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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED APRIL 29, 2019**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To Prospectus Dated August 10, 2017)

\$

\$ % Senior Notes due 2029

\$ % Senior Notes due 2049

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of our % Senior Notes due 2029 (the 2029 notes ) and \$ aggregate principal amount of our % Senior Notes due 2049 (the 2049 notes and, together with the 2029 notes, the notes ). We will pay interest on the notes on and of each year, beginning on , 2019. The 2029 notes will mature on , 2029 and the 2049 notes will mature on , 2049.

We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time at the applicable redemption prices determined as set forth under Description of Notes Optional Redemption. Upon the occurrence of a change of control triggering event, we will be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase, as described under Description of Notes Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.

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The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future other senior unsecured indebtedness.

The notes are new issues of securities with no established trading markets. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any automated quotation system.

**Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-9 and Part I Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, which is incorporated by reference herein, for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before investing in the notes.**

	Per 2029 note	Total	Per 2049 note	Total
Public Offering Price(1)	%	\$	%	\$
Underwriting Discount	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds to Lear (before expenses)	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from , 2019.

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

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers on or about May , 2019, only in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its direct and indirect participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ( Clearstream ), and/or Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. ( Euroclear ), as operator of the Euroclear System.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Citigroup**  
**Barclays**

**HSBC**

**J.P. Morgan**  
**BofA Merrill Lynch**

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus relating to this offering. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or such incorporated documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which contains the terms of this offering of notes. The second part, the accompanying prospectus dated August 10, 2017, which is part of our Registration Statement on Form S-3, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering.

This prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in the accompanying prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus relating to this offering in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in **Where You Can Find More Information** in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus relating to this offering, and in other offering material, if any, or information contained in documents which you are referred to by this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement. See **Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)**. The information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus relating to this offering or other offering material filed by us with the SEC is accurate only as of the date of those documents or information, regardless of the time of delivery of the documents or information or the time of any sale of the securities.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or the underwriters, to subscribe to or purchase any of the notes, and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. See **Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)**.

Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus supplement, references to **Lear**, the **Company**, **us**, **we** or **our** mean Lear Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. When we refer to **you** in this prospectus supplement, we mean all purchasers of notes being offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect owners of those securities. As used in this prospectus supplement, references to **Existing Notes** mean, collectively, our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 (the **2024 Notes**), our 5.250% Senior Notes due 2025 (the **2025 Notes**) and our 3.800% Senior Notes due 2027 (the **2027 Notes**).

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements and information in this prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The words will, may, designed to, outlook, believes, should, anticipates, plans, expects, intends, estimates, forecasts and similar expressions identify certain of these forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated in this prospectus supplement which address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including, without limitation, statements related to business opportunities, awarded sales contracts, sales backlog and ongoing commercial arrangements, or statements expressing views about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from any or all forward-looking statements made by us. Important factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results include, but are not limited to:

general economic conditions in the markets in which we operate, including changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates;

changes in actual industry vehicle production levels from our current estimates;

fluctuations in the production of vehicles or the loss of business with respect to, or the lack of commercial success of, a vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier;

the outcome of customer negotiations and the impact of customer-imposed price reductions;

the cost and availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components and our ability to mitigate such costs;

disruptions in relationships with our suppliers;

the financial condition of and adverse developments affecting our customers and suppliers;

risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries;

currency controls and the ability to economically hedge currencies;

global sovereign fiscal matters and creditworthiness, including potential defaults and the related impacts on economic activity, including the possible effects on credit markets, currency values, monetary unions, international treaties and fiscal policies;

the operational and financial success of our joint ventures;

competitive conditions impacting us and our key customers and suppliers;

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labor disputes involving us or our significant customers or suppliers or that otherwise affect us;

the impact and timing of program launch costs and our management of new program launches;

limitations imposed by our existing indebtedness and our ability to access capital markets on commercially reasonable terms;

changes in discount rates and the actual return on pension assets;

impairment charges initiated by adverse industry or market developments;

our ability to execute our strategic objectives;

disruptions to our information technology, including those related to cybersecurity;

increases in our warranty, product liability or recall costs;

the outcome of legal or regulatory proceedings to which we are or may become a party;

the impact of pending legislation and regulations or changes in existing federal, state, local or foreign laws or regulations;

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costs associated with compliance with environmental laws and regulations;

developments or assertions by or against us relating to intellectual property rights;

the impact of potential changes in tax and trade policies in the United States and related actions by countries in which we do business;

the anticipated changes in economic and other relationships between the United Kingdom and the European Union; and

other risks, described below in **Risk Factors** and the risks described in Part I Item 1A, **Risk Factors**, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and from time to time in our other SEC filings.

Any forward-looking statement included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we do not assume any obligation to update, amend or clarify such statements to reflect events, new information or circumstances occurring after such date.

Information in this prospectus supplement relies on assumptions in our sales backlog. Our sales backlog reflects anticipated net sales from formally awarded new programs less lost and discontinued programs. The calculation of the sales backlog does not reflect customer price reductions on existing or newly awarded programs. The sales backlog may be impacted by various assumptions embedded in the calculation, including vehicle production levels on new programs, foreign exchange rates and the timing of major program launches.

**MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA**

The market share, ranking and other data contained in this prospectus supplement are based either on management's own estimates, independent industry publications, reports by market research firms or other published independent sources and, in each case, are believed by management to be reasonable estimates. However, such data is subject to change and cannot always be verified with complete certainty due to limits on the availability and reliability of raw data and the voluntary nature of reporting such data. In addition, in some cases, we have not verified the assumptions underlying such data.

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### **SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you in deciding whether to invest in the notes. You should read carefully this entire prospectus supplement, including the Risk Factors section, and the other documents that we refer to and incorporate by reference herein for a more complete understanding of us and this offering. In particular, we incorporate by reference important business and financial information into this prospectus supplement.*

### **Our Company**

Lear Corporation is a leading Tier 1 supplier to the global automotive industry. We supply seating, electrical distribution systems and electronic modules, as well as related sub-systems, components and software, to all of the world's major automotive manufacturers. We have 261 manufacturing, engineering and administrative locations in 39 countries and are continuing to grow our business in all automotive producing regions of the world, both organically and through complementary acquisitions. Our manufacturing footprint reflects more than 145 facilities in 22 low cost countries.

We use our product, design and technological expertise, global reach and competitive manufacturing footprint to achieve the following financial goals and objectives:

Continue to deliver profitable growth, balancing risks and returns;

Maintain a strong balance sheet with investment grade credit metrics; and

Consistently return excess cash to our stockholders.

Our business is organized under two reporting segments: Seating and E-Systems. Each of these segments has a varied product and technology range across a number of component categories:

**Seating** Our Seating segment consists of the design, development, engineering, just-in-time assembly and delivery of complete seat systems, as well as the design, development, engineering and manufacture of all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests. Further, we have capabilities in active sensing, safety, connectivity, user experience and comfort for seats, utilizing electronically controlled systems and internally developed algorithms. We also offer seat heating and cooling capabilities through technology partnerships and design-integrated supplier solutions.

**E-Systems** Our E-Systems segment consists of the design, development, engineering and manufacture of complete electrical distribution systems, as well as sophisticated electronic control modules, electrification products and connectivity products.

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Electrical distribution systems route networks and electrical signals and manage electrical power within the vehicle for all types of power trains traditional internal combustion engine ( ICE ) architectures to the full range of hybrid, plug in hybrid and battery electric architectures. Key components in our electrical distribution portfolio include wire harnesses, terminals and connectors and junction boxes for both ICE and electrification architectures that require management of higher voltage and power.

Electronic control modules facilitate signal, data and power management within the vehicle and include the associated software required to facilitate these functions. Key components in our electronic control module portfolio include body control modules, wireless receiver and transmitter technology and lighting and audio control modules, as well as portfolios specific to electrification and connectivity trends.

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Electrification products include charging systems (onboard charging modules, cord set charging equipment and wireless charging systems), battery electronics (battery disconnect units, cell monitoring supervisory systems and integrated total battery control modules) and other power management modules, including converter and inverter systems which may be integrated into other modules or sold separately.

Connectivity products in our Connexus™ portfolio include gateway modules, connected gateways and independent communication modules to manage both wired and wireless networks and data in vehicles. In addition to fully functional electronic modules, we offer software that includes cybersecurity, EXO™ advanced vehicle positioning for automated and autonomous driving applications, roadside modules that communicate real-time traffic information and full capabilities in both dedicated short-range communication ( DSRC ) and cellular protocols for vehicle connectivity.

We serve the worldwide automotive and light truck market in both our Seating and E-Systems segments. We have automotive content on more than 400 vehicle nameplates worldwide and serve all of the world's major automotive manufacturers across our businesses and various component categories in both our Seating and E-Systems segments. It is common to have both seating and electrical content on the same and multiple vehicle platforms with a single customer. In addition, our electrical components are increasingly integrated into our complete seat systems, as the new technologies, functions and features that we are developing in our Seating business are often enabled by electronic sensors, software and controls. We are the only global automotive supplier with significant capabilities in electronics, software and seating. We are focused on growing and improving the profitability of our businesses and have implemented a strategy designed to deliver industry-leading long-term financial returns. This strategy includes disciplined investing in our business to grow and enhance our product offerings, strategically focusing our portfolio on products to support emerging trends, such as autonomy, connectivity, electrification and shared mobility, and leveraging an industry-leading cost structure to expand our operating margins. Our businesses benefit globally from leveraging common operating standards and disciplines, including world-class product development and manufacturing processes, as well as common customer support and regional infrastructures. Our core capabilities are shared across component categories and include high-precision manufacturing and assembly with short lead times, management of complex supply chains, global engineering and program management skills, the agility to establish and/or move facilities quickly and a unique customer-focused culture. Our businesses utilize proprietary, industry-specific processes and standards, leverage common low-cost engineering centers and share centralized operating support functions, such as logistics, supply chain management, quality and health and safety, as well as all major administrative functions.

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**Recent Developments**

***Extension of Credit Agreement***

On March 27, 2019, we entered into an extension agreement related to our credit agreement, dated August 8, 2017 (the "Credit Agreement"), to extend the maturity date of our \$1.75 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") by one year to August 8, 2023. The maturity date of our \$250.0 million unsecured term loan facility (the "Term Loan") remains August 8, 2022. For further information related to the extension of the Credit Agreement, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 27, 2019, which is incorporated by reference herein.

***Xevo Inc. Acquisition***

On April 17, 2019, we completed the acquisition (the "Acquisition") of Xevo Inc. ("Xevo") via a merger of Lear Techsub Corporation ("Merger Sub"), a subsidiary of the Company, with and into Xevo with Xevo becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to that certain Merger Agreement, dated March 27, 2019, by and among the Company, Merger Sub, Xevo and Fortis Advisors LLC, as securityholder representative (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"). Xevo is a leading automotive software supplier that develops solutions for cloud, car and mobile devices. The consideration for the Acquisition was approximately \$320 million in cash paid at closing. The Merger Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, covenants, termination provisions and other agreements. In addition, we and Xevo have agreed to indemnify each other for certain losses. Under the Merger Agreement, we established an escrow account to secure Xevo's post-closing indemnification obligations under the Merger Agreement. In addition, the Company has obtained representation and warranty insurance to provide coverage for certain breaches of, or inaccuracies in, representations and warranties made by Xevo, subject to customary exclusions and limitations. We intend to use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering, together with cash on hand, to finance a portion of the Acquisition. See "Use of Proceeds." As part of the Acquisition, we issued 16,231 shares of restricted stock and 130,285 restricted stock units to certain Xevo employees who joined the Company pursuant to the 2019 Inducement Grant Plan adopted by our Board of Directors without stockholder approval pursuant to the inducement exemption provided under the NYSE listing rules. We may not be able to achieve the strategic benefits of the Acquisition. An inability to realize the full extent of, or any of, the anticipated benefits of the Acquisition, as well as any delays encountered in the integration process, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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**The Offering**

*The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. For a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes, see the section entitled "Description of Notes."*

<b>Issuer</b>	Lear Corporation, a Delaware corporation.
<b>Notes Offered</b>	<p>\$      aggregate principal amount of      % Senior Notes due 2029.</p> <p>\$      aggregate principal amount of      % Senior Notes due 2049.</p>
<b>Maturity</b>	<p>The 2029 notes will mature on                      , 2029.</p> <p>The 2049 notes will mature on                      , 2049.</p>
<b>Interest Rate</b>	The notes will bear interest from                      , 2019, at the rate of      % per annum, in the case of the 2029 notes and      % per annum, in the case of the 2049 notes.
<b>Interest Rate Payment Dates</b>	Interest on the notes is payable on                      and                      of each year, beginning on                      , 2019.
<b>Ranking of Notes</b>	<p>The notes will be senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The notes will not be obligations of, or guaranteed by, any of our subsidiaries. The notes will as a result be effectively junior to any of our future indebtedness that is secured to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and will be structurally subordinated to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.</p> <p>As of March 30, 2019, on an as adjusted consolidated basis after giving effect to the completion of this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, we would have had \$      million of senior debt, none of which was secured.</p>
<b>Optional Redemption</b>	We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time at the applicable redemption prices determined as set forth under "Description of Notes" Optional Redemption.
<b>Change of Control Triggering Event</b>	If we experience a Change of Control and a Rating Decline (each as defined herein), each holder will have the right to require us to offer to repurchase all of the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase. See "Description of Notes" Change of Control Triggering Event.

**Use of Proceeds**

We estimate that the net proceeds from the offering will be approximately \$       million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use

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approximately \$       million of the net proceeds of this offering to redeem the outstanding \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 2024 Notes at a price equal to 102.688% of the principal amount of such 2024 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. We intend to use the remaining net proceeds to pay a portion of the purchase price for the Acquisition, including fees and expenses. The Board of Directors of the Company has authorized, contingent upon the closing of this offering, the redemption of the outstanding \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes. This prospectus supplement does not constitute a notice of redemption for the 2024 Notes.

### **Absence of Established Market for the Notes**

The notes are new issues of securities, and currently, there is no market for them. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any automated quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market for the notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The underwriters may discontinue any market-making in the notes at any time in their sole discretion. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid market will develop for the notes.

### **Trustee, Registrar, Paying Agent**

U.S. Bank National Association.

### **Risk Factors**

An investment in the notes involves risk. You should carefully consider the information set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement and in Part I Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

## **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, Michigan 48033, and our telephone number is (248) 447-1500. Our website address is [www.lear.com](http://www.lear.com). The information on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus supplement and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment decision with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement.



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The following income statement, statement of cash flows and balance sheet data as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, were derived from our consolidated financial statements. Our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accountants. The following income statement, statement of cash flows and balance sheet data as of March 30, 2019 and March 31, 2018, and for the three months ended March 30, 2019 and March 31, 2018, were derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which, in our opinion, include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for such periods. The results for the three months ended March 30, 2019, are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2019, any interim period or any future period or year.

We have incorporated by reference herein our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and our condensed consolidated financial statements as of March 30, 2019, and for the three months ended March 30, 2019 and March 31, 2018, from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2019. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2016 and March 31, 2018, is derived from financial statements that are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. The following table should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2019, which are incorporated by reference herein. This information is only a summary and should be read together with the consolidated financial statements, the related notes and other financial information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended December 31,		
	March 30, 2019(1)	March 31, 2018(2)	2018(3)	2017(4)	2016(5)
	(unaudited)				
<b>Income Statement: (in millions)</b>					
Net sales	\$ 5,160.1	\$ 5,733.7	\$ 21,148.5	\$ 20,467.0	\$ 18,557.6
Gross profit	473.2	631.4	2,318.3	2,291.1	2,122.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	148.3	155.4	612.8	635.2	608.2
Amortization of intangible assets	12.7	13.1	51.4	47.6	53.0
Interest expense	20.9	20.7	84.1	85.7	82.5
Other (income) expense, net(6)	4.4	(5.6)	31.6	(4.1)	40.6
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	286.9	447.8	1,538.4	1,526.7	1,338.3
Provision for income taxes	43.1	77.7	311.9	197.5	370.2
Equity in net income of affiliates	(2.3)	(4.1)	(20.2)	(51.7)	(72.4)
Consolidated net income	246.1	374.2	1,246.7	1,380.9	1,040.5
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	17.2	20.5	96.9	67.5	65.4
Net income attributable to Lear	\$ 228.9	\$ 353.7	\$ 1,149.8	\$ 1,313.4	\$ 975.1
<b>Statement of Cash Flows Data: (in millions)</b>					
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 51.6	\$ 236.8	\$ 1,779.8	\$ 1,783.1	\$ 1,619.3
Cash flows used in investing activities	(116.6)	(188.1)	(693.5)	(868.6)	(637.1)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(234.7)	(272.6)	(1,030.5)	(742.0)	(872.9)
Capital expenditures	122.8	162.8	677.0	594.5	528.3



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	As of or Three Months Ended		As of or Year Ended December 31,		
	March 30, 2019	March 31, 2018	2018	2017	2016
	(unaudited)				
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b> (in millions)					
Current assets	\$ 6,597.6	\$ 7,099.7	\$ 6,280.5	\$ 6,613.0	\$ 5,649.3
Total assets	12,362.0	12,681.2	11,600.7	11,945.9	9,900.6
Current liabilities	4,914.4	5,296.4	4,500.6	4,854.3	4,182.3
Long-term debt	1,938.6	1,950.0	1,941.0	1,951.5	1,898.0
Equity	4,393.7	4,554.6	4,360.6	4,292.6	3,192.9
<b>Other Data</b> (unaudited):					
Employees at period end	163,500	169,100	169,000	165,000	148,400
North American content per vehicle(7)	\$ 439	\$ 469	\$ 452	\$ 456	\$ 422
North American vehicle production (in millions)(8)	4.3	4.4	17.0	17.1	17.8
European content per vehicle(9)	\$ 376	\$ 402	\$ 385	\$ 354	\$ 316
European vehicle production (in millions)(10)	5.8	6.1	22.6	23.0	22.3

- (1) March 30, 2019 results included \$55.9 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$2.1 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$1.0 million of transaction costs, \$2.0 million related to a favorable indirect tax ruling in a foreign jurisdiction and \$37.2 million of tax benefits related to changes in the tax status of certain affiliates, share-based compensation, restructuring charges and various other items.
- (2) March 31, 2018 results include \$24.0 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$0.9 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$0.4 million of transaction costs, \$0.3 million litigation charge, \$10.0 million gain related to obtaining control of an affiliate and \$27.3 million of net tax benefits related to the reversal of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of a foreign subsidiary, share-based compensation, restructuring charges and various other items, partially offset by an increase in foreign withholding tax on certain undistributed foreign earnings.
- (3) 2018 results include \$104.3 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$4.7 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$0.5 million of transaction costs, \$5.4 million pension settlement charge, \$17.1 gain related to litigation, \$10.0 million gain related to obtaining control of an affiliate, \$8.9 million loss related to affiliates, \$15.8 million related to a favorable indirect tax ruling in a foreign jurisdiction, \$49.1 million of net tax benefits related to the reversal of valuation allowances on the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries, share-based compensation, a tax rate change in a foreign subsidiary, an adjustment to the 2017 provisional income tax expense, restructuring charges and various other items partially offset by an increase in foreign withholding tax on certain undistributed foreign earnings and the establishment of valuation allowances on the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and various other items.
- (4) 2017 results include \$74.5 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$1.3 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$3.8 million of transaction costs, \$5.0 million charge due to an acquisition-related inventory fair value adjustment, \$15.4 million litigation charge, \$21.2 million loss on the extinguishment of debt, \$54.2 million gain related to obtaining control of an affiliate and \$214.8 million of net tax benefits related to U.S. corporate tax reform and its associated transition tax, foreign tax credits on repatriated earnings, the reversal of valuation allowances on the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries, share-based compensation, an incentive tax credit in a foreign subsidiary, the redemption of senior notes due 2023, restructuring charges and various other items.
- (5) 2016 results include \$69.6 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$4.7 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$34.2 million non-cash pension settlement charge, \$1.3 million of transaction costs, \$30.3 million gain related to obtaining control of an affiliate and

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- \$23.6 million of net tax benefits related to restructuring charges, a non-cash pension settlement charge and various other items.
- (6) Includes non-income related taxes, foreign exchange gains and losses, gains and losses related to certain derivative instruments and hedging activities, losses on the extinguishment of debt, gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets, the non-service cost components of net periodic benefit cost and other miscellaneous income and expense.
  - (7) North American content per vehicle is our net sales in North America divided by total North American vehicle production. Content per vehicle data excludes business conducted through non-consolidated joint ventures.
  - (8) North American vehicle production includes car and light truck production in the United States, Canada and Mexico based on IHS Automotive.
  - (9) European content per vehicle is our net sales in Europe and Africa divided by total European and African vehicle production. Content per vehicle data excludes business conducted through non-consolidated joint ventures.
  - (10) European vehicle production includes car and light truck production in Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom based on IHS Automotive.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in the notes involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described below and in our reports filed from time to time with the SEC, including Part I Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Before making any investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and affect the value of our securities. In such case, you may lose all or part of your original investment. The risks described below or incorporated by reference herein are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business, results of operation or financial condition. In addition, with respect to forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference, please see Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements for a discussion of important factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results.*

**Risks Related to the Notes**

***Our existing indebtedness and the inability to access capital markets could restrict our business activities or our ability to execute our strategic objectives and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes.***

As of March 30, 2019, on an as adjusted consolidated basis after giving effect to the completion of this offering and the application of the proceeds therefrom, we would have had approximately \$ million of outstanding indebtedness, as well as \$1.75 billion available for borrowing under our Revolving Credit Facility. The terms of the notes and our other debt instruments contain covenants that may restrict our business activities or our ability to execute our strategic objectives, and our failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our indebtedness. We also lease certain buildings and equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements with terms exceeding one year, which are accounted for as operating leases. Additionally, any downgrade in the ratings that rating agencies assign to us and our debt may ultimately impact our access to capital markets. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt and lease obligations, to refinance our debt obligations or to access capital markets on commercially reasonable terms could have an adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Our existing indebtedness and volatility in the global capital and financial markets could have important consequences to the holders of the notes, including:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby;

limiting our ability to borrow money to fund working capital, capital expenditures, debt service, product development or other corporate requirements;

requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow to payments on our indebtedness, which would reduce the amount of cash flow available to fund working capital, capital expenditures, product development and other corporate requirements;

increasing our vulnerability to general adverse industry and economic conditions;

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placing us at a disadvantage compared to other, less leveraged competitors;

limiting our ability to respond to business opportunities;

increasing our cost of borrowing; and

subjecting us to financial and other restrictive covenants, the failure of which to satisfy could result in a default under our indebtedness.

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***Despite our existing indebtedness, certain of our agreements, including the indenture governing the notes, permit us and our subsidiaries to incur significantly more debt. This could intensify the risks described above.***

In addition to the notes offered hereby, following the consummation of this offering and the application of the proceeds therefrom, the Company will have outstanding the 2025 Notes and the 2027 Notes. Certain agreements governing our existing indebtedness, including the Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our Existing Notes contain restrictions on our and our subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness, including senior secured indebtedness that will be effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the assets securing such indebtedness. However, these restrictions are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions, and the indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. In addition, the indentures governing our Existing Notes and the notes offered hereby contain limited covenants, including a restriction on our and our subsidiaries' ability to incur senior secured indebtedness but no restriction on the incurrence of senior unsecured indebtedness and, in the case of the indenture governing the 2025 Notes, the 2027 Notes and the notes offered hereby, no limitation on our ability to engage in sale and leaseback transactions. Accordingly, we or our subsidiaries could incur significant additional indebtedness in the future, much of which could constitute secured or effectively senior indebtedness. The more leveraged we become, the more we, and in turn our security holders, become exposed to the risks described above under "Our existing indebtedness and the inability to access capital markets could restrict our business activities or our ability to execute our strategic objectives and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes."

***We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness that may not be successful.***

Our ability to pay principal and interest on the notes and to satisfy our other debt obligations will depend upon, among other things:

our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control; and

our ability to access the capital and financial markets on commercially reasonable terms.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that we will be able to access the capital and financial markets, in an amount sufficient to fund our liquidity needs, including the payment of principal and interest on the notes. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to service our indebtedness, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the notes. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements, including the Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our Existing Notes and the notes offered hereby, may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. Without such resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions for fair market value or at all. Furthermore, any proceeds that we could realize from any such dispositions may not be adequate to meet our debt service obligations then due.

*Repayment of our debt, including the notes, is dependent on cash flow generated by our subsidiaries.*

Our subsidiaries own a significant portion of our assets and conduct a significant portion of our operations. Accordingly, repayment of our indebtedness, including the notes, is dependent, to a significant extent, on the

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generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us, by dividend, debt repayment or otherwise. Our subsidiaries do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the notes or to make funds available for that purpose. Our subsidiaries may not be able to, or may not be permitted to, make distributions to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including the notes. Each subsidiary is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, legal and contractual restrictions may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries. In the event that we do not receive distributions from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to make required principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, including the notes.

*If we default on our obligations to pay our other indebtedness, we may not be able to make payments on the notes.*

Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under the Credit Agreement that is not waived by the required lenders or a default under our Existing Notes that is not waived by a majority of the outstanding principal amount of each series of such notes, and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness could substantially decrease the market value of the notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to make required payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants, in the instruments governing our indebtedness, we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default, the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all of the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest. If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to seek waivers from the required lenders under the Credit Agreement and/or waivers from the holders of our Existing Notes to avoid being in default under our Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our Existing Notes. If we breach our covenants under the Credit Agreement or the indentures governing our Existing Notes and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders under the Credit Agreement or holders of the Existing Notes, as applicable. If this occurs, we would be in default under the Credit Agreement and the Existing Notes, and the lenders and holders of the Existing Notes could exercise their rights as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

*The notes will not be secured by any of our assets and therefore will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured indebtedness.*

The notes will be general unsecured obligations ranking effectively junior in right of payment to existing and future secured debt of Lear to the extent of the collateral securing such debt. The indenture governing the notes will permit the incurrence of additional debt, some of which may be secured debt. See Description of Notes. In the event that we are declared bankrupt, become insolvent or are liquidated or reorganized, creditors whose debt is secured by assets of Lear will be entitled to the remedies available to secured holders under applicable laws, including the foreclosure of the collateral securing such debt, before any payment may be made with respect to the notes. As a result, there may be insufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes and holders of the notes may receive less, ratably, than holders of secured indebtedness.

*The notes will be structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries.*

The notes are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. These subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to the notes, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments. As of March 30, 2019, our subsidiaries had \$19.3 million of outstanding indebtedness to third parties. Any right that we have to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the liquidation or reorganization of those subsidiaries, and the consequent rights of holders of notes to realize proceeds from the sale of any of those subsidiaries' assets, will be structurally subordinated to the claims of those subsidiaries' creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests of those subsidiaries. Accordingly, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, these



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subsidiaries will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to us.

*The terms of the Credit Agreement, the indentures governing our Existing Notes and the notes offered hereby and the agreements governing our other indebtedness may restrict our current and future operations, particularly our ability to respond to changes in our business or to take certain actions.*

The Credit Agreement contains, and any documents governing future indebtedness of ours may contain, a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, which restrict our ability to, among other things:

create or incur certain liens;

enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

enter into lines of business that are not reasonably related or incidental to those businesses in which we are engaged; and/or

sell or dispose of our assets or enter into merger or consolidation transactions.

The indentures governing the Existing Notes and the notes offered hereby contain restrictive covenants that restrict our ability to create or incur certain liens and enter into merger or consolidation transactions. The indenture governing the 2024 Notes (which will be redeemed using a portion of the proceeds from this offering) also contains a covenant that restricts our ability to enter into sale and leaseback transactions.

In addition, the Credit Agreement requires us to comply with a leverage covenant and to make mandatory prepayments of outstanding indebtedness under the Term Loan. As a result, we will be limited in the manner in which we conduct our business, and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.

A failure to comply with the covenants contained in the Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our Existing Notes and the notes could result in an event of default under our Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Existing Notes and the notes, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event of any default under the Credit Agreement or the indentures governing our Existing Notes and the notes, the lenders thereunder or holders, as applicable, could elect to declare all amounts outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and fees, to be due and payable.

If the indebtedness under the Credit Agreement, the Existing Notes or the notes were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that our assets, including our available cash, would be sufficient to repay such indebtedness in full.

*We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control triggering event.*

Upon a change of control triggering event (as defined in the indenture governing the notes), we will be required to make an offer to repurchase all outstanding notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, unless we have previously given notice of our intention to exercise our right to redeem the notes. We may not have sufficient financial resources to purchase all of the notes that are tendered upon a change of control triggering event offer or, if then permitted under the indenture governing the notes, to redeem the notes. We also may be contractually restricted pursuant to the terms governing our existing indebtedness from purchasing all or some of the notes tendered upon a change of control triggering event. A failure to make the applicable change of control triggering event offer or to pay the applicable change of control triggering event purchase price when due would result in a default under the indenture. The occurrence of a change of control triggering event would also constitute an event of default under the Credit Agreement and may constitute an event of default under the terms of the agreements governing our other indebtedness. See Description of Notes Change of Control Triggering Event.

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*There can be no assurances that an active trading market will develop for the notes, which could make it more difficult for holders of the notes to sell their notes and/or result in a lower price at which holders would be able to sell their notes.*

There is currently no established trading market for the notes, and there can be no assurance as to the liquidity of any markets that may develop for the notes, the ability of the holders of the notes to sell their notes or the price at which such holders would be able to sell their notes. If such a market were to exist, the notes could trade at prices that may be lower than the initial market values thereof depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates and our business performance. We do not intend to apply for the listing of the notes on any securities exchange in the United States or elsewhere. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, none of the underwriters are obligated to do so, and any market-making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. See Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest).

*Credit ratings of the notes may change and affect the market price and marketability of the notes.*

Credit ratings are limited in scope, and do not address all material risks relating to an investment in the notes, but rather reflect only the view of each rating agency at the time the rating is issued. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from such rating agency. There can be no assurance that such credit ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the applicable rating agencies, if, in such rating agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. Agency credit ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security. Actual or anticipated changes or downgrades in our credit ratings, including any announcement that our ratings are under further review for a downgrade, could affect the market price or marketability of the notes and increase our corporate borrowing costs.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$       million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use approximately \$       million of the net proceeds of this offering to redeem the outstanding \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 2024 Notes at a price equal to 102.688% of the principal amount of such 2024 Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. We intend to use the remaining net proceeds to pay a portion of the purchase price for the Acquisition, including fees and expenses. See [Summary](#) [Recent Developments](#) for additional information regarding the Acquisition. The Board of Directors of the Company has authorized, contingent upon the closing of this offering, the redemption of the outstanding \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes. The 2024 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.375% per annum and mature on March 15, 2024. This prospectus supplement does not constitute a notice of redemption for the 2024 Notes. See [Capitalization](#).

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The below table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of March 30, 2019 (i) on an actual basis and (ii) on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds therefrom. We have assumed that the estimated net proceeds of this offering after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses will be approximately \$        million. See Use of Proceeds.

You should read this table together with Summary Historical Financial Data included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and Part II Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and our consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein.

	<b>As of March 30, 2019</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As Adjusted(1)</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	\$ 1,199.4	\$
<b>Short-term debt:</b>		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 14.9	\$ 14.9
Current portion of long-term debt	13.8	13.8
<b>Total short-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 28.7</b>	<b>\$ 28.7</b>
<b>Long-term debt:</b>		
Revolving Credit Facility	\$	\$
Term Loan(2)	239.3	239.3
2024 Notes(3)	323.1	
2025 Notes(4)	645.2	645.2
2027 Notes(5)	740.4	740.4
2029 Notes offered hereby		
2049 Notes offered hereby		
Other(6)	4.4	4.4
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	13.8	13.8
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,938.6</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,393.7</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 6,361.0</b>	<b>\$</b>

- (1) This column presents the Company's capitalization as adjusted to give effect to the offering of the notes hereby and the use of proceeds therefrom, including the redemption of the outstanding \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes at a price equal to 102.688% of the principal amount of such 2024 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, and the remainder to pay a portion of the purchase price for the Acquisition, including fees and expenses.
- (2) Amount is presented net of deferred financing fees of \$1.3 million.
- (3) As of March 30, 2019, reflects \$325.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes that we intend to redeem at a price equal to 102.688% of the principal amount of such notes, plus \$        of accrued and unpaid interest, assuming a redemption date of       , 2019. See Use of Proceeds. This prospectus supplement does not constitute a notice of redemption for the 2024 Notes. Amount is presented net of deferred financing fees of \$1.9 million.
- (4) Amount is presented net of deferred financing fees of \$4.8 million.

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- (5) Amount is presented net of deferred financing fees of \$5.1 million and original issue discount of \$4.5 million.
- (6) Represents amounts outstanding under capital leases.

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### **DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

*Definitions of certain terms used in this Description of Notes may be found under the heading **Certain Definitions**. For purposes of this section, the term **Company** refers only to Lear Corporation and not to any of its Subsidiaries; the terms **we**, **our** and **us** refer to Lear Corporation and, where the context so requires, certain or all of its Subsidiaries. The notes will not be guaranteed by any of the Company's Subsidiaries.*

*We will issue the % senior notes due 2029 (the **2029 notes**) and the % senior notes due 2049 (the **2049 notes**) and, together with the 2029 notes, the **notes**), each as a new series of notes under a base indenture, dated as of August 17, 2017 (the **Base Indenture**), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the **Trustee**), as supplemented to date and as further supplemented by the **Second Supplemental Indenture**, to be dated as of May , 2019 (the **Second Supplemental Indenture**) and, together with the **Base Indenture**, the **Indenture**). The term **notes** includes the notes and any **Additional Notes** (as defined below). The Indenture contains provisions which define your rights under the notes. In addition, the Indenture governs the obligations of the Company under the notes. The terms of the notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the TIA.*

*The following description is meant to be only a summary of the provisions of the Indenture that we consider material. It does not restate the terms of the Indenture in their entirety. We have filed a copy of the Base Indenture as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus Supplement forms a part and will file the Second Supplemental Indenture as an exhibit to a Form 8-K following the completion of this offering. We urge you to carefully read the Indenture and the notes because they, and not this description, governs your rights as Holders. You may request copies of the Indenture and the notes at our address set forth under the heading **Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference**.*

### **Overview of the Notes**

The notes:

will be unsecured senior obligations of the Company;

will be senior in right of payment to all future obligations of the Company that are expressly subordinated to the notes; and

will be effectively junior to all existing and future Secured Indebtedness of the Company to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Secured Indebtedness and to all Indebtedness, if any, of the Company's Subsidiaries.

### **Principal, Maturity and Interest**

We will initially issue the 2029 notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$ million. The 2029 notes will mature on , 2029. Each 2029 note we issue will bear interest at a rate of % per annum beginning on , 2019, or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for.

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We will initially issue the 2049 notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$       million. The 2049 notes will mature on       , 2049. Each 2049 note we issue will bear interest at a rate of       % per annum beginning on       , 2019, or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for.

The 2029 notes and the 2049 notes are each referred to herein as a       series. We will pay interest on each series of the notes semiannually to Holders of record at the close of business on the       or       immediately preceding the interest payment date on       and       of each year. The first interest payment date will be       , 2019.

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We will issue the notes in fully registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000.

### **Indenture May be Used for Future Issuances**

Additional notes of either series having identical terms and conditions to the notes of such series that we are currently offering (the Additional Notes ) may be issued under the Indenture from time to time; *provided, however*, that we will only be permitted to issue such Additional Notes if at the time of and after giving effect to such issuance the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are in compliance with the covenants contained in the Indenture. Any Additional Notes will be part of the same issue as the applicable series of notes that we are currently offering and will vote on all matters with such series of notes, provided that if such Additional Notes are not fungible with such series of original notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such Additional Notes will have a separate CUSIP number.

### **Paying Agent and Registrar**

We will pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes at any office of ours or any agency designated by us. We have initially designated the corporate trust office of the Trustee to act as the agent of the Company in such matters. The location of the corporate trust office for payment on the notes is U.S. Bank National Association, 100 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005. We, however, reserve the right to pay interest to Holders by check mailed directly to Holders at their registered addresses or, with respect to global notes, by wire transfer.

Holders may exchange or transfer their notes at the same location given in the preceding paragraph. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of notes. However, we may require Holders to pay any transfer tax or other similar governmental charge payable in connection with any such transfer or exchange.

### **Optional Redemption**

#### ***2029 Notes***

Prior to the applicable Par Call Date, we may at our option redeem the 2029 notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2029 notes plus the Applicable Premium, if any, as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date). Notice of such redemption must be delivered to each Holder not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date.

On or after the Par Call Date, we may at our option redeem the 2029 notes, at any time, in whole or in part, on not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2029 notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to be redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date.

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*Adjusted Treasury Rate* means, with respect to a 2029 note at any redemption date, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Par Call Date, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (2) if such release (or any successor

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release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date, in each case calculated on the third Business Day immediately preceding the redemption date, in each case of (1) and (2), plus basis points.

*Applicable Premium* means, with respect to a 2029 note at any optional redemption made prior to the Par Call Date, the excess, if any of (1) the present value at such redemption date of (A) the redemption price of such note on the Par Call Date, plus (B) all required remaining scheduled interest payments due on such note through the Par Call Date (not including any portion of such payments accrued and unpaid to the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Adjusted Treasury Rate, over (2) the principal amount of such note on such redemption date.

*Comparable Treasury Issue* means, with respect to the 2029 notes, the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the 2029 notes from the redemption date to the Par Call Date, that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of U.S. Dollar denominated corporate debt securities of a maturity most nearly equal to the Par Call Date.

*Comparable Treasury Price* means, with respect to a 2029 note at any redemption date, if clause (2) of the definition of Adjusted Treasury Rate is applicable, the average of three, or if not possible, such lesser number as is obtained by the Company, Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

*Par Call Date* means, with respect to the 2029 notes, , 20 ( months prior to the maturity date of the 2029 notes).

## **2049 Notes**

Prior to the applicable Par Call Date, we may at our option redeem the 2049 notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2049 notes plus the Applicable Premium, if any, as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date). Notice of such redemption must be delivered to each Holder not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date.

On or after the Par Call Date, we may at our option redeem the 2049 notes, at any time, in whole or in part, on not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2049 notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to be redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date.

*Adjusted Treasury Rate* means, with respect to a 2049 note at any redemption date, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Par Call Date, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent

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yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date, in each case calculated on the third Business Day immediately preceding the redemption date, in each case of (1) and (2), plus        basis points.

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*Applicable Premium* means, with respect to a 2049 note at any optional redemption made prior to the Par Call Date, the excess, if any of (1) the present value at such redemption date of (A) the redemption price of such note on the Par Call Date, plus (B) all required remaining scheduled interest payments due on such note through the Par Call Date (not including any portion of such payments accrued and unpaid to the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Adjusted Treasury Rate, over (2) the principal amount of such note on such redemption date.

*Comparable Treasury Issue* means, with respect to the 2049 notes, the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the 2049 notes from the redemption date to the Par Call Date, that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of U.S. Dollar denominated corporate debt securities of a maturity most nearly equal to the Par Call Date.

*Comparable Treasury Price* means, with respect to a 2049 note at any redemption date, if clause (2) of the definition of Adjusted Treasury Rate is applicable, the average of three, or if not possible, such lesser number as is obtained by the Company, Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

*Par Call Date* means, with respect to the 2049 notes, , 20 ( months prior to the maturity date of the 2049 notes).

*Quotation Agent* means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers selected by the Company.

*Reference Treasury Dealer* means each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and their respective successors and assigns and two other nationally recognized investment banking firms selected by the Company that are primary U.S. Government securities dealers.

*Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations* means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Company by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day immediately preceding such redemption date.

## **Selection**

If we partially redeem any series of notes, the Trustee will select the notes of such series to be redeemed on a pro rata basis and in accordance with the procedures of The Depository Trust Company. No note of any series less than \$2,000 in original principal amount may be redeemed in part. If we redeem any note in part only, the notice of redemption relating to such note shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. A new note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original note. On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on notes or portions thereof called for redemption so long as we have deposited with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

**Ranking**

The indebtedness evidenced by the notes is unsecured and ranks *pari passu* in right of payment to the senior Indebtedness of the Company.

The notes are unsecured obligations of the Company. Secured debt and other secured obligations of the Company will be effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt or other obligations.

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The notes will not be guaranteed by any of the Company's Subsidiaries. The Company currently conducts substantially all of its operations through its Subsidiaries. Creditors of such Subsidiaries, including trade creditors, and preferred stockholders, if any, of such Subsidiaries generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of such Subsidiaries over the claims of creditors of the Company, including Holders. The notes, therefore, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of creditors, including trade creditors, and preferred stockholders, if any, of Subsidiaries of the Company.

The Company and its Subsidiaries may be able to Incur substantial amounts of additional Indebtedness. Such Indebtedness may be senior Indebtedness and, subject to certain limitations, may be secured. See **Certain Covenants** **Limitation on Liens** below.

The notes will rank equally in all respects with all other senior Indebtedness of the Company. Unsecured Indebtedness is not deemed to be subordinate or junior to Secured Indebtedness merely because it is unsecured.

## **Change of Control Triggering Event**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, each Holder will have the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part of such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

*Change of Control Triggering Event* means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating Decline. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) any person (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that for purposes of this clause (1) such person shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all shares that any such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or
- (3) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger of another Person with or into the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company (as determined on a Consolidated basis) to another Person, and, in the case of any such merger or consolidation, the securities of the Company that are outstanding immediately prior to such transaction and which represent 100% of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company are changed into or exchanged for cash, securities or property, unless pursuant to such transaction such securities are changed into or exchanged for, in addition to any other consideration, securities of the surviving Person or transferee that represent immediately after such transaction, at least a majority of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person or transferee.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of a holding company and (2)(a) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (b) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

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*Rating Decline* means the occurrence of a decrease in the rating of the notes below an Investment Grade Rating by both of the Rating Agencies, on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that could result in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either of the Rating Agencies); *provided*, that a Rating Decline otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Rating Decline for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Rating Decline). The Company shall notify the trustee in writing of any Rating Decline within 30 days of notice from a Rating Agencies thereof.

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder with a copy to the Trustee (the Change of Control Offer ), stating:

- (1) that a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred and that such Holder has the right to require the Company to purchase all or a portion of such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date);
- (2) the circumstances and relevant facts and financial information regarding such Change of Control Triggering Event;
- (3) the purchase date (which shall be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed); and
- (4) the instructions determined by the Company, consistent with this covenant, that a Holder must follow in order to have its notes purchased.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer. In addition, the Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if the notes have been or are called for redemption by the Company prior to it being required to mail notice of the Change of Control Offer, and thereafter redeems all notes called for redemption in accordance with the terms set forth in such redemption notice. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, a revocable Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control Triggering Event, conditioned upon the consummation of the relevant Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time the Change of Control Offer is made.

The Company will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the purchase of notes pursuant to this covenant. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this covenant, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this covenant by virtue thereof.

The Change of Control Triggering Event purchase feature is a result of negotiations between the Company and the underwriters. Management has no present intention to engage in a transaction involving a Change of Control, although it is possible that the Company would decide to do so in the future. Subject to the limitations discussed below, the Company could, in the future, enter into certain transactions, including acquisitions,



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refinancings or recapitalizations, that would not constitute a Change of Control under the Indenture, but that could increase the amount of Indebtedness outstanding at such time or otherwise affect the Company's capital structure or credit ratings. Restrictions on the ability of the Company to Incur additional Secured Indebtedness are contained in the covenant described under Limitation on Liens. However, except for the limitations contained in such covenant, the Indenture does not contain any covenants or provisions that may afford Holders protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company (as determined on a Consolidated basis). Although there is a developing body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a Holder to require the Company to purchase its notes as a result of a sale of less than all of the assets of the Company (as determined on a Consolidated basis) to another Person may be uncertain.

The occurrence of certain of the events which would constitute a Change of Control would constitute a default under the Credit Agreement. Future senior Indebtedness of the Company may contain prohibitions of certain events which would constitute a Change of Control or require such senior Indebtedness to be repurchased or repaid upon a Change of Control. Moreover, the exercise by the Holders of their right to require the Company to purchase the notes could cause a default under such senior Indebtedness, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of such repurchase on the Company. Finally, the Company's ability to pay cash to the Holders upon a purchase may be limited by the Company's then existing financial resources. There can be no assurance that sufficient funds will be available when necessary to make any required purchases.

The provisions under the Indenture relative to the Company's obligation to make an offer to purchase the notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event may be waived or modified with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes.

## **Certain Covenants**

The Indenture contains covenants including, among others, those summarized below. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Trustee shall not be obligated to monitor or confirm, on a continuing basis or otherwise, the Company's compliance with any reporting covenants described herein or with respect to any reports or other documents filed under the Indenture.

## ***Limitation on Liens***

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, Incur or permit to exist any Lien (the Initial Lien) of any nature whatsoever on any of its property or assets (including Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary), whether owned at the Issue Date or thereafter acquired, which Initial Lien secures any Indebtedness, other than Permitted Liens, without effectively providing that the notes shall be secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) the obligations so secured for so long as such obligations are so secured.

Any Lien created for the benefit of the Holders of the notes pursuant to the preceding sentence shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Initial Lien.

***SEC Reports***

Whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any notes are outstanding, the Company will provide the Trustee and Holders and prospective Holders within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (plus any extensions granted pursuant to SEC rules), copies of:

- (1) annual reports on Form 10-K, or any successor or comparable form, containing the information required to be contained therein, or required in such successor or comparable form;

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- (2) quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, containing the information required to be contained therein, or any successor or comparable form;
- (3) from time to time after the occurrence of an event required to be therein reported, such other reports on Form 8-K, or any successor or comparable form; and
- (4) any other information, documents and other reports which the issuer would be required to file with the SEC if it were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Notwithstanding whether the Company is subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Company will nevertheless continue filing the reports specified above unless the SEC will not accept such a filing. The Company will not take any action for the purpose of causing the SEC not to accept any such filings.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent the Company files the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above with the SEC and such information is publicly available on the Internet, the Company shall be deemed to be in compliance with its obligations to furnish such information to the Holders of the notes. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the SEC will not accept the Company's filings for any reason, the Company will post the reports referred to in the preceding paragraph on its website no later than 15 days after the end of the time periods that would apply if the Company were required to file those reports with the SEC.

In addition, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee and the Holders, upon their request, copies of the annual report to shareholders and any other information provided by the Company to its public shareholders generally. Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such reports shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants under the Indenture or the notes (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

**Merger and Consolidation**

The Company will not, directly or indirectly, consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all its assets in one or a series of related transactions to, any Person, unless:

- (1) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the Successor Company) will be a corporation, limited liability company or limited liability partnership organized and existing under the laws of (x) the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, or (y) Jersey and any other jurisdiction in the Channel Islands, any member state of the European Union as in effect on the Issue Date, Switzerland, Bermuda, The Cayman Islands or Singapore; *provided* that if the Successor Company is organized outside of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, the Company shall enter into a supplemental indenture to the Indenture that includes a provision for the payment of additional amounts to Holders (subject to customary exceptions) in the event that the organization of the Successor Company in such jurisdiction will result in tax withholding or deduction, or otherwise result in taxes, fees, duties, assessments or governmental charges, for payments to Holders under the terms of notes in such jurisdiction (which such provision shall be certified by the Company to the Trustee as customary), and *provided further* that the Successor Company (if not the Company) will expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, all the obligations of the Company under the notes and the Indenture (and, if the Successor Company is not a corporation, the Company shall cause a corporate co-issuer to become a co-obligor on the notes);





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- (2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction (and treating any Indebtedness which becomes an obligation of the Successor Company or any Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor Company or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time of such transaction), no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the Indenture.

The Successor Company will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the Indenture, and the predecessor Company, other than in the case of a lease, will be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the notes.

## **Defaults**

Each of the following is an Event of Default with respect to each series of notes:

- (1) a default in any payment of interest on the notes of such series when due and payable continued for 30 days;
- (2) a default in the payment of principal of any note of such series when due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption or required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;
- (3) the failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under the covenant described under Merger and Consolidation above;
- (4) the failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to comply for 30 days after notice with any of its obligations under the covenants described under Change of Control Triggering Event or Certain Covenants (other than Certain Covenants SEC Reports above (in each case, other than a failure to purchase notes of such series);
- (5) the failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to comply for 60 days after notice as specified in the Indenture with its other agreements contained in the Indenture;
- (6) the failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to pay any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness owing to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) within any applicable grace period after final maturity or the acceleration of any such Indebtedness by the holders thereof because of a default if the total amount of such Indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$200.0 million or its foreign currency equivalent (the cross acceleration provision ); or
- (7) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company or a Significant Subsidiary (the bankruptcy provisions ).

The foregoing will constitute Events of Default whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body.

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However, a default under clauses (1) and (2) will not constitute an Event of Default with respect to any series of notes until the Trustee notifies the Company or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series notify the Company and the Trustee of the default and the Company, as applicable, does not cure such default within the time specified in clauses (1) and (2) hereof after receipt of such notice. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any note that is to be paid by the Trustee, as paying agent, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, unless a Trust Officer of the Trustee shall have received written notice from the Company or a Holder describing such Default or Event of Default, and stating that such notice is a notice of default.

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If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding notes of any series by notice to the Company may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the notes of such series to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal and interest will be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company occurs, the principal of and interest on all the notes will become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders. Under certain circumstances, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of any series may rescind any such acceleration with respect to the notes of such series and its consequences.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee, in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest when due, no Holder of a note of any series may pursue any remedy with respect to the Indenture or the notes of such series unless:

- (1) such Holder has previously given the Trustee notice that an Event of Default is continuing,
- (2) Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series have requested the Trustee in writing to pursue the remedy,
- (3) such Holders have offered the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense,
- (4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity, and
- (5) the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of any series will be given the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to the notes of any such series. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder of a note of such series or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability. Prior to taking any action under the Indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to indemnification reasonably satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such action.

If a Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail to each Holder of the notes of the applicable series, notice of the Default within the earlier of 90 days after it occurs or 30 days after it is actually known to a Trust Officer or written notice of it is received by the Trustee. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on any note of any series (including payments pursuant to the redemption provisions of such note of such series), the Trustee may withhold notice if and so long as a committee of its Trust Officers in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the Holders. In addition, the Company will be required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a certificate indicating whether the signers thereof know of any Default that occurred during the previous year and whether the Company has fulfilled all obligations under the Indenture. The Company will also be required to deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which would constitute certain Events of Default, their status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

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### **Amendments and Waivers**

Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture or the notes of any series may be amended as it relates to such series of notes with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series then outstanding voting as a single class and any past default or compliance with any provisions with respect to the notes of such series may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series then outstanding voting as a single class. However, without the consent of each Holder of an outstanding note affected, no amendment may, among other things:

- (1) reduce the amount of the notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment;
- (2) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any note;
- (3) reduce the principal of or extend the Stated Maturity of any note;
- (4) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption of any note or change the time at which any note may be redeemed as described under "Optional Redemption" above;
- (5) make any note payable in money other than that stated in the note;
- (6) impair the right of any Holder of notes to receive payment of principal of, and interest on, such Holder's notes on or after the due dates therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's notes; or
- (7) make any change in the amendment provisions which require each Holder's consent or in the waiver provisions.

Without the consent of any Holder of the notes, the Company and the Trustee, as applicable, may amend the Indenture to:

- (1) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) provide for the assumption by a successor entity of the obligations of the Company under the Indenture;
- (3) provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes (*provided, however*, that the uncertificated notes are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code);
- (4) add Guarantees with respect to the notes or to confirm and evidence the release, termination or discharge of any Guarantee when such release, termination or discharge is permitted under the Indenture;
- (5) add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of notes or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company;

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- (6) make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder in any material respect, subject to the provisions of the Indenture;
- (7) make any amendment to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the form, authentication, transfer and legending of notes; *provided, however*, that
  - (A) compliance with the Indenture as so amended would not result in notes being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law and
  - (B) such amendment does not materially affect the rights of Holders to transfer notes;
- (8) comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA;
- (9) evidence and provide for the acceptance of an appointment under the Indenture of a successor trustee; *provided* that the successor trustee is otherwise qualified and eligible to act as such under the terms of the Indenture;

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- (10) provide for the issuance of Additional Notes permitted to be issued under the Indenture;
- (11) comply with the rules of any applicable securities depositary;
- (12) conform the text of the Indenture or the notes to any provision of this Description of Notes; or
- (13) convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge as security for the notes any property or assets in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Liens.

The consent of the Holders will not be necessary to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment. It will be sufficient if such consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment. The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such amendment or waiver and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the Indenture.

After an amendment becomes effective, the Company is required to mail to Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment. However, the failure to give such notice to all Holders, or any defect therein, will not impair or affect the validity of the amendment.

## **Transfer and Exchange**

A Holder will be able to transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the Indenture. Upon any transfer or exchange, the registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company will not be required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption or to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days prior to a selection of notes to be redeemed. The notes will be issued in registered form and the Holder will be treated as the owner of such note for all purposes.

## **Satisfaction and Discharge**

When (a)(i) the Company delivers to the Trustee all outstanding notes of any series for cancellation or (ii) all outstanding notes of any series have become due and payable, whether at maturity or on a redemption date as a result of the mailing of notice of redemption and, in the case of clause (2)(b), the Company irrevocably deposits with the Trustee funds or U.S. Government Obligations sufficient to pay at maturity or upon redemption all outstanding notes of such series, including premium, if any, interest thereon to maturity or such redemption date; and (c) if in any case the Company pays all other sums payable under the Indenture by the Company, then the Indenture shall, subject to certain exceptions, cease to be of further effect with respect to all outstanding notes of such series (except as to surviving rights or registration of transfer or exchange of the notes, as expressly provided for in the Indenture).

## **Defeasance**

The Company may, as described below, at any time terminate all its obligations under the Indenture ( legal defeasance ), except for certain obligations, including those respecting the defeasance trust and obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the notes, to replace mutilated,

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destroyed, lost or stolen notes and to maintain a registrar and paying agent in respect of the notes.

In addition, the Company may, as described below, at any time terminate:

- (1) its obligations under the covenants described under Certain Covenants , and
- (2) the operation of the cross acceleration provision and the bankruptcy provisions with respect to Significant Subsidiaries described under Defaults above ( covenant defeasance ).

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The Company may exercise its legal defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its covenant defeasance option. If the Company exercises its legal defeasance option with respect to a series of notes, payment of the notes of such series may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. If the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option with respect to a series of notes, payment of the notes of such series may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in clause (4), (6) or (7) (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) under Defaults above.

In order to exercise either defeasance option with respect to a series of notes, the Company must irrevocably deposit in trust (the defeasance trust) with the Trustee money in an amount sufficient to purchase U.S. Government Obligations, the principal of and interest on which will be sufficient, or a combination thereof sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of such principal and interest, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay the principal of, premium (if any) and interest in respect of the notes of such series to redemption or maturity, as the case may be, and must comply with certain other conditions, including delivery to the Trustee of an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred (and, in the case of legal defeasance only, such Opinion of Counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable Federal income tax law).

## **Concerning the Trustee**

U.S. Bank National Association is the Trustee under the Indenture and has been appointed by the Company as Registrar and Paying Agent with regard to the notes. The Trustee and its affiliates have engaged, currently are engaged, and may in the future engage in financial or other transactions with the Company and their and our affiliates in the ordinary course of their respective businesses, subject to the TIA. The Trustee, in each of its capacities including but not limited to Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent, has not participated in the preparation of this preliminary prospectus supplement and does not assume responsibility for its contents, including, for avoidance of doubt, any reports, financial statement, or any other collateral information related to or referred to herein. No representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this preliminary prospectus supplement or any other information provided by the Company in connection with the offering of the notes. The Trustee has no liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this preliminary prospectus supplement or any other information provided by the Company in connection with the offering of the notes or their distribution.

## **Governing Law**

The Indenture and the notes are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the law of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

## **Certain Definitions**

*Affiliate* of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, *control* when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms *controlling* and *controlled* have meanings correlative to the foregoing.



*Board of Directors* means the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of the board of directors of the Company.

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*Business Day* means each day which is not a Legal Holiday.

*Capital Stock* of any Person means any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any Preferred Stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

*Capitalized Lease Obligations* means an obligation that is required to be classified and accounted for as a capitalized lease for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP, and the amount of Indebtedness represented by such obligation shall be the capitalized amount of such obligation determined in accordance with GAAP.

*Chinese Acceptance Notes* means acceptance notes issued by banks in China in the ordinary course of business for the account of any direct or indirect Chinese Subsidiary of the Company or customers thereof to effect the current payment of goods and services in accordance with customary trade terms in China.

*Code* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

*Consolidated Total Assets* means the total Consolidated assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as shown on the most recent balance sheet of the Company.

*Consolidation* means, unless the context otherwise requires, the consolidation of (1) in the case of the Company, the accounts of each of the Restricted Subsidiaries with those of the Company, (2) in the case of a Restricted Subsidiary, the accounts of each Subsidiary of such Restricted Subsidiary that is a Restricted Subsidiary with those of such Restricted Subsidiary and (3) in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary, the accounts of each Subsidiary of such Foreign Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary with those of such Foreign Subsidiary, in each case in accordance with GAAP consistently applied; *provided, however*, that *Consolidation* will not include consolidation of the accounts of any Unrestricted Subsidiary, but the interest of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in an Unrestricted Subsidiary will be accounted for as an investment. The term *Consolidated* has a correlative meaning.

*Credit Agreement* means the Credit Agreement, dated as of August 8, 2017, among the Company, the foreign subsidiary borrowers from time to time party thereto, the lenders from time to time party thereto, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., as syndication agent, Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as co-documentation agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, as it may be amended (including any amendment and restatement thereof), supplemented, replaced, extended or otherwise modified from time to time.

*Credit Facilities* means (1) the Credit Agreement and (2) one or more debt facilities, indentures or other agreements, including such debt facilities, indentures and other agreements refinancing, replacing, amending, restating or supplementing (whether or not contemporaneously and whether or not related to any of the foregoing agreements) or otherwise restructuring or increasing the amount of available borrowing or other credit extensions under or making Subsidiaries of the Company a borrower, additional borrower or guarantor under, all or any portion of the indebtedness under any such agreement or any successor, replacement or supplemental agreement and whether including any additional obligors or with the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders of with other financial institutions or lenders.

*Default* means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

*Disqualified Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock which by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable) or upon the happening of any event:

- (1) matures or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise;

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(2) is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock (excluding Capital Stock convertible or exchangeable solely at the option of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided, however*, that any such conversion or exchange shall be deemed an Incurrence of Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock, as applicable); or

(3) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part;

in the case of each of clauses (1), (2) and (3), on or prior to 180 days after the Stated Maturity of the notes.

*Domestic Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was formed under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

*Equity Offering* means a public or private offering of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company.

*Exchange Act* means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Existing Notes* means, collectively (i) the 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 issued by the Company pursuant to the base indenture dated as of March 26, 2010, and the fourth supplemental indenture dated as of March 14, 2014, (ii) the 5.250% Senior Notes due 2025 issued by the Company pursuant to the base indenture dated as of March 26, 2010, and the fifth supplemental indenture dated as of November 21, 2014 and (iii) the 3.800% Senior Notes due 2027 issued by the Company pursuant to the base indenture dated as of August 17, 2017, and the first supplemental indenture dated as of August 17, 2017.

*Fair Market Value* means, with respect to any asset or property, the price which could be negotiated in an arm's-length, free market transaction, for cash, between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of whom is under undue pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction as such price is, unless specified otherwise in the Indenture, determined in good faith by a Financial Officer of the Company or by the Board of Directors.

*Financial Officer* means the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer or the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company.

*Foreign Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect as of the Issue Date set forth in:

(1) the Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board,

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- (2) such other statements by such other entities as approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, and
- (3) the rules and regulations of the SEC governing the inclusion of financial statements (including pro forma financial statements) in periodic reports required to be filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, including opinions and pronouncements in staff accounting bulletins and similar written statements from the accounting staff of the SEC.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any lease of the Company or its Subsidiaries that would have been classified and accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP prior to the change in GAAP pursuant to the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Update Topic 842 shall be treated as an operating lease for purposes of the Indenture.

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*Guarantee* means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

- (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise) or
- (2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

*provided, however*, that the term *Guarantee* shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term *Guarantee* used as a verb has a corresponding meaning. The term *Guarantor* shall mean any Person Guaranteeing any obligation.

*Hedging Obligations* of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any (i) interest rate protection agreement, interest rate future agreement, interest rate option agreement, interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement, interest rate collar agreement, interest rate hedge agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement to which such Person is party or of which it is a beneficiary, (ii) foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreements or other similar agreement or arrangement to which such Person is a party or of which it is a beneficiary or (iii) raw materials hedge agreement or any hedging agreement entered into in connection with the issuance of securities convertible or exchangeable for equity of such Person.

*Holder* means the Person in whose name a note is registered on the Registrar's books.

*Incur* means issue, assume, Guarantee, incur or otherwise become liable for; *provided, however*, that any Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Person at the time it becomes a Subsidiary. The term *Incurrence* when used as a noun shall have a correlative meaning. The accretion of principal of a non-interest bearing or other discount security shall not be deemed the Incurrence of Indebtedness.

*Indebtedness* means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, without duplication:

- (1) the principal of and premium (if any) in respect of indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (2) the principal of and premium (if any) in respect of obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (3) all obligations of such Person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letter of credit, bank guarantee, bankers' acceptance or similar credit transaction (other than obligations with respect to letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or similar credit transactions securing obligations (other than obligations described in clauses (1), (2) and (5)) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or similar credit transactions are not drawn upon or, if and to the extent drawn upon, such drawing is reimbursed no later than the tenth Business Day following payment on the letter of credit, bank guarantee, bankers' acceptance or similar credit transaction);

- (4) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property or services (except Trade Payables), which purchase price is due more than six months after the date of placing such property in service or taking delivery and title thereto or the completion of such services;
- (5) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person;

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- (6) the amount of all obligations of such Person with respect to the redemption, repayment or other repurchase of any Disqualified Stock or, with respect to any Subsidiary of such Person, any Preferred Stock (but excluding, in each case, any accrued and unpaid dividends);
- (7) all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; *provided, however*, that the amount of Indebtedness of such Person shall be the lesser of:
  - (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at such date of determination and
  - (B) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Persons;
- (8) Hedging Obligations of such Person; and
- (9) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (1) through (8) of other Persons for the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, including by means of any Guarantee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with the purchase by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of any business, the term *Indebtedness* will exclude post-closing payment adjustments to which the seller may become entitled to the extent such payment is determined by a final closing balance sheet or such payment depends on the performance of such business after the closing; *provided, however*, that, at the time of closing, the amount of any such payment is not determinable and, to the extent such payment thereafter becomes fixed and determined, the amount is paid within 30 days thereafter. In addition, the term *Indebtedness* will exclude obligations of Chinese Subsidiaries in respect of Chinese Acceptance Notes in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date shall be the outstanding balance at such date of all unconditional obligations as described above; *provided, however*, that in the case of Indebtedness sold at a discount, the amount of such Indebtedness at any time will be the accreted value thereof at such time.

*Investment Grade Rating* means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by Standard & Poor's, or an equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency.

*Issue Date* means the date notes are first issued under the Indenture.

*Legal Holiday* means a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which the Trustee or banking institutions are not required by law or regulation to be open in the State of New York.

*Lien* means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge in the nature of an encumbrance of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof).



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*Moody's* means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor to its rating business.

*Net Cash Proceeds*, with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

*Officer* means the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Company.

*Officers' Certificate* means a certificate signed by two Officers.

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*Opinion of Counsel* means a written opinion acceptable to the Trustee from legal counsel. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

*Permitted Liens* means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) Liens securing Indebtedness under Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the greater of (A) \$3.0 billion and (B) the sum of (i) 60% of the book value of the inventory of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries plus (ii) 80% of the book value of the accounts receivable of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than any accounts receivable pledged, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction), in each case, as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, after giving pro forma effect to any acquisition or disposition of a Person or business occurring after such date but prior to the date of determination;
- (2) pledges or deposits by such Person under workers' compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws or similar legislation, or good faith deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness) or leases, subleases, licenses or sublicenses to which such Person is a party, or deposits to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or United States government bonds to secure surety, stays, customs, replevin or appeal bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for contested taxes or import duties or for the payment of rent, in each case Incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics', materialman's, repairman's, landlord's, workman's, supplier's and other like Liens, in each case for sums not yet due or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or other Liens arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review;
- (4) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet due or payable or subject to penalties for non-payment or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (5) Liens in favor of issuers of surety or performance bonds or letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or similar credit transactions issued pursuant to the request of and for the account of such Person in the ordinary course of its business; *provided, however*, that such letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances and similar credit transactions do not constitute Indebtedness;
- (6) survey exceptions, encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real property or Liens incidental to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not Incurred in connection with Indebtedness for borrowed money and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;
- (7) Liens securing Indebtedness Incurred to finance the construction, purchase or lease of, or repairs, improvements or additions to, property of such Person; *provided, however*, that the Lien may not extend to any other property (other than property related to the property being financed) owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries at the time the Lien is Incurred, and the Indebtedness (other than any interest thereon) secured by the Lien may not be Incurred more than 270 days after the later of the acquisition, completion of construction, repair, improvement, addition or commencement of full operation of the property subject to the Lien;
- (8) Liens existing on the Issue Date and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Liens so long as the principal amount of Indebtedness or other obligations secured thereby is not increased (other than to cover premiums, fees, accrued interest and any

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expenses of such extension, renewal or replacement) and so long as such Liens are not extended to any other property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

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- (9) Liens on property or shares of stock of another Person at the time such other Person becomes a Subsidiary of such Person; *provided, however*, that such Liens are not created, Incurred or assumed in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming such a Subsidiary; *provided further, however*, that such Liens do not extend to any other property owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, except pursuant to after acquired property clauses existing in the applicable agreements at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary which do not extend to property transferred to such Person by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (10) Liens on property at the time such Person or any of its Subsidiaries acquires the property, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person; *provided, however*, that such Liens are not created, Incurred or assumed in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition; *provided further, however*, that the Liens do not extend to any other property owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (11) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary of such Person owing to such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person;
- (12) Liens securing Hedging Obligations so long as such Hedging Obligations are entered into in the ordinary course of business to hedge risks with respect to the Company's or a Restricted Subsidiary's interest rate, currency or raw materials pricing exposure or in connection with the issuance of convertible debt and not entered into for speculative purposes;
- (13) Liens to secure any Refinancing (or successive Refinancings) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses (7), (8), (9) and (10); *provided, however*, that:
  - (A) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property that secured the original Lien (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds, dividends or distributions in respect thereof) and
  - (B) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of:
    - (i) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness secured by Liens described under clauses (7), (8), (9) or (10) at the time the original Lien became a Permitted Lien under the Indenture; and
    - (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such Refinancings;
- (14) Liens on accounts receivables and related assets of the type specified in the definition of "Qualified Receivables Transaction" Incurred in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction;
- (15) judgment Liens not giving rise to an Event of Default;
- (16) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding leases that do not otherwise constitute Indebtedness entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (17) leases and subleases of real property which do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries;
- (18) Liens which constitute bankers' Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with any bank or other financial institution, whether arising by operation of law or pursuant to contract;

- (19) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;
- (20) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and related documentation (and proceeds thereof) securing reimbursement obligations in respect of trade letters of credit issued to ensure payment of the purchase price for such items of inventory or other goods;

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- (21) Liens resulting from the deposit of moneys or evidence of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing or discharging Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary;
- (22) Liens on assets of Foreign Subsidiaries securing Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the greater of (i) \$350.0 million and (ii) 4.75% of the Consolidated assets of all Foreign Subsidiaries, in each case securing other obligations under the agreements governing or relating to such Indebtedness;
- (23) pledges or deposits made to support any obligations of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including cash collateral to secure obligations under letters of credit) so long as the aggregate amount of such pledges and deposits does not exceed \$350.0 million; and
- (24) other Liens to secure Indebtedness as long as the amount of outstanding Indebtedness secured by Liens Incurred pursuant to this clause (24) does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Total Assets of the Company, as determined based on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, after giving pro forma effect to any acquisition or disposition of a Person or business occurring after such date but prior to the date of determination, *provided, however*, notwithstanding whether this clause (24) would otherwise be available to secure Indebtedness, Liens securing Indebtedness originally secured pursuant to this clause (24) may secure Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of such Indebtedness and such Refinancing Indebtedness shall be deemed to have been secured pursuant to this clause (24).

*Person* means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

*Preferred Stock*, as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) that is preferred as to the payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

*principal* of a note means the principal of the note plus the premium, if any, payable on the note which is due or overdue or is to become due at the relevant time.

*Qualified Receivables Transaction* means any transaction or series of transactions that may be entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries may sell, convey or otherwise transfer to:

- (1) a Receivables Entity (in the case of a transfer by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) or
- (2) any other Person (in the case of a transfer by a Receivables Entity),

or may grant a security interest in, any accounts receivable (whether now existing or arising in the future) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and any assets related thereto including, without limitation, all collateral securing such accounts receivable, all contracts and all Guarantees or other obligations in respect of such accounts receivable, proceeds of such accounts receivable and other assets which are customarily transferred or in respect of which security interests are customarily granted in connection with asset securitization transactions involving accounts receivable; *provided, however*, that the financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions thereof shall be market terms (as determined in good faith by a Financial Officer of the Company).

The grant of a security interest in any accounts receivable of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to secure Indebtedness under Credit Facilities shall not be deemed a Qualified Receivables Transaction.

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*Rating Agency* means Standard & Poor's and Moody's or, if Standard & Poor's or Moody's or both shall not make a rating on the notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Company (as certified by a resolution of the Board of Directors) which shall be substituted for Standard & Poor's or Moody's or both, as the case may be.

*Receivables Entity* means (a) a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Company which is designated by the Board of Directors (as provided below) as a Receivables Entity or (b) another Person engaging in a Qualified Receivables Transaction with the Company which Person engages in the business of the financing of accounts receivable, and in either of clause (a) or (b):

- (1) no portion of the Indebtedness or any other obligations (contingent or otherwise) of which
  - (A) is Guaranteed by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company (excluding Guarantees of obligations (other than the principal of, and interest on, Indebtedness) pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings);
  - (B) is recourse to or obligates the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company in any way other than pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings; or
  - (C) subjects any property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, to the satisfaction thereof, other than pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings;
- (2) which is not an Affiliate of the Company or with which neither the Company nor any Subsidiary of the Company has any material contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding other than on terms which the Company reasonably believes to be no less favorable to the Company or such Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons that are not Affiliates of the Company; and
- (3) to which neither the Company nor any Subsidiary of the Company has any obligation to maintain or preserve such entity's financial condition or cause such entity to achieve certain levels of operating results.

Any such designation by the Board of Directors shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing conditions.

*Refinance* means, in respect of any Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue other Indebtedness in exchange or replacement for, such Indebtedness, including, in any such case from time to time, after the discharge of the Indebtedness being Refinanced. *Refinanced* and *Refinancing* shall have correlative meanings.

*Restricted Subsidiary* means any Subsidiary of the Company other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

*SEC* means the Securities and Exchange Commission.



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*Secured Indebtedness* means any Indebtedness of the Company secured by a Lien. *Secured Indebtedness* of a Subsidiary has a correlative meaning.

*Significant Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a *Significant Subsidiary* of the Company within the meaning of Rule 1-02 under Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

*Standard & Poor's* means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and any successor to its rating business.

*Standard Securitization Undertakings* means representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company which, taken as a whole, are customary in an accounts receivable transaction.

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*Stated Maturity* means, with respect to any security, the date specified in such security as the fixed date on which the final payment of principal of such security is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase of such security at the option of the holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency beyond the control of the issuer unless such contingency has occurred).

*Subsidiary* of any Person means any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock or other interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by:

- (1) such Person,
- (2) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or
- (3) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

The term *Subsidiary* also shall include any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity that: (1) under GAAP may be consolidated with the Company for financial reporting purposes; and (2) has been designated as a Subsidiary of the Company by the Board of Directors of the Company for so long as such designation remains in effect.

*TIA* means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbb) as in effect on the Issue Date.

*Trade Payables* means, with respect to any Person, any accounts payable or any indebtedness or monetary obligation to trade creditors created, assumed or Guaranteed by such Person arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the acquisition of goods or services.

*Trustee* means the party named as such in the Indenture until a successor replaces it and, thereafter, means the successor.

*Trust Officer* means any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such Person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of the Indenture.

*Unrestricted Subsidiary* means:

- (1) any Subsidiary of the Company that at the time of determination shall be designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Board of Directors in the manner provided below; and

- (2) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The Board of Directors may designate any Subsidiary of the Company (including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary of the Company) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on any property of, the Company or any other Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated, and only for so long as (i) the Subsidiary to be so designated has total Consolidated assets of \$1,000 or less; or (ii) such Subsidiary is a Foreign Subsidiary that is a joint venture or similar entity.

*U.S. Government Obligations* means direct obligations (or certificates representing an ownership interest in such obligations) of the United States of America (including any agency or instrumentality thereof) for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged and which are not callable or redeemable at the issuer's option.

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*Voting Stock* of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock or other interests (including partnership interests) of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof.

*Wholly Owned Subsidiary* means a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company all the Capital Stock of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) is owned by the Company or another Wholly Owned Subsidiary.

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**BOOK-ENTRY SETTLEMENT AND CLEARANCE**

**The Global Notes**

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more global notes in definitive, fully registered form (the "Global Notes"). The notes will be deposited with the trustee as a custodian for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), as depository, and registered in the name of a nominee of such depository. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC, which are called DTC participants (including Clearstream or Euroclear), or persons who hold interests through DTC participants.

**DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear**

Beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may hold interests in the Global Notes through either DTC (in the United States), or Clearstream or Euroclear (in Europe), either directly if they are participants in such systems or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their United States depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the United States depositories' names on the books of DTC.

We have obtained the information in this section concerning DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear and the book-entry system and procedures from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

We understand that DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC and facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants of DTC include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations, including Clearstream and Euroclear. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its direct and indirect participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). We do not intend this internet address to be an active link or to otherwise incorporate the content of the website into this prospectus supplement.

We understand that Clearstream is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its customers through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its customers, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to its customers, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depository, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector. Clearstream customers are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other



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organizations and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream customer either directly or indirectly.

We understand that Euroclear was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear provides various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., which we refer to as the Euroclear Operator, under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation, which we refer to as the Cooperative. All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear participants. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers, and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

We understand that the Euroclear Operator is licensed by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission to carry out banking activities on a global basis. As a Belgian bank, it is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission.

Purchases of notes under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the notes in DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of notes is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners of the notes will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such notes are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities which they own. Consequently, those persons may be prohibited from purchasing beneficial interests in the Global Notes from any beneficial owner or otherwise.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

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So long as DTC's nominee is the registered owner of the Global Notes, such nominee for all purposes will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided

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below, beneficial owners will not be entitled to have any of the notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the notes in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the indenture. As a result, each investor who owns a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights of a holder of notes under the indenture (and, if the investor is not a participant or an indirect participant in DTC, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which the investor owns its interest).

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

All payments on the Global Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from trustees or issuers on payment dates in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC, the trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) shall be the responsibility of the trustee or us, disbursement of such payments to direct participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners shall be the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its service as securities depository with respect to the notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the trustee. In addition, we may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained under the above circumstances, or, alternatively, if an event of default with respect to the notes has occurred and is outstanding, note certificates in fully registered form are required to be printed and delivered to beneficial owners of the Global Notes representing such notes.

Distributions on the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of its customers in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the United States depository for Clearstream. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants. Distributions on the notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of its participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the United States depository for Euroclear.

Although we expect that DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear will agree to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in each Global Note among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time.

We have provided the descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear in this prospectus supplement solely as a matter of convenience, and we make no representation or warranty of any kind with respect to these operations and procedures. These operations and procedures are solely within the

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control of those organizations and are subject to change by them from time to time. None of us, the underwriters or the trustee takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

## **Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between Clearstream customers and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear, as applicable, and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream customers or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by the United States depository. Such cross-market transactions, however, will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to the United States depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving the notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream customers and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their United States depositories.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of the notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in the notes settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Clearstream customers or Euroclear participants on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream customer or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC. Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of the notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be changed or discontinued at any time.

Although we understand that DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be changed or discontinued at any time. Neither we nor the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Clearstream or Euroclear or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

## **Certificated Notes**

If the depository at any time notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depository, or if the depository becomes ineligible to serve, and we do not appoint a successor depository within 90 days, we will issue notes in definitive form in exchange for the Global Notes. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to the procedures of DTC, determine not to have any series of notes represented by one or more Global Notes and, in such event, we will issue notes of that series in definitive form in exchange for the Global Note or notes. In

any such instance, if we issue registered notes in exchange for Global Notes, we will

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register the definitive notes in such names and in such denominations authorized under the indenture as the depositary, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, instructs the trustee. The trustee will deliver the registered definitive notes to or on the order of the persons in whose names they are registered.

Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC, its nominee or any direct or indirect participant in identifying the beneficial owners of the notes. We and the trustee may conclusively rely on, and will be protected in relying on, instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes, including with respect to the registration and delivery, and the respective principal amounts, of the certificated notes to be issued.

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**MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following discussion is a summary of material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. This summary is based on the U.S. federal income tax law in effect as of the date of this prospectus supplement, which is subject to differing interpretations or change, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to particular taxpayers in light of their special circumstances or taxpayers subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws (including, without limitation, brokers or dealers in securities or currencies, taxpayers who have elected the mark-to-market method of accounting, banks, thrifts or other financial institutions or financial service companies, cooperatives, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, government agencies and instrumentalities, tax-exempt organizations, pension funds, insurance companies, persons who hold notes as part of a hedging, integrated, straddle, conversion or constructive sale transaction, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, U.S. expatriates, former U.S. citizens and long term residents or certain part-year nonresident aliens, controlled foreign corporations or passive foreign investment companies (and their shareholders), S corporations and partnerships (including entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or other entities or arrangements treated as flow-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes). This discussion does not address any aspect of federal, state, local, or foreign taxation other than U.S. federal income taxation. Further, this discussion does not address the consequences under U.S. alternative minimum tax rules, U.S. federal estate or gift or other non-income tax laws, the tax laws of any U.S. state or locality, or any non-U.S. tax laws. In addition, this discussion deals only with certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to a beneficial owner of notes that acquires the notes in the initial offering at their issue price (generally, the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold for money to public investors, not including sales to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers) and holds the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The following summary assumes, as is expected, that the notes will be issued without original issue discount (or with de minimis original issue discount).

We have not sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following summary, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions or that a court would uphold such conclusions.

If a partnership (or any other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or other flow-through entity) holds a note, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the owner of the flow-through entity generally will depend upon the status of the owner and the activities of the entity. An owner of a partnership or other such entity holding a note should consult its tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income and other tax consequences of an investment in the notes.

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of a note that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States, including an alien individual who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States or who meets the "substantial presence" test under Section 7701(b) of the Code;

a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any State thereof (including the District of Columbia);

an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

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a trust, (i) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and for which one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial

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decisions, or (ii) that has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

A Non-U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of a note that is, (i) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an individual, corporation, estate or trust and (ii) not a U.S. Holder.

**EACH PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE NOTES SHOULD CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISOR CONCERNING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE NOTES.**

## **Accrued Interest**

Pursuant to recently enacted legislation, an accrual method taxpayer that reports revenues on an applicable financial statement generally must recognize income for U.S. federal income tax purposes no later than the taxable year in which such income is taken into account as revenue in an applicable financial statement of the taxpayer. To the extent this rule is inconsistent with the rules described below, this rule supersedes such rules. Thus, this rule could potentially require such a taxpayer to recognize income for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to the bonds prior to the time such income would be recognized pursuant to the rules described below. Potential investors in the notes should consult their tax advisors regarding the potential applicability of these rules to their investment in the notes.

## **Effect of Certain Contingencies**

In certain circumstances, we may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of stated interest or principal on the notes. For example, in the event of a change of control, we would generally be required to offer to repurchase the notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, as described above under the heading *Description of Notes Change of Control Triggering Event*. These potential payments may implicate the provisions of Treasury Regulations relating to contingent payment debt instruments. We intend to take the position that the likelihood that the payments described above will be made is remote and/or that such payments are incidental within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations, and, therefore, the notes are not subject to the rules governing contingent payment debt instruments. Our determination is binding on a holder unless such holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by the applicable Treasury Regulations. Our determination is not, however, binding on the IRS. If the notes were determined to be contingent payment debt instruments, the tax consequences to holders of the notes would materially differ from those described below. Prospective purchasers of the notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of the contingent payment debt instrument rules to the notes. The remainder of this disclosure assumes that the notes will not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments.

## **Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders**

**Interest.** Payments of stated interest on the notes will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time such holder receives or accrues such amounts, in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

**Sale, Exchange, Redemption, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition of a Note.** A U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash and the fair market value of all other property received on the disposition (except to the extent the cash or property is attributable



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to accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as ordinary interest income to the extent such interest has not been previously included in income) and (ii) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a note will generally equal the cost of the note to such holder. Such capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the note was held for more than one year at the time of

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disposition. Long-term capital gains generally are subject to preferential rates of U.S. federal income tax for non-corporate U.S. Holders (including individuals). The deductibility of net capital losses is subject to limitations.

***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting.*** Payments on, and the proceeds of the sale or other taxable disposition (including a retirement or redemption) of, a note to a U.S. Holder generally are subject to information reporting unless the U.S. Holder is an exempt recipient (such as a corporation). In addition, backup withholding is required on such payments unless the U.S. Holder (i) is an exempt recipient or (ii) provides a U.S. taxpayer identification number, certified under penalties of perjury, on an IRS Form W-9 (or a substantially similar form) as well as certain other information establishing an exemption from backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability or a refund may be obtained if amounts withheld exceed a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. The current rate of backup withholding is 24% of the amount paid (whether as interest, principal or gross proceeds from sale).

***Net Investment Income.*** Certain U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts may be required to pay an additional 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on certain net investment income (or undistributed net investment income, in the case of estates and trusts) if their adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds. Among other items, net investment income generally includes gross income from interest and net gain attributable to the disposition of certain investments (less certain deductions), unless such interest income and net gain is derived in the ordinary course of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). In the case of a U.S. Holder that is an individual, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (1) such individual's net investment income and (2) the amount by which the individual's modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$250,000 (if the individual is married and filing jointly or a surviving spouse), \$125,000 (if the individual is married and filing separately) or \$200,000 (in any other case). In the case of an estate or trust, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (1) undistributed net investment income and (2) the excess adjusted gross income over the dollar amount at which the highest income tax bracket applicable to an estate or trust begins. Prospective U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the possible implications of this legislation on their ownership and disposition of the notes based on their particular circumstances.

## **Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders**

For purposes of this discussion, any interest income and any gain realized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note will be considered U.S. trade or business income if such income or gain is (i) effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States or (ii) if a tax treaty applies, attributable to a permanent establishment (or in the case of an individual, to a fixed base) in the United States.

***Interest.*** Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, no U.S. federal income tax or withholding generally will apply to a payment of interest on a note to a Non-U.S. Holder that is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States with respect to such Non-U.S. Holder, provided that:

such Non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;

such Non-U.S. Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation directly or indirectly related to us through stock ownership;

such Non-U.S. Holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on the notes is described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code;

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either (A) such Non-U.S. Holder provides its name and address, and certifies on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as appropriate (or other applicable form or successor form), under penalties of

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perjury, that it is not a U.S. person as defined in the Code or (B) a qualifying securities clearing organization or other financial institution that holds customer's securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business, holding the note on behalf of the Non-U.S. Holder, certifies on IRS Form W-8IMY (or applicable successor form), under penalties of perjury, that such certification on the applicable IRS Form W-8 has been received by it and furnishes us or our paying agent with a copy thereof; and

we or our paying agent do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner of the note is a U.S. person as defined in the Code.

If all of the foregoing requirements are not met, payments of interest on a note generally will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate (or a lower applicable treaty rate, provided certain certification requirements are met), subject to the discussion below concerning interest that is effectively connected with a Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

***Gain on Disposition of a Note.*** Any gain realized on the disposition of a note by a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless (i) such gain is U.S. trade or business income or (ii) such Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition, and certain other conditions are met.

If the first exception applies, the Non-U.S. Holder will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the net gain derived from the taxable disposition, as described below (see *Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders United States Trade or Business*). If the second exception applies, the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to tax at a flat rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate) on the amount by which its U.S.-source capital gains exceed its U.S.-source capital losses.

***United States Trade or Business.*** If a Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, and if interest or gain on a note is U.S. trade or business income, the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the receipt or accrual of such interest or the recognition of gain on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the note in the same manner as if such holder were a U.S. Holder. A corporate Non-U.S. Holder may also be subject to an additional U.S. federal branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or, if applicable, a lower treaty rate) on its effectively connected earnings and profits attributable to such interest or gain. In addition, any such interest or gain will not be subject to withholding if the Non-U.S. Holder delivers to us a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or applicable successor form) in order to claim an exemption from withholding tax.

***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting.*** A Non-U.S. Holder may be required to comply with certain certification procedures to establish that the holder is not a U.S. person in order to avoid backup withholding with respect to our payments on, or the proceeds of the sale or other taxable disposition (including a retirement or redemption) of, a note. Compliance with the certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest described above will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding as well. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will generally be allowed as a refund or a credit against that Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. In certain circumstances, the name and address of the beneficial owner and the amount of interest paid on a note, as well as the amount, if any, of tax withheld may be reported to the IRS. Copies of these information returns may also be made available under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement by the IRS to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to these withholding and reporting rules as well as other U.S. tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the notes.

***FATCA.*** Under Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations and official IRS guidance promulgated thereunder (such provisions, regulations and guidance commonly known as *FATCA*), a 30% U.S.

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federal withholding tax generally applies to interest income paid to (i) foreign financial institutions (as such term is defined in the Code) (whether such foreign financial institution is the beneficial owner or an intermediary) unless such a foreign financial institution agrees to verify, report, and disclose its U.S. account holders and meets certain other specified requirements or (ii) certain other foreign entities that are not foreign financial institutions (whether such entity is the beneficial owner or an intermediary) unless such an entity provides a certification that the beneficial owner of the payment does not have any substantial U.S. owners (as defined under FATCA) or provides the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each such substantial U.S. owner and certain other specified requirements are met. The withholding tax described above will not apply if the foreign financial institution or other foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from the rules and properly certifies its exempt status to a withholding agent, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E. Application of this FATCA tax does not depend on whether the payment otherwise would be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax under the other exemptions described above. Foreign financial institutions and other foreign entities located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. The 30% U.S. federal withholding tax under FATCA was scheduled to apply to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of property that produces U.S.-source interest or dividends (such as the notes) beginning on January 1, 2019, but on December 18, 2018, proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register that, if finalized in their proposed form, would eliminate the obligation to withhold on gross proceeds. Withholding agents currently are permitted to rely on such proposed regulations. Non-U.S. Holders should consult with their tax advisors regarding FATCA and whether it may be relevant to their acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the notes.

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### **CERTAIN ERISA CONSIDERATIONS**

*The following is a summary of certain considerations associated with the purchase of the notes by employee benefit plans ( **ERISA Plans** ) that are subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( **ERISA** ), individual retirement accounts and other plans and arrangements that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code ( **Individual Retirement Arrangements** ) or provisions under any federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other laws or regulations that are similar to such provisions of ERISA or the Code ( **Similar Laws** ), and entities the assets of which are deemed to be assets of either ERISA Plans or Individual Retirement Arrangements under ERISA by reason of direct or indirect investments in such entities by ERISA Plans or Individual Retirement Arrangements (such entities, together with ERISA Plans and Individual Retirement Arrangements, **Benefit Plan Investors** ).*

#### **General Fiduciary Matters**

ERISA imposes certain duties on persons who are fiduciaries of an ERISA Plan, and both ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit certain transactions involving the assets of a Benefit Plan Investor and its fiduciaries or other interested parties. Under ERISA and the Code, any person who exercises any discretionary authority or control over the administration of such a Benefit Plan Investor or any authority or control over the management or disposition of the assets of such a Benefit Plan Investor, or who renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation (direct or indirect) to such a Benefit Plan Investor, is generally considered to be a fiduciary of such entity.

In considering an investment in the notes of a portion of the assets of any Benefit Plan Investor, a fiduciary should consult with its counsel and other advisors in order to determine whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the Benefit Plan Investor and the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code or any Similar Laws. In addition, a fiduciary of an ERISA Plan should consult with its counsel in order to determine if the investment satisfies the fiduciary's duties to the ERISA Plan including, without limitation, the prudence, diversification and delegation of control provisions of ERISA.

#### **Prohibited Transaction Issues**

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit Benefit Plans Investors from engaging in specified transactions involving plan assets with persons or entities who are parties in interest, within the meaning of ERISA, or disqualified persons, within the meaning of Section 4975 of the Code, unless an exception or exemption is available. A party in interest or disqualified person who engages in a nonexempt prohibited transaction may be subject to excise taxes and other penalties and liabilities under ERISA and the Code. In addition, the fiduciary of a Benefit Plan Investor that engages in a nonexempt prohibited transaction may be subject to penalties and liabilities under ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code and may be required to unwind the transaction. The acquisition and/or holding of notes by a Benefit Plan Investor with respect to which a person, including the Company, an underwriter or their respective affiliates, is or becomes a party in interest or disqualified person may constitute or result in a direct or indirect prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code, unless the investment is acquired and held in accordance with an applicable statutory, class or individual prohibited transaction exemption.

Certain exemptions from the prohibited transaction rules could be applicable to the purchase and holding of notes depending on the type and circumstances of the fiduciary making the decision to acquire such notes and the relationship of the party in interest or disqualified person to the Benefit Plan Investors. Included among these exemptions are Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code for certain transactions between a Benefit Plan Investor and non-fiduciary service providers to such entity. In addition, the United States Department of Labor has issued prohibited transaction class exemptions ( **PTCEs** ) that may apply to the acquisition and holding of the notes. These class exemptions (as may be amended from time to time) include, without limitation, PTCE 84-14, as modified, respecting transactions effected by

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managers, PTCE 90-1, respecting investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts, PTCE 91-38, as modified, respecting investments by bank collective investment funds, PTCE 95-60, as modified, respecting investments by life insurance company general accounts and PTCE 96-23, respecting transactions effected by in-house asset managers .

Each exemption contains conditions and limitations on its application. Fiduciaries of Benefit Plan Investors considering acquiring and/or holding the notes in reliance on these or any other exemption should carefully review the exemption to assure it is applicable. There can be no assurance that all of the conditions of any such exemption will be satisfied. Because of the foregoing, the notes may not be purchased or held by any person investing plan assets of any Benefit Plan Investor, unless such purchase and holding (i) is entitled to exemptive relief from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code or (ii) would not otherwise constitute a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA) not subject to Title I of ERISA, and employee benefit plans subject to non-U.S. law, are not subject to the fiduciary responsibility or prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA or the provisions of Section 4975 of the Code, although they may be subject to Similar Laws. Therefore, the fiduciaries of employee benefit plans subject to Similar Laws should take such considerations into account when deciding to invest in the notes.

## **Representation**

Accordingly, by acquiring or holding a note or any interest therein, each purchaser and subsequent transferee will be deemed to have represented and warranted, on each day from the date on which such purchaser or transferee, as applicable, acquires its interest in such notes through and including the date on which such purchaser or transferee, as applicable, disposes of its interest in such notes, that either (i) no portion of the assets used by such purchaser or transferee to acquire or hold the notes constitutes assets of (a) any employee benefit plan as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, subject to Title I of ERISA, any plan to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, or any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any such plan's investment in such entity or otherwise under ERISA, or (b) a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan subject to any Similar Laws or (ii) the acquisition, holding or sale of the notes by such purchaser or transferee will not constitute or result in a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or similar violation under any Similar Laws. Any purported transfer of such note, or interest therein, to a purchaser or transferee that does not comply with the requirements specified in the applicable documents, shall, to the extent permitted by law, be of no force and effect and shall be null and void *ab initio*.

The foregoing discussion is general in nature, is not intended to be all-inclusive, and should not be construed as legal advice. Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties that may be imposed upon persons involved in non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is particularly important that fiduciaries or other persons considering acquiring or holding the notes on behalf of, or with the assets of, any Benefit Plan Investor or employee benefit plan subject to Similar Laws, consult with their counsel regarding the potential applicability of ERISA, Section 4975 of the Code and any Similar Laws to such investments and to confirm that such investments will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction or any other violation of applicable requirement of ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Similar Laws.

THE SALE OF NOTES TO A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR OR TO AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO SIMILAR LAWS IS IN NO RESPECT A REPRESENTATION BY THE ISSUER OR THE UNDERWRITERS THAT THIS INVESTMENT MEETS THE RELEVANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO AN INVESTMENT BY ANY BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR OR ANY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO SIMILAR LAWS OR THAT THIS INVESTMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ANY SUCH BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO SIMILAR LAWS.



**Table of Contents****UNDERWRITING (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)**

Citigroup Global Markets Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC are acting as the representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount of 2029 Notes</b>	<b>Principal Amount of 2049 Notes</b>
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$	\$
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.		
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC		
Barclays Capital Inc.		
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		
Incorporated		
Total	\$	\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The notes sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the applicable public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any notes sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the public offering price of up to % of the principal amount of the 2029 notes and up to % of the principal amount of the 2049 notes. Any such securities dealers may resell any notes purchased from the underwriters to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount from the public offering price of up to % of the principal amount of the 2029 notes and up to % of the principal amount of the 2049 notes. If all the notes are not sold at the initial public offering prices, the underwriters may change the public offering price and the other selling terms of the notes.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes).

	<b>Paid by Lear</b>
Per 2029 note	%
Per 2049 note	%

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering will be \$ .

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading markets. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on a national securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they presently intend to make markets in the notes as permitted by applicable law. However, the underwriters are not obligated to make markets in the notes and may cease their market-making activities at any time at their discretion without notice. In addition, the liquidity of the trading markets in the notes, and the market prices quoted for the notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for securities and by changes in our financial performance or our prospects and/or companies in our industry

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generally. As a result, no assurance can be given (i) that active trading markets will develop or be maintained for the notes, (ii) as to the liquidity of any markets that do develop or (iii) as to your ability to sell any notes you may own or the price at which you may be able to sell your notes.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. Purchases and sales in the open market may include short sales, purchases to cover short positions and stabilizing purchases.

Short sales involve secondary market sales by the underwriters of a greater number of notes than they are required to purchase in the offering.

Covering transactions involve purchases of notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions.

Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase notes so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

Purchases to cover short positions and stabilizing purchases, as well as other purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. They may also cause the price of the notes to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time without notice.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

The underwriters are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their respective affiliates have in the past performed commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and reimbursement of expenses and may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses. In addition, some of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders, and in some cases agents or managers for the lenders, under the Credit Agreement. In particular, Barclays Bank PLC, an affiliate of Barclays Capital Inc., Citibank, N.A., an affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are co-documentation agents under the Credit Agreement, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. is syndication agent under the Credit Agreement, and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, is administrative agent under the Credit Agreement. In addition, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates may hold a portion of our 2024 Notes. As a result, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates may receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. See Use of Proceeds. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. If any of these underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of these underwriters or affiliates routinely hedge and certain other of these underwriters or their affiliates may hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. A typical such hedging strategy would include these underwriters or their affiliates hedging such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

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### **Selling Restrictions**

#### ***Canada***

The notes may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. Any resale of the notes must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

#### ***European Economic Area***

The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (EEA). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, MiFID II); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the Prospectus Directive). Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the PRIIPs Regulation) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation. This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State of the EEA will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. This prospectus supplement is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

#### ***United Kingdom***

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (i) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

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(FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

- (ii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### ***France***

This prospectus supplement has not been prepared and is not being distributed in the context of a public offering of financial securities in France (*offre au public de titres financiers*) within the meaning of

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Article L.411-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and Title I of Book II of the *Règlement Général of the Autorité des marchés financiers* (the French Financial Markets Authority) (the AMF). Consequently, the notes may not be, directly or indirectly, offered or sold to the public in France, and neither this prospectus supplement nor any offering or marketing materials relating to the notes must be made available or distributed in any way that would constitute, directly or indirectly, an offer to the public in France.

The notes may only be offered or sold in France to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) acting for their own account and/or to providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour le compte de tiers*), all as defined in and in accordance with Articles L.411-1, L.411-2, D.411-1, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and applicable regulations thereunder.

Prospective investors are informed that:

- (i) this prospectus supplement has not been and will not be submitted for clearance to the AMF;
- (ii) in compliance with Articles L.411-2, D.411-1, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, any qualified investors subscribing for the notes should be acting for their own account; and
- (iii) the direct and indirect distribution or sale to the public of the notes acquired by them may only be made in compliance with Articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 and L.621-8 through L.621-8-3 of the French Monetary.

### ***Hong Kong***

The notes may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO") and any rules made thereunder or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong or otherwise is or contains an invitation to the public (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the SFO and any rules made thereunder.

### ***Japan***

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the "FIEL"), and each underwriter will be deemed to represent and agree that it has not offered or sold directly or indirectly, and agrees not to offer or sell the notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the account or benefit of, any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the account or benefit of, a Japanese Person, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines promulgated by the relevant Japanese governmental or regulatory authorities in effect at the relevant time. For the purpose of this paragraph Japanese Person means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity incorporated or organized under the laws of

Japan.

*Singapore*

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore ( SFA ) by the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the offer of the notes in

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Singapore is made primarily pursuant to the exemptions under Sections 274 and 275 of the SFA. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA (an Institutional Investor) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to an accredited investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA (an Accredited Investor) or other relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA (a Relevant Person) and pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA; or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with, the conditions of any other applicable exemption or provision of the SFA.

It is a condition of the offer that where the notes are subscribed for or acquired pursuant to an offer made in reliance on Section 275 of the SFA by a Relevant Person which is:

a corporation (which is not an Accredited Investor), the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an Accredited Investor; or

a trust (where the trustee is not an Accredited Investor), the sole purpose of which is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an Accredited Investor,

the shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation and the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust, shall not be transferred within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has subscribed for or acquired the notes except:

- (i) to an Institutional Investor, or an Accredited Investor or other Relevant Person, or which arises from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA (in the case of that corporation) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA (in the case of that trust);
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (v) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Singapore Securities and Futures Act Product Classification Solely for the purposes of its obligations pursuant to sections 309B(1)(a) and 309B(1)(c) of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore) (the SFA), the issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A of the SFA) that the notes are prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the notes will be passed upon for us by Winston & Strawn LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, New York is advising the underwriters in connection with the offering of the notes.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Lear Corporation appearing in Lear Corporation's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2018 (including the schedule appearing therein) and the effectiveness of Lear Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated by reference herein. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement.

Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus supplement or in any documents previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the following documents:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018;

Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 28, 2019;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2019;

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 24, 2019, January 28, 2019, February 7, 2019 and March 27, 2019; and

All documents filed by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act before the termination of this offering.

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We encourage you to read our periodic and current reports, as they provide additional information about us that prudent investors find important. You may request a copy of these filings without charge by writing to or by telephoning us at the following:

Lear Corporation

21557 Telegraph Road

Southfield, MI 48033

Attention: General Counsel

(248) 447-1500

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We may offer to sell any of the following securities from time to time:

common stock;

preferred stock;

debt securities;

warrants to purchase debt securities, common stock or preferred stock;

subscription rights; and

stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which they may be offered, will be described in a supplement to this prospectus or incorporated into this prospectus by reference. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you invest.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol LEA. Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system.

**Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the risk factors included in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in any applicable prospectus supplement relating to a specific offering of securities and in any other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See the section entitled Risk Factors on page 2 of this prospectus, in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in the applicable prospectus supplement.**

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

When we issue new securities, we may offer them for sale to or through underwriters, dealers and agents or directly to purchasers. The applicable prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering, including any required information about the firms we use and the discounts or commissions we may pay them for their services. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see Plan of Distribution on page 20 of this prospectus.

**The date of this prospectus is August 10, 2017.**

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, and in other offering material, including free writing prospectuses, if any, or information contained in documents which you are referred to by this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, or in other offering material, if any. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not offering to sell any securities in any jurisdiction where such offer and sale are not permitted. The information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, free writing prospectus or other offering material is accurate only as of the date of those documents or information, regardless of the time of delivery of the documents or information or the time of any sale of the securities. Neither the delivery of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement nor any distribution of securities pursuant to such documents shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or in our affairs since the date of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement.



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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell at any time, and from time to time, an indeterminate amount of any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with only a general description of the securities we may offer. It is not meant to be a complete description of any security. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities offered. We and any underwriter or agent that we may from time to time retain may also provide other information relating to an offering, which we refer to as other offering material. The prospectus supplement as well as the other offering material may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in the documents we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and any other offering material (including any free writing prospectus) prepared by or on behalf of us for a specific offering of securities, together with additional information described in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information and any other offering material. Throughout this prospectus, where we indicate that information may be supplemented in an applicable prospectus supplement or supplements, that information may also be supplemented in other offering material. If there is any inconsistency between this prospectus and the information contained in a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references to Lear, the Company, us, we or our in this prospectus mean Lear Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. When we refer to you in this section, we mean all purchasers of the securities being offered by this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, whether they are the holders or only indirect owners of those securities.

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. Any statement contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document which also is incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such earlier statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the following documents:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;
- (b) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended April 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 13, 2017, May 22, 2017, June 1, 2017 and August 8, 2017;
- (d) Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 31, 2017;
- (e)

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The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on November 6, 2009, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"); and

- (f) All documents filed by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act before the termination of the offering of securities under this prospectus.

Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements and information in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. The words will, may, designed to, outlook, believes, should, anticipates, plans, expects, intends, estimates, forecasts and similar expressions identify certain of these forward-looking statements. All such forward-looking statements contained or incorporated in this prospectus which address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including, without limitation, statements related to business opportunities, awarded sales contracts, sales backlog and ongoing commercial arrangements, or statements expressing views about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from any or all forward-looking statements made by us. Important factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results include, but are not limited to:

general economic conditions in the markets in which we operate, including changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates;

currency controls and the ability to economically hedge currencies;

the financial condition and restructuring actions of our customers and suppliers;

changes in actual industry vehicle production levels from our current estimates;

fluctuations in the production of vehicles or the loss of business with respect to, or the lack of commercial success of, a vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier;

disruptions in the relationships with our suppliers;

labor disputes involving us or our significant customers or suppliers or that otherwise affect us;

the outcome of customer negotiations and the impact of customer-imposed price reductions;

the impact and timing of program launch costs and our management of new program launches;

the costs, timing and success of restructuring actions;

increases in our warranty, product liability or recall costs;

risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries;

the impact of regulations on our foreign operations;

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the operational and financial success of our joint ventures;

competitive conditions impacting us and our key customers and suppliers;

disruptions to our information technology systems, including those related to cybersecurity;

the cost and availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components and our ability to mitigate such costs;

the outcome of legal or regulatory proceedings to which we are or may become a party;

the impact of pending legislation and regulations or changes in existing federal, state, local or foreign laws or regulations;

unanticipated changes in cash flow, including our ability to align our vendor payment terms with those of our customers;

limitations imposed by our existing indebtedness and our ability to access capital markets on commercially reasonable terms;

impairment charges initiated by adverse industry or market developments;

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our ability to execute our strategic objectives;

changes in discount rates and the actual return on pension assets;

costs associated with compliance with environmental laws and regulations;

developments or assertions by or against us relating to intellectual property rights;

our ability to utilize our net operating loss, capital loss and tax credit carryforwards;

global sovereign fiscal matters and creditworthiness, including potential defaults and the related impacts on economic activity, including the possible effects on credit markets, currency values, monetary unions, international treaties and fiscal policies;

the impact of potential changes in tax and trade policies in the United States and related actions by countries in which we do business;

the anticipated changes in economic and other relationships between the United Kingdom and the European Union; and

other risks described in Part I Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and from time to time in our other SEC filings.

Any forward-looking statement included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we do not assume any obligation to update, amend or clarify such statements to reflect events, new information or circumstances occurring after such date.

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### LEAR CORPORATION

Lear Corporation is a leading Tier 1 supplier to the global automotive industry. We supply seating, electrical distribution systems and electronic modules, as well as related sub-systems, components and software, to all of the world's major automotive manufacturers. We have 257 manufacturing, engineering and administrative locations in 38 countries and are continuing to grow our business in all automotive producing regions of the world, both organically and through complementary acquisitions. Our manufacturing footprint reflects more than 145 facilities in 22 low cost countries.

Our business is organized under two reporting segments: Seating and E-Systems (formerly Electrical). Each of these segments has a varied product range across a number of component categories:

**Seating** Our seating segment consists of the design, development, engineering, just-in-time assembly and delivery of complete seat systems, as well as the design, development, engineering and manufacture of all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests. Further, we have capabilities in active sensing and comfort for seats, utilizing electronically controlled sensor and adjustment systems and internally developed algorithms. Through a strategic investment, we also offer thermoelectric seat heating and cooling capabilities.

**E-Systems** Our E-Systems segment consists of the design, development, engineering and manufacture of complete electrical distribution systems that route electrical signals and manage electrical power within the vehicle for traditional vehicle architectures, as well as high power and hybrid electric systems. Key components in the electrical distribution system include wiring harnesses, terminals and connectors and junction boxes, including components for high power and hybrid electric systems. We also design, develop, engineer and manufacture sophisticated electronic control modules that facilitate signal, data and power management within the vehicle, as well as associated software. We have added capabilities in wireless communication modules and cybersecurity that securely process various signals to, from and within the vehicle, as well as capabilities to provide roadside modules that communicate real-time traffic information to vehicles in the area.

We serve the worldwide automotive and light truck market in both our seating and E-Systems segments. We have automotive content on over 400 vehicle nameplates worldwide and serve all of the world's major automotive manufacturers across our businesses and various component categories in both our seating and E-Systems segments. It is common to have both seating and electrical content on the same and multiple vehicle platforms with a single customer. In addition, our electrical components are often integrated into our complete seat systems. Our businesses benefit globally from leveraging common operating standards and disciplines, including world-class development and manufacturing processes, as well as common customer support and regional infrastructures. Our core capabilities are shared across component categories and include high-precision manufacturing and assembly with short lead times, management of complex supply chains, global engineering and program management skills, the agility to establish and/or move facilities quickly and a unique customer-focused culture. Our businesses utilize proprietary, industry-specific processes and standards, leverage common low-cost engineering centers and share centralized operating support functions, such as logistics, supply chain management, quality and health and safety, as well as all major administrative functions.

Our principal executive offices are located at 21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, Michigan 48033. Our telephone number is (248) 447-1500. Our website address is [www.lear.com](http://www.lear.com). The information on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment decision with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus.

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Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described in Part I Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and our other reports filed from time to time with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as the same may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by our filings under the Exchange Act, as well as any prospectus supplement relating to a specific security. Before making any investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks, as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. For more information, see the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 23 of this prospectus. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and affect the value of our securities. You could lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

**CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	Year End December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	12.0x	9.4x	8.4x	6.8x	8.7x

- (1) Fixed charges consist of interest on debt, amortization of deferred financing fees and that portion of rental expenses representative of interest. Earnings consist of consolidated income before provision (benefit) for income taxes and equity in the undistributed net income of affiliates and fixed charges.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any offering of our securities for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including refinancing of debt. We will have significant discretion in the use of any net proceeds. The net proceeds from the sale of securities may be invested temporarily until they are used for their stated purpose. We may provide additional information on the use of the net proceeds from the sale of our securities in an applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials related to the offered securities.

**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

This prospectus contains summary descriptions of the capital stock, debt securities, warrants, subscription rights, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units that we may offer and sell from time to time. These summary descriptions are not meant to be complete descriptions of any security. At the time of an offering and sale, this prospectus, together with the accompanying prospectus supplement, will contain the material terms of the securities being offered.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

The following descriptions of our capital stock and of certain provisions of Delaware law do not purport to be complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate"), our Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws") and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"). Copies of our Certificate and Bylaws have been filed with the SEC and are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.



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As used in this Description of Capital Stock, the terms we, our and us refer only to Lear Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not, unless otherwise indicated, to any of our subsidiaries.

As of the date hereof, our authorized capital stock consists of 400,000,000 shares, of which 300,000,000 shares are common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 100,000,000 shares are preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of August 4, 2017, there were 72,563,291 shares of common stock issued and 68,006,342 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. All of our outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEA.

## **Common Stock**

*Voting Rights.* All shares of our common stock have identical rights and privileges. With limited exceptions, holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of common stock held of record by each stockholder on all matters properly submitted for the vote of our stockholders.

*Dividend Rights.* Subject to applicable law, any contractual restrictions and the rights of the holders of outstanding preferred stock, if any, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends and other distributions that our board of directors, in its discretion, declares from time to time.

*Liquidation Rights.* Upon our dissolution, liquidation or winding up, subject to the rights of the holders of outstanding preferred stock, if any, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably our assets available for distribution to our stockholders in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by each stockholder.

*Conversion, Redemption and Preemptive Rights.* Holders of common stock have no conversion, redemption, sinking fund, preemptive, subscription or similar rights.

*Registration Rights.* Holders of common stock have no registration rights.

Each prospectus supplement relating to a series of common stock may describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of such series of common stock.

## **Preferred Stock**

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Our Certificate authorizes our board of directors, without further stockholder action, to provide for the issuance of up to 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in one or more series, and to fix the designations, terms and relative rights and preferences, including the dividend rate, voting rights, conversion rights, redemption and sinking fund provisions and liquidation preferences of each of these series.

The particular terms of any series of preferred stock that we offer under this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to that series of preferred stock. Those terms may include:

the title and liquidation preference per share of the preferred stock and the number of shares offered;

the purchase price of the preferred stock;

the dividend rate (or method of calculation), the dates on which dividends will be payable, whether dividends shall be cumulative and, if so, the date from which dividends will begin to accumulate;

any redemption or sinking fund provisions of the preferred stock;

any conversion, redemption or exchange provisions of the preferred stock;

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the voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock; and

any additional dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions of the preferred stock.

You should refer to the certificate of designations establishing a particular series of preferred stock which will be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and the SEC in connection with any offering of preferred stock.

Each prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock may describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of such series of preferred stock.

### **Provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws that May Have an Anti-Takeover Effect**

Certain provisions in the Certificate and the Bylaws, as well as the DGCL, may have the effect of discouraging transactions that involve an actual or threatened change in control of Lear. In addition, provisions of the Certificate, the Bylaws and the DGCL may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, deter or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider to be in its best interests.

*Special Meetings of Stockholders.* Our board of directors may call a special meeting of stockholders at any time and for any purpose, but no stockholder or other person may call any such special meeting.

*No Written Consent of Stockholders.* Any action taken by our stockholders must be effected at a duly held meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by the written consent of such stockholders.

*Blank Check Preferred Stock.* The Certificate contains provisions that permit our board of directors to issue, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, up to 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and, with respect to each such series, to fix the number of shares constituting the series and the designation of the series, the voting powers, if any, of the shares of the series, and the preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions, of the shares of such series. Such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers or takeover attempts.

*Advance Notice of Stockholder Action at a Meeting.* Stockholders seeking to nominate directors or to bring business before a stockholder meeting must comply with certain timing requirements and submit certain information to us in advance of such meeting.

*Business Combinations.* We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL. Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the person becomes an interested stockholder, unless the interested stockholder attained such status with the approval of the corporation's board of directors or the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A business combination includes, among other things, a merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder and the sale of more than 10% of the corporation's assets. In general, an

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interested stockholder is an entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

### **Limitation of Liability of Directors**

The Certificate contains a provision eliminating the personal liability of our directors to us and our stockholders to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The Certificate also contains provisions generally providing for indemnification and advancement of expenses to our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

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**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. acts as transfer agent and registrar for our common stock.

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### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

#### **General**

As used in this prospectus, debt securities means the debentures, notes, bonds and other evidences of indebtedness that we may issue separately, upon exercise of a debt warrant, in connection with a stock purchase contract or as part of a stock purchase unit, from time to time. The debt securities offered by this prospectus will be issued under one of two separate indentures between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee. We have filed the forms of indenture as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The senior note indenture and the subordinated note indenture are sometimes referred to in this prospectus individually as an indenture and collectively as the indentures. We may also issue debt securities under a separate, new indenture. If that occurs, we will describe any differences in the terms of any indenture in the prospectus supplement.

The debt securities will be obligations of Lear and will be either senior or subordinated debt securities. We have summarized material selected provisions of the indentures and the debt securities below. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indentures. References to section numbers in this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated are references to section numbers of the applicable indenture. For purposes of this summary, the terms we, our and us refer only to Lear Corporation and not to any of its subsidiaries. Section references included in this summary of our debt securities refer to specific sections of the indentures.

The indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities that we may issue and provide that we may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series, in each case with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. The indentures also do not limit our ability to incur other debt. The indentures give us the ability to reopen a previous issue of a series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of the same series. If specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities, one or more subsidiary guarantors will fully and unconditionally guarantee that series, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will describe the material terms of each series of debt securities we offer in a supplement to this prospectus. Each prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities may also describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of such series of debt securities. If any particular terms of the debt securities described in a prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described in this prospectus, then the terms described in the applicable prospectus supplement will supersede the terms described in this prospectus. The terms of our debt securities will include those set forth in the indentures and those made a part of the indentures by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. You should carefully read the summary below the applicable prospectus supplement and the provisions of the indentures that may be important to you before investing in our debt securities.

#### **Ranking**

The senior debt securities offered by this prospectus will:

be general obligations;

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rank equally with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Lear (except to the extent such other indebtedness is secured by collateral that does not also secure the senior debt securities offered by this prospectus); and

with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries, effectively rank below all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries (except to the extent that the senior debt securities are guaranteed by our subsidiaries).

The subordinated debt securities offered by this prospectus will:

be general obligations;

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rank subordinated and junior in right of payment, to the extent set forth in the subordinated note indenture to all senior debt of Lear; and

with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries, effectively rank below all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries (except to the extent that the subordinated debt securities are guaranteed by our subsidiaries).

A substantial portion of our assets are owned through our subsidiaries, many of which may have debt or other liabilities of their own that will be structurally senior to the debt securities. Therefore, unless the debt securities are guaranteed by our subsidiaries, our rights and the rights of our creditors, including holders of debt securities, to participate in the assets of any subsidiary upon any such subsidiary's liquidation may be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's other creditors.

Subject to the exceptions, and subject to compliance with the applicable requirements set forth in the indentures, we may discharge our obligations under the indentures with respect to our debt securities as described below under      Defeasance.

## **Terms**

We will describe the specific material terms of the series of debt securities being offered in a supplement to this prospectus. These terms may include some or all of the following:

the title of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated debt;

whether and the extent to which any subsidiary will provide a subsidiary guarantee of the debt securities or whether and to the extent the debt securities are entitled to the benefits of any other form of guarantee;

any limit on the total principal amount of the debt securities;

the date or dates on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable and whether the stated maturity date can be extended or the method used to determine or extend those dates;

any interest rate on the debt securities, any date from which interest will accrue, any interest payment dates and regular record dates for interest payments, or the method used to determine any of the foregoing, and the basis for calculating interest if other than a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;

the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be payable, where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer, exchange or conversion, and where notices and demands to or upon us relating to the debt securities may be made, if other than the corporate trust office of the Trustee;



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the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of any such deferral period;

the rate or rates of amortization of the debt securities, if any;

any provisions for redemption of the debt securities;

any provisions that would allow or obligate us to redeem or purchase the debt securities prior to their maturity pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of the holder;

the purchase price for the debt securities and the denominations in which we will issue the debt securities, if other than a minimum denomination of \$2,000 and integral multiple of \$1,000;

any provisions that would determine payments on the debt securities by reference to an index or a formula or other method and the manner of determining the amount of such payments, any foreign currency, currencies or currency units in which the debt securities will be denominated and in which principal, any premium and any interest will or may be payable and the manner for determining the equivalent amount in U.S. dollars;

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any provisions for payments on the debt securities in one or more currencies or currency units other than those in which the debt securities are stated to be payable;

the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if the maturity of the debt securities is accelerated, if other than the entire principal amount;

any variation of the defeasance and covenant defeasance sections of the indentures and the manner in which our election to defease the debt securities will be evidenced, if other than by a board resolution;

whether we will issue the debt securities in the form of temporary or permanent global securities, the depositaries for the global securities, and provisions for exchanging or transferring the global securities;

whether the interest rate on the debt securities may be reset;

whether the stated maturity of the debt securities may be extended;

any deletion or addition to or change in the events of default for the debt securities and any change in the rights of the Trustee or the holders or the debt securities arising from an event of default including, among others, the right to declare the principal amount of the debt securities due and payable;

any addition to or change in the covenants in the indentures;

any additions or changes to the indentures necessary to issue the debt securities in bearer form, registrable or not registrable as to principal, and with or without interest coupons;

the appointment of any trustees, depositaries, authenticating or paying agents, transfer agents or registrars or other agents with respect to the debt securities;

the terms of any right to convert or exchange the debt securities into any other securities or property;

the terms and conditions, if any, pursuant to which the debt securities are secured;

any restriction or condition on the transferability of the debt securities;

the person to whom any interest on any debt security shall be payable, if other than the person in whose name the security is registered on the record date for such interest, and the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on a temporary global debt security will be paid if other than in the manner provided in the applicable indenture;

if the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of any debt will not be determinable as of any one or more dates prior to the stated maturity, the amount which shall be deemed to be the principal amount of such debt securities as of any such date for any purpose, including the principal amount thereof which shall be due and payable upon any maturity other than the stated maturity or which shall be deemed to be outstanding as of any date prior to the stated maturity (or, in any such case, the manner in which such amount deemed

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to be the principal shall be determined);

whether, under what circumstances and the currency in which we will pay any additional amount on the debt securities as contemplated in the applicable indenture in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay such additional amounts (and the terms of any such option);

in the case of subordinated debt securities, any subordination provisions and related definitions which may be applicable in addition to, or in lieu of, those contained in the subordinated note indenture;

the exchanges, if any, on which the debt securities may be listed; and

any other terms of the debt securities consistent with the indentures.

Any limit on the maximum total principal amount for any series of the debt securities may be increased by resolution of our board of directors. We may sell the debt securities, including original issue discount securities, at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. If there are any special United States federal income

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tax considerations applicable to debt securities we sell at an original issue discount, we will describe them in the prospectus supplement. In addition, we will describe in the prospectus supplement any special United States federal income tax considerations and any other special considerations for any debt securities we sell which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than U.S. dollars.

## **Form, Exchange and Transfer**

We will issue the debt securities in registered form, without coupons. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will only issue debt securities in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereafter.

Holders generally will be able to exchange debt securities for other debt securities of the same series with the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations.

Holders may present debt securities for exchange or for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent we designate for that purpose. The security registrar or designated transfer agent will exchange or transfer the debt securities if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We will not charge a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities. However, we and the security registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable for the registration of transfer or exchange. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will appoint the Trustee as security registrar. We will identify any transfer agent in addition to the security registrar in the prospectus supplement. At any time we may:

designate additional transfer agents;

rescind the designation of any transfer agent; or

approve a change in the office of any transfer agent.

However, we are required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities at all times. If we elect to redeem a series of debt securities, neither we nor the Trustee will be required:

to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any debt securities of that series during the period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption for the series and ending at the close of business on the day the notice is mailed; or

to register the transfer or exchange of any debt security of that series so selected for redemption, except for any portion not to be redeemed.

## **Payment and Paying Agents**

Under the indentures, we will pay interest on the debt securities to the persons in whose names the debt securities are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for each interest payment. However, unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will pay the interest payable on the debt securities at their stated maturity to the persons to whom we pay the principal amount of the debt securities. The initial payment of interest on any series of debt securities issued between a regular record date and the related interest payment date will be payable in the manner provided by the terms of the series, which we will describe in the prospectus supplement.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities at the offices of the paying agents we designate. However, except in the case of a global security, we may pay interest:

by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the security register, or

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by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the place and account designated in writing at least fifteen days prior to the interest payment date by the person entitled to the payment as specified in the security register.

We will designate the Trustee as the sole paying agent for the debt securities unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement. If we initially designate any other paying agents for a series of debt securities, we will identify them in the prospectus supplement. At any time, we may designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agents. However, we are required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities at all times.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any paying agent in trust for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities that remains unclaimed for one year after the date the payments became due, may be repaid to us upon our request. After we have been repaid, holders entitled to those payments may only look to us for payment as our unsecured general creditors. The Trustee and any paying agents will not be liable for those payments after we have been repaid.

## **Restrictive Covenants**

We will describe any restrictive covenants for any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement.

## **Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets**

Under the indentures, we may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our properties and assets to, any person as (as defined below), referred to as a successor person unless:

the successor person expressly assumes our obligations with respect to the debt securities and the indentures;

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default shall have occurred and be continuing and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and

we have delivered to the Trustee the certificates and opinions required under the respective indenture.

As used in the indentures, the term person means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

## **Events of Default**

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Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, each of the following will be an event of default under the applicable indenture with respect to any series of debt securities:

our failure to pay principal or premium, if any, on that series of debt securities when such principal or premium, if any, becomes due;

our failure to pay any interest on that series of debt securities for 30 days after such interest becomes due;

our failure to deposit any sinking fund payment for 30 days after such payment is due by the terms of that series of debt securities;

our failure to perform, or our breach, in any material respect, of any other covenant or warranty in the indenture with respect to that series of debt securities, other than a covenant or warranty included in such indenture solely for the benefit of another series of debt securities, for 90 days after either the Trustee has given us or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have given us and the Trustee written notice of such failure to perform or breach in the manner required by the indentures;

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specified events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us; and

any other event of default we may provide for that series of debt securities, provided, however, that no event described in the fourth bullet point above will be an event of default until an officer of the Trustee responsible for the administration of the indentures has actual knowledge of the event or until the Trustee receives written notice of the event at its corporate trust office.

An event of default under one series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default under any other series of debt securities. If an event of default for a series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series due and immediately payable by a notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by the holders); provided that, in the case of an event of default involving certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, such acceleration is automatic; and provided further, that after such acceleration, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, subject to certain conditions, rescind and annul such acceleration if all events of default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal have been cured or waived. Upon such acceleration, we will be obligated to pay the principal amount of that series of debt securities.

The right described in the preceding paragraph does not apply if an event of default occurs as described in the sixth bullet point above (i.e., other events of default), which is common to all series of our debt securities then outstanding. If such an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all series of the debt securities then outstanding, treated as one class, may declare the principal amount of all series of the debt securities then outstanding to be due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by the holders). Upon such declaration, we will be obligated to pay the principal amount of the debt securities.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will generally have no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indentures at the request or direction of any of the holders, unless the holders offer indemnity to the Trustee reasonably satisfactory to it. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will generally have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee for the debt securities of that series, provided that:

the direction is not in conflict with any law or the indentures;

the Trustee may take any other action it deems proper which is not inconsistent with the direction; and

the Trustee will generally have the right to decline to follow the direction if an officer of the Trustee determines, in good faith, that the proceeding would involve the Trustee in personal liability or would otherwise be contrary to applicable law.

A holder of a debt security of any series may only institute proceedings or pursue any other remedy under the indentures if:

the holder gives the Trustee written notice of a continuing event of default;

holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series make a written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings with respect to such event of default;



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the holders offer indemnity to the Trustee reasonably satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense in complying with such request;

the Trustee fails to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the notice, request and offer or indemnity; and

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during that 60-day period, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of that series do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

However, these limitations do not apply to a suit by a holder of a debt security demanding payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on a debt security on or after the date the payment is due.

We will be required to furnish to the Trustee annually a statement by some of our officers regarding our performance or observance of any of the terms of the indentures and specifying all of our known defaults, if any.

## **Modification and Waiver**

When authorized by a board resolution, we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures with the Trustee without the consent of the holders of the debt securities in order to:

provide for the assumption of our obligations to holders of debt securities in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of substantially all of our assets;

add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of any series of debt securities or to surrender any of our rights or powers;

add any additional events of default for any series of debt securities for the benefit of the holders of any series of debt securities;

add to, change or eliminate any provision of the indentures applying to one or more series of debt securities, provided that if such action adversely affects the interests of any holder of any series of debt securities in any material respect, such addition, change or elimination will become effective with respect to that series only when no such security of that series remains outstanding;

secure the debt securities;

establish the forms or terms of any series of debt securities;

provide for uncertificated securities in addition to certificated securities;

evidence and provide for successor Trustees and to add to or change any provisions of the indentures to the extent necessary to appoint a separate Trustee or Trustees for a specific series of debt securities;

correct any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency under the indentures;

add any person as a guarantor;

make other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the indentures, provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of any series of debt securities in any material respect;

supplement any provisions of the indentures necessary to defease and discharge any series of debt securities, provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of any series of debt securities in any material respect;

comply with the rules or regulations of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which any debt securities are listed or traded; or

add to, change or eliminate any provisions of the indentures in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, provided that such action does not adversely affect the rights or interests of any holder of debt securities in any material respect.

When authorized by a board resolution, we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures with the Trustee in order to add to, change or eliminate provisions of the indentures or to modify the rights of the holders of one or more series of debt securities under such indentures if we obtain the consent of the holders of a

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majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected by such supplemental indenture, treated as one class. However, without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected by the supplemental indenture, we may not enter into a supplemental indenture that:

except with respect to the reset of the interest rate or extension of maturity pursuant to the terms of a particular series, changes the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security, or reduces the principal amount of, or any premium or rate of interest on, any debt security;

reduces the amount of principal of an original issue discount security or any other debt security payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;

changes the place or currency of payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest;

impairs the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after such payment becomes due for any security;

except as provided in the applicable indenture, releases any applicable guarantees;

reduces the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for modification of the indentures, for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the indentures or for waiver of certain defaults of the indentures;

makes certain modifications to the provisions for modification of the indentures and for certain waivers, except to increase the principal amount of debt securities necessary to consent to any such change or to provide that certain other provisions of the indentures cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected by such change;

makes any change that adversely affects in any material respect the right to convert or exchange any convertible or exchangeable debt security or decreases the conversion or exchange rate or increases the conversion price of such debt security, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of such debt securities; or

changes the terms and conditions pursuant to which any series of debt securities are secured in a manner adverse to the holders of such debt securities in any material respect.

In addition, the subordinated note indenture may not be amended without the consent of each holder of subordinated debt securities affected thereby to modify the subordination of the subordinated debt securities issued under that indenture in a manner adverse to the holders of the subordinated debt securities in any material respect.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive past defaults or noncompliance with restrictive provisions of the indentures. However, the consent of holders of each outstanding debt security of a series is required to:

waive any default in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest; or

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waive any covenants and provisions of an indenture that may not be amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of the series affected.

In order to determine whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding debt securities have taken an action under an indenture as of a specified date:

the principal amount of an original issue discount security that will be deemed to be outstanding will be the amount of the principal that would be due and payable as of that date upon acceleration of the maturity to that date;

if, as of that date, the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of a debt security is not determinable, for example, because it is based on an index, the principal amount of the debt security

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deemed to be outstanding as of that date will be an amount determined in the manner prescribed for the debt security;

the principal amount of a debt security denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units that will be deemed to be outstanding will be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of that date in the manner prescribed for the debt security, of the principal amount of the debt security or, in the case of a debt security described in the two preceding bullet points, of the amount described above; and

debt securities owned by us or any other obligor upon the debt securities or any of our or their affiliates will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding.

An original issue discount security means a debt security issued under the indentures which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of maturity. Some debt securities, including those for the payment or redemption of which money has been deposited or set aside in trust for the holders, and those which have been legally defeased under the indentures, will not be deemed to be outstanding.

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for determining the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series entitled to give or take any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under an indenture. In limited circumstances, the Trustee will be entitled to set a record date for action by holders of outstanding debt securities. If a record date is set for any action to be taken by holders of a particular series, the action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding debt securities of that series on the record date. To be effective, the action must be taken by holders of the requisite principal amount of debt securities within a specified period following the record date. For any particular record date, this period will be 180 days or such shorter period as we may specify, or the Trustee may specify, if it sets the record date. This period may be shortened or lengthened by not more than 180 days.

## **Conversion and Exchange Rights**

The debt securities of any series may be convertible into or exchangeable for other securities of Lear or another issuer or property or cash on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **Defeasance**

When we use the term defeasance, we mean discharge from some or all of our obligations under either indenture. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, if we deposit with the Trustee funds or government securities sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of a series on the dates those payments are due and payable and comply with all other conditions to defeasance set forth in the indentures, then, at our option, either of the following will occur:

we will be discharged from our obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series ( legal defeasance ); or

we will no longer have any obligation to comply with the restrictive covenants under the indentures, and the related events of default will no longer apply to us, but some of our other obligations under the indentures and the debt securities of that series, including the obligation to make payments on those debt securities, will survive (a covenant defeasance ).

If we legally defease a series of debt securities, the holders of the debt securities of the series affected will not be entitled to the benefits of the indentures, except for:

the rights of holders of that series of debt securities to receive, solely from a trust fund, payments in respect of such debt securities when payments are due;

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our obligation to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities;

our obligation to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities; and

our obligation to maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust.

We may legally defease a series of debt securities notwithstanding any prior exercise of our option of covenant defeasance in respect of such series.

In addition, the subordinated note indenture provides that if we choose to have the legal defeasance provision applied to the subordinated debt securities, the subordination provisions of the subordinated note indenture will become ineffective. The subordinated note indenture also provides that if we choose to have covenant defeasance apply to any series of debt securities issued pursuant to the subordinated note indenture we need not comply with the provisions relating to subordination.

If we exercise either our legal defeasance or covenant defeasance option, any applicable subsidiary guarantee will terminate.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will be required to deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the debt securities to recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes and that the holders would be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related defeasance had not occurred. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect.

## **Satisfaction and Discharge**

We may discharge our obligations under the indentures while securities remain outstanding if (1) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures have become due and payable, (2) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year of the date of deposit, or (3) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures are scheduled for redemption in one year, and in each case, we have deposited with the Trustee an amount sufficient to pay and discharge all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures on the date of their scheduled maturity or the scheduled date of the redemption and paid all other amounts payable under the indentures. The subordinated note indenture provides that if we choose to discharge our obligations with respect to the subordinated debt securities, the subordination provisions of the subordinated note indenture will become ineffective.

## **Global Notes, Delivery and Form**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered Global Notes (as defined below) that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the "Depository") and registered in the name of the Depository's nominee. Global Notes are not exchangeable for definitive note certificates except in the specific circumstances described below. For purposes of this prospectus, "Global Note" refers to the Global Note or Global Notes representing an entire



issue of debt securities.

Except as set forth below, a Global Note may be transferred by the Depository, in whole and not in part, only to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository.

The Depository has advised us as follows:

The Depository is:

a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

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a banking organization within the meaning of the New York banking law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

The Depository was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants through electronic book entry changes in accounts of its participants, eliminating the need for physical movements of securities certificates.

The Depository participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and others, some of whom own the Depository.

Access to the Depository book-entry system is also available to others that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

When we issue a Global Note in connection with the sale thereof to an underwriter or underwriters, the Depository will immediately credit the accounts of participants designated by such underwriter or underwriters with the principal amount of the debt securities purchased by such underwriter or underwriters.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note and the transfers of ownership will be evidenced only through records maintained by the Depository (with respect to participants), by the participants (with respect to indirect participants and certain beneficial owners) and by the indirect participants (with respect to all other beneficial owners). The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery in a definitive form of securities they purchase. These laws may limit your ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Note.

So long as a nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of a Global Note, such nominee for all purposes will be considered the sole owner or holder of such debt securities under the indentures. Except as provided below, you will not be entitled to have debt securities registered in your name, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities in definitive form, and will not be considered the owner or holder thereof under the indentures.

Each person owning a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indentures. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in any Global Note desires to give or take any action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the indentures, the Depository would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through these participants to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to the Depository. If less than all of the debt securities within an issue are being redeemed, the Depository's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each participant in such issue to be redeemed.

We will make payment of principal of, and interest on, debt securities represented by a Global Note to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the Global Note representing those debt securities. The Depository has advised us that upon receipt of any payment of principal of, or interest on, a Global Note, the Depository will immediately credit accounts of participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of that Global Note, as shown in the records of the Depository. Standing instructions and customary practices will govern payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note held through those participants, as is now the case with securities

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held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name. Those payments will be the sole responsibility of those participants, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time.

Neither we, the Trustee nor any of our respective agents will be responsible for any aspect of the records of the Depository, any nominee or any participant relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a Global Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the records of the Depository, any nominee or any participant relating to those beneficial interests.

As described above, we will issue debt securities in definitive form in exchange for a Global Note only in the following situations:

if the Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository, defaults in the performance of its duties as depository, ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in each case, a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days after notice thereof, or

if, subject to the rules of the Depository, we choose to issue definitive debt securities.

In either instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note will be entitled to have debt securities equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest registered in its name and will be entitled to physical delivery of debt securities in definitive form. Debt securities in definitive form will be issued in initial denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereafter and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons. We will maintain one or more offices or agencies where debt securities may be presented for payment and may be transferred or exchanged. You will not be charged a fee for any transfer or exchange of such debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

## **Subordination**

Any subordinated debt securities issued under the subordinated note indenture will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Debt (as defined below) of Lear whether existing at the date of the subordinated note indenture or subsequently incurred. Upon any payment or distribution of assets of Lear to creditors upon any:

liquidation;

dissolution;

winding-up;

receivership;

reorganization;

assignment for the benefit of creditors;

marshaling of assets; or

bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceedings of Lear,

the holders of Senior Debt will first be entitled to receive payment in full of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Senior Debt before the holders of the subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive or retain any payment with respect of the principal of and any premium or interest on the subordinated debt securities.

Upon the acceleration of the maturity of any subordinated debt securities, the holders of all Senior Debt outstanding at the time of such acceleration will first be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due

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thereon, including any amounts due upon acceleration, before the holders of subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive or retain any payment in respect of the principal (including redemption payments), or premium, if any, or interest on the subordinated debt securities.

No payments on account of principal (including redemption payments), or premium, if any, or interest, in respect of the subordinated debt securities may be made if:

there has occurred and is continuing a default in any payment with respect to Senior Debt; or

there has occurred and is continuing a default with respect to any Senior Debt resulting in the acceleration of the maturity thereof.

Debt means, with respect to any person:

all indebtedness of such person for borrowed money;

all obligations of such person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses;

all obligations of such person with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of such person;

all obligations of such person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services, but excluding accounts payable or any other indebtedness or monetary obligations to trade creditors arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the acquisition of goods or services;

all capital lease obligations of such person;

all Debt of others secured by a lien on any asset by such person;

all Debt and dividends of others guaranteed by such person to the extent such Debt and dividends are guaranteed by such person; and

all obligations for claims in respect of derivative products.

Senior Debt means the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on Debt of Lear, whether created, incurred or assumed on, before or after the date of the subordinated note indenture, unless the instrument creating or evidencing the Debt provides that such Debt is subordinated to or *pari passu*, with the subordinated debt securities.

## **Notices**

Holders will receive notices by mail at their addresses as they appear in the security register.

## **Title**

We, the Trustees and any agent of us or a Trustee may treat the person in whose name a debt security is registered on the applicable record date as the owner of the debt security for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue.

## **Governing Law**

New York law governs the indentures and the debt securities.

## **Regarding the Trustee**

We and our affiliates maintain various commercial and investment banking relationships with U.S. Bank National Associations and its affiliates in their ordinary course of business. An affiliate of U.S. Bank National Association is a lender under our revolving credit facility.

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If an event of default occurs under the indentures and is continuing, the Trustee will be required to use the degree of care and skill of a prudent person in the conduct of that person's own affairs. The Trustee will become obligated to exercise any of its powers under the indentures at the request of any of the holders of any debt securities issued under the indentures only after those holders have offered the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it.

If the Trustee becomes one of our creditors, its rights to obtain payment of claims in specified circumstances, or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise will be limited under the terms of the indentures. The Trustee may engage in certain other transactions; however, if the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest (within the meaning specified under the Trust Indenture Act), it will be required to eliminate the conflict or resign.

## **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants for the purchase of debt securities or shares of preferred stock or common stock.

The warrants will be issued under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent. The terms and conditions of the warrants will be described in the specific warrant agreement and the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such warrants. Each applicable prospectus supplement relating to such warrants may also describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of such warrants. A form of warrant agreement, including the form of certificate representing the warrants, which contain provisions to be included in the specific warrant agreements that will be entered into with respect to particular offerings of warrants, will be filed as an exhibit or incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. A holder or prospective purchaser of our warrants should refer to the provisions of the applicable warrant agreement (and prospectus supplement for more information.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS**

We may issue subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. These subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered hereby and may or may not be transferable by the stockholder receiving the subscription rights in such offering. In connection with any offering of subscription rights, we may enter into a standby arrangement with one or more underwriters or other purchasers pursuant to which the underwriters or other purchasers may be required to purchase any securities remaining unsubscribed after such offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any offering of subscription rights for which this prospectus is being delivered. Each applicable prospectus supplement may also describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of such subscription rights. A holder or prospective holder of subscription rights should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for more specific information.

## **DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS**



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We may issue stock purchase contracts, representing contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and requiring us to sell to the holders, a specified number of shares of common stock at a future date or dates.

The price per share of common stock may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as a part of units, or stock purchase units, consisting of a stock

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purchase contract and either (x) senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities, subordinated debt securities or junior subordinated debt securities, or (y) debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, in each case, securing the holder's obligations to purchase our common stock under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase contracts or vice versa, and such payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations thereunder in a specified manner and in certain circumstances we may deliver newly issued prepaid stock purchase contracts, or prepaid securities, upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holder's obligations under the original stock purchase contract. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units and, if applicable, prepaid securities. Each applicable prospectus supplement may also describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the purchase, holding and disposition of any stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units and, if applicable, prepaid securities.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, subscription rights, stock purchase contracts and/or stock purchase units in one or more of the following ways from time to time:

to or through underwriters or dealers;

by itself directly;

through agents;

through a combination of any of these methods of sale; or

through any other methods described in a prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplements relating to an offering of securities will set forth the terms of such offering, including:

the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;

the purchase price of the offered securities and the proceeds to us from the sale;

any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation; and

any initial public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers and any securities exchanges on which such offered securities may be listed.

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Any initial public offering prices, discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

If underwriters are used in the sale, the underwriters will acquire the offered securities for their own account and may resell them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The offered securities may be offered either to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or by one or more underwriters without a syndicate. Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase any series of securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of such series of securities if any are purchased.

In connection with underwritten offerings of the offered securities and in accordance with applicable law and industry practice, underwriters may over-allot or effect transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open

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market, including by entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate covering transactions or imposing penalty bids, each of which is described below:

A stabilizing bid means the placing of any bid, or the effecting of any purchase, for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of a security.

A syndicate covering transaction means the placing of any bid on behalf of the underwriting syndicate or the effecting of any purchase to reduce a short position created in connection with the offering.

A penalty bid means an arrangement that permits the managing underwriter to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member in connection with the offering when offered securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in syndicate covering transactions.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the aggregate maximum discount, commission, agency fees, or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement; however, we anticipate that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

If 5% or more of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by FINRA members participating in the offering or affiliates or associated persons of such FINRA members, the offering will be conducted in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121.

These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. Underwriters are not required to engage in any of these activities, or to continue such activities if commenced.

If a dealer is used in the sale, we will sell such offered securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the offered securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by that dealer at the time for resale. The names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to that transaction.

Offered securities may be sold directly by us to one or more institutional purchasers, or through agents designated by us from time to time, at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by us to such agent will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering, unless otherwise indicated in such prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments that the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof. Underwriters, dealers and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

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Under the securities laws of some states, the securities offered by this prospectus may be sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

Any person participating in the distribution of common stock registered under the registration statement that includes this prospectus will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and applicable SEC rules and regulations, including, among others, Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of our common stock by any such person. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of our common stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock. These restrictions may affect the marketability of our common stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock.

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Other than our common stock, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, each of the securities issued hereunder will be a new issue of securities, will have no prior trading market, and may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Any underwriters to whom we sell securities for public offering and sale may make a market in the securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that there will be a market for the offered securities.

**VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES**

The validity of the securities being offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Winston & Strawn LLP.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Lear Corporation appearing in Lear Corporation's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2016 (including the schedule appearing therein) and the effectiveness of Lear Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly, current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our SEC filings, including the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto are also available to the public from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also access our SEC filings through our website at [www.lear.com](http://www.lear.com). Except as expressly set forth below, we are not incorporating by reference the contents of the SEC website or our website into this prospectus.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus.

Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any documents previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. See Incorporation by Reference.

Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K.

You may request a copy of these filings and any exhibit incorporated by reference in these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or number:

Lear Corporation

21557 Telegraph Road

Southfield, Michigan 48033

(248) 447-1500

Attention: Secretary

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\$ % Senior Notes due 2049

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

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*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Citigroup**

**HSBC**



**J.P. Morgan**

**Barclays**

**BofA Merrill Lynch**