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**NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**  
**To Be Held on Saturday, May 17, 2014**

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The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Dillard's, Inc. (the "*Company*") will be held at the Company's Corporate Office, 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. CDT for the following purposes:

1. To elect as directors the twelve nominees named in the attached Proxy Statement (four of whom are to be elected by Class A stockholders and eight of whom are to be elected by Class B stockholders).
2. To conduct an advisory vote on executive compensation.
3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for fiscal 2014.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Details regarding the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2014, will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Your participation in the meeting is earnestly solicited. Even if you expect to be present in person at the meeting, we encourage you to vote by proxy. The giving of a Proxy does not affect your right to revoke it later or vote your shares in person in the event you should attend the annual meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
DEAN L. WORLEY  
*Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary*

Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 2, 2014

**Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 17, 2014. The accompanying Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at <http://investor.shareholder.com/dillards/annuals.cfm>**

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**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201**  
**Telephone (501) 376-5200**

**April 2, 2014**

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

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**General**

The enclosed proxy is solicited by and on behalf of the Board of Directors (the "*Board*") of Dillard's, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*," "*Dillard's*," "*we*," "*us*," "*our*"), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "*Annual Meeting*") to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. CDT, at our principal executive offices, 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

**Internet Availability of Proxy Materials**

We are very pleased to be utilizing once again the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders over the Internet. We believe that the e-proxy process expedites our stockholders' receipt of proxy materials, lowers the costs of distribution and reduces the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting. In accordance with this rule, we are sending stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2014, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials on or about April 2, 2014, which contains instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and Annual Report and vote online. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials from us instead of downloading a printable version from the Internet, please follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, as well as in this Proxy Statement.

**Proxy Voting**

The manner in which your shares may be voted depends on how your shares are held. If you own shares of record, meaning that your shares are represented by certificates or book entries in your name so that you appear as a stockholder on the records of our stock transfer agent, you may vote by proxy, meaning you authorize individuals named on the proxy card to vote your shares. You may provide this authorization by voting via the Internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), by telephone by calling the toll-free telephone number provided in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or (if you have requested paper copies of our proxy materials) by mail by simply signing, dating and mailing a proxy card. In these circumstances, if you do not vote by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting, your shares will not be voted.

If you own your shares in "street name," that is, through a brokerage account or in another nominee form, you are a beneficial owner and not a stockholder of record, and therefore must provide instructions to your broker or nominee as to how your shares held by them should be voted. Your ability to vote in person, by mail, through the internet or by telephone depends on the voting procedures of your bank or broker. Please follow the directions that your broker or nominee provides. In these circumstances, if you do not provide voting instructions, the institution may nevertheless vote your shares on your behalf with respect to the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent auditors for fiscal year 2014, but not on any other matters being considered at the meeting.

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All proxies related to shares held of record as of March 20, 2014, other than those held through the Dillard's, Inc. Investment & Employee Stock Ownership Plan (*the "401(k) Plan"*), must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 16, 2014, and no proxy received after that date and time will be voted at the Annual Meeting. If a stockholder holds Company shares through the 401(k) Plan, such stockholder is entitled to instruct Evercore Trust Company, N.A., Trustee for the 401(k) Plan, on how to vote such shares, provided that his or her voting instructions are submitted in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card and received by no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2014 in order to allow sufficient time for votes within the 401(k) Plan to be tabulated by the Trustee.

### **Revocation of Proxies**

Any stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before it is voted either by written revocation delivered to the Secretary of the Company at our principal executive offices, by submitting a subsequent proxy by mail, over the Internet or by telephone, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. To obtain directions to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, please call (501) 376-5965. Proxies solicited herein will be voted in accordance with any directions contained therein, unless the proxy is received in such form or at such time as to render it ineligible to vote, or unless properly revoked. If no choice is specified by a stockholder in a returned proxy, the shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors as described herein. If matters of business other than those described in this proxy statement properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matters. The proxies solicited herein shall not confer any authority to vote at any meeting of stockholders other than the Annual Meeting to be held on May 17, 2014, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

### **Record Date; Outstanding Shares**

The stock transfer books of the Company will not be closed, but only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2014, will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. At that date, there were 39,849,441 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock outstanding ("*Class A Common Stock*") and 4,010,929 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock outstanding ("*Class B Common Stock*" and, together with Class A Common Stock, "*Common Stock*").

### **Quorum; Vote Required**

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of the record date and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required to establish a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

If a quorum is established, each holder of Class A Common Stock and each holder of Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to one vote on the matters presented at the meeting for each share standing in such holder's name, except that the holders of Class A Common Stock are empowered as a class to elect one-third of the directors serving on the Company's Board of Directors and the holders of Class B Common Stock are empowered as a class to elect two-thirds of the directors serving on the Company's Board of Directors. Stockholders will not be allowed to vote for a greater number of nominees than those named in this Proxy Statement.

In order to be elected, nominees for Director of each class must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of that respective class outstanding and eligible to vote in the election. Cumulative voting for Directors is not permitted. The vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy and having voting power is required for the

approval of the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2) and for the ratification of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal No. 3).

**Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes**

Abstentions will be counted for quorum purposes but will have the effect of a vote against each nominee in the election of directors (Proposal No. 1), the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2) and the proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal No. 3).

Brokers holding shares for individual stockholders must vote according to specific instructions they receive from each such individual stockholder. If specific instructions are not received, in some cases brokers may vote these shares in their discretion. However, the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") precludes brokers from exercising voting discretion on certain proposals designated under NYSE rules as being "non-routine" without specific instructions from the individual stockholder. This results in a "broker non-vote" on such a proposal. The election of directors (Proposal No. 1) and the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2) are considered non-routine matters under applicable NYSE rules. As such, a broker cannot vote for the election of directors or for the advisory vote on executive compensation without instructions from the individual stockholder and, therefore, an undetermined number of broker non-votes may occur with respect to the election of directors (Proposal No. 1) and the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2). As with abstentions, broker non-votes will be counted for quorum purposes and will have the effect of a vote against the nominees in the election of directors (Proposal No. 1). However, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2). The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014 (Proposal No. 3) is considered a routine matter under applicable NYSE rules. Therefore, brokers will be permitted to vote the shares of individual stockholders who do not submit voting instructions for this proposal, and no broker non-votes will occur in connection with the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014 (Proposal No. 3).

**Costs of Solicitation**

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company will reimburse brokers, custodians, nominees and other fiduciaries for their charges and expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of shares of the Company's common stock. In addition to solicitation by mail, certain officers and employees of the Company may solicit proxies by telephone, fax, email or other electronic means, or in person. These persons will receive no compensation other than their regular salaries.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL HOLDERS**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding persons known to the Company to beneficially own more than 5 percent of a class of the Company's outstanding voting securities as of the close of business on March 20, 2014. Unless otherwise indicated, each such person has sole voting power and sole dispositive power over the shares indicated below.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Title of Class</b>	<b>Amount and Nature Of Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent Of Class(1)</b>
Evercore Trust Company, N.A. 55 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street 36 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10055	Class A	9,901,967(2)	24.8%
W.D. Company, Inc.(3)  1600 Cantrell Road Little Rock, Arkansas 72201	Class A	41,496	0.1%
	Class B	3,985,776	99.4%

- (1) At March 20, 2014, there were a total of 39,849,441 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock and 4,010,929 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock outstanding.
- (2) Based on information contained in Schedule 13G/A filed February 11, 2014 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Evercore Trust Company, N.A. is the beneficial owner of these shares in its capacity as trustee of the Dillard's, Inc. Investment and Employee Stock Ownership Plan Stock Fund Trust. Evercore Trust Company, N.A. has no voting power and has shared dispositive power over these shares.
- (3) William Dillard, II, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Alex Dillard, President of the Company, and Mike Dillard, Executive Vice President of the Company, are officers and directors of W.D. Company, Inc. and own 27.4%, 27.9% and 26.3%, respectively, of the outstanding voting stock of W.D. Company, Inc.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the number of shares of Class A and Class B Common Stock of the Company beneficially owned by each director, each director nominee, each of the named executive officers identified under the section titled "Executive Compensation" in this proxy statement and the directors and executive officers, as a group, as of March 20, 2014.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Class A Shares		Class B Shares	
	Amount(1)	% of Class	Amount(1)	% of Class
Robert C. Connor	57,597(2)	*		
Alex Dillard(3)	1,167,921(4)	2.9%	3,985,776(4)	99.4%
Mike Dillard(3)	654,365(4)	1.6%	3,985,776(4)	99.4%
William Dillard, II(3)	1,124,487(4)	2.8%	3,985,776(4)	99.4%
James I. Freeman	272,689	*		
H. Lee Hastings, III	6,912(5)	*		
Drue Matheny	487,955(6)	1.2%		
Frank R. Mori	16,902	*		
Reynie Rutledge	1,200	*		
Warren A. Stephens	128,438(7)	*		
J. C. Watts, Jr.	2,000(8)	*		
Nick White	43,902	*		
All Directors & Executive Officers as a Group (a total of 20 persons)	4,343,624(9)	10.9%	3,985,776(9)	99.4%

\*

Denotes less than 1%

(1)

Based on information furnished by the respective individuals.

(2)

Includes nine shares owned by Mr. Connor's wife.

(3)

William Dillard, II, Alex Dillard and Mike Dillard are directors and officers of W. D. Company, Inc. and own 27.4%, 27.9% and 26.3%, respectively, of the outstanding voting stock of such company.

(4)

Includes 41,496 shares of Class A Common Stock and 3,985,776 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by W. D. Company, Inc., in which William Dillard, II, Alex Dillard and Mike Dillard are each deemed to have a beneficial interest due to their respective relationships with W. D. Company, Inc. See "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Holders." Alex Dillard and his wife individually own 995,801 and 36,000 shares, respectively, of Class A Common Stock. Alex Dillard has sole voting power with respect to 91,852 shares held in trust and shared voting power with respect to 2,772 shares held by an estate. Mike Dillard individually owns 602,187 shares of Class A Common Stock, is deemed to beneficially own 610 shares held in trust over which his wife has sole voting power. He has shared voting power with respect to 2,772 shares held by an estate and sole voting power with respect to 7,300 shares held in trust. William Dillard, II individually owns 1,072,919 shares of Class A Common Stock, has sole voting power with respect to 7,300 shares held in trust and shared voting power with respect to 2,772 shares held by an estate.

(5)

Includes ten shares owned by Mr. Hastings' wife.

(6)

Includes 150 shares owned by Mrs. Matheny's husband. Drue Matheny has sole voting power with respect to 7,300 shares held in trust and shared voting power with respect to 2,772 shares held by an estate. She owns 7.3% of the outstanding voting stock of W.D. Company, Inc., but is not an officer or director. Therefore, she is not deemed to have a beneficial interest in any Dillard's, Inc. shares owned by W.D. Company, Inc.



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- (7) Warren Stephens beneficially owns 1,200 shares of Class A Common Stock individually, 5,702 shares held in trust and controls 121,536 shares held by Stephens Investment Holdings LLC.
- (8) Includes 900 shares which are pledged as security for a loan.
- (9) The shares in which William Dillard, II, Alex Dillard and Mike Dillard are deemed to have a beneficial interest due to their respective relationships with W. D. Company, Inc. and certain trusts and estates have been included in this computation only once and were not aggregated for such purpose.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors that serve on the Company's Board is currently set at twelve but may be changed from time to time in the manner provided in the Company's by-laws. Class A stockholders are entitled to vote for the election of four Directors and Class B stockholders are entitled to vote for the election of eight Directors. Directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year and until the election and qualification of their successors. Once elected, our Directors have no ongoing status as "Class A" or "Class B" Directors and have the same duties and responsibilities to all stockholders.

The Board recommends that each nominee identified below be elected at the Annual Meeting. Each of the nominees is currently serving as a director of the Company and was elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The principal occupation, public company directorships held currently or during the last five years, and other background information about the nominees, including a discussion of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills of each nominee that led to the Board's conclusion that each nominee should serve as a director, is set forth below.

**Class A Nominees**

*Frank R. Mori*, 73, has served as a Director of the Company since 2008. At all times during the last five years Mr. Mori has served as Co-Chief Executive of Takihyo, LLC, a private investment firm headquartered in New York City. Takihyo, LLC is not a subsidiary or other affiliate of the Company. He has previously served as CEO and Director of Donna Karan International, Inc. and Anne Klein & Co., Inc. He also served on the Board of The Stride Rite Corporation until 2007. Mr. Mori offers the Board the broad knowledge and perspective of a fashion vendor combined with overseas sourcing and manufacturing experience. Mr. Mori serves on the Board's Stock Option and Executive Compensation Committee (the "*Compensation Committee*").

*Reynie Rutledge*, 64 is, and has been at all time during the last five years, the Chairman of First Security Bancorp, a financial services holding company headquartered in Searcy, Arkansas. First Security Bancorp is not a subsidiary or other affiliate of the Company. With over 40 years of experience in banking Mr. Rutledge has been involved with all aspects of finance and management while leading First Security Bancorp to become one of the largest bank holding companies based in Arkansas with over \$4.5 billion in assets and 73 locations throughout the state. First Security Bancorp consists of First Security Bank, First Security Crews & Associates investment banking firm, and First Security Public Finance. Mr. Rutledge is a past Chairman of the Arkansas Bankers Association and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, past member of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Foundation Board and the Dean's Executive Advisory Board for the Sam M. Walton College of Business. His extensive career in commercial banking will provide insights into the credit markets for the Board. Mr. Rutledge currently serves on the Audit Committee.

*J.C. Watts, Jr.*, 56, served previously on the Board from 2003 until 2008 as a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Watts was reappointed to the Board in August 2009. He also serves on the Boards of Directors of CSX Corporation and ITC Holdings Corp. He formerly served on the Boards of Directors of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, Clear Channel Communications, Inc. and Terex Corporation. At all times during the past five years, Mr. Watts has served as the Chairman of the J.C. Watts Companies, which provide both consulting and advocacy services. The J.C. Watts Companies are not subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Company. Mr. Watts was elected to the U.S. Congress from the fourth district of Oklahoma in 1994. In 1998, he was elected chairman of the Republican Conference in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served for eight years on the House Armed Services Committee. He authored legislation to create the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, a committee on which he later served. He also served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as well as the House Banking Committee. He led two congressional trade

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missions to Africa. Watts co-authored the American Community Renewal and New Markets Act and authored the Community Solutions Act of 2001. He also crafted legislation with Congressman John Lewis to establish a Smithsonian museum of African American history. He has served as an analyst on television news programs nationally and internationally. Mr. Watts led a U.S. delegation to Vienna, Austria, at the request of President Bush and Secretary of State Powell, to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Conference on Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia and accompanied President Bush on his historic trip to Africa. He co-founded the Coalition for AIDS Relief in Africa and served on the Board of Africare. He has also created the J.C. and Frankie Watts Foundation to focus on urban renewal and other charitable initiatives. Mr. Watts brings to the Board not only an understanding and sensitivity to the political and cultural issues which the Company regularly faces but also a wealth of knowledge of the regulatory environment which continues to grow and affect the Company's operations. Mr. Watts currently serves on the Audit Committee.

*Nick White*, 69, has served as a Director of the Company since 2008. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Pep Boys Manny, Moe & Jack. Since 2000, Mr. White has served as President and CEO of White and Associates, an international retail solutions firm offering retail clients consulting services encompassing strategy, partnerships, logistics and concepts. White and Associates is not a subsidiary or other affiliate of the Company. Mr. White began his retail career in 1968 with Spartan-Atlantic Department Stores while still attending college and following a tour in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps. In 1973 he joined Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. as an Assistant Store Manager. From 1985 to 1990 he was General Manager of Sam's Clubs and in 1990 he was named an Executive Vice-President of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and General Manager of its Supercenter Division, positions he held until his retirement in 2000. While at Wal-Mart he served on both the Executive Committee and the Real Estate Committee. Mr. White has made significant contributions to the Board as a result of his extensive knowledge of sourcing, logistics, store operations and merchandising. Mr. White currently serves on the Compensation Committee.

### **Class B Nominees**

*Robert C. Connor*, 72, has served as a Director of the Company since 1987 and serves as Chairman of the Compensation Committee. At all times during the last five years, Mr. Connor's principal occupation is and has been a private investor for his own account. He began his banking career in Dallas, Texas at the Mercantile National Bank and was elected Vice President of the Citizens Bank of Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1970. He was elected President of The Union National Bank of Arkansas and The Union of Arkansas Corporation in 1976. He previously served on the Board of Sage Telecom in Allen, Texas. Mr. Connor's long career of leadership in the banking industry makes him particularly well suited to serve on the Compensation Committee as well as to share his knowledge and insights concerning the credit markets with the Board.

*Alex Dillard*, 64, is President of Dillard's, Inc., has been a member of the Board since 1975 and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (the "*Executive Committee*"). This has been his principal occupation for the last five years. Mr. Dillard has been involved in virtually every aspect of operations and merchandising for the Company for over 40 years and previously served as Executive Vice President of the Company. He has served as a board member of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Foundation Fund, Philander Smith College, Union Bank and Worthen Bank in Little Rock and First National Bank of Ft. Worth, Texas. Mr. Dillard's understanding of both the merchandising as well as the operational aspects of the retail business have enabled the Board to more effectively gain a broad overview of the day-to-day processes involved in the operation of the Company.

*Mike Dillard*, 62, is an Executive Vice-President of the Company and currently heads one of the largest merchandising portions of the Company's business. This has been his principal occupation for the last five years. He has been a member of the Board since 1976. Mr. Dillard has played many roles

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for the Company, working part-time while a student and devoting his entire professional career to Dillard's, Inc. His understanding of the unique regional characteristics of merchandising in the many different geographic regions of the country have assisted the Board in its efforts to guide the business to meet the needs of its varied customer base.

*William Dillard, II, 69*, is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dillard's, Inc. and serves on the Executive Committee. This has been his principal occupation for the last five years. He has served on the Board since 1967. Mr. Dillard has been involved in almost every aspect of the Company's operations, working part-time while in school and full-time for over 40 years. He was formerly President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Dillard also serves on the Boards of Directors of Acxiom Corporation and Barnes & Noble, Inc. Through his numerous years of service to the Company, Mr. Dillard possesses an unmatched knowledge of the Company's operations and the retail industry as a whole. This, combined with his service as a member of the boards of directors of other public companies, allows him to provide invaluable insight to the Board. In addition, his expertise with respect to real estate matters and store location enables him to provide the Board with leadership and insight into this critical aspect of the Company's business.

*James I. Freeman, 64*, is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. This has been his principal occupation for the last five years. He has been a member of the Board since 1991 and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board. Mr. Freeman joined the Company in 1988. He entered the accounting profession in 1972. He practiced as a certified public accountant and formerly served as a member of the Management Committee of BKD, LLP, one of the largest accounting firms in the nation. As Chief Financial Officer of the Company, Mr. Freeman has extensive experience overseeing the Company's financial reporting processes, internal accounting and financial controls, and independent auditor engagements. This unique experience provides Mr. Freeman the ability to regularly advise the Board regarding current and proposed accounting issues, financial matters and regulations that affect the Company's operations.

*H. Lee Hastings, III, 59*, has served as a Director of the Company since 2010. At all times during the past five years Mr. Hastings has served as President of Arkansas Bolt/ABC Logistics, a subsidiary of Hastings Holdings, Inc. Arkansas Bolt/ABC Logistics sells and imports/exports industrial fasteners and stampings throughout the world. For the last five years, Mr. Hastings has also served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hastings Holdings Inc. This family holding company operates several subsidiaries which are engaged in real estate, beverage distribution, import/export and other businesses. For the past five years, Mr. Hastings has also been a director of another family holding company, State Holding Co. Inc., which owns and operates a bank. None of these companies or their subsidiaries are subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Company. Mr. Hastings has extensive experience in the international import-export market and contributes valuable advice to the board with respect to the Company's international sourcing efforts. Mr. Hastings serves on the Audit Committee.

*Drue Matheny, 67*, has been a member of the Board since 1994. For the last five years her principal occupation has been, and currently is, an Executive Vice-President of the Company. She is based in Ft. Worth, Texas and directs one of the largest merchandising portions of the Company. Since joining the Company in 1968, Ms. Matheny has overseen every aspect of the Company's various merchandising functions. She brings to the Board a deep understanding of the exacting tastes and preferences of the Company's customer.

*Warren A. Stephens, 57*, has served as a Director of the Company since 2002. At all times during the last five years Mr. Stephens' principal occupation has been, and currently is, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Stephens Inc. Stephens Inc. is not a subsidiary or other Affiliate of the Company. In 1981, Mr. Stephens joined Stephens Inc. and, in 1986, he became President. In 2006, Mr. Stephens acquired 100 percent of the outstanding shares of Stephens Inc. Stephens Inc. focuses on investment banking, wealth management, capital management, private equity, institutional sales and

trading, research, and insurance. Mr. Stephens' knowledge and understanding of sophisticated financial markets has been invaluable to the Board when dealing with a wide range of issues from investment decisions to credit and finance matters to the strategic positioning of the Company.

#### **Information regarding the Board and its Committees**

*Controlled Company.* The Company qualifies as a "controlled company" under the NYSE corporate governance rules due to the ownership by W.D. Company, Inc. of shares of Class B Common Stock allowing it to cast more than 50% of votes eligible to be cast for the election of two-thirds of the Directors of the Company. In accordance with a provision in NYSE rules for controlled companies, the Company is not required to comply with NYSE corporate governance rules that provide for (1) a majority of the Board of Directors being composed of independent directors, (2) a nominating/corporate governance committee composed solely of independent directors and (3) a compensation committee composed solely of independent directors. Notwithstanding that, all the members of the Company's Compensation Committee are independent in accordance with the NYSE corporate governance rules. This may, however, change in the future at the Company's discretion.

*Director Independence.* The Board has determined that all of the Class A nominees listed above qualify as independent persons as defined in the Company's by-laws (discussed below). In addition, the Board has determined that each of the Class A nominees, as well as Robert C. Connor and H. Lee Hastings, III, who are Class B nominees, qualify as independent directors in accordance with the NYSE corporate governance rules.

*Family Relationships.* William Dillard, II, Drue Matheny, Alex Dillard and Mike Dillard are siblings.

*Director Nominations.* As provided in the Company's by-laws, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for nominating individuals to stand for election at each annual meeting of stockholders. Stockholders may also nominate a director nominee pursuant to the Company's by-laws.

The Company's by-laws provide that nominees to represent Class A stockholders on the Company's Board of Directors shall be independent persons only. For these purposes, the Company's by-laws define "independent" as a person who: (1) has not been employed by the Company or an affiliate in any executive capacity within the last five years; (2) was not, and is not a member of a corporation or firm that is one of the Company's paid advisers or consultants; (3) is not employed by a significant customer, supplier or provider of professional services; (4) has no personal services contract with the Company; (5) is not employed by a foundation or university that receives significant grants or endowments from the Company; (6) is not a relative of the management of the Company; (7) is not a stockholder who has signed stockholder agreements legally binding him to vote with management; and (8) is not the chairman of a company on which Dillard's, Inc. Chairman or Chief Executive Officer is also a board member.

In nominating a slate of directors, the objective is to select individuals with skills and experience that can be of assistance in operating the Company's business. The following core criteria are considered in nominating each candidate:

*Integrity.* Only persons who have demonstrated in their professional lives the highest ethical standards, maturity and responsibility will be considered.

*Experience.* A director should have business experience relevant to the Company's business.

*Judgment and Knowledge.* A director should have the ability to assess the Company's strategy, business plan, and key issues to evaluate the performance of management and to evaluate the Company's financial and operating reports and to provide meaningful analysis of the Company's financial position.

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*Time and Commitment.* Board members must have sufficient time available to become acquainted with the Company, to prepare for Board and committee meetings, and to attend meetings.

Candidates who individually possess knowledge, experience and skills in at least one of the following are sought: accounting and finance, business judgment, management, crisis response, industry knowledge or strategy and vision. Diversity is an important consideration in Board composition and is discussed as a factor in connection with each candidate. The Executive Committee has not adopted a formal policy with respect to diversity. The implementation of this consideration occurs when, in addition to the core criteria identified above, the Executive Committee informally discusses whether a potential nominee might also bring to the Board diverse life experiences and perspectives but no single factor controls the determination process. Where appropriate, discussion of diversity directly with the potential nominee may occur.

In order for a Company stockholder to nominate an individual for election to the Board, the stockholder must provide written notice of such nomination to the Company's Corporate Secretary and the notice must be received by the Company's Secretary at the principal executive office of the Company no more than 90 days, and no less than 60 days, before the Annual Meeting. The notice must set forth as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a Director, (1) the name, age, business address and residence address of such person, (2) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (3) the class and number of shares of the Company's Common Stock which are beneficially owned by such person and (4) any other information relating to such person that is required, in each case, pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*") (including without limitation such persons' written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected). Such notice must also set forth the name and address, as they appear on the Company's books, of the stockholder giving the notice and the class and number of shares of the Company's Common Stock which are beneficially owned by such stockholder. In order for a Company stockholder to recommend (as opposed to nominate) a director candidate, the stockholder must provide written notice of such recommendation to the Company's Secretary at the principal executive office of the Company. The Executive Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders.

*Director Meetings.* The Board of Directors met five times during the Company's last fiscal year. During the last fiscal year, all of the individuals serving as director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (1) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and (2) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which they served. The Company encourages each Board member to attend the Company's annual stockholders' meeting. All individuals serving as director were in attendance at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders held on May 18, 2013 except for Warren A. Stephens.

*Executive Sessions; Presiding Director.* As required by the NYSE listing standards, our non-management directors meet in executive session at which only non-management directors are present on a regularly scheduled basis. Our non-management directors choose the presiding director by majority vote for each session. The presiding director is responsible for, among other things, presiding at the executive session of the independent directors for which he or she is chosen to serve and apprising the Chairman of the issues considered at such meetings.

*Communications with Directors.* Stockholders and other interested persons may contact individual directors, the presiding member of the non-management directors, the non-management directors as a group or the Board as a whole, at any time. Your communication should be sent to the individual Director, the "Non-Management Members of the Board of Directors," the "Presiding Member of Non-Management Directors" or the "Board of Directors," as applicable, at 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. In general, any communications delivered to the corporate office for forwarding

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to the Board of Directors or specified Board members will be forwarded in accordance with its instructions. However, prior to the communications being forwarded to the Board member, the Corporate Secretary reviews communications and reserves the right not to forward to Board members any inappropriate materials.

*Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Conduct.* The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines and a Code of Conduct that applies to all Company employees including the Company's executive officers, and, when appropriate, the members of the Board. The current version of these corporate governance documents is available free of charge on the Company's website at [www.dillards.com](http://www.dillards.com) and are available in print to any stockholder who requests copies by contacting Julie J. Bull, Director of Investor Relations, at 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72201. The Company will promptly disclose to our stockholders, if required by applicable laws, any amendments to, or waivers from, provisions of the Code of Conduct that apply to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, by posting such information on our website [www.dillards.com](http://www.dillards.com) rather than by filing a Form 8-K.

*Board Committees.* The Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Each of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee has adopted a written charter, both of which are available on the Company's website at [www.dillards.com](http://www.dillards.com).

The current Audit Committee members are H. Lee Hastings, III, Reynie Rutledge, Chairman, and J.C. Watts, Jr. The Board of Directors has determined that Reynie Rutledge is an "audit committee financial expert" and Messrs. Hastings, Rutledge and Watts are independent of management in accordance with the requirements of the NYSE and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("*SEC*") for purposes of determining audit committee independence. The Board has also determined that each of Messrs. Hastings, Rutledge and Watts is "financially literate" within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE. The Audit Committee held twelve meetings during fiscal 2013.

The Compensation Committee members are Robert C. Connor, Chairman, Frank R. Mori and Nick White. The Compensation Committee held four meetings during fiscal 2013.

*Board's Leadership Structure.* Pursuant to the Company's by-laws, the principal executive officer shall be the Chairman of the Board. Accordingly, the Board has elected William Dillard, II, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, to serve as its Chairman. The Board believes that this structure is best suited to the interests of the Company and the stockholders because it enables Mr. Dillard to be personally involved in every aspect of leading the Company. The Board believes that Mr. Dillard is uniquely qualified to serve as Chairman because his extensive experience with the Company (over 40 years of service) provides him with the long-term perspective that builds stockholder value and protects the long-term interests of the stockholders. In this capacity, he sets the Board agenda, regularly communicates with the other Board members and chairs the Board meetings and the annual stockholder meeting.

Mr. Alex Dillard, the Company's President and a fellow Board member, assists Mr. William Dillard, II in the day-to-day supervision of the Company's business, which provides other members of the management team ready access to and the benefit of their combined deep understanding of the cycles and challenges of the retail industry. The close working relationship between the CEO and the President also gives the Board and the Company's stockholders a veteran leadership team that can address issues quickly and seamlessly.

The Company has no lead independent Director. However, the non-management directors designate one of the independent directors to preside over their executive sessions.

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*Board's Role in Risk Oversight.* While the Company's management has the primary responsibility for managing risks facing the Company, the Board as a whole is actively involved in and is responsible for the oversight of risk management. The Board's primary goal is to ensure that the risk management processes designed and implemented by the Company's management are effective.

The Audit Committee is responsible for oversight of the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements, internal controls and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and reviews the annual risk assessment report prepared by the Company's internal audit group which reports directly to the Audit Committee. Based on the annual risk assessment, the Audit Committee is charged with studying or investigating any matter of interest or concern that it deems appropriate that could have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. It also reviews reports describing any anonymous calls made to the Company's "Ethics Hotline," together with any other reports of disciplinary or other action taken with respect to material breaches of the Company's Code of Conduct. In its investigatory capacity, the Audit Committee has the authority to retain outside legal, accounting or other advisors, including the authority to approve the fees payable to such advisors and any other terms of retention. The Audit Committee is also given unrestricted access to the Company's internal audit group, other Board members, executive officers and independent accountants to the extent necessary to carry out its oversight responsibilities. While acting in this capacity, the Audit Committee has the full authority of the Board.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing any risks arising from the Company's compensation policies, particularly with respect to the issue of encouraging inappropriate risk taking by executive management. In assessing compensation-related risks, the Compensation Committee may investigate any matter related thereto, is given full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company and, when appropriate, may hire outside legal, accounting or other experts or advisors to assist the Compensation Committee with its work.

The Board's administration of its risk oversight function has not specifically affected the Board's leadership structure. The Board believes that its current leadership structure is conducive of and appropriate for its oversight of risk management.



**2013 Director Compensation**

During fiscal 2013, non-management Directors received an annual cash retainer of \$80,000 as well as 1,200 restricted shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The restricted shares vest six months after their issuance. Committee chairmen received an additional annual cash retainer of \$25,000. Employee Directors are not compensated for their service on the Board or attendance at Board meetings.

The following table summarizes the compensation paid by the Company to non-management Directors for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Award (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Nonqualified		All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
				Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Deferred Earnings		
Robert C. Connor	\$ 105,000	\$ 109,818	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 214,818
Frank R. Mori	80,000	109,818					189,818
H. Lee Hastings, III	80,000	109,818					189,818
Reynie Rutledge	105,000	109,818					214,818
Warren A. Stephens	80,000	109,818					189,818
J.C. Watts, Jr.	80,000	109,818					189,818
Nick White	80,000	109,818					189,818

(1)

The amounts in the "Stock Awards" column represent the grant date fair value of the annual stock award made in fiscal 2013, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation Stock Compensation ("ASC Topic 718"), and is equal to the closing market price of 1,200 shares on the date of grant. All grants of restricted shares were vested as of February 1, 2014.

**Board Recommendation**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE SLATE OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED BY THE BOARD. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH NOMINEE UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY A CONTRARY VOTE.** Management does not know of any nominee who will be unable to serve, but should any nominee be unable or decline to serve, the discretionary authority provided in the Proxy will be exercised to vote for a substitute or substitutes.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Introduction

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") provides information regarding the compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the three most highly compensated other executive officers in fiscal 2013. These individuals are referred to as "named executive officers" or "NEOs". This section should be read in conjunction with the detailed tables and narrative descriptions under the section titled "Executive Compensation" in this Proxy Statement.

### Executive Summary

We are committed to a pay-for-performance culture. The compensation program is reviewed annually in order to assure that its objectives and components are aligned with the Company's goals and culture, and also that it incentivizes short-term and long-term profitable growth.

At the 2011 Annual Meeting, 99% of the votes cast were voted to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

There have been no material changes to our compensation programs during the fiscal year.

### 2013 Highlights

We continue to return value to our stockholders and focus on our strategic goals. The following key accomplishments were achieved for fiscal 2013:

Increased our regular dividend by 10%

Returned approximately \$302 million to our stockholders in the form of share repurchases

Increase in pre-tax income of approximately 3%. The growth in pre-tax income was less in 2013 than in prior years, producing reduced cash performance bonuses.

Over the past five years, our stock has produced a return four times greater than the S&P 500 and the S&P 500 Department Stores Index.

### Compensation Philosophy

The core elements of our compensation philosophy are to align each executive's compensation with the Company's short-term and long-term performance, promote a pay-for-performance culture and provide compensation and incentives needed to attract, retain and motivate key executives who are crucial to the Company's long-term success. We seek to implement our philosophy by following three key principles:

Providing compensation opportunities that are equivalent to those offered by comparable companies, thereby allowing the Company to compete for and retain talented executives who are critical to our long-term success;

Motivating executive officers by rewarding them for attainment of Company profitability on an annual basis; and

Aligning the interests of executives with the long-term interests of stockholders by awarding equity-based compensation and by offering participation in retirement, stock purchase and stock bonus plans that encourage stock ownership by our executives.

Further details concerning how we implement our philosophy, and how we apply the above principles to our compensation program, are provided throughout this CD&A.



## Elements of Compensation

Our compensation program consists of the following elements: Base Salary, Annual Cash Performance Bonuses, Equity-Based Compensation Awards and Pension Plan Benefits. We choose to pay each separate element with the intent of rewarding performance believed to be beneficial to the Company and accomplishing specific purposes, as described below. Within each element of compensation (other than those based on a pre-established formula), the Compensation Committee considers appropriate ranges for the amount awarded given the level of position and performance of the individual and the Company for the period under consideration.

*Base Salary* is designed to:

Reward the competence of our executives relative to their skills, position and contributions to the success of the Company; and

Provide a level of annual cash compensation competitive with the marketplace that recognizes contributions to the overall success of the Company and provides the potential for annual increases reflecting those contributions.

*Annual Cash Performance Bonuses* are designed to:

Motivate employees to assist in the attainment of profitability of the Company on an annual basis; and

Foster a pay-for-performance culture that aligns our overall compensation programs with our business strategy and rewards employees for their contributions toward our goal of increasing profitability.

*Equity-Based Compensation Awards* are designed to:

Link compensation rewards to the creation of stockholder wealth; and

Encourage our management to work together in the interest of stockholders by associating a portion of compensation with the long-term value of our common stock.

*Pension Plan Benefits* are designed to:

Provide competitive incentives to our executive officers to focus on long-term success of the Company; and

Provide a secure retirement after a long and productive career with the Company.

The Compensation Committee believes that the combination of these elements provides an appropriate mix of fixed and variable pay which balances short-term operational performance with long-term stockholder value. The Committee also believes that our compensation program enables us to reinforce our pay-for-performance philosophy as well as strengthen our ability to attract and retain highly qualified executives by providing benefits equivalent to those offered by our leading competitors.

## Allocation of Total Direct Compensation

The table below illustrates the allocation of total direct compensation for each NEO in fiscal 2013. Base salary, annual cash performance bonuses, equity-based compensation awards and other compensation (consisting of perquisites, insurance premiums and retirement plan contributions) compose each NEO's total direct compensation. Total direct compensation is different from the "Total Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table appearing on page 25 in that it excludes changes in pension value. We disclose the allocation of total direct compensation to provide insight into the Compensation Committee's decision-making process when establishing NEO compensation. The Compensation Committee does not consider changes in pension value when establishing NEO



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compensation because pension amounts are earned each year based on a pre-established formula set forth in the Company's pension plan relating to compensation previously received by an NEO and the NEO does not receive the amount until after retirement from the Company. As such, the amounts are excluded from the table below.

As shown in the table below, the Compensation Committee determined that a slightly higher portion of total direct compensation paid to Messrs. William Dillard, II and Alex Dillard, our chief executive officer and president, respectively, should be performance based, than that of the other NEOs, given their ability to affect stockholder value relative to the other NEOs.

NEO	Base Salary	Annual Cash Performance Bonuses	Equity-Based Compensation Awards	All Other Compensation
William Dillard, II	25.5%	61.4%	6.1%	7.0%
Alex Dillard	24.9%	61.6%	6.1%	7.4%
Mike Dillard	34.9%	52.3%	6.0%	6.8%
Drue Matheny	35.3%	53.0%	6.0%	5.7%
James I. Freeman	35.4%	52.9%	6.0%	5.7%

### How We Determine Compensation

*Role of the Compensation Committee.* The Compensation Committee has responsibility for establishing, implementing and monitoring adherence to our compensation philosophy. In carrying out this function, the committee strives to ensure that total compensation paid to executive officers is fair, reasonable and competitive.

The Compensation Committee regularly reviews and evaluates our compensation program to ensure that it:

Promotes our ability to attract and retain qualified management personnel by providing compensation that is competitive relative to that paid by our competitors. To this end, the Compensation Committee regularly reviews and evaluates compensation packages and amounts paid by our primary competitors and other family-founded and family-managed companies.

Fosters a pay-for-performance culture providing executives with the opportunity to increase their level of overall compensation based on the financial performance of the Company. To this end, the Compensation Committee regularly reviews and evaluates individual performance to ensure that employees are rewarded for their contributions to Company goals and stockholder value.

These evaluations, along with the independent judgment exercised by members of the Compensation Committee, guides the committee's decisions in structuring compensation elements, determining compensation amounts, allocating between long-term and currently paid compensation and allocating between cash and non-cash amounts. The Compensation Committee also takes into account how competitive pressures and economic conditions over which our executive officers may have little or no control can have a negative impact on the Company's financial performance.

*Role of Compensation Consultant in Compensation Decisions.* In 2013, the Compensation Committee engaged Hay Group as its independent compensation consultant. During the year, per the Compensation Committee's requests, Hay Group provided the Committee with an analysis of NEO compensation at the Company's peer group companies, information on trends and best practice in executive compensation, and a competitive analysis of director compensation. Hay Group did not perform any other services for the Company or for management other than to provide advice and counsel to the Compensation Committee in accordance with the Compensation Committee's instructions from time to time.

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*Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions.* Our chief executive officer, president and chief financial officer each provide input to the Compensation Committee regarding Company and individual performance. However, the Compensation Committee exercises complete discretion in making all compensation decisions regarding cash compensation, equity awards and other benefits for all of our executive officers.

*Role of Comparable Company Analysis in our Compensation Decisions.* In order to develop a competitive compensation package for our executive officers, the Compensation Committee compares our compensation package with those of a comparison group of companies. The comparison group is composed of department stores, specialty stores and other public companies that were family-founded and continue to be family-managed. A complete listing of the companies in the comparison group appears below:

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.	Stein Mart, Inc.
Aeropostale, Inc.	The Men's Wearhouse, Inc.	The Bon Ton Stores, Inc.
Chico's FAS, Inc.	Nordstrom, Inc.	The Gap, Inc.
The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc.	SAKS Incorporated	The TJX Companies, Inc.
J.C. Penney Company, Inc.	Shoe Carnival, Inc.	Tiffany & Co.
Macy's, Inc.	Starbucks Corporation	Wet Seal, Inc.
		Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

The Compensation Committee believes companies in the comparison group are comparable to the Company in operations, management style and culture. However, the number of senior executives retained by the Company is generally lower than the number of senior executives at other companies in the comparison group, which we believe places our executive management closer in the chain of command to associates for whom they are responsible. The benefit of our structure is that we are able to effectively manage our associates without unnecessary layers of intermediate managers. The Compensation Committee believes this approach increases the demands upon the executive's time and requires a greater depth of knowledge of operations than that of his or her peers in the comparison group. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee believes that our executive officers' compensation should reflect this increased responsibility.

While we do not specifically benchmark our compensation against companies in the comparison group, our Compensation Committee annually performs a compensation analysis of the compensation paid by these companies and periodically surveys the compensation practices of these companies to assess our competitiveness. This information is used as part of the Compensation Committee's considerations in setting compensation for our executive officers, particularly in respect of changes in base salary each year as discussed below. In reviewing this data, the Compensation Committee considers factors such as the relative financial performance of such companies, as well as certain other factors the Committee believes differentiate us from those companies particularly our homogenous, unified business plan of operating virtually identical department stores primarily in the southeastern and southwestern parts of the country, which we believe allows for more streamlined, cohesive operations and our flatter management structure.

*Stockholder Advisory Vote.* Our Compensation Committee recognizes the fundamental interest our stockholders have in the compensation of our executive officers. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, 99% of the votes cast were voted to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. Based upon the results of such advisory vote and our review of our compensation policies and decisions, we believe that our existing compensation policies and decisions are consistent with our compensation philosophy and objectives discussed above and adequately align the interests of our

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named executive officers with the interests of our stockholders. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, our stockholders also voted, on an advisory basis, to vote on the compensation of our named executive officers every three years. Accordingly, our stockholders will again vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers at this year's Annual Meeting.

### Specific Elements of Our Compensation Program

#### *Base Salary*

Our executive officers receive a base salary established by the Compensation Committee on an annual basis. Base salaries are set at the discretion of the Compensation Committee and, unlike the annual cash performance bonuses and equity-based compensation awards, are not specifically related to any Company performance criteria. Each year, the Compensation Committee reviews a competitive market analysis of salaries paid by companies in the comparison group to ensure that base salary paid to our executive officers is competitive. The committee also considers:

the executive officer's aggregate compensation and benefits;

the executive's level of responsibility and experience; and

the executive's success in achieving business results, promoting our core values and demonstrating leadership, as well as Company-wide performance.

For fiscal 2013, the Compensation Committee set each named executive officer's base salary as follows: William Dillard, II \$1,000,000, Alex Dillard \$970,000, Mike Dillard \$695,000, Drue Matheny \$695,000 and James I. Freeman \$750,000. The Compensation Committee assigned higher base salary amounts to Messrs. William Dillard, II and Alex Dillard to reflect their level of responsibility and experience, the importance of their respective positions within the Company, and their ability to affect stockholder value relative to other NEOs.

#### *Annual Cash Performance Bonuses*

Our compensation program includes annual performance bonuses payable under our Senior Management Cash Bonus Plan (the "*Cash Bonus Plan*"). Annual cash bonuses are designed to reward executive officers based on the Company's performance and the individual executive's contribution to that performance. Under the terms of the Cash Bonus Plan, performance bonuses may be paid only if the Company realizes positive net income before federal and state income taxes for the fiscal year, which we refer to as pre-tax income. The Compensation Committee believes that pre-tax income is a meaningful measure of financial and operational performance and that requiring a particular level of financial and operational performance before cash bonuses are earned by named executive officers furthers the Company's goal of linking pay to performance. No individual's bonus under the Cash Bonus Plan can exceed 1% of the Company's pre-tax income.

Under the Company's Cash Bonus Plan, persons who occupy the following positions are eligible to receive bonuses:

Chief Executive Officer;

President;

Executive Vice Presidents; and

Senior Vice Presidents.

From this group of persons, the Compensation Committee, within 90 days after the start of a fiscal year and in its sole discretion, designates those individuals eligible to receive a performance bonus under the Cash Bonus Plan. In making its determinations, the Compensation Committee considers





recommendations of senior management and the contribution of each executive officer to the Company's performance.

When the Compensation Committee designates the individuals eligible to participate in the Cash Bonus Plan, it also designates the maximum percentage of the bonus pool each individual will be entitled to receive. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Compensation Committee assigns a percentage of the bonus pool to each participant, taking into consideration the individual's level of responsibility for both operating results and management of the organization. The assigned percentage could vary from year to year. The year-end amount of an individual's bonus is mathematically determined by applying this percentage to the bonus pool. In February 2013, the bonus pool for fiscal 2013 was allocated as follows: William Dillard, II 30%; Alex Dillard 30%; Mike Dillard 13%; Drue Matheny 13% and James I. Freeman 14%. The Compensation Committee assigned higher percentage amounts to Messrs. William Dillard, II and Alex Dillard to reflect their level of responsibility and ability to affect stockholder value relative to other NEOs.

Bonuses are paid under the Cash Bonus Plan at the conclusion of the fiscal year from a bonus pool, which is equal to the sum of (x) 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% of the Company's pre-tax income for the fiscal year, plus (y) 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% of the increase in pre-tax income over the prior fiscal year. Our pre-tax income was \$497,071,400 in fiscal 2013 and \$481,022,300 in fiscal 2012 for an increase in pre-tax income of \$16,049,100. This resulted in a total available bonus pool of \$8,017,700 for fiscal 2013.

The following table sets forth for each named executive officer such officer's: (1) assigned percent allocation of the fiscal 2013 bonus pool and (2) actual bonus payment under the Cash Bonus Plan for fiscal 2013:

NEO	Assigned Percent Allocation of the Fiscal 2013 Bonus Pool	Cash Bonus Payment for Fiscal 2013 under Cash Bonus Plan
William Dillard, II	30%	\$ 2,405,300
Alex Dillard	30%	\$ 2,405,300
Mike Dillard	13%	\$ 1,042,300
Drue Matheny	13%	\$ 1,042,300
James I. Freeman	14%	\$ 1,122,500

The Compensation Committee retains the discretion to reduce or eliminate any bonuses that might otherwise be due under the terms of the Cash Bonus Plan. In making this determination, the Compensation Committee may consider factors which are more individualized to specific circumstances that were unforeseen at the time the original allocations were made. The Compensation Committee also reserves the right to award smaller or no bonuses in order to conserve cash for operations or for other business opportunities that could either preserve or enhance stockholder value. The Compensation Committee cannot, however, increase the amounts payable under the Cash Bonus Plan. The Compensation Committee made no adjustments to the aforementioned bonuses paid under the Cash Bonus Plan for fiscal 2013.

#### *Equity-Based Compensation*

We believe equity ownership is essential in linking an executive officer's compensation to the performance of our Common Stock and stockholder gains. We also believe equity ownership is an important tool in creating incentive for sustained growth. As such, in fiscal 2013 our executive officers received equity-based compensation through each the following plans (each of which is discussed below): the Dillard's, Inc. Stock Bonus Plan (the "*Stock Bonus Plan*"), a qualified defined contribution retirement plan (the "*Retirement Plan*"), and the Dillard's, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan (the "*Stock Purchase Plan*"). Equity-based compensation awarded under these plans is generally established by a

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predetermined formula set forth in each plan that is tied directly to the aggregate amount of cash compensation (salary and cash bonus) paid to an individual.

*Stock Bonus Plan.* The formula under the Stock Bonus Plan provides for an annual stock award equal to 6% of each executive's annual total cash compensation in excess of \$15,000 (less applicable withholding) divided by the current fair market value per share on the date that the stock bonus is granted. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to alter awards payable under the Stock Bonus Plan, but made no adjustments to awards granted in fiscal 2013.

*Retirement Plan.* The Retirement Plan permits executives to make elective contributions to the Retirement Plan of up to the lesser of \$17,500 (\$23,000 if the executive is at least 50 years old) or 75% of eligible pay. Company matching contributions are calculated on the eligible executive's first 6% of elective deferrals with the first 1% being matched 100% and the next 5% being matched 50%. All contributions are used to purchase Class A Common Stock at market prices.

*Stock Purchase Plan.* The Stock Purchase Plan allows executives to make contributions only to the extent they were prevented from contributing to the Retirement Plan because of nondiscrimination rules and dollar limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Company matching contributions are calculated on the eligible executive's first 5% of elective deferrals and are matched 100%. All contributions to the Stock Purchase Plan are applied to the purchase of Class A Common Stock at market prices.

### *Pension Plan*

We maintain a non-qualified defined benefit pension plan (the "*Pension Plan*") for our executive officers. The Pension Plan provides an annual award following retirement based upon the level of each officer's salary and bonus during the officer's tenure, as well as the total years of service provided to the Company. Specifically, the award is calculated by multiplying each officer's years of service by 1.5% and multiplying the result by the average of the highest three years of each officer's "pension earnings." Pension earnings are defined as total salary plus total bonus minus the maximum wage base for FICA withholding in that year.

The Pension Plan provides that, in the event of a change in control, the present value of the annual pension benefit determined as of the date of the change in control will be paid in a lump sum within 60 days. All employees with a benefit accrued under the Pension Plan up to the date of the change in control are eligible for a lump sum payment and no further benefits would be paid from the Pension Plan. The Company believes this feature is important in recruiting and retaining qualified executive management personnel because:

it provides for stable retirement planning;

it reduces flight risk generally associated with the inherent uncertainties surrounding a change in control (that in some cases might lead some officers to retire prematurely or leave the Company); and

it is consistent with provisions contained in similar plans maintained by other companies.

Additional information about such lump sum payments, including how the present value would be determined and the estimated lump sum pension benefits that each named executive officer would have received if a change in control were to have occurred on the last business day of fiscal 2013, is provided below under "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control".

*Other Benefits*

*Health Insurance.* We provide an enhanced health insurance plan to our executive officers. This plan assists our executive officers in maintaining their physical well-being so that they are able to devote their energies to the management of the Company.

*Company Aircraft.* Executive officers are allowed access to Company-owned aircraft for personal use as well as business flights. This benefit increases the level of safety and security for the executive officers and allows them to make better use of their time by being able to travel more efficiently. The Company reports imputed income to an executive officer for income tax purposes for the value of any personal use based upon the Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations. For purposes of the Summary Compensation Table below, the Company reports compensation for the NEOs based on the incremental cost for flights constituting personal use. As disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table in this proxy statement, only Messrs. William Dillard, II and Alex Dillard had income related to personal use of Company aircraft for fiscal year 2013.

**Tax Deductibility of Executive Compensation**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallows an income tax deduction to publicly-held corporations for compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 paid for any fiscal year to the corporation's chief executive officer or to any of its other three most highly compensated executive officers other than the its chief financial officer. However, the statute exempts qualifying performance-based compensation from the deduction limit if specified requirements are met. The Compensation Committee has historically structured executive compensation in order to preserve its deductibility under Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee reserves the right, however, to grant or approve compensation or awards that may not be deductible when it believes such compensation or awards are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders or are necessary to assure competitive total compensation for our executive officers. In fiscal 2013, approximately \$300,000 paid to NEOs was not deductible under Internal Revenue Code rules and regulations.

**Other Compensation Considerations**

*Severance and Change in Control Arrangements.* We have not entered into agreements or arrangements to provide severance or change in control payments to any of our executives, other than with respect to the Pension Plan as described above. Our past practice has not included the payment of severance to any executives.

*Compensation Recovery Policy.* The Compensation Committee does not presently have a specific policy seeking reimbursement of compensation awards but will adopt one when the NYSE adopts rules requiring such a policy as mandated under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. Until then, the Committee will evaluate on a case by case basis whether to seek the reimbursement of certain compensation awards paid to an executive officer if such executive engages in material misconduct that caused, or partially caused, a restatement of financial results. If it should ever occur, when making this determination, the Compensation Committee will likely consider the totality of the circumstances surrounding the misconduct, including the intent of the officer in engaging in the misconduct and the expense that the Company might incur seeking reimbursement as compared to the amount of reimbursement, and whether there were additional officers involved and, if so, the role played by the individual in the misconduct.

*Compensation Policies and Practices and Risk Management.* The Compensation Committee takes risk into consideration when reviewing and approving executive compensation and believes that the composition of total compensation should not encourage inappropriate or excessive risk-taking. The

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Company monitors the risk associated with its compensation program for all employees, including NEOs, the components of its compensation program and individual compensation decisions, on an ongoing basis. This ongoing assessment includes (1) consideration of the primary design features of the Company's compensation plans and the process to determine incentive compensation eligibility and grant awards for employees and (2) analysis of how those features could encourage or mitigate risk-taking. The Company believes that its compensation policies and practices for all employees, including NEOs, do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the above Compensation Discussion and Analysis. Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis referred to above be included in this Proxy Statement and in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 1, 2014.

The Compensation Committee  
Robert C. Connor, Chairman  
Frank R. Mori  
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## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes the total compensation earned or paid to our Named Executive Officers during fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(2)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation (\$)(5)	Total Compensation (\$)
							(\$)(3)		
William Dillard, II Chief Executive Officer	2013	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 238,796		\$ 2,405,300	\$ 2,757,098	\$ 275,984	\$ 6,677,178
	2012	\$ 950,000		\$ 686,491		\$ 3,000,700	(4) \$	253,303	\$ 4,890,494
	2011	\$ 900,000		\$ 602,205		\$ 3,248,100	\$ 6,830,200	\$ 216,338	\$ 11,796,843
Alex Dillard President	2013	970,000		236,996		2,405,300	1,669,070	290,941	5,572,307
	2012	920,000		682,776		3,000,700	(4)	246,257	4,849,733
	2011	870,000		598,974		3,248,100	7,815,040	208,838	12,740,952
Mike Dillard Executive Vice President	2013	695,000		118,680		1,042,300	320,155	138,085	2,314,220
	2012	675,000		242,710		1,300,300	(4)	134,798	2,352,808
	2011	650,000		70,805		1,407,500	3,888,340	127,989	6,144,634
Drue Matheny Executive Vice President	2013	695,000		118,680		1,042,300	759,107	111,985	2,727,072
	2012	675,000		240,737		1,300,300	(4)	116,301	2,332,338
	2011	620,000		69,005		1,407,500	5,529,710	106,786	7,733,001
James I. Freeman Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2013	750,000		127,841		1,122,500	952,830	119,620	3,072,791
	2012	710,000		258,904		1,400,300	2,683,659	120,656	5,173,519
	2011	675,000		71,347		1,515,800	2,753,483	114,720	5,130,350

- (1) Reflects stock awards under the Company's Stock Bonus Plan. The amount reported in this column for each NEO reflects the aggregate fair value on the date of grant, as determined under FASB ASC Topic 718. The aggregate grant date fair value of the stock awards is calculated based on the average price of the Company's Class A Common Stock on the NYSE on the date of grant.
- (2) Reflects amounts earned by NEOs under the Company's Cash Bonus Plan.
- (3) These amounts, if any, represent the actuarial increase in the present value of the NEO's benefits under the Company's Pension Plan determined using interest rate and mortality rate assumptions consistent with those used in the Company's financial statements. Interest rate assumption changes have a significant impact on the pension values with periods of lower interest rates having the effect of increasing the actuarial values reported and vice versa. The present value of accumulated benefits for fiscal 2013 reflects a discount rate of 4.4% compared to the 4.0% discount rate applicable for fiscal 2012. This discount rate change was the result of actuarial adjustments based on changes in corporate bond rates. There were no other changes in plan provisions or assumptions that affected the value. The Company does not pay "above market" interest on non-qualified deferred compensation to employees.
- (4) Pension values decreased during fiscal 2012 as follows:

William Dillard, II	\$ 275,760
Alex Dillard	\$ 3,525,820
Mike Dillard	\$ 2,204,779
Drue Matheny	\$ 2,847,610

The present value of accumulated benefits for fiscal 2012 reflects a discount rate of 4.0% compared to the 4.3% discount rate applicable for fiscal 2011. This discount rate change was the result of actuarial adjustments based on changes in corporate bond rates. During fiscal 2012, the assumed retirement age for certain NEOs was extended. There were no other changes in plan provisions or assumptions that affected the value.





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For fiscal 2013, all other compensation reflects matching contributions under Company retirement plans, incremental cost to the Company for personal use of Company aircraft and premiums paid for health insurance each as detailed in the table below:

	All Other Compensation			
	Company Contributions under Retirement Plans	Airplane Use(a)	Insurance Premiums Paid by the Company	Total
William Dillard, II	\$ 195,921	\$ 48,851	\$ 31,212	\$ 275,984
Alex Dillard	194,422	54,259	42,260	290,941
Mike Dillard	95,825		42,260	138,085
Drue Matheny	95,824		16,161	111,985
James I. Freeman	103,459		16,161	119,620

(a)

The Company reports imputed income to an NEO for income tax purposes for the value of any personal use of Company-owned aircraft based upon the Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations. The amounts reported in this column reflect compensation for the executive officers based on the incremental cost for flights constituting personal use. Such aggregate incremental cost is calculated on the basis of the additional variable operating costs to the Company, including fuel costs, mileage, trip-related maintenance and other miscellaneous variable costs, resulting from such personal use. Fixed costs, which do not change based on usage, such as aircraft purchase costs, pilot salaries and the cost of maintenance not related to trips, are excluded from the calculation of incremental cost.

2013 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The table below sets forth the awards granted to the NEOs during fiscal 2013 pursuant to the Cash Bonus Plan and the Stock Bonus Plan:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards	All Other Option Awards	Exercise or Base Price of Options	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards
		Threshold (\$)	Target (1) (\$)	Maximum (2) (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	(#)(3)	(#)(4)	(\$/Sh)	(\$)
William Dillard, II	January 31, 2014							2,708			\$ 238,796
	February 26, 2013		\$ 2,405,300	\$ 4,970,714							
Alex Dillard	January 31, 2014							2,688			236,996
	February 26, 2013		2,405,300	4,970,714							
Mike Dillard	January 31, 2014							1,346			118,680
	February 26, 2013		1,042,300	4,970,714							
Drue Matheny	January 31, 2014							1,346			118,680
	February 26, 2013		1,042,300	4,970,714							
James I. Freeman	January 31, 2014							1,450			127,841
	February 26, 2013		1,122,500	4,970,714							

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- (1) Represents awards under the Company's Cash Bonus Plan. As described in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section, NEOs participating in the Cash Bonus Plan receive a pre-determined share of a bonus pool generated by certain Company-based performance metrics. There are no threshold or target amounts under the Cash Bonus Plan. Because the plan does not set such amounts and because future payouts relating to an NEO's percentage share of the bonus pool is not determinable, the amounts in this column represent the actual payments made to the NEOs under awards granted for fiscal 2013.
- (2) Represents the maximum that any individual can receive under the Cash Bonus Plan, which is 1% of the Company's pre-tax income for fiscal 2013.
- (3) Reflects amounts granted to NEOs in fiscal 2013 under the Company's Stock Bonus Plan. For more detailed information on the Stock Bonus Plan, including a general description of the procedure and formula utilized by the Company in determining the amounts payable, see the discussion and tables in the Equity-Based Compensation portion of "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."
- (4) Reflects number of shares of stock granted before withholding applicable federal and state income tax. The stock grant awards reflected in the table are not subject to vesting.

### **Outstanding Equity Awards at 2013 Fiscal Year-End**

There were no outstanding stock options or unvested stock awards held by NEOs as of February 1, 2014.

**2013 Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The table below sets forth the number of shares acquired and the value realized upon exercise of stock options and vesting of stock awards during fiscal 2013 by each of the NEOs.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards(1)	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
William Dillard, II			2,708	\$ 238,796
Alex Dillard			2,688	236,996
Mike Dillard			1,346	118,680
Drue Matheny			1,346	118,680
James I. Freeman			1,450	127,841

(1)

The number of shares reflected as underlying Stock Awards in the table represent grants during fiscal 2013 of stock awards pursuant to the Company's Stock Bonus Plan. These awards are not subject to vesting and, accordingly, are treated in this table as having "vested" upon grant. The amounts reflected as "Value Realized on Vesting" represent the market value of the shares on the date of grant and do not reflect the withholding of a portion of the shares to satisfy income tax payment requirements.

**2013 Pension Benefits**

The following table discloses the actuarial present value of accumulated pension benefits and other information as of February 1, 2014 for the NEOs pursuant to the Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan.

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)(1)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
William Dillard, II	Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan	45	\$ 30,524,048	
Alex Dillard	Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan	42	21,870,500	
Mike Dillard	Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan	42	10,108,516	
Drue Matheny	Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan	45	14,977,337	
James I. Freeman	Corporate Officers Non-Qualified Pension Plan	26	11,366,650	

(1)

The calculation of benefits under the Pension Plan is discussed in the Pension Plan portion of the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis". The methodology and material assumptions used in quantifying the present value of the accumulated benefit are disclosed in Note 8 to the audited financial statements filed in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014.

**Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control**

The Pension Plan provides for a lump sum payment to participants within 60 days of a change in control of the Company. For purposes of the Pension Plan, a "change in control" is deemed to occur upon the happening of any of the following: (1) any person or entity acquires more than 50% of the Company's Class B common stock whether by direct sale, merger, consolidation, share exchange or other form of corporate reorganization, (2) a majority of the members of the Board of Directors is replaced during any 12-month period by Directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors before the date of the appointment or election or (3) any person or entity acquires more than 80% of the Company's assets. However, it will not be a "change in control" under the Pension Plan in any of the above instances if the acquirer in such transaction is either an entity controlled by the Company or controlled by the descendants of William Dillard or any spouse of any such descendants.

For persons not yet eligible for early retirement, there is a 2<sup>1/2</sup>% reduction in the amount of annual pension benefit for each year or partial year between the person's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and the person's attained age on the date of the change in control. The lump sum payment is further reduced if necessary to prevent them from becoming "parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code.

All employees with a benefit accrued under the Pension Plan up to the date of the change in control are eligible for a lump sum payment and no further benefits would be paid from the Pension Plan. The table below details the benefits that would be paid to the named executive officers, assuming a change in control occurred on February 1, 2014, the last business day of fiscal 2013. The lump sum payment is equal to the present value of the annual pension benefit determined as of the date of the change in control. For purposes of determining the lump sum payment, present value is determined by using the interest rate determined under Section 417(e) of the Internal Revenue Code for the month of December preceding the calendar year in which the change in control occurs and by using for post-retirement mortality the 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Mortality Table projected to 2002 based on a fixed blend of 50% of the uploaded male mortality rates and 50% of the uploaded female mortality rates.

NEO	<b>Pension Plan Lump Sum Payment</b>
William Dillard, II	\$ 34,238,165
Alex Dillard	35,408,953
Mike Dillard	17,892,990
Drue Matheny	18,160,592
James I. Freeman	11,952,281

We have not entered into agreements or arrangements to provide severance or change in control payments to any of our executives, other than the Pension Plan benefits described above.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2 ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

In 2011, the SEC began to require companies to provide stockholders a non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of the companies' named executive officers at least once every three years. At the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, our stockholders followed our Board's recommendation to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years. Our last vote was held in 2011. Accordingly, we are asking stockholders at this year's Annual Meeting to vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers, as such compensation is disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of the SEC's Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and other narrative compensation disclosures required by Item 402. This proxy statement contains all of these required disclosures.

We request the stockholders to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's 2014 Proxy Statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion is hereby APPROVED.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this resolution because it believes that the policies and practices described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis are effective in adhering to the guiding principles of the Dillard's executive compensation philosophy and practice which continue to be competitiveness; pay for performance; accountability for short- and long-term performance; and alignment to stockholders' interests. Overarching these principles is adherence to our core values, which emphasize the manner in which our financial and strategic objectives are achieved. We believe our compensation programs are strongly aligned with the long-term interests of our stockholders.

We urge stockholders to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 15 of this proxy statement, as well as the 2013 Summary Compensation table and related compensation tables and narrative, appearing on pages 25 through 28, which provide detailed information on the Company's compensation policies and practices and the compensation of our named executive officers.

Because the vote on this proposal is advisory in nature, it will not affect any compensation already paid or awarded to any named executive officer and will not be binding on the Company, the Board or the Compensation Committee. The Board and Compensation Committee, however, will review the voting results and take into account the outcome in determining future annual compensation for the named executive officers.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 2. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED FOR THIS PROPOSAL UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY A CONTRARY VOTE.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the year ended February 1, 2014 with management and KPMG LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company.

The discussions with KPMG LLP included the matters required to be discussed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees. Also, KPMG LLP provided to the Audit Committee the written disclosures and the letter required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and the Audit Committee has discussed with KPMG LLP its independence. The Audit Committee also considered whether the provision of non-audit services by KPMG LLP is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence.

Based upon the reviews and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 1, 2014 for filing with the Commission.

Audit Committee of the Board of Directors,

Reynie Rutledge, Chairman

H. Lee Hastings, III

J.C. Watts, Jr.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 3. RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

The Board of Directors recommends to the stockholders that they ratify the selection by the Audit Committee of KPMG LLP ("*KPMG*") as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2015. Although ratification of the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG is not required under our by-laws or other legal requirements, we are submitting the appointment of KPMG to the stockholders as a matter of good corporate practice.

In the event that the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will consider the view of the stockholders in determining its selection of the Company's independent public accountants for the subsequent fiscal year. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a new independent accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee feels that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and the stockholders.

Representatives of KPMG are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**Audit and Non-Audit Fees**

The following table summarizes the fees billed by KPMG for fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2012 for audit and other related fees:

	2013	2012
Audit Fees	\$ 1,148,000	\$ 1,138,000
Audit Related Fees	0	0
Tax Fees	0	0
All Other Fees(1)	3,300	3,300
	<b>\$ 1,151,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,141,300</b>

(1) Includes fees for license of accounting research tool.

None of the services described above were approved pursuant to the de minimis exception provided in Rule 2-01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

The policy of the Audit Committee requires it to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm. During fiscal 2013, the Audit Committee pre-approved all of the services described above under the captions "Audit Fees", "Audit Related Fees," "Tax Fees" and "All Other Fees" in accordance with this policy.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF KPMG AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL 2014. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED FOR THIS PROPOSAL UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY A CONTRARY VOTE.**

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND TRANSACTIONS**

The following list is a summary of transactions occurring since the beginning of fiscal year 2013, or that are currently proposed, (1) in which the Company was or is to be a participant, (2) where the annual amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and (3) in which the Company's executive officers, directors, nominees, principal stockholders and other related persons as defined in SEC rules had or will have a direct or indirect material interest or which the Company has chosen to voluntarily disclose:

1. Denise Mahaffy, a Vice President of the Company, is a sibling of William Dillard, II, Drue Matheny, Alex Dillard and Mike Dillard. For fiscal 2013, the Company paid Denise Mahaffy total salary and bonus of \$700,000. During fiscal 2013, the Company also made defined contributions for the benefit of Denise Mahaffy in the amount of \$70,689 pursuant to its benefit plans.
2. William Dillard, III, a Vice President of the Company, is the son of William Dillard, II. For fiscal 2013, the Company paid William Dillard, III total salary and bonus of \$725,000. During fiscal 2013, the Company also made defined contributions for the benefit of William Dillard, III in the amount of \$73,016 pursuant to its benefit plans.
3. Alexandra Dillard, a Divisional Merchandise Manager of the Company, is the daughter of Alex Dillard. For fiscal 2013, the Company paid Alexandra Dillard, total salary and bonus of \$227,500. During fiscal 2013, the Company also made defined contributions for the benefit of Alexandra Dillard in the amount of \$20,027 pursuant to its benefit plans.
4. Annemarie Dillard, a Manager of the Company, is the daughter of Alex Dillard. For fiscal 2013, the Company paid Annemarie Dillard, total salary and bonus of \$180,000. During fiscal 2013, the Company also made defined contributions for the benefit of Annemarie Dillard in the amount of \$14,781 pursuant to its benefit plans.
5. During fiscal 2013, media properties owned by Stephens Media LLC received advertising fees from the Company and its affiliates of approximately \$1,050,000. Warren A. Stephens, a current director and nominee for director, is a 50% owner of Stephens Media LLC.
6. Warren A. Stephens indirectly owns a greater than 10% interest in SCP Halifax LLC. Media properties owned by SCP Halifax LLC received advertising fees from the Company and its affiliates of approximately \$2,565,000 during fiscal 2013.
7. Warren A. Stephens indirectly owns a greater than 10% interest in the Northwest Arkansas Newspaper Partnership, which, through its subsidiaries received advertising fees from the Company and its affiliates of approximately \$305,000 during fiscal 2013.
8. During fiscal 2013, Stephens Insurance, LLC received commissions from third parties of \$2,370,000 in connection with the sale of voluntary insurance benefits to Dillard's employees. It is estimated that approximately \$190,000 of this amount represents commissions from premiums paid by the Company on behalf of employee insurance programs. Stephens Insurance, LLC is wholly-owned by Warren A. Stephens.

All related party transactions described above have been reviewed in accordance with Company policy as described below by the Board, which has determined the transactions are fair to the Company. It is the policy of the Board, which has been formally adopted in writing as a Board Resolution: (1) to require that related persons disclose to the Board of Directors the material terms of any potential related party transaction, or any material amendment or modification of such a transaction, that may require disclosure in the proxy statement and (2) to provide that the Board of Directors establish in each individual case a group of disinterested directors with the responsibility to review such potential transaction, amendment or modification, to determine whether such transaction is fair to the Company and, if so, to approve or ratify the transaction. Due to the myriad of different



situations which could present themselves to this group of directors, no specific standards to apply during review of a related party transaction have been developed.

#### **SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors, officers, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's Class A Common Stock to file with the SEC initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership of equity securities of the Company.

To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a review of copies of reports provided by individuals subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act to the Company and written representations of such individuals that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management of the Company knows of no other matters that may come before the Annual Meeting. However, if any matters other than those referred to herein should properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the proxy holders to vote the Proxy in accordance with their judgment.

#### **STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Company's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

If a stockholder intends to submit a proposal to be included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in accordance with SEC Rule 14a-8, the proposal must be received by the Company at its principal executive offices not later than December 3, 2014. Such proposal must meet the requirements set forth in the rules and regulations of the SEC in order to be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement and related form of proxy for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Under the Company's by-laws, if a stockholder intends to submit a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and such proposal is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to such meeting pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8, the stockholder's notice of such proposal (including certain information specified in the by-laws) must be delivered to the Company's Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Company no earlier than January 17, 2015 and no later than February 16, 2015. If a stockholder fails to submit the proposal within such time period, the proposal will not be considered at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### **GENERAL**

The Company's annual report for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014 is being distributed or made available, as the case may be, with this Proxy Statement but is not to be considered as a part hereof. These materials are also available at <http://investor.shareholder.com/dillards/annuals.cfm>.

The Company has adopted a procedure called "householding," which the SEC has approved. Under this procedure, the Company is delivering a single copy of the proxy materials or the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, as applicable, to multiple stockholders who share the same address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. Upon

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request, the Company will promptly deliver a separate copy of the proxy materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which the Company delivered a single copy of any of these documents.

If you are a registered holder of Common Stock and would like to either request a separate copy of the proxy materials, revoke your consent to householding and in the future receive your own set of proxy materials, or if your household is currently receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials and you would like in the future to receive only a single set of proxy materials at your address, you may do so by contacting the Company's stock transfer agent, Registrar and Transfer Company, via e-mail at [info@rtco.com](mailto:info@rtco.com), by mail at 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, New Jersey 07016-3572 or by calling 1-800-368-5948.

Stockholders who own Common Stock in street name through a broker or other nominee should contact their brokers or nominees if they have questions, or wish either to give instructions to household or to revoke their decision to household.

The material in this Proxy Statement under the captions "Compensation Committee Report" and "Audit Committee Report" shall not be deemed soliciting material, shall not be deemed to be filed and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by any general statement of incorporation by reference in any filings made under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES THERETO, REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, MAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT CHARGE BY ANY STOCKHOLDER WHOSE PROXY IS SOLICITED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO:

**DILLARD'S, INC.**  
1600 Cantrell Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
Attention: James I. Freeman,  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer

By Order of the Board of Directors

DEAN L. WORLEY  
*Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary*

























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