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**STONECASTLE FINANCIAL CORP.**

152 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup> floor

New York, NY 10019

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

To Be Held on May 20, 2014 at

NASDAQOMX Stock Exchange

One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10006

To the Stockholders:

Notice is hereby given that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of StoneCastle Financial Corp., (the “Company”), a Delaware corporation, will be held at NASDAQOMX Stock Exchange, One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10006 at 10:30 a.m. E.T., on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class I Directors of the Company, each to serve for a term ending at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of StoneCastle Financial Corp. and when his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies (Proposal 1).
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

**Your vote is important!**

The Board of Directors of the Company has fixed the close of business on April 18, 2014 as the record date for the determination of stockholders of the Company entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

All stockholders of record of the Company on the record date are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Even if you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, please complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy and return it promptly in the envelope provided for this purpose. If you have been provided with the opportunity on your proxy card or voting instruction form to provide voting instructions, and otherwise authorize the persons named as proxy holders in the enclosed proxy to act on your behalf at the Annual Meeting, via telephone or the Internet, please take advantage of these prompt and efficient voting options.

The enclosed proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ RACHEL SCHATTEN  
RACHEL SCHATTEN  
*Secretary of the Company*  
April 30, 2014

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARD**

The following general rules for signing the proxy card may be of assistance to you and may minimize the time and expense to the Company in validating your vote if you fail to sign your proxy card properly.

1. Individual Accounts: Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration.
  
2. Joint Accounts: Both owners of a joint account should sign, and the names of the parties signing should conform exactly to the names shown in the registration.
  
3. All Other Accounts: The capacity of the individual signing the proxy card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

Registration	Valid Signature
 Corporate Accounts	
(1) ABC Corp.	ABC Corp.
(2) ABC Corp.	John Doe, Treasurer
(3) ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer	John Doe
(4) ABC Corp. Profit Sharing Plan	John Doe, Trustee
 Trust Accounts	
(1) ABC Trust	Jane B. Doe, Trustee
(2) Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/28/78	Jane B. Doe
 Custodian or Estate Accounts	
(1) John B. Smith, Cust., f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr. UGMA	John B. Smith
(2) John B. Smith, Executor, Estate of Jane Smith	John B. Smith, Executor

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

This document is a proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”) for StoneCastle Financial Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”). This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) for use at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. E.T., at NASDAQOMX Stock Exchange, One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10006, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof (the “Annual Meeting”).

A Notice of the 2014 Annual Meeting and a proxy card for the Company accompany this Proxy Statement. Proxy solicitations will be made, beginning on or about April 30, 2014, primarily by mail, but proxy solicitations may also be made by telephone, email or personal interviews conducted by officers of the Company, StoneCastle Asset Management LLC, the investment advisor to the Company (the “Advisor”), and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the transfer agent to the Company. There is no stockholder statutory right of appraisal or dissent with respect to any matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. No proxy solicitation firm will be used in connection with the Proxy Statement. The costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, and mailing of this Proxy Statement and its enclosures will be paid by the Company. The Company also will reimburse brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to the beneficial owners of its shares of common stock. This Proxy Statement and form of proxy are first being sent to stockholders on or about April 30, 2014.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMPANY, INCLUDING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013, HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN MAILED TO THE COMPANY’S STOCKHOLDERS, AND IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, WITHOUT CHARGE BY**

**CALLING STOCKHOLDER SERVICES AT 1-347-887-0399. THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE AT [www.stonecastle-financial.com](http://www.stonecastle-financial.com) AND THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S ("SEC's") WEBSITE ([WWW.SEC.GOV](http://WWW.SEC.GOV)). REFERENCES TO THE WEBSITES DO NOT INCORPORATE THE CONTENT OF THE WEBSITES INTO THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to Be Held on May 20, 2014.**

**The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and a proxy card for the Company are available to you at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). You are encouraged to review all of the information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

**A PROXY CARD IS ENCLOSED. EVEN IF YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The proxy card should be returned in the enclosed envelope, which needs no postage if mailed in the continental United States. Instructions for the proper execution of the proxy card are set forth on the inside cover of this Proxy Statement.**

If the enclosed proxy card is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Annual Meeting, the Shares (as defined below) represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked thereon. **Unless instructions to the contrary are marked thereon, a properly executed proxy will be voted "FOR" the election of the nominees for Director named in this Proxy Statement.** Any stockholder of record who has given a proxy has the right to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise either by attending the Annual Meeting and voting his or her Shares in person, by submitting a letter of revocation or by a later-dated proxy delivered to the Secretary of StoneCastle Financial Corp. at 157 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup>



Floor, New York, NY 10019 before the Annual Meeting or at the Annual Meeting. Broker-dealers and other nominees holding Shares of the Company in "street name" for the benefit of their customers and clients will request the instructions of such customers and clients on how to vote their Shares on each Proposal before the Annual Meeting. A signed voting instruction card or other authorization by a beneficial owner of the Company's Shares that does not specify how the beneficial owner's Shares should be voted will be deemed an instruction to vote such Shares "FOR" the election of the nominees for Director named in this Proxy Statement. Beneficial owners should consult their broker or other nominees for instructions as to how to revoke any voting instructions.

Under the By-laws of the Company, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company entitled to vote shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (a "Quorum") at the Annual Meeting. In the event that a Quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, or in the event that a Quorum is present but sufficient votes to approve any of the proposals are not received, the chairman of the Annual Meeting may adjourn the Annual Meeting without notice other than announcement at the Annual Meeting.

The Company has outstanding one class of capital stock consisting of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"). Pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Board is authorized to provide for the issuance from time to time of up to 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Share" or "Share"), and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, consisting of one or more series (the "Preferred Stock"). The Company currently has no shares of Preferred Stock outstanding. Each Common Share is entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting with respect to each matter to be voted on, with pro rata voting rights for any fractional Shares. Each Common Share entitles the holder to cast one vote for as many individuals as there are Directors to be elected and for whose election the Common Share is entitled to be voted. No Common Shares have cumulative voting rights. Directors are elected by the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by all Common Shares present in person or represented by proxy. On the record date, April 18, 2014 (the "Record Date"), the following number of Common Shares of the Company was issued and outstanding:

#### Common Shares Outstanding

4,696,949

#### Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

To the knowledge of the Company and the Board, no stockholder(s), or "group" as that term is defined in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), was the beneficial owner of more than 5% of a class of the Company's outstanding Common Shares as of the Record Date.

The following table sets forth the dollar range of equity securities in the Company beneficially owned by each Director and executive officer as of the Record Date. As of that date, the Company's Directors and executive officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock. No shares of Preferred Stock were outstanding as of the Record Date.

Name of Directors and Executive Officers	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in the Company <sup>(1)</sup>	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to be Overseen by Director in Company Complex
<b>Independent Directors</b>		
Alan Ginsberg	None	None
Emil Henry	None	None
Clara Miller	None	None

**Interested Directors**

Joshua Siegel <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
George Shilowitz <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

**Executive Officers**

Joshua Siegel <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
George Shilowitz <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Patrick J. Farrell	None	None
Rachel Schatten	None	None

(1) This information has been furnished by each Director and executive officer.

(2) Includes shares of the Company held by StoneCastle Partners, LLC, of which Messrs. Shilowitz and Siegel are partners.

None of the Independent Directors or their family had any interest in the Advisor or any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor as of December 31, 2013.

**PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board currently consists of five Directors, three of whom are not “interested persons” (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”)) of the Company. The Directors are divided into three classes and are elected for staggered terms of three years each, with a term of office of each class of Directors expiring at the third annual meeting of stockholders after the election of such class of Directors. Each Director will hold office for the term to which he is elected and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

The classes of Directors are indicated below:

**Nominees to Serve Until 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

Clara Miller  
George Shilowitz

**Directors Serving Until 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

Emil Henry  
Joshua Siegel

**Director Serving Until 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

Alan Ginsberg

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES NAMED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

Ms. Miller and Mr. Shilowitz, each a Class I Director of the Company, have each been nominated for a three-year

term to expire at the Company's 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and when his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Each of Ms. Miller and Mr. Shilowitz has consented to continue to serve as a Director if elected at the Annual Meeting.

All properly executed proxies will be voted (unless such authority has been withheld in the proxy or revoked as described herein) "FOR" the nominees named in this Proxy Statement. The Board knows of no reason why either of the nominees will be unable to serve, but in the event of any such unavailability, the proxies received will be voted for such substitute nominee or nominees as the Board may recommend.

### Information About Each Director's and Nominee's Experience, Qualifications, Attributes or Skills

Certain biographical and other information relating to the Directors and Nominees, including their ages, positions with the Company, principal occupations and other board memberships for the past five years are shown below.

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> and Age	Current Position(s) Held with Company	Length of Time Served; Term of Office	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Company Complex <sup>(2)</sup> Overseen or to be Overseen by Director in Company Complex	Other Directorships Held by Director During Past Five Years
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#### Independent Directors<sup>(3)</sup>:

Clara Miller <sup>(4)</sup> 64	Director; Member of Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee	Since 2013; Class I Director, current term ends at the 2014 annual meeting.	Non-Profit Finance Fund from 1984 - 2011; The F.B. Heron Foundation from 2011-Present	1	The Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, SASB, and Family Independence Initiative
Emil Henry 53	Director; Chair of Risk Management Committee; Member of	Since 2013; Class II Director, current term ends at the 2015 annual meeting.	CEO and Founder of Tiger Infrastructure Partners	1	Chairman, Board of Directors of Tiger Cool Express, LLC

Audit  
Committee

Alan Ginsberg  
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Director; Chair of Audit Committee; Member of Risk Management Committee	Since 2013; Class III Director, current term ends at the 2016 annual meeting.	Partner, CChange Investments from 2008-2009; Senior Advisor, StoneCastle Partners from 2010- 2013	1	Chairman, External Advisory Board of Peabody Museum at Yale University
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Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> and Age	Current Position(s) Held with Company	Length of Time Served; Term of Office	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Company Complex <sup>(2)</sup> Overseen or to be Overseen by Director in Company Complex	Other Directorships Held by Director During Past Five Years
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**Interested Directors<sup>(5)</sup>**

Joshua Siegel 42	Director; Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	Since 2013; Class II Director, current term ends at the 2015 annual meeting.	Managing Partner and CEO of StoneCastle Partners, LLC	1	StoneCastle Partners, LLC; StoneCastle Cash Management, LLC; StoneCastle Asset Management LLC
George Shilowitz <sup>(4)</sup> 48	Director and President	Since 2013; Class I Director, current term ends at the 2014 annual meeting.	Managing Partner and Senior Portfolio Manager of StoneCastle Partners, LLC	1	StoneCastle Partners, LLC

(1) The business address of each Director is care of StoneCastle Financial Corp., 152 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10019.

(2) StoneCastle Financial Corp. is the only portfolio in its fund complex.

(3) "Independent Directors" are Directors who are not "interested persons" (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company.

(4) Nominee for election. If elected, his or her term will expire at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and when his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

(5) "Interested Directors" are "interested persons" (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company. Messrs. Siegel and Shilowitz are considered "interested persons" because of their affiliation with the Advisor.

Additional information about each Director follows that describes some of the specific experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that each Director possesses which the Board believes has prepared him or her to be an effective Director. The Board believes that the significance of each Director's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills is an individual matter (meaning that experience that is important for one Director may not have the same value for

another) and that these factors are best evaluated at the Board level, with no single Director, or particular factor, being indicative of Board effectiveness. However, the Board believes that Directors need to have the ability to critically review, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, and to interact effectively with the Advisor, other Company management, service providers, counsel and independent auditors, in order to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties. Experience relevant to having this ability may be achieved through a Director's educational background; business, professional training or practice (e.g., accounting, finance or law); public service or academic positions; experience from service as a board member or as an executive of investment funds, public companies or significant private or not-for-profit entities or other organizations; and/or other life experiences. To assist them in evaluating certain legal matters, the Independent Directors are counseled by their own independent legal counsel and also may benefit from information provided by the Company's counsel; both counsel to the Independent Directors and the Company have significant experience advising investment companies and Company Board members. The Board and its committees have the ability to engage other experts as appropriate. The Board evaluates its performance on an annual basis.



## **Independent Directors**

**Clara Miller.** Ms. Miller is President of The F. B. Heron Foundation, which helps people and communities help themselves out of poverty. Prior to assuming the Foundation's presidency, Ms. Miller was President and CEO of Nonprofit Finance Fund which she founded and ran from 1984 through 2010. Ms. Miller was named to The NonProfit Times "Power and Influence Top 50" for the five years from 2006 through 2010. She was awarded a Bellagio Residency in 2010 by The Rockefeller Foundation. In 2014, Ms. Miller and the F. B. Heron Foundation were awarded The Prince's Prize for Innovative Philanthropy by the Prince Albert II Foundation and the deTocqueville Foundation/Institute de France. In addition to serving on The F. B. Heron Foundation's board, Ms. Miller is on the boards of The Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board, and Family Independence Initiative. She is also a member of the Social Investment Committee of the Kresge Foundation. In 2010, Ms. Miller became a member of the first Nonprofit Advisory Committee of the Financial Accounting Standards Board. In 1996, Ms. Miller was appointed by President Clinton to the U.S. Treasury's first Community Development Advisory Board for the then-newly-created Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. She later served as its Chair. She chaired the Opportunity Finance Network board for six years and was a member of the Community Advisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for eight years. Other prior board affiliations include Enterprise Community Loan Fund and Working Today. Ms. Miller speaks and writes extensively about nonprofit capitalization and finance and has been published in The Financial Times, Stanford Social Innovation Review, The Nonprofit Quarterly and the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

**Emil Henry, Jr.** Mr. Henry is the former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Financial Institutions, is the CEO and Founder of Tiger Infrastructure Partners, a private equity firm focused on global infrastructure investment opportunities. Prior to founding Tiger Infrastructure Partners, he was Global Head of the Lehman Brothers Private Equity Infrastructure businesses, where he oversaw global infrastructure investments. In 2005, Mr. Henry was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions by the President of the United States. Until his departure in 2007, he was a key advisor to two Treasury Secretaries on economic, legislative and regulatory matters affecting U.S. financial institutions and markets. Before joining the Treasury, Mr. Henry was a partner of Gleacher Partners LLC, an investment banking and investment management firm, where he served as Chairman of Asset Management, and Managing Director, and where he oversaw the firm's investment activities. Before attending business school, Mr. Henry was a member of the principal investing arm of Morgan Stanley, where he was involved in the execution of leveraged buyouts on the firm's behalf. He holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.A. in Economics from Yale University.

**Alan Ginsberg.** Mr. Ginsberg has more than 25 years of experience in providing financial advisory services to financial institutions. Mr. Ginsberg began his investment banking career at Salomon Brothers Inc in 1983, followed by being a key member of a group that moved to UBS Financial Services Inc. in 1995 and to Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in 1998. He remained at DLJ through the merger with Credit Suisse First Boston until 2004, when he was recruited to Head HSBC Bank USA's Financial Institutions Group Americas, remaining there until mid-2006. Following HSBC, Mr. Ginsberg was a senior member of the Banc of America Securities Financial Institutions Group. Mr. Ginsberg has advised on more than 65 strategic transactions and advisory assignments during his tenure as an investment banker. Mr. Ginsberg received his B.A. in Economics from Yale University. He currently serves as Chairman of Yale's Peabody Museum Advisory Board, and he served as a Senior Advisor to StoneCastle Partners from 2010 until May 2013.

**Interested Directors**

Joshua Siegel, Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board of the Company. Mr. Siegel is the founder and Managing Partner of StoneCastle Partners and serves as its Chief Executive Officer. With over 20 years of experience in financial services, 17 of which have been spent advising clients and investing in financial institutions or assets, he is widely regarded as a leading expert and investor in the banking industry and is often quoted in financial media, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, American Banker, and CNNMoney. In addition, he speaks frequently at industry events, including those hosted by the American Bankers Association, Conference of State Bank Supervisors, FDIC, Federal Reserve Bank and SNL Financial. A creative instructor with a passion for teaching, Joshua has regularly been invited to educate government regulators about the specialized community banking sector. He also serves as Adjunct Professor at the

Columbia Business School in New York City. Immediately prior to co-founding StoneCastle, Mr. Siegel was a co-founder and Vice President of the Global Portfolio Solutions Group at Citigroup, a group organized to finance portfolios of financial assets for corporations and to invest in the sector as a principal and market maker. He later assumed responsibility for developing new products, including pooled investment strategies for the community banking sector. Mr. Siegel originally joined Salomon Brothers in 1996 (which was merged into Travelers in 1998 and into Citigroup in 1999) in the tax and lease division, providing financing and advisory services to government-sponsored enterprises and Fortune 500 corporations. Prior to his tenure at Citigroup, Mr. Siegel worked at Sumitomo Bank where he served as a corporate lending officer, as a banker managing equipment lease and credit derivative transactions, and as a member of the New York Credit Committee and at Charterhouse, carrying out merchant banking and private equity transactions. Mr. Siegel has provided strategic advice to the Global Food Banking Network. He also provides annual economic support to Prep for Prep to ensure that academic brilliance is recognized and nurtured without regard to a student's economic, demographic or sociological impediments. He holds a B.S. in Management and Accounting from Tulane University.

George Shilowitz, President and Director of the Company. Mr. Shilowitz is a Managing Partner of StoneCastle Partners and serves as its Senior Portfolio Manager. Mr. Shilowitz has two decades of fixed income and principal investment experience. Mr. Shilowitz worked with StoneCastle Partners since its founding in 2003 and became a partner in 2007. Prior to joining StoneCastle Partners, Mr. Shilowitz was a senior executive at Shinsei Bank and participated in its highly successful turnaround, sponsored by J.C. Flowers & Co. and Ripplewood Partners. At Shinsei, Mr. Shilowitz managed various business units, including Merchant Banking and Principal Finance and was the President of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Shinsei Capital (USA) Limited. Prior to Shinsei, Mr. Shilowitz was a senior member of the Principal Transactions Group at Lehman Brothers in Asia from 1997-2000, focusing on proprietary investments and debt portfolio acquisitions from distressed financial institutions. From 1995-1997, he was a member of Salomon Brothers' asset finance group where he met and first collaborated with Mr. Siegel. Mr. Shilowitz began his career in 1991 at First Boston Corporation (now Credit Suisse) as a member of the fixed income mortgage arbitrage group and also held positions in the financial engineering group and in asset finance investment banking where he focused on banks and specialty finance companies. He holds a B.S. in Economics from Cornell University.

## **Board Composition and Leadership Structure**

The 1940 Act requires that at least 40% of the Directors be Independent Directors. Additionally, reliance on certain exemptive rules under the 1940 Act require that a majority of the Directors be Independent Directors in order to rely on such rules. Currently, three of the five Directors are Independent Directors. The Independent Directors exercise their informed business judgment to appoint an individual of their choosing to serve as Chairman, regardless of whether the Director happens to be independent or a member of management. The Board has determined that its leadership structure, in which the Chairman of the Board is an interested person of the Company, is appropriate because the Independent Directors believe that an interested Chairman has a personal and professional stake in the quality and continuity of services provided by management to the Company. The Independent Directors have determined that they can act independently and effectively without having an Independent Director serve as Chairman and that a key factor for assuring that they are in a position to do so is for the Directors who are independent of management to constitute a majority of the Board. Alan Ginsberg is the lead Independent Director of the Company.

## **Board's Oversight Role**

The Board's primary role is oversight of the management of the Company. As is the case with virtually all investment companies, service providers to the Company, primarily the Advisor and its affiliates, have responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Company, which includes responsibility for risk management (including management of investment performance and investment risk, valuation risk, issuer and counterparty credit risk, compliance risk and operational risk). As part of its oversight, the Board, acting at its scheduled meetings, or the Chairman, acting between Board meetings, regularly interacts with and receives reports from senior personnel of service providers. The Board's Audit Committee (which consists of all of the Independent Directors) meets regularly, and between meetings the Audit Committee Chair has access to the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and to the Company's Treasurer. The Board's Risk Management Committee (which consists of all of the Independent Directors) meets regularly and is responsible for overseeing the Company's risk management policies and procedures, in addition to other functions. The Advisor and other service providers have adopted a variety of policies, procedures and controls designed to address the Company's particular risks. However, it is not possible to eliminate, or even to mitigate, all of the risks applicable to the Company. The Board receives reports from Company counsel and the Independent Directors' own independent legal

counsel regarding regulatory, compliance and governance matters. The Board's oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of Company investments or of Company activities or the activities of any of the Company's service providers.

### Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, the Board held three meetings. Each Director of the Company attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and of any Committee of which he was a member. The compensation paid by the Company to the Independent Directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 is set forth below. No compensation is paid by the Company to the Interested Directors. No officers of the Company received compensation from the Company.

	Board Meeting and Committee Meeting Fees	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Company Expenses
Clara Miller	\$ 9,041	None
Emil Henry*	\$ 10,384	None
Alan Ginsberg**	\$ 10,384	None

\* Risk Management Committee Chair

\*\*Audit Committee Chair

The Company did not reimburse the Independent Directors for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending the Board and Committee meetings for the period ended December 31, 2013.

### Executive Officers of the Company

The following table provides information concerning each of the executive officers of the Company, including their ages, positions with the Company and principal occupations for the past five years.

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Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> and Age	Current Position(s) Held with Company <sup>(2)</sup>	Length of Time Served and Term of Office	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
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