluding notable items¹ was **23.4%**.

Capital

- The Company had **\$678.9 million** in cash, cash equivalents, corporate bond investments and U.S. Treasury investments as of **December 31, 2025**, down from **\$698.6 million** as of **December 31, 2024**. The Company had **\$220.0 million** in borrowings outstanding under the Company's credit facility as of **December 31, 2025**, as compared to no borrowings outstanding as of **December 31, 2024**.
- In December 2025, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to **\$400.0 million** of additional shares of MarketAxess common stock. Following the new authorization, the Company entered into an ASR agreement to repurchase, in aggregate, **\$300.0 million** of MarketAxess common stock. Upon execution of the ASR, a total of **1,386,001** shares were delivered, representing 80% of the total shares that the Company expected to receive under the ASR based on the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of execution. Final settlement of the ASR occurred on **February 4, 2026** with the delivery of **359,782** additional shares. For the full year 2025, a total of **1,980,715** shares were repurchased at a cost of **\$360.0 million**. As of **January 31, 2026**, **\$205.0 million** remained under the Board of Directors' share repurchase authorizations.
- The Board declared a quarterly cash dividend of **\$0.78** per share, payable on **March 4, 2026** to stockholders of record as of the close of business on **February 18, 2026**.

Other

- Employee headcount was **869** as of **December 31, 2025**, down from **891** as of **December 31, 2024** and **896** as of **September 30, 2025**.

Full Year 2026 Guidance⁴

For the full year 2026, the Company is providing the following guidance:

- Services revenue³ is expected to grow in the **mid-single digits (percent)**.
- Expenses, excluding notable items, are expected to be in the range of **\$530.0 million to \$545.0 million**. Based on the midpoint of the stated guidance range, total expenses are expected to increase by **8%**.
- The effective tax rate is expected to be between **24.0% and 26.0%**.
- Capital expenditures to support new protocols, products and trading platform enhancements are expected to be in the range of **\$65.0 million to \$75.0 million**.

¹ See Table 1A in this release for a listing of notable items. Results excluding notable items are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to “Non-GAAP financial measures and other items” for a discussion of these non-GAAP financial measures and Table 6 for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures.

² EBITDA and EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to “Non-GAAP financial measures and other items” for a discussion of these non-GAAP financial measures and Table 7 for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures.

³ Services revenue is defined as combined information, post-trade and technology services revenue.

⁴ The Company's guidance for full year 2026 is based on foreign exchange rates as of December 31, 2025, and assumes a constant business portfolio.

Non-GAAP financial measures and other items

To supplement the Company's unaudited financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), the Company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures, including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), EBITDA margin and free cash flow. From time to time, we present selected GAAP-basis financial results, excluding notable items. Notable items are revenues, expenses, other income (expense) and tax related items that are non-recurring and outside of the Company's normal course of business or other notables, such as acquisition and restructuring charges or gains/losses on sales (collectively, “notable items”). We define EBITDA margin as EBITDA divided by revenues. We define free cash flow as net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities excluding the net change in trading investments and net change in securities failed-to-deliver and securities failed-to-receive from broker-dealers, clearing organizations and customers, less expenditures for furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements and capitalized software development costs. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures determined in conformity with GAAP. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken into consideration with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide additional information regarding the Company's operating results because they assist both investors and management in analyzing and evaluating the performance of our business. Please refer to Tables 6, 7 & 8 for a reconciliation of: (i) selected GAAP-basis financial results, each excluding notable items, to their most directly comparable GAAP measure; (ii) GAAP net income to EBITDA and GAAP net income margin to EBITDA margin; and (iii) GAAP net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities to free cash flow, in each case, the most directly comparable GAAP measure. The Company does not reconcile its forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures, including the 2026 expense guidance, to the corresponding U.S. GAAP measures, due to variability and difficulty in making accurate forecasts and projections and/or certain information not being ascertainable or accessible; and because not all of the information, such as foreign currency impacts necessary for a quantitative reconciliation of these forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is available to the Company without unreasonable efforts. For the same reasons, the Company is unable to address the probable significance of the unavailable information. The Company provides forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures that it believes will be achieved, however, it cannot accurately predict all of the components of the adjusted calculations and the U.S. GAAP measures may be materially different than the non-GAAP measures.

Webcast and conference call information

Chris Concannon, Chief Executive Officer and Ilene Fiszal Bieler, Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call to discuss the Company's financial results and outlook on Friday, February 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ET. To access the conference call, please dial +1-800-715-9871 (U.S.) or +1-646-307-1963 (International) and use the ID 1832176. The Company will also host a live audio Webcast of the conference call on the Investor Relations section of the Company's



website at <http://investor.marketaxess.com>. The Webcast will be archived on <http://investor.marketaxess.com> for 90 days following the announcement.

General Notes Regarding the Data Presented

Reported MarketAxess volume in all product categories includes only fully electronic trading volume. MarketAxess trading volumes and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (“TRACE”) reported volumes are available on the Company’s website at investor.marketaxess.com/volume.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including statements about the outlook and prospects for the Company, market conditions and industry growth, as well as statements about the Company’s future financial and operating performance, including the full year 2026 guidance included in this press release. These and other statements that relate to future results and events are based on MarketAxess’ current expectations. The Company’s actual results in future periods may differ materially from those currently expected or desired because of a number of risks and uncertainties, including: global economic, political and market factors; the level of trading volume transacted on the MarketAxess platform; the rapidly evolving nature of the electronic financial services industry; the level and intensity of competition in the fixed-income electronic trading industry and the pricing pressures that may result; the variability of our growth rate; our ability to introduce new fee plans and our clients’ response; our ability to attract clients or adapt our technology and marketing strategy to new markets; risks related to our growing international operations; our dependence on our broker-dealer clients; the loss of any of our significant institutional investor clients; our exposure to risks resulting from non-performance by counterparties to transactions executed between our clients in which we act as an intermediary in matched principal trades; risks related to self-clearing; risks related to sanctions levied against states or individuals that could expose us to operational or regulatory risks; the effect of rapid market or technological changes on us and the users of our technology; issues related to the development and use of artificial intelligence; our dependence on third-party suppliers for key products and services; our ability to successfully maintain the integrity of our trading platform and our response to system failures, capacity constraints and business interruptions; the occurrence of design defects, errors, failures or delays with our platforms, products or services; our vulnerability to malicious cyber-attacks and attempted cybersecurity breaches; our actual or perceived failure to comply with privacy and data protection laws; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights or technology and defend against intellectual property infringement or other claims; our use of open-source software; our ability to enter into strategic alliances and to acquire other businesses and successfully integrate them with our business; our dependence on our management team and our ability to attract and retain talent; limitations on our flexibility because we operate in a highly regulated industry; the increasing government regulation of us and our clients; risks related to the divergence of U.K. and European Union legal and regulatory requirements following the U.K.’s exit from the European Union; our exposure to costs and penalties related to our extensive regulation; our risks of litigation and securities laws liability; our tax filing positions; the effects of climate change or other sustainability risks that could affect our operations or reputation; our future capital needs and our ability to obtain capital when needed; limitations on our operating flexibility contained in our credit agreement; our exposure to financial institutions by holding cash in excess of federally insured limits; and other factors. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. More information about these and other factors affecting MarketAxess’ business and prospects is contained in MarketAxess’ periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and can be accessed at www.marketaxess.com.

About MarketAxess

MarketAxess (Nasdaq: MKTX) operates a leading electronic trading platform that delivers greater trading efficiency, a diversified pool of liquidity and significant cost savings to institutional investors and broker-dealers across the global fixed-income markets. Approximately 2,100 firms leverage MarketAxess’ patented technology to efficiently trade fixed-income securities. Our automated and algorithmic trading solutions, combined with our integrated and actionable data offerings, help our clients make faster, better-informed decisions on when and how to trade on our platform. MarketAxess’ award-winning Open Trading® marketplace is widely regarded as the preferred all-to-all trading solution in the global credit markets. Founded in 2000, MarketAxess connects a robust network of market participants through an advanced full trading lifecycle solution that includes automated trading solutions, intelligent data and index products and a range of post-trade services. Learn more at www.marketaxess.com and on X @MarketAxess.

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Table 2: Consolidated Statements of Operations

In thousands, except per share data (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change	2025	2024	% Change
Revenues						
Commissions	\$ 181,339	\$ 174,766	4 %	\$ 734,623	\$ 711,710	3 %
Information services	13,454	13,155	2	53,230	50,540	5
Post-trade services	11,034	10,975	1	44,491	42,487	5
Technology services	3,582	3,508	2	13,924	12,360	13
Total revenues	<u>209,409</u>	<u>202,404</u>	3	<u>846,268</u>	<u>817,097</u>	4
Expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	61,402	59,395	3	248,537	235,880	5
Depreciation and amortization	19,606	18,540	6	76,699	73,824	4
Technology and communications	20,864	18,791	11	78,294	72,166	8
Professional and consulting fees	10,505	6,329	66	31,487	27,382	15
Occupancy	3,804	3,716	2	15,038	14,690	2
Marketing and advertising	3,842	3,972	(3)	11,204	11,713	(4)
Clearing costs	4,003	4,443	(10)	16,583	17,863	(7)
General and administrative	9,370	7,242	29	26,588	22,709	17
Total expenses	<u>133,396</u>	<u>122,428</u>	9	<u>504,430</u>	<u>476,227</u>	6
Operating income	<u>76,013</u>	<u>79,976</u>	(5)	<u>341,838</u>	<u>340,870</u>	—
Other income (expense)						
Interest income	5,448	6,719	(19)	24,397	26,046	(6)
Interest expense	(964)	(318)	203	(1,487)	(1,601)	(7)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate	—	331	(100)	457	1,395	(67)
Other, net	(711)	(2,113)	(66)	1,790	(6,164)	NM
Total other income (expense)	<u>3,773</u>	<u>4,619</u>	(18)	<u>25,157</u>	<u>19,676</u>	28
Income before income taxes	<u>79,786</u>	<u>84,595</u>	(6)	<u>366,995</u>	<u>360,546</u>	2
Provision for income taxes	(12,608)	19,456	(165)	120,083	86,365	39
Net income	<u>\$ 92,394</u>	<u>\$ 65,139</u>	42	<u>\$ 246,912</u>	<u>\$ 274,181</u>	(10)
Less: income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(157)	—	NM	(285)	—	NM
Net income available for common stockholders	<u>\$ 92,237</u>	<u>\$ 65,139</u>	42	<u>\$ 246,627</u>	<u>\$ 274,181</u>	(10)
Per Share Data:						
Net income per common share						
Basic	\$ 2.52	\$ 1.74		\$ 6.66	\$ 7.29	
Diluted	\$ 2.51	\$ 1.73		\$ 6.64	\$ 7.28	
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.74		\$ 3.04	\$ 2.96	
Weighted-average common shares:						
Basic	36,601	37,479		37,056	37,600	
Diluted	36,683	37,601		37,137	37,672	

NM - not meaningful

Table 3: Commission Revenue Detail

In thousands, except fee per million data (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change	2025	2024	% Change
Variable transaction fees						
Credit	\$ 132,358	\$ 129,351	2 %	\$ 541,986	\$ 533,363	2 %
Rates	6,695	7,262	(8)	28,198	25,165	12
Other	9,382	5,235	79	30,264	20,016	51
Total variable transaction fees	148,435	141,848	5	600,448	578,544	4
Fixed distribution fees						
Credit	32,802	32,849	—	133,820	132,898	1
Rates	102	69	48	355	268	32
Total fixed distribution fees	32,904	32,918	—	134,175	133,166	1
Total commission revenue	\$ 181,339	\$ 174,766	4	\$ 734,623	\$ 711,710	3
Average variable transaction fee per million						
Credit	\$ 138	\$ 150	(8) %	\$ 139	\$ 150	(7) %
Rates	4.79	4.31	11	4.28	4.39	(3)

Table 4: Trading Volume Detail*

In millions (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,					
	2025		2024		% Change	
	Volume	ADV	Volume	ADV	Volume	ADV
Credit						
High-grade	\$ 424,563	\$ 6,848	\$ 400,129	\$ 6,454	6 %	6 %
High-yield	95,650	1,543	83,373	1,345	15	15
Emerging markets	247,140	3,986	214,439	3,459	15	15
Eurobonds	154,061	2,407	128,064	2,001	20	20
Other credit	37,086	597	38,698	624	(4)	(4)
Total credit trading	958,500	15,381	864,703	13,883	11	11
Rates						
U.S. government bonds	1,352,808	21,819	1,608,995	25,952	(16)	(16)
Agency and other government bonds	43,787	686	76,221	1,195	(43)	(43)
Total rates trading	1,396,595	22,505	1,685,216	27,147	(17)	(17)
Total trading	\$ 2,355,095	\$ 37,886	\$ 2,549,919	\$ 41,030	(8)	(8)
Number of U.S. Trading Days¹		62		62		
Number of U.K. Trading Days²		64		64		

In millions (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,					
	2025		2024		% Change	
	Volume	ADV	Volume	ADV	Volume	ADV
Credit						
High-grade	\$ 1,786,664	\$ 7,175	\$ 1,711,275	\$ 6,845	4 %	5 %
High-yield	376,772	1,513	334,761	1,339	13	13
Emerging markets	979,903	3,935	859,412	3,438	14	14
Eurobonds	605,623	2,403	508,093	2,008	19	20
Other credit	153,869	617	135,975	543	13	14
Total credit trading	3,902,831	15,643	3,549,516	14,173	10	10
Rates						
U.S. government bonds	6,322,098	25,390	5,511,045	22,044	15	15
Agency and other government bonds	272,951	1,084	227,614	902	20	20
Total rates trading	6,595,049	26,474	5,738,659	22,946	15	15
Total trading	\$ 10,497,880	\$ 42,117	\$ 9,288,175	\$ 37,119	13	13
Number of U.S. Trading Days¹		249		250		
Number of U.K. Trading Days²		252		253		

¹ The number of U.S. trading days is based on the SIFMA holiday recommendation calendar.

² The number of U.K. trading days is based on the U.K. Bank holiday schedule.

* Consistent with FINRA TRACE reporting standards, both sides of trades are included in the Company's reported volumes when the Company executes trades on a matched principal basis between two counterparties. Consistent with industry standards, U.S. government bond trades are single-counted.

Table 5: Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet Data

In thousands (unaudited)	As of	
	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 519,734	\$ 544,478
Cash segregated under federal regulations	48,722	47,107
Investments, at fair value	170,677	165,260
Accounts receivable, net	100,989	91,845
Receivables from broker-dealers, clearing organizations and customers	362,931	357,728
Goodwill	283,667	236,706
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	110,629	98,078
Furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized software, net	112,431	107,298
Operating lease right-of-use assets	51,854	58,132
Prepaid expenses and other assets	46,972	82,584
Total assets	\$ 1,808,606	\$ 1,789,216
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Liabilities		
Accrued employee compensation	\$ 73,879	\$ 68,054
Payables to broker-dealers, clearing organizations and customers	199,679	218,845
Borrowings	220,000	—
Income and other tax liabilities	49,267	3,683
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	42,584	37,320
Operating lease liabilities	64,938	72,654
Total liabilities	650,347	400,556
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	12,592	—
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock	123	123
Additional paid-in capital	305,923	350,701
Treasury stock	(694,764)	(333,369)
Retained earnings	1,538,746	1,405,904
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(4,361)	(34,699)
Total stockholders' equity	1,145,667	1,388,660
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,808,606	\$ 1,789,216

Table 6: Reconciliation of Notable Items

\$ in thousands, except per share data (unaudited)	Quarter			Full Year	
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024
Total Expenses, GAAP-basis	\$ 133,396	\$ 123,242	\$ 122,428	\$ 504,430	\$ 476,227
Exclude: Notable items					
Repositioning charges ¹	(1,084)	—	—	(5,054)	—
Total Expenses, excluding notable items	<u>\$ 132,312</u>	<u>\$ 123,242</u>	<u>\$ 122,428</u>	<u>\$ 499,376</u>	<u>\$ 476,227</u>
Other income (expense), GAAP-basis	\$ 3,773	\$ 8,060	\$ 4,619	\$ 25,157	\$ 19,676
Exclude: Notable items					
Acquisition-related charge/(credit) ²	—	—	—	557	—
Other income (expense), excluding notable items	<u>\$ 3,773</u>	<u>\$ 8,060</u>	<u>\$ 4,619</u>	<u>\$ 25,714</u>	<u>\$ 19,676</u>
Net income, GAAP-basis	\$ 92,394	\$ 68,273	\$ 65,139	\$ 246,912	\$ 274,181
Exclude: Notable items					
Repositioning charges ¹	1,084	—	—	5,054	—
Acquisition-related charge/(credit) ²	—	—	—	557	—
Income tax impact from notable items	(254)	—	—	(1,471)	—
Reserve for uncertain tax positions related to prior periods	(31,308)	—	—	23,631	—
Net income, excluding notable items	<u>\$ 61,916</u>	<u>\$ 68,273</u>	<u>\$ 65,139</u>	<u>\$ 274,683</u>	<u>\$ 274,181</u>
Diluted EPS, GAAP-basis	\$ 2.51	\$ 1.84	\$ 1.73	\$ 6.64	\$ 7.28
Notable items as reconciled above	(0.83)	—	—	0.75	—
Diluted EPS, excluding notable items	<u>\$ 1.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.84</u>	<u>\$ 1.73</u>	<u>\$ 7.39</u>	<u>\$ 7.28</u>
Effective tax rate, GAAP-basis	-15.8%	27.1%	23.0%	32.7%	24.0%
Notable items as reconciled above	39.2	—	—	(6.4)	—
Effective tax rate, excluding notable items	23.4%	27.1%	23.0%	26.3%	24.0%

¹ Repositioning charges consist of severance included in employee compensation and benefits

² Consists of loss on remeasurement of previous equity interest in RFQ-hub to fair value

Table 7: Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA and Net Income Margin to EBITDA Margin

In thousands (unaudited)	Quarter			Full Year	
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024
Net income	\$ 92,394	\$ 68,273	\$ 65,139	\$ 246,912	\$ 274,181
Add back:					
Interest income	(5,448)	(5,850)	(6,719)	(24,397)	(26,046)
Interest expense	964	171	318	1,487	1,601
Provision for income taxes	(12,608)	25,366	19,456	120,083	86,365
Depreciation and amortization	19,606	19,662	18,540	76,699	73,824
EBITDA	\$ 94,908	\$ 107,622	\$ 96,734	\$ 420,784	\$ 409,925
Net income margin¹	44.1%	32.7%	32.2%	29.2%	33.6%
Add back:					
Interest income	(2.6)	(2.8)	(3.3)	(2.9)	(3.2)
Interest expense	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Provision for income taxes	(6.1)	12.1	9.5	14.1	10.6
Depreciation and amortization	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.0
EBITDA margin²	45.3%	51.5%	47.8%	49.7%	50.2%

¹ Net income margin is derived by dividing net income by total revenues for the applicable period.

² EBITDA margin is derived by dividing EBITDA by total revenues for the applicable period.

Table 8: Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow

In thousands (unaudited)	Quarter			Full Year	
	4Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	\$ 158,632	\$ 90,164	\$ 176,248	\$ 382,139	\$ 385,237
Exclude: Net change in trading investments	(404)	264	—	(206)	629
Exclude: Net change in fail-to-deliver/receive from broker-dealers, clearing organizations and customers	(67,825)	34,338	(51,833)	22,965	(1,118)
Less: Purchases of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements	(3,572)	(1,496)	(215)	(8,204)	(9,942)
Less: Capitalization of software development costs	(11,775)	(11,494)	(10,833)	(49,810)	(46,623)
Free cash flow	\$ 75,056	\$ 111,776	\$ 113,367	\$ 346,884	\$ 328,183