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SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual

Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of Skechers U.S.A., Inc., a Delaware corporation, to be held at our corporate offices located at 330 South Sepulveda Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266 on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

Our Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect the three nominees for election named in the enclosed proxy statement as members to the Board of Directors to serve for a three-year term as Class II Directors;
2. To approve the Skechers U.S.A., Inc. 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended;
3. To consider a stockholder proposal requesting the Board of Directors to prepare a report regarding gender and racial diversity on the Board, if properly presented at the meeting; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has set the close of business on March 31, 2016 as the record date for determining those stockholders who will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The enclosed proxy statement, proxy card and 2015 annual report are being sent to each stockholder as of the record date.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on May 25, 2016: The proxy statement and 2015 annual report are available in the SEC Filings section of the investor relations page of our corporate information website at www.skx.com/investor.jsp.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting, and if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you may find directions by going to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders section of the Investor Relations page of our corporate information website at www.skx.com/investor.jsp. If you do not expect to attend, or if you plan to attend but desire the proxy holders to vote your shares, please date and sign your proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Returning a signed proxy card will not affect your right to vote in person in the event you find it convenient to attend. Please return the proxy card promptly to avoid the expense of additional proxy solicitation.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Philip G. Paccione, *Corporate Secretary*

Dated: April 29, 2016

Manhattan Beach, California

SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

For Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held

May 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time

This proxy statement is delivered to you by Skechers U.S.A., Inc., a Delaware corporation (we, us, our, our company or Skechers), in connection with our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time at our corporate offices located at 330 South Sepulveda Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266 (the Annual Meeting). The Board of Directors of Skechers (the Board) is soliciting proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting. The approximate mailing date for this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy is April 29, 2016. If a proxy in the accompanying form is duly executed and returned, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted as directed. If no direction is given, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted FOR the election of the nominees for director named herein, FOR the approval of the 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended, and AGAINST the stockholder proposal. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise by notifying our Corporate Secretary, Philip Paccione, in writing of such revocation, by duly executing and delivering another proxy bearing a later date, or by attending and voting in person at the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in street name and you want to change your vote, please contact your broker, bank or other nominee to find out how to do so. We will incur the cost of this solicitation of proxies that will be made by mail. In addition, our officers and other regularly engaged employees may, in a limited number of instances, solicit proxies personally or by telephone. We will reimburse banks, brokerage firms, other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred in sending proxy materials to beneficial owners of our Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock.

Holders of our Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock of record at the close of business on March 31, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. There were 132,518,678 shares of Class A Common Stock and 25,227,596 shares of Class B Common Stock outstanding on that date. Each share of Class A Common Stock is entitled to one vote and each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to ten votes, and the presence in person or by proxy of holders of a majority of the combined voting interest of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock is necessary to constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting. A quorum must be established to consider any matter.

Pursuant to Proposal No. 1, the three candidates for director receiving the most for votes of the votes entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting will become directors of Skechers. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes. Proposal No. 2 seeks the approval of the Skechers U.S.A., Inc. 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended, and Proposal No. 3 is a stockholder proposal requesting the Board of Directors to prepare a report on gender and racial diversity on the Board. Each of Proposal Nos. 2 and 3 will be considered as having passed if it receives the affirmative for vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on each such proposal at the Annual Meeting.

If you hold shares beneficially in street name and do not provide your broker with voting instructions, your shares may constitute broker non-votes. Generally, broker non-votes occur on a matter when a broker is not permitted to vote on that matter without instructions from the beneficial owner and instructions are not given. In tabulating the voting result for any particular proposal, shares that constitute broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote on that proposal. Thus, broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of any matter being voted on at the meeting and will not be counted in determining whether there is a quorum. A properly executed proxy marked Abstain will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum. Because directors are

electd by a plurality of the votes cast, proxies marked **Withhold** as to Proposal No. 1 will not have any effect on the election of directors as long as one vote is cast for each director nominee. Proxies marked **Abstain** as to Proposal Nos. 2 and/or 3 will have the same effect as a vote cast against the respective proposals.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as banks and brokers to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as **householding**, potentially means extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. This year, a number of banks and brokers with account holders who are our stockholders will be householding our proxy materials. A single proxy statement will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. Once you have received notice from your bank or broker that it will be householding communications to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive separate copies of our proxy statement and annual report, please notify your bank or broker, direct your written request to Investor Relations, Skechers U.S.A., Inc., 228 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266, or contact our investor relations advisory firm, Addo Communications, by telephone at (310) 829-5400. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at their address and would like to request householding of their communications should contact their bank or broker.

Our principal executive office is located at 228 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with each director serving a three-year term and until their successors is duly elected and qualified or until their death, resignation or removal. One class of directors is elected annually at our annual meeting of stockholders. Our bylaws provide for a variable Board of Directors with between five and nine members. We currently have nine members on our Board of Directors. Our bylaws give the Board of Directors the authority to increase or decrease the number of directors without the approval of our stockholders, and our bylaws also give our stockholders the authority to increase or decrease the size of our Board of Directors. The nominees for election to our Board of Directors are Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg. For more information regarding our nominees, please see *Information Concerning Director Nominees* below.

Unless otherwise directed by stockholders, within the limits set forth in our bylaws, the proxy holders will vote all shares represented by proxies held by them for the election of Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg, who are director nominees and are currently members of the Board of Directors. We have been advised by Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg of their availability and willingness to serve if re-elected. In the event that any of Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg becomes unavailable or unable to serve as a member of the Board of Directors prior to the voting, the proxy holders will refrain from voting for them or will vote for a substitute nominee in the exercise of their best judgment.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of these director nominees.

PROPOSAL NO. 2

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED 2006 ANNUAL INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

We are asking our stockholders to approve a proposal with respect to the Skechers U.S.A., Inc. 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the 2006 Plan), as amended by the first amendment thereto (the Amendment). The 2006 Plan, as amended by the Amendment (as so amended, the Amended 2006 Plan), is described in greater detail below.

The 2006 Plan was adopted by our Board of Directors and approved by our stockholders in 2006 and in 2011. On April 8, 2016, the Board approved the Amendment to increase the maximum dollar value of an award payable under the 2006 Plan to any participant in any 12-month period from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The Amended 2006 Plan generally provides for performance-based incentive awards to certain of our key employees. The Amended 2006 Plan is designed to satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), so that we can take federal income tax deductions for the performance-based compensation paid under the 2006 Plan to certain of our executive officers who are considered covered employees within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Section 162(m) of the Code generally limits the deductibility of compensation paid to certain executive officers of a publicly-held corporation to \$1,000,000 in any taxable year of the corporation. Certain types of compensation, including qualified performance-based compensation, are exempt from this deduction limitation. In order to qualify for the exemption for qualified performance-based compensation, Section 162(m) of the Code generally requires that:

The compensation must be paid solely upon account of the attainment of one or more pre-established objective performance goals;

The performance goals must be established by a compensation committee comprised solely of two or more outside directors ;

The material terms of the performance goals (including the maximum amount of compensation that could be paid to the employee) must be disclosed to and approved by the stockholders; and

The compensation committee of outside directors must certify that the performance goals have been met prior to payment. To continue to qualify for the exemption for qualified performance-based compensation, the stockholders must approve the material terms of the performance goals every five years. Our stockholders last approved the material terms of the 2006 Plan s performance goals when the 2006 Plan was re-approved by our stockholders at our annual meeting of stockholders in 2011. Stockholder approval of the Amended 2006 Plan under this proposal will constitute stockholder re-approval of the material terms of the performance goals for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code.

If stockholders do not approve this proposal, we will not have the ability to structure cash bonus opportunities under the 2006 Plan that qualify as qualified performance-based compensation for tax deductibility purposes. In that case, the 2006 Plan will terminate and we will no longer pay bonuses under the Amended 2006 Plan. If stockholders approve this proposal, we will have the ability to treat compensation earned under the Amended 2006 Plan for fiscal years 2016 through 2020 as qualified performance-based compensation for tax-deductibility purposes.

Summary Description of the Amended 2006 Plan

The Amended 2006 Plan is intended to advance the interests of our company and its stockholders and assist us in attracting and retaining executive officers by providing incentives and financial rewards to such individuals,

who, because of the extent of their responsibilities, can make significant contributions to our success by their ability, industry, loyalty and exceptional services. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to a conformed copy of the 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended, attached as Appendix A to the proxy statement and the full text of the Amendment attached as Appendix B to the proxy statement.

Administration

The Amended 2006 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee). The Committee has authority and discretion to administer and interpret the provisions of the Amended 2006 Plan and to adopt such rules and regulations for the administration of the Amended 2006 Plan as the Committee deems necessary or advisable. Decisions of the Committee will be final, conclusive and binding upon all parties, including, without limitation, our company and participants in the Amended 2006 Plan. The Committee may designate all or any portion of its power and authority under the Amended 2006 Plan to any sub-committee of the Committee or to any of our executive officers, provided that any such designation is consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Eligibility and Participation

The individuals eligible to participate in the Amended 2006 Plan shall be our Chief Executive Officer and any other executive officer of our company or a subsidiary thereof. Prior to or at the time performance objectives are established for a fiscal quarter, fiscal year or such other period as established by the Committee, in its sole discretion, not to exceed five years in length (a Performance Period), the Committee will approve those executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer, who will in fact be participants for such Performance Period. During fiscal 2015, five executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, participated in the 2006 Plan. Currently, the same five executive officers are eligible to participate in the Amended 2006 Plan.

Determination of Awards

Within the time period prescribed by Section 162(m) of the Code, for each Performance Period for which performance objectives are established, the Committee shall (i) determine the participants who are to be eligible to receive performance-based awards under the Plan, (ii) select the performance criteria to be used for each participant and (iii) establish, in terms of an objective formula or standard for each participant, the performance goal and the amount of each award which may be earned if such performance goal is achieved.

The performance criteria are limited to the following: net sales, revenue, revenue growth, operating income, pre- or after-tax income (before or after allocation of corporate overhead and bonus), net earnings, earnings per share, net income, financial goals (division, group or corporate), return on equity, total shareholder return, return on assets or net assets, attainment of strategic and operational initiatives, appreciation in and/or maintenance of the price of the shares of Class A Common Stock or any other publicly-traded securities of our company, market share, gross profits, earnings (including earnings before taxes, earnings before interest and taxes or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), economic value-added models, comparisons with various stock market indices, reductions in costs, cash flow (before or after dividends), cash flow per share (before or after dividends), return on capital (including return on total capital or return on invested capital), cash flow return on investment, and improvement in or attainment of expense levels or working capital levels.

In determining satisfaction with performance goals for a Performance Period, the Committee may direct that adjustments be made to the performance goals or actual financial performance results as reported to reflect extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring organizational, operational or other changes that have occurred during such Performance Period, in each case only to the extent that such adjustments are consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Maximum Award

Prior to the Amendment, the maximum dollar value of an award payable under the 2006 Plan to any participant in any 12-month period was \$5,000,000. Under the Amended 2006 Plan, the maximum dollar value of an award payable to any participant in any 12-month period is \$10,000,000.

Current Awards

Bonuses paid to our Named Executive Officers under the 2006 Plan with respect to fiscal 2015 are reported under the column with the heading entitled *Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation* of the *Executive Compensation Summary Compensation Table* below. The Committee has established the performance goals for fiscal year 2016 with respect to awards to such participants by reference to the business criteria set forth in the 2006 Plan. If the Amended 2006 Plan is not approved by stockholders, any cash bonuses paid to the Named Executive Officers for 2016 would be made in the discretion of the Committee and would not be paid under the 2006 Plan.

Payment of Awards

At such time as it shall determine appropriate following the conclusion of each Performance Period, the Committee shall certify, in writing, the amount of the award for each participant for such Performance Period. The amount of an award actually paid to a participant may, in the sole discretion of the Committee, be reduced to less than the amount payable to the participant based on attainment of the performance goals for a Performance Period. Payment of an award to each participant shall be made no later than the fifteenth day of the third month following the end of the fiscal quarter of our company in which the applicable Performance Period ends.

Duration and Amendment

If the Amended 2006 Plan is approved by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting, it will be effective for fiscal years 2016 through 2020, after which our stockholders must re-approve the Amended 2006 Plan for an additional five years again at our annual meeting of stockholders in 2021 in order for awards under the Amended 2006 Plan to continue to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Committee may at any time alter, amend, suspend or terminate the Amended 2006 Plan as it shall deem advisable, subject to any requirement for stockholder approval imposed by applicable law including Section 162(m) of the Code. No amendments to, or termination of, the Amended 2006 Plan shall in any way impair the rights of a participant under any award previously granted without such participant's consent.

Payment of Taxes

We may deduct from any payments of awards under the Amended 2006 Plan any applicable withholding taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payments.

Other Compensation

The Amended 2006 Plan is not exclusive. We may pay other bonuses and other compensation to the Named Executive Officers and other key employees under other authority of our Board of Directors and applicable law.

Plan Benefits

Bonus awards, if any, that our executive officers and other employees may receive under the Amended 2006 Plan for 2016 and future years are subject to the discretion of the Committee and will depend on meeting performance targets on a quarterly basis that are substantially uncertain. The Committee has approved the awards granted to our Named Executive Officers under the 2006 Plan for the 2016 fiscal year, including the financial

criteria that we will need to meet or exceed in order for the Named Executive Officers to earn quarterly bonuses, as follows:

Name of Executive	Quarterly incentive compensation equals amount by which net sales for the applicable quarter exceeds net sales for the corresponding quarter in the 2016 fiscal year multiplied by the listed percentage (%)
Robert Greenberg	0.500
Michael Greenberg	0.250
David Weinberg	0.150
Mark Nason	0.125
Philip Paccione	0.075

Any such determination with respect to future awards under the Amended 2006 Plan to any of the Named Executive Officers is subject to your approval of this proposal.

Certain tables below under the general heading *Executive Compensation*, including the Summary Compensation Table and the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in Fiscal 2015 Table, and the discussion under *Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Incentive Compensation*, set forth information with respect to prior awards granted to our Named Executive Officers under the 2006 Plan. In addition, the table below sets forth bonuses paid for the 2015 fiscal year to each of the following under the 2006 Plan.

Plan Benefits Under 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan in Fiscal Year 2015(1)

Name and Position	Dollar Value (\$)
Robert Greenberg Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	3,848,813
Michael Greenberg President and Director	1,924,407
David Weinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director	1,154,645
Mark Nason Executive Vice President of Product Development	962,204
Philip Paccione Executive Vice President of Business Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	577,324
All current executive officers as a group	8,467,393
All current directors who are not executive officers as a group	
All employees who are not executive officers as a group	6,350,565

(1) Future benefits under the Amended 2006 Plan are not determinable at this time. Amounts shown represent amounts received by such individual or group under the 2006 Plan for our last completed fiscal year.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors believes that it is desirable and in the best interest of our company and its stockholders to enable our company to pay bonuses under the Amended 2006 Plan that are deductible as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Board further believes that the Amended 2006 Plan provides an important incentive that complements our existing policies and other long-term plans in linking portions of executive compensation to our performance.

Four members of our Board of Directors Robert Greenberg, Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg are eligible for awards under the Amended 2006 Plan and thus may have a personal interest in the approval of this proposal.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR approval

of the Amended 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.

PROPOSAL NO. 3

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REQUESTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PREPARE

A REPORT REGARDING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON THE BOARD

The Comptroller of the State of New York, Thomas P. DiNapoli, trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund and administrative head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, a beneficial owner of at least \$2,000 worth of our Class A Common Stock, submits the following resolution to stockholders for approval at the Annual Meeting, if properly presented. We will provide the proponent's address to any stockholder promptly upon request. The text of the proponent's resolution and supporting statement appear below, printed verbatim from its submission. We disclaim all responsibility for the content of the proposal and the supporting statement, including sources referenced therein.

The stockholder's proposal follows:

WHEREAS:

Skechers U.S.A., Inc. (the Company) has no female directors and no female Named Executive Officers.

In its August 2012 report on board diversity and corporate performance, Credit Suisse Research Institute stated the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in the USA and the Higgs Review of Corporate Governance in 2003 in the UK called for significant changes to the composition of corporate boards. Both called for greater balance on the board to *off-set the relative lack of independent advice and to reduce the homogeneity of the directors* (emphasis added).

We believe that diversity, inclusive of gender and race, is an essential measure of sound governance and a critical attribute to a well-functioning board.

Research confirms a strong business case for such diversity on corporate boards. For example, Credit Suisse Research Institute links board gender diversity to higher return on equity, lower leverage, higher price/book ratios and improved growth prospects.

According to an October 2014 PricewaterhouseCoopers survey of institutional investors representing more than \$11 trillion in managed assets, Nine in 10 investors believe that boards should be revisiting their director diversity policies, and 85% believe that doing so will require addressing underlying impediments.

RESOLVED:

Shareholders request that the Board report to shareholders by September 2016, at reasonable expense and omitting proprietary information, on plans to increase gender and racial diversity on the Board, including an assessment of the effectiveness of such efforts. The report should include a description of what steps, if any, the Board and/or the Nominating Committee has taken or plans to take to:

1. Include women and racial minority candidates in the pool from which Board nominees are chosen; and
2. Expand director searches to include nominees from both corporate positions beyond the executive suite and non-traditional environments including government, academia, and non-profit organizations.

The requested report should also address:

Consideration of changes to the Nominating Committee Charter to include a requirement to consider the Board's gender and racial diversity in identifying director candidates.

The number of women and racial minorities in the candidate pool within the past 3 years.

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Any challenges to increasing diversity identified by the Board and any plans to address them.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

We believe that in an increasingly complex global marketplace, the ability to draw on a wide range of viewpoints, backgrounds, skills and experience is critical to a company's success. Further, director diversity helps to ensure that different perspectives are brought to bear on issues, while enhancing the likelihood that proposed solutions will be nuanced and comprehensive.

In our view, companies combining competitive financial performance with high standards of corporate governance, including board diversity and a high level of board independence, are better positioned to generate long-term value for their shareholders.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPOSITION STATEMENT

The Board of Directors urges a vote against this stockholder proposal. The Board of Directors acknowledges the benefits of broad diversity throughout our company, but believes the proposal could impede its ability to select the most suitable and qualified candidates for membership on the Board of Directors and would impose unnecessary administrative burdens and costs. The Board of Directors believes that our company's existing nominating process considers the needs of our company in light of the current mix of director skills and attributes, and is designed to identify the best possible nominees for director. When assessing individual nominees, the Board of Directors considers a variety of issues and factors, including career achievements, breadth of experience, soundness of judgment, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, and ability to represent the total corporate interests of our company and its stockholders.

When identifying and evaluating candidates for director, diversity is a part of the overall mix of factors that the Board of Directors and the Nominating and Governance Committee have historically considered, and continue to consider. The Board of Directors and the Nominating and Governance Committee consider diversity broadly to include gender and ethnicity, age, skills and experience in the context of the needs of the Board as well as viewpoint, individual characteristics, qualities and skills resulting in the inclusion of naturally varying perspectives among the directors. The Board of Directors and the Nominating and Governance Committee also consider whether these capabilities and characteristics will enhance and complement the full Board of Directors so that, as a unit, the Board of Directors possesses the appropriate skills and experience to oversee our company's business and serve the long-term interests of our stockholders.

The Board of Directors and the Nominating and Governance Committee seek qualified candidates for director, and consider diversity as a factor, but believe that this proposal is unnecessarily restrictive and would not maintain the necessary flexibility in the nominating process to ensure that the most qualified candidates are selected as directors in light of our company's evolving needs and circumstances. In addition, the reporting obligations contemplated by this proposal would be expensive and time consuming, without any corresponding benefit to our stockholders.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of Directors unanimously believes that this proposal is not in the best interests of our company or its stockholders, and recommends that you vote **AGAINST** this proposal. Proxies solicited by the Board of Directors will be voted **AGAINST** this proposal unless a stockholder has otherwise indicated in voting the proxy.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST the stockholder proposal requesting a report from the Board of Directors regarding gender and racial diversity on the Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Information Concerning Director Nominees

Name	Age	Class and Year		Position
		in Which Term Will		
Name	Age	Expire if Re-elected		Position
Michael Greenberg	53	Class II (2019)		President and Director
David Weinberg	65	Class II (2019)		Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director
Jeffrey Greenberg	48	Class II (2019)		Senior Vice President of Active Electronics Media and Director

Michael Greenberg has served as our President and a member of our Board of Directors since our company's inception in 1992, and from June 1992 to October 1993, he served as our Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Greenberg's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 30 years of experience in the footwear industry, specifically in sales, including his leadership as President of our company for more than 20 years.

David Weinberg has served as our Chief Operating Officer since January 2006, as our Chief Financial Officer since September 2009 and from October 1993 to January 2006, and as Executive Vice President and a member of our Board of Directors since July 1998.

Mr. Weinberg's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 25 years of experience in the footwear industry, specifically in finance and operations, including 19 years as our Chief Financial Officer and ten years as our Chief Operating Officer.

Jeffrey Greenberg has served as our Senior Vice President of Active Electronic Media since June 2005 and as a member of our Board of Directors since September 2000. From January 1998 to June 2005, Mr. Greenberg served as our Vice President of Active Electronic Media. Previously, Mr. Greenberg served as our Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and a member of our Board of Directors from June 1992 to July 1998, and as our Chief Executive Officer from June 1992 to October 1993.

Mr. Greenberg's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 25 years of experience in the footwear industry, specifically in marketing and operations, including his role on our management team during our early years of growth following our company's inception in 1992.

Directors Not Standing for Election

The members of the Board of Directors who are continuing and not standing for election at this year's Annual Meeting are set forth below.

Name	Age	Term Will Expire	Position
Robert Greenberg	76	Class I (2018)	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Morton Erlich	71	Class I (2018)	Director
Thomas Walsh	74	Class I (2018)	Director
Geyer Kosinski	50	Class III (2017)	Director
Richard Rappaport	56	Class III (2017)	Director
Richard Siskind	70	Class III (2017)	Director

Robert Greenberg has served as our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since October 1993.

Mr. Greenberg is uniquely qualified to serve on and lead our Board of Directors with over 35 years of experience in the footwear industry, primarily in branding and product design, including 23 years as our founder, leader and one of our largest stockholders since our inception in 1992.

Morton Erlich has served as a member of our Board of Directors since January 2006 and has been an independent investor and consultant since September 2004. Since October 2013, Mr. Erlich has served as a member of the board of directors of American Vanguard Corporation (NYSE:AVD). Mr. Erlich worked for 34 years at KPMG LLP including 24 years as an audit partner until retiring in September 2004. His last position at KPMG LLP was office managing partner of the office in Woodland Hills, California.

Mr. Erlich's qualifications to serve on our Board include 34 years of accounting and finance experience at KPMG LLP and being licensed as a certified public accountant (currently inactive) in California since 1974. While a partner with KPMG LLP, Mr. Erlich served as lead audit partner for numerous companies in a variety of industries including companies in consumer markets, manufacturing, distribution and retail sectors. His accounting and finance experience includes expertise with various types of transactions such as bank lines of credit, debt financings, equity financings including public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions.

Thomas Walsh has served as a member of our Board of Directors since September 2010 and as a private investor and consultant since November 2006. From May 1993 until retiring in November 2006, Mr. Walsh served as senior vice president and portfolio manager with Colbie Pacific Capital, which is a factoring and asset-based lender located in Southern California.

Mr. Walsh's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 40 years of experience in managing and providing guidance to companies, the majority of which were in the apparel business, regarding debt financing options including securitization and action plans for companies with respect to distressed customers. His qualifications also include a background in accounting and extensive experience in evaluating businesses and evaluating their financial information.

Geyer Kosinski has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2001. Since July 2004, Mr. Kosinski has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Media Talent Group, a talent management and production company, and prior to that he was the Managing Partner of Industry Entertainment.

Mr. Kosinski's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 25 years of leadership and transactional experience, specifically managing the careers of over 100 actors, writers and directors, and developing and producing feature films and television series, such as *Fargo* for FX. In addition to running Media Talent Group,

the Emmy and Golden Globe winner sits on the Boards and Executive Teams of several other private companies including Motion Theory/Mirada, Social Ink, and Top Fan and specializes in endorsement, branding, and licensing deals with celebrities and luxury brands.

Richard Rappaport has served as a member of our Board of Directors since September 2010. In 1999, Mr. Rappaport founded WestPark Capital, a full service investment banking and securities brokerage firm that serves the needs of both private and public companies worldwide, as well as individual and institutional investors, and he is its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Rappaport received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley, and his M.B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles.

In August 2004, Mr. Rappaport entered into a settlement agreement (the **Settlement Agreement**) with the NASD (the **National Association of Securities Dealers**) to settle claims that Mr. Rappaport failed in his capacity as Chief Compliance Officer of WestPark Capital to properly supervise the preparation of the six research reports released by WestPark Capital between July 2001 and October 2002 regarding public companies with speculative securities which WestPark Capital and Mr. Rappaport knew or had reason to know were misleading in light of certain omissions and exaggerated, unwarranted and misleading statements. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and without admitting or denying any liability, Mr. Rappaport voluntarily surrendered his Series 24 license to act as a general securities principal on behalf of WestPark Capital for a period of 30 days restricting Mr. Rappaport's participation in principal activities (the **Temporary Principal Suspension**), was required to requalify his Series 24 license and paid a fine of \$50,000. Despite his good faith efforts to comply with the terms of the Temporary Principal Suspension and his reliance on the advice of legal counsel regarding the scope of the restricted activities, the NASD determined that certain of the activities that Mr. Rappaport engaged in during the Temporary Principal Suspension were considered principal activities. In September 2006, Mr. Rappaport entered into a letter of acceptance, waiver and consent (the **Consent**) with the NASD in connection with the violation of the Temporary Principal Suspension. Under the terms of the Consent, and without admitting or denying any liability, Mr. Rappaport voluntarily surrendered his Series 7 and 24 licenses for a second 30-day period and paid an additional fine of \$10,000. Mr. Rappaport fully complied with the terms of the Consent to the satisfaction of the NASD.

Mr. Rappaport's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 25 years of experience in business development and corporate finance, specifically in the United States and international small cap investment banking and securities markets; he has completed over 50 public offerings of issuers' stock and numerous private financing and M&A transactions. During his career, he has helped companies plan and implement their financial and business development strategies.

Richard Siskind has served as a member of our Board of Directors since June 1999. In 1991, Mr. Siskind founded R. Siskind & Company, a business that purchases brand name men's and women's apparel and accessories and redistributes those items to off-price retailers. R. Siskind & Company also controls other companies that have licenses and distribution agreements for various brands, and he is its Chief Executive Officer and a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Siskind's qualifications to serve on our Board include over 40 years of experience as chief executive officer of various companies in the consumer retail sector, including four years as Chief Executive Officer and six years as a Board member of Magic Lantern Group, a publicly traded apparel company, and over 20 years as founder, majority shareholder and leader of R. Siskind & Company. Mr. Siskind's experience with consumer retail businesses includes expertise with business planning, operations, finance, inventory control, acquisitions and licenses.

Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers who are not also members of our Board of Directors. For information concerning Michael Greenberg and David Weinberg, see *Information Concerning Director Nominees* above, and for information concerning Robert Greenberg, see *Directors Not Standing for Election* above.

Name	Age	Position
Philip Paccione	54	Executive Vice President of Business Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Mark Nason	54	Executive Vice President of Product Development

Philip Paccione has served as our Executive Vice President of Business Affairs since February 2000, as our Corporate Secretary since July 1998 and as our General Counsel since May 1998.

Mark Nason has served as our Executive Vice President of Product Development since March 2002. From January 1998 to March 2002, Mr. Nason served as our Vice President of Retail and Merchandising, and from December 1993 to January 1998, he served as our Director of Merchandising and Retail Development.

Robert Greenberg is the father of Michael Greenberg and Jeffrey Greenberg; other than the foregoing, no family relationships exist among any of our executive officers or directors.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

Board of Directors, Committees of the Board and Attendance at Meetings

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines were adopted by our Board of Directors as of April 28, 2004 to assist the Board in the exercise of its responsibilities. The Corporate Governance Guidelines reflect the Board's commitment to monitor the effectiveness of policy and decision making both at the Board and management levels, with a view to enhancing long-term stockholder value. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are posted in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page of our corporate information website located at www.skx.com/investor.jsp. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this proxy statement.

Our Board of Directors met four times in 2015, and all directors attended at least 75% of the combined total of (i) all Board meetings and (ii) all meetings of committees of the Board on which the director served. While we do not have a policy requiring our directors to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders, all of the directors attended the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in 2015.

The Board has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee. The table below provides current membership and meeting information for 2015 for each of the committees. Each of the members of these committees is independent as defined by Section 303A of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Listed Company Manual (collectively, the NYSE Rules), and each member of the Audit Committee is independent as defined by Section 10A(m)(3) of, and Rule 10A-3(b) under, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) and is an outside director for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code. All committee meetings were attended by all respective committee members in 2015.

Name	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Governance Committee
Morton Erlich	X*	X	X
Geyer Kosinski	X		
Richard Siskind	X	X*	X
Thomas Walsh		X	X*
Total Meetings in 2015	6	7	3

* Committee Chairman

Each of these committees acts under a written charter that complies with the applicable NYSE Rules and SEC rules. The functions performed by the committees are summarized below and are set forth in greater detail in their respective charters. The complete text of the charter for each committee can be found in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page of our corporate information website located at www.skx.com/investor.jsp, and copies are available in print, without charge, upon written request to our Corporate Secretary at Skechers U.S.A., Inc., 228 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this proxy statement.

Director Independence

Our Board of Directors has nine members including six non-management directors, which are those directors who are not also serving as one of our executive officers. Our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that the Board has five members who are independent as defined by Section 303A.02 of the NYSE Rules. These directors are Morton Erlich, Geyer Kosinski, Richard Rappaport, Richard Siskind and Thomas Walsh. The Board of Directors made this affirmative determination regarding these directors' independence based on discussions with the directors and on its review of the directors' responses to a questionnaire regarding

employment and compensation history; affiliations, family and other relationships; and transactions with our company, its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Board considered relationships and transactions between each director or any member of his immediate family and our company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including those reported in the section entitled *Transactions with Related Persons* in this proxy statement. The purpose of the Board of Directors' review with respect to each director was to determine whether any such relationships or transactions were inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent under the NYSE Rules.

Board Leadership Structure

Robert Greenberg currently serves as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of our company. We believe combining the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is currently the appropriate leadership model for our company as it provides for clear accountability and efficient and effective leadership of our business. Mr. Greenberg's knowledge regarding our operations and the industries and markets in which we compete positions him to best identify matters for Board review and deliberation. The dual role serves as a bridge between management and the Board of Directors that enables Mr. Greenberg to provide his insight and direction on important strategic initiatives to both groups, ensuring that they act with a common purpose. As our founder and one of our largest stockholders, with beneficial ownership of approximately 35.4% of the aggregate number of votes eligible to be cast by our stockholders and the ability to exert significant influence over matters requiring approval by our stockholders, we believe Mr. Greenberg is the appropriate person to lead both our Board of Directors and the management of our company.

To further strengthen our corporate governance structure and provide independent oversight of our company, our Board of Directors appointed Morton Erlich as our Lead Independent Director. As Lead Independent Director, Mr. Erlich acts as a liaison between the non-management directors on our Board and Robert Greenberg and the other members of our management team, chairs and presides over regularly held executive sessions without our management present, and performs other functions as requested by the non-management directors. Executive sessions are typically held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Audit Committee meetings and Board meetings, and additional sessions may be called by the Lead Independent Director in his own discretion or at the request of the Board of Directors.

Role of Board in Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of risk management. The Board of Directors delegates much of this responsibility to the various committees of the Board. The Audit Committee is responsible for inquiring of management, our Director of Internal Audit and our independent registered public accounting firm about our financial reporting processes, internal controls and policies with respect to financial risk assessment and management. The Chairman of the Audit Committee has periodic discussions with our Director of Internal Audit about the adequacy and effectiveness of steps taken to monitor, control and report financial risk exposures, and the Director of Internal Audit also presents the Audit Committee with formal periodic status reports as well. The Compensation Committee oversees risks related to our compensation programs and the Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing regulatory and other corporate compliance risks. The Board is advised by the committees of significant risks and management's response via periodic updates.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders and other interested parties who wish to contact our Lead Independent Director, Morton Erlich, or any of our other directors either individually or as a group may do so by writing to them c/o Philip Paccione, Corporate Secretary, Skechers U.S.A., Inc., 228 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California 90266. Each writing interested party should specify whether the communication is directed to our entire Board of Directors, to only the non-management directors or to a particular director. Copies of written communications received at such address will be provided to the Board of Directors or the relevant director.

unless such communications are considered, in the reasonable judgment of our Corporate Secretary, to be inappropriate for submission to the intended recipient(s). Examples of communications that would be considered inappropriate for submission to the Board of Directors include, without limitation, customer complaints, solicitations, communications that do not relate directly or indirectly to our company's business or communications that relate to improper or irrelevant topics. The Corporate Secretary may analyze and prepare a response to the information contained in communications received and may deliver a copy of the communication to other staff members or agents of our company who are responsible for analyzing or responding to complaints or requests.

Audit Committee

Our Board of Directors has determined Morton Erlich, who is the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an audit committee financial expert as that term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing and evaluating (i) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, (ii) the performance of our internal audit and internal controls functions in addition to financial risk assessment and management applicable to our company, (iii) our policies and procedures regarding transactions with related persons, as described in greater detail below in the section entitled *Transactions with Related Persons*, (iv) the appointment, compensation, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm, and (v) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for (i) discharging the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of our executive officers, (ii) overseeing the administration of our executive compensation plans, (iii) reviewing and discussing with our management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by the applicable SEC rules and recommending to the Board whether such disclosure should be included in our proxy statement, (iv) overseeing risks related to our compensation programs and (v) producing a report on executive compensation for inclusion in our proxy statement in accordance with the applicable rules of the SEC. This includes reviewing and approving the annual compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, reviewing and making recommendations to the Board with respect to executive compensation plans, including incentive compensation and equity-based compensation, and reviewing and approving performance goals and objectives with respect to the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers consistent with our executive compensation plans. For additional information on the role of our Chief Executive Officer in recommending the form or amount of executive compensation, see *Compensation Discussion and Analysis Role of Management in Compensation Decisions*.

Our Board of Directors increased the size of the Compensation Committee to three independent directors with the appointment of Thomas Walsh, effective as of July 1, 2015. None of the members of our Compensation Committee has ever been an employee or officer of our company or any of its subsidiaries. None of our executive officers has served or currently serves on the board of directors or on the compensation committee of any other entity, which has officers who served on our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for (i) developing and recommending to our Board of Directors the criteria for selecting directors and assessing director independence, (ii) identifying individuals qualified to become members of our Board of Directors and recommending candidates as director nominees for election to the Board, (iii) considering and making recommendations to the Board regarding its size and composition, director assignments to the other Board committees and the appointment of a chairperson for each of the other Board committees, (iv) overseeing the evaluation of our management, the Board and its committees, (v) evaluating and recommending to the Board changes to the corporate governance guidelines applicable to our company, and (vi) reviewing regulatory and other corporate compliance risks applicable to us.

Our Board of Directors increased the size of the Nominating and Governance Committee to three independent directors with the appointment of Thomas Walsh, who also replaced Morton Erlich as its Chair, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Director Nominations

The Nominating and Governance Committee recommends to our Board of Directors candidates to fill vacancies or for election or re-election to the Board. In the event of a vacancy on our Board of Directors, the process followed by the Nominating and Governance Committee to identify and evaluate director candidates includes requests to our Board members, management and others for recommendations, meeting from time to time to evaluate biographical information and qualifications relating to potential candidates and interviews of selected candidates by members of the committee and other directors. In considering whether to recommend any particular candidate for inclusion in the Board's slate of recommended director nominees, the Nominating and Governance Committee applies the criteria set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The committee also considers the statutory requirements applicable to the composition of the Board and its committees, including independence requirements of the NYSE. Our Board of Directors ultimately determines the director nominees approved for inclusion on the proxy card for each annual meeting of stockholders.

Our Nominating and Governance Committee does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. Consistent with the committee's charter, when identifying director nominees, the committee considers general principles of diversity and does so in the broadest sense. The committee evaluates the abilities and skills, age and education, gender and ethnicity, industry and professional background, and accounting and financial experience of all potential director nominees. We believe that the backgrounds and qualifications of our directors, considered as a group, should provide a diverse mix of background, experience, knowledge and skills that will best allow our Board to fulfill its responsibilities including oversight of our business.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider candidates recommended by stockholders for nomination for election as directors. The committee will evaluate stockholder-recommended candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying the same criteria, as it follows for candidates recommended by our Board members, management and others. Stockholders wishing to submit recommendations must provide the following information by written notice to the attention of our General Counsel by certified or registered mail:

As to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director:

the name, age, business address and residential address of the candidate;

the principal occupation or employment of the person;

the class and number of shares of our stock that are beneficially owned by the candidate; and

the candidate's consent to be named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected.

As to the stockholder recommending a candidate for director:

the name and address, as they appear on our stock transfer books, of the stockholder and of the beneficial owners, if any, of the stock registered in the stockholder's name and the name and address of other stockholders known by the stockholder to be supporting the nominee; and

the class and number of shares of our stock beneficially owned (i) by the stockholder and the beneficial owners, if any, and (ii) by any other stockholders known by the stockholder to be supporting such candidates.

To be considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, nominations for director candidates must be received at our principal office within the time period set forth below under the section *Nominations and Stockholder Proposals for 2017 Annual Meeting* in this proxy statement.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all directors, officers and employees, was adopted by our Board of Directors as of April 28, 2004 and amended by the Board as of January 15, 2007. The purpose of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is to promote honest and ethical conduct. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is posted in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page of our corporate information website located at www.skx.com/investor.jsp. We intend to promptly post any amendments to or waivers of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on our website. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this proxy statement.

Compensation of Directors

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation earned by our non-employee directors during 2015. Robert Greenberg, Michael Greenberg, David Weinberg and Jeffrey Greenberg are not included because as employee directors, they did not earn any additional compensation for services provided as members of our Board of Directors.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid	
	in Cash \$(1)	Total (\$)
Morton D. Erlich	94,000	94,000
Geyer Kosinski	50,000	50,000
Richard Rappaport	42,500	42,500
Richard Siskind	81,500	81,500
Thomas Walsh	56,000	56,000

(1) This column reports the amount of cash compensation earned in 2015 for Board and committee service.

Non-Employee Directors. We paid each of our non-employee directors annual compensation of \$35,000 for serving on the Board of Directors in 2015. Our Audit Committee Chairman, Compensation Committee Chairman and Nominating and Governance Committee Chairman were paid additional annual fees of \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$15,000, respectively, in 2015. Non-employee directors also received fees of \$1,500 for each Board and committee meeting attended during 2015. Non-employee directors are reimbursed for reasonable costs and expenses incurred for attending any of our Board or committee meetings. Compensation, fees, and reimbursable costs and expenses are paid quarterly. During 2015, non-employee directors were eligible to receive awards of restricted shares of Class A Common Stock, grants of options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock and other equity-based compensation under the 2007 Incentive Award Plan (the 2007 Plan) as determined by the Board of Directors. In 2015, none of our non-employee directors were issued any restricted shares of Class A Common Stock or granted any options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock.

Employee Directors. As of December 31, 2015, Robert Greenberg, Michael Greenberg and David Weinberg were the only Named Executive Officers (as defined below in the section entitled *Executive Compensation*) serving on our Board of Directors, and Jeffrey Greenberg was the only non-executive employee serving on our Board of Directors. Employees of Skechers who are members of the Board of Directors are not paid any directors' fees. Compensation of Robert Greenberg, Michael Greenberg and David Weinberg earned in 2015 is set forth under *Executive Compensation*. Compensation of Jeffrey Greenberg earned in 2015 is described in the section entitled *Transactions with Related Persons* in this proxy statement. During the 2015 fiscal year, employee directors were eligible to receive awards of shares of Class A Common Stock, grants of options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock and other equity-based compensation under the 2007 Plan as determined by the Board of Directors. In 2015, none of our employee directors were issued any restricted shares of Class A Common Stock or granted any options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis describes our compensation strategy, philosophy, policies, programs and practices for our Named Executive Officers for 2015 and should be read together with the compensation tables and related disclosures set forth below. The Named Executive Officers are those executive officers listed in the table captioned *Summary Compensation Table* in this proxy statement: Robert Greenberg, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Greenberg, President; David Weinberg, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Nason, Executive Vice President of Product Development; and Philip Paccione, Executive Vice President of Business Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. This discussion contains forward looking statements that are based on our current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs. Actual compensation programs that we may adopt in the future may differ materially from the compensation strategy, philosophy, policies, programs and practices summarized in this discussion.

Alignment of Executive Compensation with Financial Performance Highlights

Our executive compensation program is designed to reward superior performance by our company. The company delivered strong financial performance during the 2015 fiscal year, including the following highlights:

Net sales increased \$769.8 million, or 32.4%, to \$3.147 billion compared to net sales of \$2.378 billion in 2014.

Net earnings attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc. were \$231.9 million, an increase of \$93.1 million, or 67.1%, compared to net earnings of \$138.8 million in 2014.

Diluted earnings per share attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc. was \$1.50, which reflected a 65.9% increase from diluted earnings per share of \$0.91 in 2014.

Our cash and cash equivalents increased \$41.3 million to \$508.0 million at December 31, 2015 from \$466.7 million at December 31, 2014.

As a result of our strong financial and operating performance, our share price increased from \$18.42 per share on December 31, 2014 to \$30.21 per share on December 31, 2015, which reflected appreciation of 64.0% during 2015.

While the annual base salaries of the Named Executive Officers remained unchanged from 2014 to 2015, the total cash compensation, consisting of base salary and earned incentive compensation (Cash Compensation), for each Named Executive Officer was greater in 2015 as compared to 2014, primarily due to our strong financial performance in 2015, which resulted in higher incentive compensation earned by each Named Executive Officer in 2015. The total compensation of all Named Executive Officers disclosed in the Executive Compensation Summary Compensation Table below was less in 2015 as compared to 2014, but this was largely due to the fact that the grant date fair value of the restricted stock awarded in January and October 2014 (for further information, see the section below entitled *Equity-Based Compensation Restricted Stock*) was captured in full as compensation for 2014 in accordance with SEC rules even though the awards vested, or are scheduled to vest, as the case may be, in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Thus, if the portion of the restricted stock that vested in 2015 had been attributed to total compensation for 2015, the total compensation earned by each Named Executive Officer in 2015 would reflect a year-over-year increase that is commensurate with the continued positive financial performance by Skechers in fiscal 2015.

Role of the Compensation Committee

Our executive compensation program is administered by or under the direction of the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors. Under the terms of its Charter, the Compensation Committee is responsible for (i) discharging the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of our executive officers, (ii) overseeing

the administration of our executive compensation plans, (iii) reviewing and discussing with our management this Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by the applicable SEC rules and recommending to the Board its inclusion in this proxy statement and (iv) producing the annual report on executive compensation included elsewhere in this proxy statement in accordance with the applicable SEC rules.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to retain the services of outside advisors, experts and other consultants to assist in the evaluation of the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, the other executive officers and the Board of Directors. Neither our management nor the Compensation Committee retained a compensation consultant in 2015 to review policies and procedures with respect to executive compensation or to advise us on compensation matters. For 2015, the Compensation Committee reviewed and considered management's compensation recommendations and then discussed these recommendations with management.

Role of Management in Compensation Decisions

Management, led by our Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, annually makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding (i) annual base salary and bonuses to be paid to executive officers, (ii) the formation and modification of our equity-based and incentive compensation plans for executive officers, (iii) awards to be granted under our equity-based compensation plan and (iv) performance metrics to be used to calculate incentive compensation that executive officers may earn under our incentive compensation plan. Management also meets periodically with the Compensation Committee to discuss these recommendations, which are based on management's assessment of the base salary, equity-based compensation and incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive within our industry and within the geographical labor markets in which we participate. The Compensation Committee may adopt, modify or reject any of these recommendations.

Compensation Objectives

The basic compensation philosophy of the Compensation Committee is to provide competitive salaries and incentives to executive officers in order to promote superior financial performance. The Compensation Committee has believed in past years that compensation paid to executive officers should be closely aligned with our performance, linked to specific, measurable results intended to create value for stockholders, and that such compensation should assist us in attracting and retaining key executives critical to our long-term success.

Our executive compensation policies are designed to achieve the following four objectives:

attract and motivate well-qualified individuals with the ability and talent to enable us to achieve our business objectives and corporate strategies;

provide incentives to achieve specific short-term individual and corporate goals by rewarding achievement of those goals at established financial performance levels;

provide incentives to achieve longer-term financial goals and reinforce sense of ownership through award opportunities that can result in ownership of stock; and

promote retention of key executives and align the interests of management with those of the stockholders to reinforce achievement of continuing increases in stockholder value.

Consistent with our performance-based philosophy, the Compensation Committee reviewed and approved our compensation programs for 2015 to effectively balance executive officers' salaries with incentive compensation that was performance-based. We believe that it served the needs of our stockholders to provide incentives commensurate with individual management responsibilities and past and future contributions to corporate objectives. The mix of compensation elements varied among the executive officers based on each executive officer's position, responsibilities and performance.

To maximize stockholder value, we believe that it is necessary to deliver consistent, long-term sales and earnings growth. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee has historically reviewed not only the individual compensation elements, but the mix of individual compensation elements that make up the aggregate compensation, and attempted to balance the total compensation package between short-term, long-term and cash and equity compensation in a way that met the objectives set forth above.

Elements of Compensation

Our executive compensation has historically consisted of three primary components:

base salary and benefits;

performance-based compensation, if any, under the 2006 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2006 Plan"); and

equity compensation awarded under the 2007 Plan.

These components, individually and in the aggregate, are designed to accomplish one or more of the compensation objectives described above.

Base Salary

Base salaries for our Named Executive Officers are established based on the scope of their respective responsibilities, taking into account market compensation paid by competitors within our industry and other companies of similar type, size and financial performance for individuals in similar positions. We set base compensation for our Named Executive Officers at levels that we believe enable us to hire and retain individuals in a competitive environment, and to reward satisfactory performance at an acceptable level based upon contributions to our overall business objectives.

Base salaries are generally reviewed annually, but may be adjusted from time to time to realign salaries with market levels. In reviewing base salaries, we consider various factors, including (i) each individual's level of responsibilities, performance and results achieved, and professional experience, (ii) a comparison to base salaries paid to employees in comparable positions by our competitors and companies of similar type, size and financial performance and (iii) cost of living increases.

The annual base salaries of the Named Executive Officers remained unchanged for 2015.

Annual Incentive Compensation

The 2006 Plan is intended to advance our interests and those of our stockholders and to assist us in attracting and retaining executive officers by providing incentives and financial rewards to such executives who, because of the extent of their responsibilities can make significant contributions to our success through their ability, industry expertise, loyalty and exceptional services.

The 2006 Plan provides executive employees, including the Named Executive Officers, with the opportunity to earn bonuses based on our financial performance by linking incentive award opportunities to the achievement of our performance goals. The 2006 Plan allows us to set performance periods equal to fiscal quarters, fiscal years or such other period that the Compensation Committee may establish up to five years in length, and determine performance criteria and goals for such performance periods that are flexible and change with the needs of our business. The Compensation Committee annually approves the performance criteria and goals that will be used in formulae to calculate our Named Executive Officers' incentive compensation on a quarterly basis for each fiscal year. By determining performance criteria and setting goals at the beginning of each fiscal year, our Named Executive Officers understand our goals and priorities during the current fiscal year. Following the conclusion of each quarter during the current fiscal year, the Compensation Committee certifies the amount of

the award for each participant for each such quarter. The amount of an award actually paid to a participant each quarter may, in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, be reduced to less than the amount payable to the participant based on attainment of the performance goals for each such quarter.

The Compensation Committee approved the performance goals of the Named Executive Officers for fiscal 2015 (which were the same as those for fiscal 2014) in January 2014, except for Michael Greenberg whose performance goals for fiscal 2015 were approved in January 2015, given that he did not participate in our incentive compensation program in 2014. The performance criteria used in the formulae to calculate the incentive compensation of the Named Executive Officers for 2015 was our net sales growth because the Compensation Committee believes that it provides an accurate measure of our annual performance.

The potential payments of incentive compensation to our Named Executive Officers are performance-driven and therefore completely at risk. The payment of any incentive compensation for a fiscal year under the 2006 Plan is conditioned on our company achieving at least certain threshold performance levels of the business criteria approved by the Compensation Committee, and no payments will be made to our Named Executive Officers if the threshold performance levels are not met. Any incentive compensation to be paid to the Named Executive Officers in excess of the threshold amounts, which they may earn depending on our company's financial performance and their individual contributions, is based on the Compensation Committee's pre-approved performance criteria and formulae for the respective Named Executive Officers. The Named Executive Officers' annual incentive compensation is calculated on a quarterly basis by multiplying net sales growth, which is the amount by which net sales for the applicable quarter exceeded net sales for the corresponding quarter in the prior year, by the percentages that were pre-approved by the Compensation Committee, as set forth in the following tables:

	First Quarter (i)	Second Quarter (ii)	Third Quarter (iii)	Fourth Quarter (iv)
Amount by which net sales for the quarter in fiscal 2015 exceeded net sales for the corresponding quarter in fiscal 2014 (\$)	221,479,049	213,413,531	181,908,544	152,961,121

Name of Executive	Pre-approved Percentage (%) (a)	Incentive Compensation Calculated on a Quarterly Basis (\$)				2015 Annual Incentive Compensation (\$)
		First Quarter (a)x(i)	Second Quarter (a)x(ii)	Third Quarter (a)x(iii)	Fourth Quarter (a)x(iv)	
Robert Greenberg	0.500	1,107,396	1,067,068	909,543	764,806	3,848,813
Michael Greenberg	0.250	553,698	533,534	454,772	382,403	1,924,407
David Weinberg	0.150	332,219	320,121	272,863	229,442	1,154,645
Mark Nason	0.125	276,849	266,767	227,386	191,202	962,204
Philip Paccione	0.075	166,110	160,061	136,432	114,721	577,324

The Compensation Committee did not place a maximum limit on the incentive compensation that could have been earned by the Named Executive Officers in 2015, although the maximum amount of incentive compensation that any Named Executive Officer may earn in a 12-month period under the 2006 Plan is \$5,000,000.

Based on the performance goals that the Compensation Committee approved in January 2014 (and January 2015 with respect to Michael Greenberg), the Named Executive Officers were eligible to receive incentive compensation targeted from 10% to 50% of their Cash Compensation for 2015, which was determined to be competitive in the marketplace for similar positions. These percentages were identical to the targeted percentages for 2014, except for Michael Greenberg who was not eligible to receive incentive compensation for 2014. In determining the potential awards that computed into these percentages, the Compensation Committee considered

each Named Executive Officer's position, responsibilities and prospective contribution to the attainment of our performance goals. The percentage of total target compensation represented by incentive awards is generally higher for more senior executives to reflect their greater influence on profits and sales and to put a larger percentage of their total potential cash compensation at risk. Accordingly, our Chief Executive Officer, Robert Greenberg, was at the top end of the range.

Based on our financial performance and the performance goals previously set by the Compensation Committee for each Named Executive Officer for 2015, the actual incentive compensation earned by each Named Executive Officer for 2015 was \$3,848,813 for Robert Greenberg, which represented 56% of his Cash Compensation; \$1,924,407 for Michael Greenberg, which represented 47% of his Cash Compensation; \$1,154,645 for David Weinberg, which represented 42% of his Cash Compensation, \$962,204 for Mark Nason, which represented 49% of his Cash Compensation; and \$577,324 for Philip Paccione, which represented 49% of his Cash Compensation. These percentages, ranging from 42% to 56%, were at the higher end of the targeted percentages of 10% to 50% due to our strong financial performance in 2015, which continued to exceed our expectations.

Cash incentive compensation awarded under the 2006 Plan complements the long-term equity compensation program described below.

Equity-Based Compensation

Our employees, including the Named Executive Officers, are eligible to receive, from time to time, awards of restricted stock, stock options and other equity-based compensation under the 2007 Plan that are designed to:

closely align management and stockholder interests;

promote retention and reward executives and other key employees for building stockholder value; and

encourage long-term investment in our company by participating Named Executive Officers.

The Compensation Committee believes that stock ownership by management has been demonstrated to be beneficial to all stockholders. We did not grant any awards of restricted stock, stock options or other equity-based to any Named Executive Officers in 2015, but we did award shares of restricted stock to all Named Executive Officers in 2014, as described below, that began to vest in 2015.

Restricted Stock

Historically, awards of restricted stock made to our Named Executive Officers are subject to certain time-vesting restrictions that generally lapse over a period of two to four years from the date of the award depending on the specific award.

This vesting schedule promotes retention and encourages long-term investment in our company by the Named Executive Officers, while also providing a reasonable time frame to align the Named Executive Officers' compensation with stockholder interests since any appreciation of our stock price will benefit both management and stockholders. An additional advantage of restricted stock is that, in comparison to stock options, fewer shares are required to deliver the same economic value. This may result in lower stockholder dilution than granting stock options. In January and October 2014, the Compensation Committee awarded shares of restricted stock to the Named Executive Officers, and one-quarter of the shares awarded to each of them vested in 2015, with the remainder scheduled to vest in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Employment Agreements and Change of Control Provisions

We do not have any employment, severance or change-of-control agreements in effect with any of our Named Executive Officers except for Michael Greenberg. The following is a description of the material terms of the employment agreement with Mr. Greenberg.

Michael Greenberg

On August 7, 2015, we entered into an employment agreement with Michael Greenberg (the *Employment Agreement*). The terms of the *Employment Agreement* are effective as of January 1, 2015 and were negotiated by the Compensation Committee with Mr. Greenberg prior to the date he and our company entered into the agreement. Subject to certain termination provisions, the *Employment Agreement* provides for Mr. Greenberg's continued employment by us as our President through December 31, 2018.

The *Employment Agreement* provides for the following compensation and benefits:

base salary at the annual rate of not less than \$2,200,000 (subject to annual review by the Board or the Compensation Committee);

annual incentive compensation, as calculated on a quarterly basis, equal to not less than 0.25% of the amount by which net sales for the applicable quarter exceeds net sales by the corresponding quarter in the prior year (subject to annual review by the Board or the Compensation Committee);

acknowledgement of an award of 200,000 shares of our Class A Common Stock on a pre-split basis that was granted on October 21, 2014, of which 50,000 shares vest on each of November 1, 2015 and the first three anniversaries thereof, subject to the terms and conditions of the 2007 Plan and the restricted stock agreement previously entered into between Mr. Greenberg and our company (the *2014 Restricted Stock Agreement*); and

participation in our other benefit plans and policies on terms consistent with those generally applicable to our other senior executives (including, without limitation, vacation benefits and other perquisites).

The *Employment Agreement* also provides for certain severance payments and benefits upon certain terminations of employment, including in connection with a change in control of our company, as described in greater detail under *Executive Compensation Termination and Change of Control Benefits*.

Change of Control Provisions

The restricted stock awards granted under our 2007 Plan provide that in the event of a change of control, all outstanding unvested shares will vest in full.

A *change of control* is generally defined in the 2007 Plan, including the equity award agreements thereunder, as (i) the acquisition by certain persons of our securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of our outstanding securities, (ii) a change during any two-year period in a majority of the Board of Directors unless each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period, or whose election or nomination was so approved, (iii) approval by our stockholders of a merger or consolidation (except with certain permitted entities), or (iv) approval by our stockholders of a complete liquidation of our company or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of our assets.

The Compensation Committee believes that our change of control policy is consistent with the objectives of providing the highest possible return to stockholders by allowing the Named Executive Officers to be able to effectively participate equally with stockholders in evaluating alternatives in the event of a change of control transaction, without compelling the Named Executive Officer to remain employed under new ownership.

Equity Award Practices

As described under the Equity Compensation section, equity-based awards are a significant component of our overall executive compensation program. We do not backdate grants of awards nor do we coordinate the grant of awards with the release of material information that might result in favorable pricing. New hire grants of awards to executive officers and other new employees are generally based on the date of hire. It is our practice that the per share exercise price for all grants of stock options be equal to the closing price of a share of our Class A Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of grant, and we have never re-priced any grants.

Perquisites and Other Benefits

We provide our Named Executive Officers with perquisites and other benefits that are reflected in the *All Other Compensation* column in the table captioned *Summary Compensation Table* in this proxy statement, which we believe are reasonable, competitive and consistent with our overall executive compensation program. The costs of these benefits constitute only a small percentage of each Named Executive Officer's total compensation and include the following:

Aircraft usage. We have an agreement with an aircraft operator for use of its aircraft for business travel. Each Named Executive Officer may also use the aircraft for personal use. If we are not reimbursed for costs associated with personal use of the aircraft, such costs are considered taxable income to the Named Executive Officer. During 2015, there was no personal use of the aircraft by any of the Named Executive Officers for which we were not reimbursed in full.

Automobile usage. During 2015, automobiles that we purchased at our sole cost were used by Robert Greenberg, Michael Greenberg and David Weinberg. We also paid on their behalf the automobile insurance premiums related to their use of these automobiles.

Country club dues and health club fees. During 2015, we paid country club membership dues and/or health club membership fees for David Weinberg and Philip Paccione.

Finance and tax services. During 2015, we paid fees for financial planning and tax preparation services that Robert Greenberg and Michael Greenberg received from their personal accountant.

Deferred Compensation Plan

In May 2013, we commenced the Skechers U.S.A., Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (the *Deferred Compensation Plan*), effective as of May 1, 2013. We are maintaining the Deferred Compensation Plan primarily for the purpose of providing a means for deferral of compensation to a select group of employees, including all of our Named Executive Officers, who are limited in their participation under our 401(k) profit sharing plan. Pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan, participants may defer receipt of a portion of their respective cash compensation and elect to have such amounts paid to them (or their beneficiaries in the event of death) upon retirement, termination of employment, death, disability or some other date chosen by the respective participants, in each case, consistent with the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plan. We are not funding the Deferred Compensation Plan, and we will make payments under the Deferred Compensation Plan to each participant as permitted by law and in accordance with the participant's election decisions. In addition to providing a means to defer compensation for payment at a later date, the Deferred Compensation Plan also provides for us to make discretionary contributions to the participants. The amounts, timing and vesting of any such discretionary contributions will be determined in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, as the administrator of the Deferred Compensation Plan. A description of the material terms of the Deferred Compensation Plan can be found in the section entitled *Executive Compensation Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Plan* in this proxy statement.

Impact of Regulatory Requirements

Tax Deductibility of Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), places a limit of \$1,000,000 on the annual amount of compensation (other than compensation that qualifies as qualified performance-based compensation) that publicly held companies may deduct for federal income tax purposes for certain executive officers.

The Compensation Committee believes that tax deductibility is a factor to be considered in evaluating a compensation program. The Compensation Committee generally seeks to structure incentive compensation in a manner that is intended to minimize the disallowance of deductions under Section 162(m) of the Code. Nevertheless, when warranted due to competitive and other factors, the Compensation Committee may award compensation that exceeds the deductibility limit under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise pay non-deductible compensation.

Internal Revenue Code Section 409A

Section 409A of the Code requires that non-qualified deferred compensation be deferred and paid under plans or arrangements that satisfy the requirements of the statute with respect to the timing of deferral elections, timing of payments and certain other matters. Failure to satisfy these requirements can expose employees and other service providers to accelerated income tax liabilities and penalty taxes and interest on their vested compensation under such plans. Accordingly, as a general matter, it is our intention to design and administer our compensation and benefits plans and programs for all of our employees and other service providers, including the Named Executive Officers, so that they are either exempt from, or satisfy the requirements of, Section 409A of the Code.

Accounting Standards

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC Topic 718 requires us to recognize an expense for the fair value of equity-based compensation awards. Grants of restricted stock and stock options under the 2007 Plan are accounted for under FASB ASC Topic 718. The Compensation Committee regularly considers the accounting implications of significant compensation decisions, especially in connection with decisions that relate to equity compensation awards. As accounting standards change, we may revise certain programs to appropriately align accounting expenses of our equity awards with our overall executive compensation philosophy and objectives.

Other Tax, Accounting and Regulatory Considerations

Many other Code provisions, SEC regulations and accounting rules affect the delivery of executive compensation and are generally taken into consideration as programs are developed. Our goal is to create and maintain plans that are efficient and in full compliance with these requirements.

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis (set forth above) with the management of Skechers, and, based on such review and discussion, the Compensation Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and, through incorporation by reference from this proxy statement, in Skechers' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Siskind, Chairman

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Thomas Walsh

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table provides selected information concerning the compensation earned by our Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer, and each of our three most highly compensated executive officers who served in positions other than Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer at the end of the last completed fiscal year (the "Named Executive Officers").

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(2)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Robert Greenberg Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2015	3,000,000			3,848,813	267,586 ⁽³⁾	7,116,399
	2014	3,000,000		3,547,700	2,656,000	268,098	9,471,798
	2013	2,000,000			1,428,448	50,747	3,479,195
Michael Greenberg President and Director	2015	2,200,000			1,924,407	173,287 ⁽⁴⁾	4,297,694
	2014	1,656,153	1,000,000	10,886,000		192,167	13,734,320
	2013	1,500,000				65,998	1,565,998
David Weinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director	2015	1,600,000			1,154,645	72,621 ⁽⁵⁾	2,827,266
	2014	1,600,000		2,459,100	796,800	72,148	4,928,048
	2013	1,325,000			428,536	81,688	1,835,224
Mark Nason Executive Vice President of Product Development	2015	1,000,000			962,204	21,944 ⁽⁶⁾	1,984,148
	2014	1,000,000		1,364,000	664,000	13,021	3,041,021
	2013	1,000,000			357,113	14,714	&nb