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RE/MAX Holdings, Inc.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 5, 2016

March 24, 2016

Dear Stockholder,

We cordially invite you to attend our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, located at 4900 S. Syracuse St., Denver, Colorado 80237.

We are holding the meeting for the following purposes, which are described in more detail in the proxy statement:

1. to elect four directors to our Board of Directors;
2. to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;
3. to vote on a stockholder proposal, if properly presented at the meeting; and
4. to transact any other business as may properly come before the meeting or before any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 7, 2016 will be entitled to attend or vote at the annual meeting.

We will take advantage of the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that allow us to furnish our proxy materials over the internet. As a result, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to our stockholders rather than a full paper set of the proxy materials. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials contains instructions on how to access our proxy materials on the internet, as well as instructions on how stockholders may obtain a paper copy of our proxy materials. This process substantially reduces the costs associated with printing and distributing proxy materials. To make it easy to vote, internet and telephone voting are available. The instructions for voting are on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or, if you received a paper copy of the proxy materials, on the proxy card.

If you hold your shares through a bank, broker or other holder of record, please follow the voting instruction you received from the holder of record.

Your vote is important. We encourage you to vote by proxy in advance of the meeting, whether or not you plan to attend the meeting.

Please feel free to contact our investor relations department at (303) 224-5458 or investorrelations@remax.com if you have any questions about voting or attending the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Adam Lindquist Scoville, Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2016: The Company's Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 are also available at <http://materials.proxyvote.com/75524W>.

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RE/MAX HOLDINGS, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

RE/MAX Holdings, Inc. (“RE/MAX Holdings”) is making this proxy statement available to its stockholders on or about March 24, 2016 in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors for the RE/MAX Holdings 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”), which will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, located at 4900 S. Syracuse St., Denver, Colorado 80237. As a stockholder of RE/MAX Holdings, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and are entitled and encouraged to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement.

RE/MAX Holdings is a holding company. Its only business is to act as the sole manager of RMCO, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“RMCO”). RE/MAX Holdings was formed in June 2013 and completed an initial public offering of its Class A common stock on October 7, 2013 (the “IPO”). Our Class A common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) under the symbol “RMAX.”

In this proxy statement, “we,” “our,” “us” and the “Company” refer collectively to RE/MAX Holdings, RMCO, and RMCO’s subsidiaries.

Below are answers to common questions stockholders may have about the Annual Meeting.

What are the Proxy Materials?

The “Proxy Materials” are this proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (the “Annual Report”). If you request printed versions of the Proxy Materials, you will also receive a proxy card.

Why did I receive a one-page notice instead of a full set of Proxy Materials?

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), we are furnishing Proxy Materials to many of our stockholders on the internet, rather than mailing printed copies. If you received a one-page notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the Proxy Materials unless you request one. Instead, the notice will instruct you how to access and review the Proxy Materials on the internet. If you would like a printed copy of the Proxy Materials, please follow the instructions on the notice.

What items are scheduled to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

There are three proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

1. the election of four directors to our Board of Directors;
2. the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP (“KPMG”) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and

3. to consider a stockholder proposal, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting.

We may also transact any other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or before any adjournment or postponement thereof.

How does the Board of Directors recommend that I vote?

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote:

FOR each of the nominees to the Board of Directors (Proposal 1);

FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 2);
and

AGAINST the stockholder proposal.

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Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?

Our bylaws require that we receive advance notice of any proposals to be brought before the Annual Meeting by our stockholders. We have not received any such proposals, other than the shareholder proposal described below, which matter is to be decided at the Annual Meeting. We do not anticipate any other matters will come before the Annual Meeting. If any other matter comes before the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders appointed by our Board of Directors will have discretion to vote on those matters.

Who may vote at the meeting?

Holders of Class A common stock and holders of Class B common stock as of the close of business on March 7, 2016 (the "Record Date") may vote at the Annual Meeting.

How many votes do I have?

Holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock held as of the Record Date. Holders of Class B common stock are entitled to two votes for each common unit in RMCO owned by such holder as of the Record Date, regardless of the number of Class B shares owned.

As of the Record Date, there were 17,584,351 shares of Class A common stock outstanding, which will each carry one vote and one share of Class B common stock outstanding, which will carry 25,119,200 votes.

What vote is required for each proposal?

For the election of directors, each director must be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. This means that the four nominees receiving the largest number of "for" votes will be elected as directors. We do not have cumulative voting.

The ratification of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the stockholder proposal, and any other proposals that may come before the Annual Meeting will be determined by the majority of the votes cast.

How are abstentions and broker non-votes counted?

Abstentions (shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy that are voted "abstain") and broker non-votes (explained below) are counted for the purpose of establishing the presence a quorum at the Annual Meeting but are not counted as votes cast.

What is the difference between a stockholder of record and a beneficial owner of shares held in street name?

Stockholder of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., you are a stockholder of record.

Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct the organization holding your account on how to vote the shares you hold in your account.

How do stockholders of record vote?

There are four ways for stockholders of record to vote:

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- Via the internet. You may vote via the internet by visiting <http://www.proxyvote.com> and entering the unique control number for your shares located on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.
- By telephone. You may vote by phone by calling (800) 690-6903. You will need the control number from your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.
- By mail. If you requested that Proxy Materials be mailed to you, you will receive a proxy card with your Proxy Materials. You may vote by filling out and signing the proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided.
- In person. You may also vote your shares in person by completing a ballot at the Annual Meeting.

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How do beneficial owners of shares held in street name vote?

There are four ways for beneficial owners of shares held in street name to vote:

- Via the internet. You may vote via the internet by visiting <http://www.proxyvote.com> and entering the unique control number for your shares located on the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.
- By telephone. You may vote by phone by calling (800) 690-6903. You will need the control number from your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.
- By mail. If you requested that Proxy Materials be mailed to you, you may vote by filling out the card you received from the organization holding your shares and returning it as instructed by that organization.
- In person. If you wish to vote in person at the meeting, you will first need to obtain a legal proxy from the organization that holds your shares. You should contact that organization to obtain a legal proxy.

Can I change my vote after submitting a proxy?

Stockholders of record may revoke their proxy before the Annual Meeting by delivering to the Company's Corporate Secretary a written notice stating that a proxy is revoked, by signing and delivering a proxy bearing a later date, by voting again via the internet or by telephone or by attending and voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

Street name stockholders who wish to change their votes should contact the organization that holds their shares.

If I hold shares in street name through a broker, can the broker vote my shares for me?

If you hold your shares in street name and you do not vote, the broker or other organization holding your shares can vote on certain "routine" proposals but cannot vote on other proposals. Proposal 2 (ratification of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm) is a "routine" proposal. Proposal 1 (election of directors) and Proposal 3 (stockholder proposal) are not considered "routine" proposals. If you hold shares in street name and do not vote on Proposal 1 and Proposal 3, your shares will be counted as "broker non-votes."

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

The Company is paying the costs of the solicitation of proxies. Members of our Board of Directors and officers and employees may solicit proxies by mail, telephone, fax, email, or in person. We will not pay directors, officers, or employees any extra amounts for soliciting proxies. We may, upon request, reimburse brokerage firms, banks, or similar entities representing street name holders for their expenses in forwarding Proxy Materials to their customers who are street name holders and obtaining their voting instructions.

What do I need to do if I want to attend the meeting?

You will need to provide evidence that you are a stockholder as of the Record Date. This can be a copy of your proxy card or a brokerage statement showing your shares. You should also bring photo identification. If you hold your shares in street name and wish to vote in person at the meeting, you will need to contact the organization that holds your shares in order to obtain a legal proxy from that organization.

Where can I find voting results?

Final voting results from the Annual Meeting will be filed with the SEC on a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days of the Annual Meeting.

I share an address with another stockholder. Why did we receive only one set of Proxy Materials?

Some banks, brokers, and nominees may be participating in the practice of “householding” Proxy Materials. This means that only one copy of our Proxy Materials to stockholders may have been sent to multiple stockholders in your household. If you hold your shares in street name and want to receive separate copies of the Proxy Materials in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact the bank, broker, or other nominee who holds your shares.

Upon written or oral request, the Company will promptly deliver a separate copy of the Proxy Materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of any of those documents was delivered. To receive a separate copy of the Proxy Materials,

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you can contact our investor relations department at (303) 224-5458, investorrelations@remax.com or 5075 S. Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80237.

Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

You can contact our investor relations department at (303) 224-5458, investorrelations@remax.com or 5075 S. Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80237. Stockholders who hold their shares in street name should contact the organization that holds their shares for additional information on how to vote.

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PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will vote to elect the four nominees named in this Proxy Statement as Class III directors. Each of the Class III directors elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified. Based on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors has nominated David Liniger, Richard Covey, Daniel Predovich, and Teresa Van De Bogart to serve as Class III directors for terms expiring at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Daryl Jesperson currently serves as a Class III director but this will be his final term on the Board, with his service ending at the Annual Meeting. The Board thanks Mr. Jesperson for his many contributions to RE/MAX over the past 40 years.

The persons named as proxies will vote to elect Messrs. Liniger, Covey, and Predovich and Ms. Van De Bogart unless a stockholder indicates that his or her shares should be withheld with respect to one or more of such nominees.

In the event that any nominee for Class III director becomes unavailable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote the proxies in their discretion for any nominee who is designated by the current Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. We do not expect that any of the nominees will be unavailable or will decline to serve.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD: The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the nominees for the Board of Directors in this Proposal 1.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Executive Officers and Directors

The following table sets forth certain information about our executive officers and directors as of the date of this proxy statement.

Name	Age	Position
David L. Liniger	70	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, and Co-Founder
Gail A. Liniger		