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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

INTERCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

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Classification Code Number)*

22-3868459
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)*

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting

company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated Filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

The Registrant is an emerging growth company, as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act. This registration statement complies with the requirements that apply to an issuer that is an emerging growth company.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽³⁾
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	\$ 115,000,000	\$ 14,812

(1) Includes shares that the underwriter has the option to purchase.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.

(3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) based on an estimate of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Subject to Completion
Preliminary Prospectus dated October 1, 2013**

PROSPECTUS

Shares

Common Stock

The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus are offering _____ shares of our common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares to be offered by the selling stockholders.

Our shares trade on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol ICPT. On September 30, 2013, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market was \$69.03 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page 10 of this prospectus.

We are an emerging growth company and are subject to reduced public company reporting requirements. See Prospectus Summary Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company.

	<u>Per Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$

(1) See Underwriting for additional compensation details.

The underwriter may also exercise its option to purchase up to an additional _____ shares of our common stock from the selling stockholders at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, for 30 days after the date of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The shares will be ready for delivery on or about _____, 2013.

BofA Merrill Lynch

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2013.

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You should rely only on the information contained or otherwise incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. Neither we, the selling stockholders nor the underwriter have authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. The selling stockholders are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus, any free writing prospectus, or any document incorporated by reference herein is accurate only as of its date, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of common stock. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus and the information contained in any document incorporated by reference herein filed prior to the date of this prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus; provided that if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date for example, a document incorporated by reference in the prospectus the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections entitled *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Incorporation of Documents by Reference* in this prospectus.

For investors outside of the United States: neither we, the selling stockholders nor the underwriter have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us or the selling stockholders in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or to any document that is incorporated by reference herein were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a

representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs or the affairs of any selling stockholder.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary provides an overview of selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission listed in the section of this prospectus entitled Incorporation of Documents by Reference and does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should carefully read this prospectus, the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and the information incorporated by reference herein in their entirety before investing in our common stock, including the information discussed under Risk Factors in this prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our subsequent periodic and current reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission incorporated by reference herein, along with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that are incorporated by reference herein. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the terms we, our, us, or the Company refer to Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary.

Overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of novel therapeutics to treat chronic liver diseases utilizing our expertise in bile acid chemistry. Our product candidates have the potential to treat orphan and more prevalent liver diseases for which there currently are limited therapeutic solutions.

Our Lead Product Candidate

Our lead product candidate, obeticholic acid, or OCA, is a bile acid analog, a chemical substance that has a structure based on a naturally occurring human bile acid. OCA is a first-in-class product candidate that selectively binds to and induces activity in the farnesoid X receptor, or FXR, which we believe has broad liver-protective properties. We are developing OCA initially for primary biliary cirrhosis, or PBC, as a second line treatment for patients who have an inadequate response to or who are unable to tolerate standard of care therapy and therefore need additional treatment. PBC is a chronic autoimmune liver disease that, if inadequately treated, may eventually lead to cirrhosis, liver failure and death. We are conducting a Phase 3 clinical trial of OCA in PBC, which we call the POISE trial, that we anticipate will serve as the basis for seeking regulatory approval in the United States and Europe. In December 2012, we completed enrollment of the POISE trial approximately three months ahead of schedule with 217 patients, exceeding the originally targeted number of patients by approximately 20% and thereby improving the statistical power of the trial from 90% to 95%. We currently expect results from the POISE trial to be available in the second quarter of 2014. OCA has received orphan drug designation in the United States and Europe for the treatment of PBC.

We own worldwide rights to OCA outside of Japan and China, where we have exclusively licensed the compound to Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma, or DSP, and granted it an option to exclusively license OCA in certain other Asian countries. Patents covering the composition of matter for OCA expire in 2022, before any patent term adjustments or patent term extensions. Our current plan is to commercialize OCA in the United States and Europe ourselves for the treatment of PBC by targeting a limited and focused group of specialist physicians.

The liver performs many essential functions that are crucial for survival, including the regulation of bile acid metabolism. Bile acids are natural detergent-like emulsifying agents that are released from the gallbladder into the intestine when food is ingested, and are essential for the absorption of dietary cholesterol and other nutrients. In the past decade, we have learned that bile acids are also complex signaling molecules that integrate metabolic and

immune pathways involved in the healthy functioning of various tissues and organs. The biological effects of bile acids are mediated through dedicated receptors such as FXR, a nuclear receptor that regulates bile acid synthesis and clearance from the liver, thereby preventing excessive bile acid build-up in the liver, which may be toxic. In addition, bile acid activation of FXR induces anti-fibrotic, anti-inflammatory and other mechanisms that are necessary for the normal regeneration of the liver. Based on the discovery of similar FXR-mediated protective mechanisms in other organs exposed to bile acids, we believe that FXR may also be a potential target for the treatment of a number of intestinal, kidney and other diseases.

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PBC is a rare liver disease that primarily results from autoimmune destruction of the bile ducts that transport bile acids out of the liver. The disease causes a toxic build-up of bile acids in the liver, resulting in progressive liver damage marked by chronic inflammation and fibrosis, or scarring. In response to the bile acid mediated toxicity seen in PBC, liver cells release alkaline phosphatase, or ALP, a liver enzyme that is a key biomarker of the disease pathology. Elevated blood levels of ALP are used as the primary means of diagnosis of PBC and are closely monitored in patients as the most important indicator of treatment response and prognosis.

The only approved drug for the treatment of PBC is ursodeoxycholic acid, which is available generically as ursodiol. Ursodiol is a naturally occurring bile acid found in small quantities in humans, and is the least detergent of the various types of bile acids that make up the bile pool. Its primary mechanism of action at therapeutic doses is to dilute more detergent bile acids, but it has no known pharmacological effects mediated by FXR or other bile acid receptors. Although ursodiol is the established standard of care for the treatment of PBC, studies have shown that up to 50% of PBC patients fail to respond adequately to treatment, meaning that they continue to be at significant risk of progressing to liver failure even with treatment. The outlook and treatment options for end-stage PBC patients who fail to respond to ursodiol are limited, and include liver transplant, which is associated with significant complications and costs. Patients typically need to take approximately one gram of ursodiol daily in divided doses, which we believe presents a compliance challenge for some patients. Given this issue, coupled with ursodiol's limited efficacy in up to 50% of PBC patients, we believe that there is a significant unmet need for a novel second line therapy in PBC. We believe that OCA has the potential to provide significant benefits in the treatment of PBC, including efficacy, pharmacological activity and ease of use.

According to industry data, there are approximately 300,000 people with PBC in developed countries, of whom we believe approximately 60,000 have been diagnosed and are on ursodiol therapy. Based on this estimate, we believe there are up to 30,000 PBC patients who may currently be eligible for treatment with OCA. With increasing identification of PBC through routine liver function testing in primary care, we believe that there may be significantly more patients who will potentially be eligible for, and be interested in, receiving a new therapy if it becomes available on the market.

We have previously completed two randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 2 trials of OCA in PBC patients, one with OCA in combination with ursodiol and one with OCA as monotherapy. The results demonstrated that, over a 12-week period, single daily doses of OCA at the lowest dose of 10 milligrams (mg) met the primary endpoint in both Phase 2 trials, producing statistically significant reductions in ALP levels of greater than 20%. We consider reductions in ALP levels of greater than 10% to be a clinically meaningful improvement. Pruritus, or itching, a very common symptom in PBC patients, was the most common adverse event reported in our Phase 2 trials, with severity increasing with dose.

Our Phase 3 POISE trial has been designed to study the safety and efficacy of OCA in PBC patients with an inadequate therapeutic response to ursodiol or who are unable to tolerate ursodiol. The primary endpoint of the 12-month double-blind portion of the POISE trial is the achievement of both an ALP level of less than 1.67 times upper limit normal, or ULN, with a minimum 15% reduction in ALP level from baseline, and a normal bilirubin level, as compared to placebo. Patients with ALP and bilirubin levels within these thresholds have been shown in long-term studies to be at significantly lower risk of progressing to liver transplant and death.

We are advancing a once daily 10 mg dose of OCA in the POISE trial as our potential approvable dose. We completed an intention to treat analysis for the 10 mg dose groups in our two Phase 2 trials that was limited to those patients who would have met the POISE trial entry criteria. This analysis demonstrated that after 12 weeks of treatment, approximately 40% to 45% of OCA-treated patients would have met the POISE trial primary endpoint, as compared to 5% to 9% of the placebo-treated patients. In addition, 80% of OCA-treated patients across our Phase 2 trials had a reduction in ALP levels of at least 10%, as compared to 13% of placebo-treated patients.

If the POISE trial is successful, we currently intend to submit a New Drug Application, or NDA, to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, for approval of OCA for the treatment of PBC in the United States and a Marketing Authorization Application, or MAA, to the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, for

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approval in Europe, by the end of 2014. Based on written scientific advice from the EMA, we believe that the EMA will accept our current clinical program as the basis for considering approval of OCA for PBC. With respect to the FDA, we intend to request an accelerated approval of our NDA for OCA based on the use of the POISE trial primary endpoint as a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit. If the FDA grants an accelerated approval of our NDA for OCA, we will be required to conduct one or more additional clinical trials post-approval to verify and confirm the clinical benefit predicted by achievement of the surrogate endpoint. This clinical outcomes trial must satisfy the FDA's definition of an adequate and well-controlled trial and is expected to be substantially underway at the time the FDA grants accelerated approval, with completion to follow after receiving accelerated approval.

Although the FDA has not confirmed our use of a surrogate endpoint in the POISE trial as a basis for regulatory approval, we are in discussions with the FDA about the design of the clinical outcomes trial and plan to initiate it during the first half of 2014.

A number of published clinical studies have demonstrated that lower levels of ALP, both independently or in conjunction with normal bilirubin levels, correlate with a significant reduction in adverse clinical outcomes such as liver transplant and death. We believe that one of the key factors in the FDA's potential acceptance of our POISE trial primary endpoint as a basis for approval will be the result of additional analysis of the already available PBC clinical outcomes data. We believe that the Global PBC Study Group that we are sponsoring, which is anticipated to involve a dataset of more than 4,000 PBC patients from 15 academic centers in eight countries, and the UK-based PBC research cohort, involving a dataset of over 2,300 PBC patients from every hospital in the UK, represent the largest PBC clinical datasets assembled to analyze the correlation of biochemical therapeutic response with clinical outcomes in PBC patients. We further believe that the analyses already available confirm the results recently published, or made available to us, by four different members of the Global PBC Study Group (the University of Toronto, Mayo Clinic, University of Paris and Erasmus MC (Rotterdam)). These groups have all independently corroborated that the achievement of an ALP level of less than 1.67 times ULN, together with a normal bilirubin level, correlate with a statistically significant reduction of risk of adverse clinical outcomes such as liver transplant and death.

Additional Pipeline Opportunities Beyond OCA in PBC

In addition to PBC, we are pursuing other indications in our OCA development program, including portal hypertension, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, or NASH, and bile acid diarrhea. The pipeline chart below shows the current stage of development of OCA for these indications, as well as the preclinical programs for our other product candidates.

* An agonist is a substance that binds to a receptor of a cell and triggers a response by that cell.

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We are currently conducting an open label Phase 2a trial of OCA in patients with portal hypertension, studying once-daily doses of 10 mg and 25 mg, and we presented results from the 10 mg dose group of this trial at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases in November 2012. There are currently no approved therapies for the treatment of portal hypertension, although beta blockers are commonly used to treat patients.

In addition, OCA is currently being tested in a Phase 2b trial for the treatment of NASH, known as the FLINT trial, which is sponsored by the U.S. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, or NIDDK, in collaboration with us. In November 2012, the NIDDK completed enrollment, achieving the target of 280 patients for this trial. Based on the interim analysis that was completed in June 2012, the NIDDK decided to continue this Phase 2b trial and we anticipate that final results will be available in the fourth quarter of 2014. In addition, our collaborator, DSP, has initiated a second Phase 2 NASH trial in Japan, with a targeted enrollment of 200 patients, that is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2016. There are currently no approved therapies for the treatment of NASH.

In addition, investigators at the Imperial College of London initiated enrollment in July 2012 in an open label Phase 2a trial of OCA as a treatment for bile acid diarrhea, which we refer to as the OBADIAH trial, and presented initial results in patients with primary bile acid diarrhea at the 2013 Digestive Diseases Week annual meeting in May 2013. We expect final results from this trial will be available in the fourth quarter of 2013.

By virtue of our patent portfolio and the proprietary know-how of our employees and our collaborators at the University of Perugia, we believe that we hold a leading position in the bile acid chemistry therapeutic field. Through a longstanding collaboration with Professor Roberto Pellicciari, Ph.D., one of our co-founders, and certain scientists in the medicinal chemistry group at the University of Perugia, we have gained the capability to rationally design compounds that bind selectively and potently to FXR and other bile acid receptors. Starting with OCA, which was invented by Professor Pellicciari and, together with its underlying patents, was assigned to us under our agreements with him and the University of Perugia, our collaboration has resulted in a pipeline of bile acid analogs in addition to OCA, which target both FXR and a second dedicated bile acid receptor called TGR5, a target of interest for the treatment of type 2 diabetes and associated metabolic diseases. We intend to continue developing these and other product candidates as we advance our pipeline, in some cases subject to the procurement of additional funding or through strategic collaborations.

Recent Developments and Business Updates

Interactions with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

We intend to request an accelerated approval of our NDA for OCA based on the use of the POISE trial primary endpoint as a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit. If the FDA grants an accelerated approval of our NDA for OCA, we will be required to conduct one or more additional clinical trials post-approval to verify and confirm the clinical benefit predicted by achievement of the surrogate endpoint. This clinical outcomes trial must satisfy the FDA's definition of an adequate and well-controlled trial and is expected to be substantially underway at the time the FDA grants accelerated approval, with completion to follow after receiving accelerated approval. We intend to continue our discussions with the FDA around the analyses of the Global PBC Study Group and the use of such data in the design of our clinical outcomes trial, which we plan to initiate during the first half of 2014. We currently intend to submit an NDA and an MAA for OCA in PBC by the end of 2014.

2013 Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD)

On October 1, 2013, we announced that two analyses by the Global PBC Study Group have been accepted for oral presentation at the AASLD meeting taking place November 1 - 5, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Data from over 3,895 PBC patients collected and pooled by an independent group of 15 academic medical centers across eight countries have been analyzed by the Global PBC Study Group. These analyses are expected to further confirm that the surrogate biochemical endpoint used in the POISE trial (i.e., ALP <1.67 times ULN and normal bilirubin) is strongly predictive of adverse clinical outcomes in PBC patients.

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Our Strategy

Our strategy is to develop and commercialize novel therapeutics for patients with chronic liver and other diseases, beginning with OCA for the second line treatment of PBC and other follow-on indications that we believe are underserved by existing therapies. The key elements of our strategy are to:

- complete the development of OCA for its lead indication, PBC;
- obtain regulatory approval of OCA for the treatment of PBC in the United States, Europe and other countries;
- commercialize OCA in the United States, Europe and other countries, initially for the treatment of PBC;
- continue to develop OCA in other orphan and more prevalent liver and other diseases; and
- advance the earlier stage product candidates in our pipeline.

We may enter into strategic collaborations to implement our strategy.

Risks Relating to Our Business

We are a development stage biopharmaceutical company, and our business and ability to execute our business strategy are subject to a number of risks of which you should be aware before you decide to buy our common stock. In particular, you should consider the following risks, which are discussed more fully in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our subsequent periodic and current reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission incorporated by reference herein.

we have never been profitable, have no products approved for commercial sale and to date have not generated any revenue from product sales;

we will require substantial additional funding to complete the development and commercialization of OCA and to continue to advance the development of our other product candidates, and such funding may not be available on acceptable terms or at all;

OCA and/or our other product candidates may not receive regulatory approval in a timely manner or at all; the FDA may not agree to our proposed surrogate endpoint for accelerated approval of OCA for the treatment of PBC, in which case we would need to complete an additional Phase 3 trial in order to seek approval in the United States instead of being able to seek approval based on a clinical outcomes trial to be completed after accelerated approval; we may be subject to delays in our clinical trials, which could result in increased costs and delays or limit our ability to obtain regulatory approval for our product candidates;

because the results of earlier studies and clinical trials of our product candidates may not be predictive of future clinical trial results, our product candidates may not have favorable results in future clinical trials, which would delay or limit their future development;

we are in a highly competitive industry and face competition from existing and new treatments that may be more effective and less costly than our products;

we have never commercialized any of our product candidates and our products, even if approved, may not be accepted by healthcare providers or healthcare payors;

the failure of our collaborators to perform their obligations under our collaboration agreements may delay or otherwise harm the development and commercialization of our product candidates; and

we may be unable to maintain and protect our intellectual property assets, which could impair the advancement of our pipeline and commercial opportunities.

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Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

We qualify as an emerging growth company as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. As an emerging growth company, we currently take advantage of reduced disclosure and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include:

reduced disclosure about our executive compensation arrangements;
no non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements; and
exemption from the auditor attestation requirement in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting. We may take advantage of these exemptions until such time that we are no longer an emerging growth company. We would cease to be an emerging growth company on the date that is the earliest of (i) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more; (ii) December 31, 2017; (iii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt during the previous three years; or (iv) the date on which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, the information contained or incorporated by reference herein may be different than the information you receive from other public companies in which you hold stock.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in the State of Delaware on September 4, 2002. Our principal executive offices are located at 18 Desbrosses Street, New York, NY 10013, and our telephone number is (646) 747-1000. We also have an office in San Diego, CA. Our website address is www.interceptpharma.com. We have included our website address in this prospectus solely as an inactive textual reference, and the information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this prospectus.

All brand names or trademarks appearing in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference are the property of their respective holders. We own or have rights to trademarks or trade names that we use in connection with the operation of our business, including our corporate names, logos and website names.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by the selling stockholders

shares

Common stock to be outstanding after this offering

19,261,799 shares. This offering will have no effect on the number of shares of our common stock outstanding.

Option to purchase additional shares

The selling stockholders have granted the underwriter an option for a period of up to 30 days to purchase up to additional shares of common stock at the offering price.

Use of proceeds

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common stock by the selling stockholders in this offering.

Risk factors

You should read the Risk Factors section of this prospectus, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our subsequent periodic and current reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission incorporated by reference herein for a discussion of factors to consider carefully before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.

Nasdaq Global Market symbol

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The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on an aggregate of 19,261,799 shares outstanding as of September 16, 2013. The number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after this offering excludes: