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General Message to Associates

The following is the text of information that management may use from time to time to encourage associates at the Company to review the proxy materials and vote their shares:

You will be receiving your proxy materials in the mail shortly for the Raymond James Financial Annual Meeting of Shareholders that will be held on February 23 at the home office in St. Petersburg. Please review these proxy materials and vote your shares. Your vote is important, no matter the size of your holdings.

RJnet News

RJF Shareholders: Vote

As shareholders, you are always encouraged to review the proxy materials and vote your shares. Your vote is important, no matter the size of your holdings.

The proxy materials for the February 23 Raymond James Financial Annual Meeting of Shareholders are in the mail.

Among the items to be voted on by shareholders – including common stock shareholders and all associates who are participants in the firm’s Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) – are:

- Election of 10 nominees to our Board of Directors;
- Ratification of the appointment by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm;
 - Approval of the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan; and,
- Approval of an advisory (non-binding) resolution on the Company’s executive compensation.

We Need Your Vote

While broker/dealers may sometimes vote shares without specific instructions from their customers for shares held in their customers’ accounts, this action is only allowed for appointment of auditors, one of four items on the RJF agenda this year. Please consider the voting recommendations of the Board of Directors contained in the proxy statement.

How to Vote

All shareholders will receive proxy materials in the mail. Your proxy card explains how you can vote online, by telephone or by returning the card by mail. You will need your proxy card to vote, as it contains important shareholder-specific information.

If you lose or do not receive your proxy information and own shares in an account other than ESOP, contact the Corporate Actions department at ext. 73724 to get the control number associated with your respective RJF shares. You can then vote online (<http://www.proxyvote.com/>) or by telephone (1-800-454-8683) with this shareholder-specific control number.

NOTE: The instructions above are for employees only and are only for shares held in street name through RJ&A.

If you lose or do not receive the proxy card for your shares held in your ESOP, email reorganization@raymondjames.com by 5 p.m. ET Wednesday, February 15, 2012, to request the control number associated with your respective RJF shares held in your ESOP account. Your email should include your name and address that is associated with your ESOP account. As soon as you receive your control number you can then vote online (<http://www.proxyvoting.com/rjf>) or by telephone (1-866-540-5760) with this shareholder-specific control number.

More Information

The full proxy statement is available at raymondjames.com under Our Company > Investor Relations > Shareholders' Meeting.

Weekly Digest

January 31

HOM, RJ&A

RJF Shareholders: Vote

Vote when you receive your RJF proxy materials, which will be delivered by mail. See what's on the ballot, review the board's recommendations and learn how you can participate.

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RJF Common Stock Shareholders: Vote

If you own RJF common stock in your own portfolio, vote when you receive your RJF proxy materials, which will be delivered by mail. See what's on the ballot, review the board's recommendations and learn how you can participate.

February 7

HOM, RJ&A

Remember to Vote Your RJF Shares

Consider the ballot, the board's recommendations and the three ways to vote. Plus, find out what to do if you lost your RJF proxy materials.

FID, IAD, ICD

Remember to Vote Your RJF Common Shares

If you own RJF common stock in your own portfolio, consider the ballot, the board's recommendations and the three ways to vote. Plus, find out what to do if you lost your RJF proxy materials.

February 21

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RJF Shareholders: Last Chance to Vote

Review the ballot and the board's recommendations and vote by February 22.

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RJF Common Stock Shareholders: Last Chance to Vote

If you own RJF common stock in your own portfolio, review the ballot and the board's recommendations and vote by February 22.

Department Head, Supervisor's Meeting

February 6 Department Head Meeting

Remember to vote your RJF shares. Common stock shareholders and all associates who are participants in the firm's Employee Stock Ownership Plan are eligible to vote and should have received proxy materials. The ballot this year includes the election of 10 nominees to our Board of Directors, ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, approval of the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan and an advisory resolution on executive compensation. Your vote is important, no matter the size of your holdings. Please consider the voting recommendations of the Board of Directors and vote.

February 21 Supervisor's Meeting

Remember to vote your RJF shares. Common stock shareholders and all associates who are participants in the firm's Employee Stock Ownership Plan are eligible to vote and should have received proxy materials. The ballot this year includes the election of 10 nominees to our Board of Directors, ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, approval of the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan and an advisory resolution on executive compensation. Your vote is important, no matter the size of your holdings. Please consider the voting recommendations of the Board of Directors and vote.

RJTV

Text of Slide to run February 6-22

RJF Shareholders, Remember to Vote

See what's on the ballot for the February 23 Annual Shareholders' Meeting and learn how to participate using your RJF proxy materials.

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