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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 7, 2017

Preliminary Prospectus Supplement

(To Prospectus dated July 29, 2016)

\$100,000,000

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc.

4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. is offering \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022, or the notes, under this prospectus supplement. The notes are being issued as additional 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 under the indenture dated as of November 25, 2013 (the Base Indenture) and the supplemental indenture dated as of May 5, 2017 (the Existing Supplemental Indenture, and together with the Base Indenture, the Existing Indenture or, the indenture). There are \$287,500,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 already outstanding under the Existing Indenture (the outstanding notes). The notes offered hereby will be treated as a single class with the outstanding notes and will have the same terms as those of the outstanding notes. The holders of the notes and the outstanding notes will vote as one class under the indenture. The notes will bear interest at a rate equal to 4.375% per year, payable semiannually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2017. Interest will accrue from May 5, 2017. The notes will mature on May 5, 2022.

Holders may convert their notes at their option prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2022 but only under the following circumstances: (1) during any calendar quarter commencing after June 30, 2017 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of our class A common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 110% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day; (2) during the five consecutive business day period after any five consecutive trading day period, or the measurement period, in which the trading price (as defined herein) per \$1,000 principal amount of notes for each trading day of such measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such trading day; or (3) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events. On or after February 1, 2022, until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion of a note, we will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, at our election, as described in this prospectus supplement.

The conversion rate will initially equal 28.0324 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$35.67 per share of class A common stock). The conversion rate will be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events, but will not be adjusted for any accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, following the occurrence of a make-whole fundamental change, we will, in certain circumstances, increase the conversion rate for a holder that converts its notes in connection with such make-whole fundamental change.

We may not redeem the notes prior to maturity. No sinking fund will be provided for the notes.

If we undergo a fundamental change, holders may require us to purchase the notes in whole or in part for cash at a fundamental change purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the fundamental change purchase date.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes, equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not so subordinated (including our 2018 Notes (as defined herein) and the outstanding notes), effectively junior to any future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) and preferred equity of our subsidiaries.

We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange. Our class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the trading symbol BXMT. The last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the NYSE on August 4, 2017 was \$30.64 per share.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, to read about factors you should consider before buying the notes.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us ⁽²⁾	%	\$

- (1) Plus accrued interest from, and including, May 5, 2017.
- (2) We have agreed to reimburse the underwriter for certain expenses in connection with this offering. See Underwriting.

The underwriter will have the option to purchase within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement up to an additional \$15,000,000 principal amount of notes from us at the public offering price less the underwriting discount solely to cover over-allotments, if any.

The underwriter expects to deliver the notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about August , 2017.

Sole Book-Running Manager

Barclays

Prospectus Supplement dated August , 2017

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by us or information to which we have referred you, including any information incorporated by reference. We have not, and the underwriter has not, authorized any other person to provide you with additional information or information different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus. We are not, and the underwriter is not, making an offer to sell the notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by us is accurate only as of their respective dates or on the date or dates which are specified in such documents, and that any information in documents that we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of such document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, 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 describes the terms of this offering and the notes offered hereby and also adds to and updates the information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information about our debt securities and other securities that do not pertain to this offering of notes. To the extent that there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, before the date of this prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date (for example, a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus) the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. The information in this prospectus supplement may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference carefully before deciding whether to invest in the notes. See Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

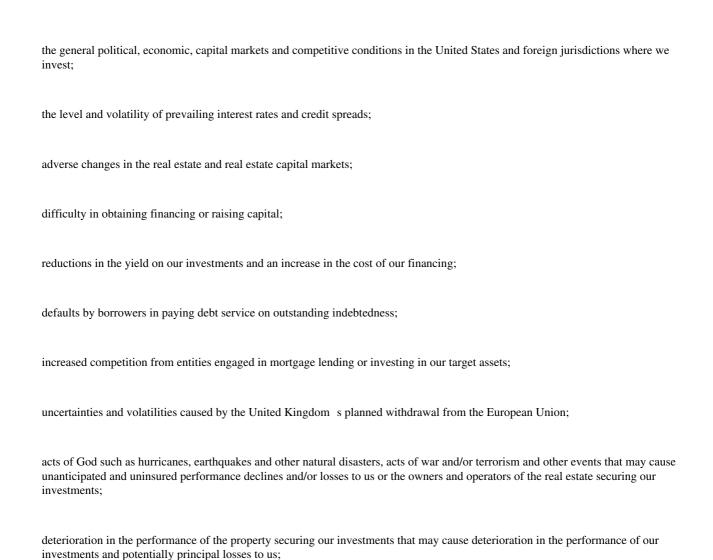
Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this prospectus supplement to the terms company, we, us, our, and Blackstone Mortgage Trust refer to Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries; Manager refers to BXMT Advisors L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, our external manager; and Blackstone refers to The Blackstone Group L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and its subsidiaries.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including information incorporated by reference herein and therein, as well as any other oral or written statements made in press releases or otherwise by us or on our behalf, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act , and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which involve certain known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements predict or describe our future operations, business plans, business and investment strategies and portfolio management and the performance of our investments. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by their use of such terms and phrases as intend, expect, projections, anticipates, should, could, designed to, foreseeable future, seeks, may, expressions. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Our actual results may differ significantly from any results expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Some, but not all, of the factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to:



adverse developments in the availability of desirable investment opportunities whether they are due to competition, regulation, or otherwise;

difficulty in redeploying the proceeds from repayments of our existing investments;

difficulty in successfully managing our growth, including integrating new assets into our existing systems;

authoritative generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP , or policy changes from such standard-setting bodies as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS , the NYSE, and other authorities that we are subject to, as well as their counterparts in any foreign jurisdictions where we might do business; and

other factors, including those discussed under the Risk Factors section of this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and in the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Moreover, unless we are required by law to update these statements, we will not necessarily update or revise any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus after the date hereof, either to conform them to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us and the notes being offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider prior to investing in the notes. For a more complete understanding of our company, we encourage you to read this entire document, including the information incorporated by reference into this document and the other documents to which we have referred. Unless indicated otherwise, the information in this prospectus supplement assumes the underwriter does not exercise its option to purchase up to an additional \$15,000,000 principal amount of notes solely to cover over-allotments, if any.

Overview

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, is a real estate finance company that originates and purchases senior loans collateralized by properties in North America and Europe. Our business plan is to create the premier global commercial real estate lending platform and to originate, acquire and manage commercial real estate loans and securities and other commercial real estate-related debt instruments. While the commercial real estate debt markets are complex and continually evolving, we believe they offer compelling opportunities when approached with the institutional capabilities and expertise of our Manager, an affiliate of Blackstone, one of the world s leading investment firms. Our investment objective is to preserve and protect our capital while producing attractive risk-adjusted returns primarily through dividends generated from current income on our portfolio.

Our investment strategy is to originate loans and invest in debt and related instruments supported by institutional quality commercial real estate in attractive locations. Through our Manager, we draw on Blackstone s extensive real estate debt investment platform and its established sourcing, underwriting, and structuring capabilities in order to execute our investment strategy. In addition, we have access to Blackstone s extensive network and substantial real estate and other investment holdings, which provide our Manager access to market data on a scale not available to many competitors.

Our Manager is a part of Blackstone s asset management business, which includes investment vehicles focused on private equity, real estate, public debt and equity, non-investment grade credit, real assets, and secondary funds, all on a global basis. Through its different businesses, Blackstone had total assets under management of \$371.1 billion as of June 30, 2017.

We made a tax election to be treated as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, effective January 1, 2003. We also operate our business in a manner that permits us to maintain our exclusion from regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Investment Company Act.

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. was incorporated in Maryland in 1998. Our principal executive offices are located at 345 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10154, and our telephone number is (212) 655-0220. Our website address is www.blackstonemortgagetrust.com. The information on, or otherwise accessible through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

The Offering

The following summary is provided solely for your convenience and is not intended to be complete. You should read the full text and more specific details contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. For purposes of this offering summary, references to Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., we, our, and us refer only to Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. and not its subsidiaries. For a more detailed description of the notes, see Description of the Notes in this prospectus supplement and Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation.

Securities Offered

\$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 (plus up to an additional \$15,000,000 principal amount if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes solely to cover over-allotments, if any). The notes offered hereby are being issued as additional 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 under the indenture. There are \$287,500,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 already outstanding under the Existing Indenture. The notes we are offering hereby constitute Additional Notes under the Existing Indenture and will be treated with the outstanding notes as a single class and will have the same CUSIP number as the initial notes. Holders of the notes and the outstanding notes will vote as one class under the indenture.

Maturity

May 5, 2022 unless earlier repurchased by us or converted.

Issue Price

%, plus accrued interest from, and including, May 5, 2017.

Interest

4.375% per year. Interest will accrue from the date of issuance of the outstanding notes (which was May 5, 2017) or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and will be payable semiannually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2017. We will also be required to pay additional interest on the notes under the circumstances described under Description of the Notes Events of Default Under the Indenture.

Conversion Rights

Holders may convert their notes at their option prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2022, but only under the following circumstances:

during any calendar quarter commencing after June 30, 2017 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of our class A common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 110% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day;

during the five consecutive business day period after any five consecutive trading day period, or the measurement period, in which the trading price (as defined

herein) per \$1,000 principal amount of notes for each trading day of such measurement

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period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such trading day; or

upon the occurrence of specified corporate events described under Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Conversion Upon Specified Corporate Events.

On or after February 1, 2022, until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances.

The conversion rate will initially equal 28.0324 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$35.67 per share of class A common stock), subject to adjustment as described in this prospectus supplement.

In addition, following the occurrence of certain corporate events, we will, in certain circumstances, increase the conversion rate for a holder that converts its notes in connection with such corporate event. See Description of the Notes Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change.

You will not receive any additional cash payment representing accrued and unpaid interest, if any, upon conversion of a note, except in limited circumstances. Instead, interest will be deemed paid by our payment or delivery, as the case may be, of the cash, shares of our class A common stock or combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock into which your note is convertible. See Description of the Notes Conversion Rights General.

Settlement Upon Conversion

Upon conversion, we will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination thereof at our election. We refer to our obligation to pay or deliver these amounts as our conversion obligation. If we satisfy our conversion obligation solely in cash or through payment and delivery, as the case may be, of a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock (rather than solely through delivery of shares of our class A common stock), the amount of cash and shares of our class A common stock, if any, due upon conversion will be based on a daily conversion value (as described herein) calculated on a proportionate basis for each VWAP trading day (as defined herein) in the 25 VWAP trading-day observation period (as described herein). See Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion.

No Redemption

We may not redeem the notes prior to maturity, and no sinking fund will be provided for the notes.

Fundamental Change

If we undergo a fundamental change (as defined under Description of the Notes Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes), subject to certain conditions, you will have the option to require us to purchase for cash all or part of your notes. The fundamental change purchase price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the fundamental change purchase date.

Ranking

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank:

equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior indebtedness, including our 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the 2018 Notes) and the outstanding notes;

senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness we may have that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes;

effectively junior in right of payment to any of our existing and future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and

structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) and preferred equity of our subsidiaries as well as to any of our existing or future indebtedness that may be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries (to the extent of any such guarantee).

The indenture governing the notes will not limit the amount of debt that we or our subsidiaries may incur.

Events of Default

Except as described under Description of the Notes Events of Default Under the Indenture, if an event of default with respect to the notes occurs, holders may, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, accelerate the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest will automatically become due and payable in the case of certain types of bankruptcy or insolvency events of default involving us.

Ownership Limit

To assist us in complying with the limitations on the concentration of ownership of a REIT imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Internal Revenue Code, among other purposes, our charter prohibits, with certain exceptions, any individuals (including certain entities treated as individuals for this purpose) from beneficially or constructively owning, applying certain attribution rules under the Internal Revenue Code, more than 9.9% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of our class A common stock, or 9.9% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of our capital stock. Notwithstanding any other provision of the notes, no holder of notes will be entitled to receive our class A common stock

following conversion of such notes to the extent that receipt of such class A common stock would cause such holder (after application of certain constructive ownership rules) to exceed the ownership limit contained in our charter.

If any delivery of shares of our class A common stock owed to a holder upon conversion of notes is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of the limitations described above, our obligation to make such delivery shall not be extinguished and we shall deliver such shares as promptly as practicable after any such converting holder gives notice to us that such delivery would not result in it being the beneficial or constructive owner of more than 9.9% (by value or number, whichever is more restrictive) of the shares of class A common stock, or of our capital stock, outstanding at such time.

Book-Entry Form

The notes will be issued in book-entry form and will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Beneficial interests in any of the notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee and any such interest may not be exchanged for certificated securities, except in limited circumstances.

Absence of an Active Market for the Notes

We do not intend to list the notes on any national securities exchange. If no active trading market develops, you may not be able to resell your notes at their fair market value or at all. Future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including the market price of our class A common stock, prevailing interest rates, our operating results and the market for similar securities. We have been informed by the underwriter that it currently intends to make a market in the notes after this offering is completed. However, the underwriter is not obligated to do so, and it may cease its market-making at any time and without notice.

No Listing

We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange. Our class A common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol BXMT.

Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations For certain material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes and the shares of our class A common stock into which the notes are convertible, see Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations in this prospectus supplement and Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus.

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Trustee, Paying Agent and Conversion Agent

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

Use of Proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from this offering will be approximately \$\\$\ \text{million} (or approximately \$\\$\ \text{million} if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes solely to cover over-allotments, if any, in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We plan to use substantially all of the net proceeds from this offering to originate and purchase additional commercial mortgage loans and other target assets and investments consistent with our investment strategies and investment guidelines. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including repayment of indebtedness. See Use of Proceeds.

Dividend Policy

We generally intend to distribute each year substantially all of our taxable income to holders of our class A common stock so as to comply with the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, our dividend policy remains subject to revision at the discretion of our board of directors. All distributions will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon, among other things, our actual results of operations and liquidity. These results and our ability to pay distributions will be affected by various factors, including our taxable income, our financial condition, our maintenance of REIT status, applicable law, and other factors as our board of directors deems relevant.

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the ratio of our earnings to fixed charges was 2.38x, and for the six months ended June 30, 2017, the ratio of our earnings to fixed charges was 2.01x.

For the purpose of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges, and charges consist of interest on all indebtedness, amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness and preference security dividend requirements.

Risk Factors

An investment in the notes involves risks, and prospective investors should carefully consider the matters discussed under Risk Factors beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and the reports we file with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making a decision to invest in the notes.

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RISK FACTORS

Before you invest in our notes, in addition to the other information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully read and consider the risk factors described below as well as under the heading Risk Factors contained in Part I, Item IA in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Exchange Act. Each of the risks described in these documents could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects, and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment.

In connection with the forward-looking statements that appear in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should also carefully review the cautionary statement referred to under Forward-Looking Statements in this prospectus supplement.

As used in this section Risk Factors, the term notes includes the outstanding notes, unless the context requires otherwise.

Risks Related to the Notes and to this Offering

We are a holding company. Substantially all of our business is conducted through our subsidiaries. Our ability to repay debt, including the notes, depends on the performance of our subsidiaries and their ability to make distributions to us. Claims of holders of the notes will be structurally subordinated to claims of creditors of our subsidiaries because our subsidiaries will not guarantee the notes.

We are a holding company. Substantially all of our business is conducted through our subsidiaries, which are separate and distinct legal entities. Therefore, our ability to service our indebtedness, including the notes, is principally dependent on the earnings and the distribution of funds (whether by dividend, distribution or loan) from our subsidiaries. The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. Accordingly, none of our subsidiaries is obligated to pay any amounts due on the notes or make funds available to us for payment on the notes. Distributions to us by our subsidiaries will also be contingent upon our subsidiaries earnings and business considerations. In addition, any payment of dividends, distributions or loans by our subsidiaries to us could be subject to applicable statutory or contractual restrictions and taxes on distributions.

We cannot assure you that the agreements governing any existing or future indebtedness of our subsidiaries will permit our subsidiaries to provide us with sufficient dividends, distributions or loans to fund payments on the notes when due.

Because our subsidiaries will not guarantee the notes, claims of holders of the notes will be structurally subordinated to the claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors. As a result, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, such subsidiaries will pay the holders of their debt and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to us. In addition, even if we were a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor may be subject to equitable subordination and, in any case, would be junior to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries granted to another creditor and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries senior to indebtedness held by us.

We expect that the trading price of the notes will be significantly affected by changes in the market price of our class A common stock, the interest rate environment and our credit quality, each of which could change substantially at any time.

We expect that the trading price of the notes will depend on a variety of factors, including, without limitation, the market price of our class A common stock, the interest rate environment and our credit quality. Each of these factors may be volatile, and may or may not be within our control.

For example, we expect the trading price of the notes will increase with increases in the market price of our class A common stock. We cannot, however, predict whether the market price of our class A common stock will

rise or fall. In addition, general market conditions, including the level of, and fluctuations in, interest rates and the market price of stocks generally, may affect the market price of our class A common stock. Moreover, we may or may not choose to take actions that could influence the volatility of our class A common stock.

Likewise, if interest rates, or expected future interest rates, rise during the term of the notes, the yield of the notes will likely decrease, but the value of the convertibility option embedded in the notes will likely increase. Because interest rates and interest rate expectations are influenced by a wide variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that changes in interest rates or interest rate expectations will not adversely affect the trading price of the notes.

Furthermore, the trading price of the notes will likely be significantly affected by any change in our credit quality. Because our credit quality is influenced by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond our control, we cannot guarantee that we will maintain or improve our credit quality during the term of the notes. In addition, because we may choose to take actions that adversely affect our credit quality, such as incurring additional debt, there can be no guarantee that our credit quality will not decline during the term of the notes, which would likely negatively impact the trading price of the notes.

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes.

We currently have, and after this offering will continue to have, a significant amount of indebtedness. As of June 30, 2017, our total consolidated indebtedness was \$7.1 billion (excluding trade payables and unfunded commitments). This substantial level of indebtedness increases the risk that we may be unable to generate enough cash to pay amounts due in respect of our indebtedness, including the notes. Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to you and significant effects on our business. For example, it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, our strategic growth initiatives and development efforts and other general corporate purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;

restrict us from exploiting business opportunities;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less indebtedness; and

limit our ability to borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements, execution of our business strategy or other general corporate purposes.

In addition, the agreements that govern our current indebtedness contain, and the agreements that may govern any future indebtedness that we may incur may contain, financial and other restrictive covenants that will limit our ability to engage in activities that may be in our long-term best interests. Our failure to comply with those covenants could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of all of our debt.

Despite our substantial current indebtedness, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more indebtedness. This could further exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial leverage.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, including pursuant to a capital markets transaction such as a notes offering as well as secured indebtedness that would be

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structurally senior to the notes. Furthermore, the indenture governing the notes will not limit the amount of debt that we or our subsidiaries may issue. Adding new indebtedness to current debt levels could make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes.

The notes will not be protected by restrictive covenants, which in turn may allow us to engage in a variety of transactions that may impair our ability to fulfill our obligations under the notes.

The indenture governing the notes does not contain any financial covenants and does not restrict us from paying dividends, incurring debt or issuing or repurchasing our other securities. Because the indenture does not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving us or in the event of a decline in our credit rating for any reason, including as a result of a takeover, recapitalization, highly leveraged transaction or similar restructuring involving us, except to the extent described under Description of the Notes Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes, Description of the Notes Consolidation, Merger or Sale and Description of the Notes Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change, we may engage in transactions that may impair our ability to fulfill our obligations under the notes.

Recent and future regulatory actions may adversely affect the trading price and liquidity of the notes.

We expect that many investors in, and potential purchasers of, the notes will employ, or seek to employ, a convertible arbitrage strategy with respect to the notes. Investors that employ a convertible arbitrage strategy with respect to convertible debt instruments typically implement that strategy by selling short the common stock underlying the convertible notes and dynamically adjusting their short position while they hold the notes. Investors may also implement this strategy by entering into swaps on our class A common stock in lieu of or in addition to short selling the class A common stock.

The SEC and other regulatory and self-regulatory authorities have implemented various rules and taken certain actions, and may in the future adopt additional rules and take other actions, that may impact those engaging in short selling activity involving equity securities (including our class A common stock). Such rules and actions include Rule 201 of SEC Regulation SHO, the adoption by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, and the national securities exchanges of a Limit Up-Limit Down program, the imposition of market-wide circuit breaker systems that halt trading of securities for certain periods following specific market declines, and the implementation of certain regulatory reforms required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

If investors and potential purchasers seeking to employ a convertible arbitrage strategy are unable to borrow or enter into swaps on our class A common stock, in each case on commercially reasonable terms, the trading price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. As a result, any governmental or regulatory action that restricts the ability of investors in, or potential purchasers of, the notes to effect short sales of our class A common stock or enter into swaps on our class A common stock could adversely affect the trading price and the liquidity of the notes.

Some significant restructuring transactions that may adversely affect you may not constitute a fundamental change under the indenture, in which case we would not be obligated to offer to repurchase the notes.

Upon the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined under Description of the Notes Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes), you will have the right, at your option, to require us to repurchase your notes for cash. However, the definition of fundamental change contained in the indenture will be limited to certain enumerated transactions. As a result, the fundamental change provision of the indenture will not afford protection to holders of notes in the event of other transactions that could adversely affect the notes. For example, transactions such as leveraged recapitalizations, refinancings, restructurings or acquisitions initiated

by us may not constitute a fundamental change requiring us to repurchase the notes. Similarly, any change in the composition of our board of directors will not constitute a fundamental change. In the event of any such transaction, holders of the notes would not have the right to require us to repurchase their notes, even though each of these transactions could increase the amount of our indebtedness, or otherwise adversely affect our capital structure or any credit ratings, thereby adversely affecting the holders of notes.

The adjustment to the conversion rate for notes converted in connection with a make-whole fundamental change may not adequately compensate you for any lost option value of your notes as a result of such transaction. In addition, the definition of a make-whole fundamental change is limited and may not protect you from losing some of the option value of your notes in the event of a variety of transactions that do not constitute a make-whole fundamental change.

Upon the occurrence of a make-whole fundamental change, we will, in certain circumstances, increase the conversion rate for a holder that converts its notes in connection with such make-whole fundamental change. The increase in the conversion rate will be determined based on the date on which the make-whole fundamental change becomes effective and the price paid (or deemed paid) per share of our class A common stock in such make-whole fundamental change, all as described below under Description of the Notes Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change.

Although the adjustment to the conversion rate for notes converted in connection with a make-whole fundamental change is designed to compensate you for the option value of your notes that you lose as a result of a make-whole fundamental change, it is only an estimate of such value and may not adequately compensate you for such lost option value. In addition, if the price paid (or deemed paid) for our class A common stock in the make-whole fundamental change is greater than \$42.50 per share or less than \$31.02 per share (in each case, subject to adjustment in accordance with the indenture), then we will not be required to adjust the conversion rate if you convert your notes in connection with such make-whole fundamental change. Moreover, in no event will we increase the conversion rate solely because of such an adjustment to a rate that exceeds 32.2373 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, subject to adjustments in accordance with the indenture.

Furthermore, the definition of make-whole fundamental change contained in the indenture will be limited to certain enumerated transactions. As a result, the make-whole fundamental change provisions of the indenture will not afford protection to holders of the notes in the event that other transactions occur that could adversely affect the option value of the notes. For example, transactions, such as leveraged recapitalizations, refinancings, restructurings or acquisitions, could significantly affect the trading characteristics of our class A common stock and thereby reduce the option value embedded in the notes without triggering a make-whole fundamental change.

In addition, our obligation to increase the conversion rate upon the occurrence of a make-whole fundamental change could be considered a penalty, in which case the enforceability thereof could be subject to general equity principles such as the reasonableness of economic remedies.

Adjustments to the conversion rate do not cover all dilutive events that may adversely affect the value of the notes.

The conversion rate of the notes is subject to adjustment for certain events, including, but not limited to, the issuance of stock dividends on our class A common stock, the issuance of certain rights, options or warrants, subdivisions, combinations, distributions of our capital stock, indebtedness, or assets, cash dividends and certain issuer tender or exchange offers as described under Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments. However, the conversion rate will not be adjusted for other events, such as a third-party tender or exchange offer or an issuance of class A common stock for cash or in connection with an acquisition, that may adversely affect the trading price of the notes or our class A common stock. An event that adversely affects the value of the notes may occur and that event may not result in an adjustment to the conversion rate.

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We may not have the ability to raise funds necessary to settle conversions of the notes or to purchase the notes upon a fundamental change.

If a fundamental change occurs, subject to certain conditions, you will have the right, at your option, to require us to purchase for cash any or all of your notes, or any portion of the principal amount thereof such that the principal amount that remains outstanding of each note purchased in part equals \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The fundamental change purchase price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the fundamental change purchase date. In addition, upon conversion of the notes, unless we elect to settle the conversion entirely in shares of our class A common stock, we will be required to make cash payments in respect of the notes being converted. However, we may not have sufficient funds at the time we are required to purchase the notes surrendered therefor or to make cash payments on the notes being converted and we may not be able to arrange necessary financing on acceptable terms, if at all. In addition, our ability to purchase the notes may be limited by law, by regulatory authority or by the agreements governing our other indebtedness outstanding at the time. If we fail to pay the fundamental change purchase price when due, or fail to pay any amount of cash due upon conversion within five business days of its due date, we will be in default under the indenture governing the notes. A default under the indenture or the fundamental change itself could also constitute a default under the agreements governing our other existing and future indebtedness which would further restrict our ability to make required payments under the notes. In particular, the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a fundamental change would also constitute an event of default under our existing credit agreements.

If an active trading market does not develop for the notes, you may not be able to resell them.

We do not currently plan to list the notes on any securities exchange. If no active trading market develops, you may not be able to resell your notes at their fair market value or at all. The liquidity of the trading market in the notes and future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, our operating results and the market for similar securities. We have been informed by the underwriter that it currently intends to make a market in the notes after this offering is completed. However, the underwriter is not obligated to do so and may cease its market-making at any time.

The conditional conversion features of the notes, if triggered, may adversely affect our financial condition.

If one of the conversion contingencies is triggered, holders of notes will be entitled to convert the notes at any time during specified periods. See Description of the Notes Conversion Rights. If one or more holders elect to convert their notes, unless we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation by delivering solely shares of class A common stock, we would be required to settle a portion of or all of our conversion obligation through the payment of cash, which could adversely affect our liquidity and various aspects of our business (including our credit ratings and the trading price of the notes).

The conditional conversion feature of the notes could result in your receiving less than the value of the cash, shares of class A common stock or the cash and shares of class A common stock, if any, as the case may be, into which your notes would otherwise be convertible.

Prior to February 1, 2022, you may convert your notes only if specified conditions are met. If the specific conditions for conversion are not met, you will not be able to convert your notes, and you may not be able to receive the value of the cash, shares of class A common stock or combination of cash and shares of class A common stock, if any, as the case may be, into which your notes would otherwise be convertible. Therefore, you may not be able to realize the appreciation, if any, in the value of our class A common stock after the issuance of the notes in this offering and prior to such date. In addition, the inability to freely convert your notes may also adversely affect the trading price of the notes and your ability to resell the notes.

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The settlement feature of the notes may have adverse consequences.

The settlement feature of the notes, as described under Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion, may:

result in holders receiving no shares upon conversion or fewer shares relative to the conversion value of the notes;

reduce our liquidity;

delay holders receipt of the consideration due upon conversion; and

subject holders to the market risks of our shares before receiving any shares upon conversion.

That is, unless we elect to settle the conversion entirely in shares of our class A common stock, upon conversion of the notes, you will, at our election, receive cash, or a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, based upon the volume weighted average prices of our class A common stock for each of the 25 VWAP trading days during the applicable observation period. As described under Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion, this period means, for notes with a conversion date occurring on or after the 30th scheduled trading day before the maturity date, the 25 consecutive VWAP trading-day period beginning on, and including, the 27th scheduled trading day prior to the maturity date (or, if such scheduled trading day is not a trading day, the immediately following trading day), and in all other instances, the 25 consecutive VWAP trading day period beginning on, and including, the third trading day immediately following the related conversion date. Accordingly, if the price of our class A common stock decreases during this period, the amount and/or value of consideration you receive will be adversely affected. Furthermore, because we may settle all or a portion of our conversion obligation in cash, the conversion of notes may significantly reduce our liquidity. See Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion.

We may issue additional shares of our class A common stock or instruments convertible into our class A common stock, including in connection with conversions of notes, and thereby materially and adversely affect the price of our class A common stock, and, in turn, the notes

Subject to lock-up provisions described under Underwriting, we are not restricted from issuing additional shares of our class A common stock or other instruments convertible into our class A common stock during the life of the notes. See Underwriting. We cannot predict the size of future issuances or the effect, if any, that they may have on the market price for our class A common stock. If we issue additional shares of our class A common stock or instruments convertible into our class A common stock, it may materially and adversely affect the price of our class A common stock and, in turn, the price of the notes. Furthermore, the conversion or exercise of some or all of the notes may dilute the ownership interests of existing stockholders, and any sales in the public market of shares of our class A common stock issuable upon any such conversion or exercise could adversely affect prevailing market prices of our class A common stock or the notes. In addition, the anticipated issuance and sale of substantial amounts of class A common stock or the anticipated conversion or exercise of securities into shares of our class A common stock could depress the price of our class A common stock.

The accounting method for convertible debt securities that may be settled in cash, such as the notes, could have a material effect on our reported financial results.

Under the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification section, or ASC, 470-20, *Debt with Conversion and Other Options*, an entity must separately account for the liability and equity components of the convertible debt instruments (such as the notes) that may be settled entirely or partially in cash upon conversion in a manner that reflects the issuer s economic interest cost. The effect of ASC 470-20 on the accounting for the notes is that the equity component is required to be included in the additional paid-in capital section of stockholders equity on our consolidated balance sheet, and the value of the equity component would

be treated as original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the debt component of the notes. As a result, we will be required to record a greater amount of non-cash interest expense as a result of the amortization of the discounted carrying value of the notes to their face amount over the term of the notes. We will report lower net income or increased net loss in our financial results because ASC 470-20 will require interest to include both the current period s amortization of the debt discount and the instrument s coupon interest, which could adversely affect our reported or future financial results, the trading price of our class A common stock and the trading price of the notes.

In addition, under certain circumstances, convertible debt instruments (such as the notes) that may be settled entirely or partly in cash may be accounted for utilizing the treasury stock method, the effect of which is that the shares that would be issuable upon conversion of the notes are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share except to the extent that the conversion value of the notes exceeds their principal amount. Under the treasury stock method, for diluted earnings per share purposes, the transaction is accounted for as if the number of shares of class A common stock that would be necessary to settle such excess, if we elected to settle such excess in shares, are issued. We cannot be sure that the accounting standards in the future will continue to permit our use of the treasury stock method. If we are unable to use the treasury stock method in accounting for the shares issuable upon conversion of the notes, then our diluted earnings per share may be adversely affected.

Holders of notes will not be entitled to any rights with respect to our class A common stock, but will be subject to all changes made with respect to our class A common stock to the extent our conversion obligations include shares of our class A common stock.

Holders of notes will not be entitled to any rights with respect to our class A common stock (including, without limitation, voting rights and rights to receive any dividends or other distributions on our class A common stock), until the time at which they become holders of our class A common stock, which, if we deliver shares of class A common stock as part of our conversion obligation, will be the close of business on the conversion date, and otherwise will generally be the close of business on the last trading day of the applicable observation period, but will be subject to all changes affecting our class A common stock. For example, if an amendment is proposed to our charter requiring stockholder approval and the record date for determining the stockholders of record entitled to vote on the amendment occurs prior to the date you are deemed to be a record holder of our class A common stock, you generally will not be entitled to vote on the amendment, although you will nevertheless be subject to any changes affecting our class A common stock. In addition, because of the conditional conversion, and the settlement features of the notes, which would permit us to satisfy our obligation upon conversion solely in cash, should we elect to do so, you may not be able to convert your notes until February 1, 2022 and you may not receive any shares upon conversion.

Holders may be subject to tax upon an adjustment to, or failure to adjust, the conversion rate of the notes even in the absence of a corresponding cash distribution.

The conversion rate of the notes is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, including the payment of certain cash dividends or upon a fundamental change. If the conversion rate is adjusted as a result of a distribution that is taxable to holders of our class A common stock, such as a cash dividend, holders will be deemed to have received for United States federal income tax purposes a taxable dividend to the extent of our earnings and profits without the receipt of any cash. In addition, a failure to adjust (or to adjust adequately) the conversion rate after an event that increases a holder s proportionate interest in us could be treated as a deemed taxable dividend to such holder. If a make-whole fundamental change occurs on or prior to the maturity date, we may be required to increase the conversion rate for notes converted in connection with the make-whole fundamental change. Such increase may also be treated as a distribution subject to United States federal income tax as a dividend. If you are a non-United States holder (as defined in Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations), such deemed dividend may be subject to United States federal withholding tax, which may be withheld from payments of interest, shares of our class A common stock or proceeds subsequently paid or credited to you. See Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations.

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Certain provisions in the notes and the indenture could delay or prevent an otherwise beneficial takeover or takeover attempt of us and, therefore, the ability of holders to exercise their rights associated with a potential fundamental change or a make-whole fundamental change.

Certain provisions in the notes and the indenture could make it more difficult or more expensive for a third party to acquire us. For example, if an acquisition event constitutes a fundamental change, holders of the notes will have the right to require us to purchase their notes in cash. In addition, if an acquisition event constitutes a make-whole fundamental change, we may be required to increase the conversion rate for holders who convert their notes in connection with such make-whole fundamental change. Our obligations under the notes and the indenture could increase the cost of acquiring us or otherwise discourage a third party from acquiring us or removing incumbent management.

If, in the future, we or the notes receive a credit rating, any changes in such in our credit ratings or the debt markets may adversely impact the market price of the notes or our class A common stock.

The price for the notes will also depend on a number of other factors, including:

any credit ratings we or the notes may receive from major credit rating agencies;

the prevailing interest rates being paid by other companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;

the market price of our class A common stock;

the market price of our other debt securities;

our financial condition, operating results and future prospects; and

the overall condition of the financial markets and global and domestic economies.

The condition of the financial markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future. Such fluctuations could have an adverse effect on the price of the notes. In addition, credit rating agencies continually review their ratings for the companies that they follow. If, in the future, one or more rating agencies were to provide a rating for us or the notes and then reduce or withdraw their rating, or place the notes on a watch list, the market price of the notes and our class A common stock may be adversely affected.

The notes offered hereby will share voting power with the outstanding notes.

The notes offered hereby will be fungible with \$287,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes. Upon completion of this offering, the total aggregate principal amount of the Company s 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 outstanding will be \$387,500,000 (or \$402,500,000 if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes solely to cover over-allotments, if any, in full). Accordingly, the holders of the notes offered hereby will be entitled to exercise only 25.8% (or 28.6% if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes in full) of the total voting power of the 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 of the Company.

Risks Related to Our Class A Common Stock

The market price of our class A common stock may fluctuate significantly.

The capital and credit markets have on occasion experienced periods of extreme volatility and disruption. The market price and liquidity of the market for shares of our class A common stock may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. Some of the factors that could negatively affect the market price of our class A common stock include:

our actual or projected operating results, financial condition, cash flows and liquidity, or changes in business strategy or prospects;

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actual or perceived conflicts of interest with our Manager or other affiliates of Blackstone and individuals, including our executives; equity issuances by us, or share resales by our stockholders, or the perception that such issuances or resales may occur; loss of a major funding source; actual or anticipated accounting problems; publication of research reports about us or the real estate industry; changes in market valuations of similar companies; adverse market reaction to the level of leverage we employ; additions to or departures of our Manager s or Blackstone s key personnel; speculation in the press or investment community; our failure to meet, or the lowering of, our earnings estimates or those of any securities analysts; increases in market interest rates, which may lead investors to demand a higher distribution yield for our class A common stock, and would result in increased interest expenses on our debt; a compression of the yield on our investments and an increase in the cost of our liabilities; failure to maintain our REIT qualification or exclusion from Investment Company Act regulation; price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time; general market and economic conditions, and trends including inflationary concerns, and the current state of the credit and capital markets; significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of publicly traded REITs or other companies in our sector, including Blackstone Mortgage Trust, which is not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

 $changes\ in\ law,\ regulatory\ policies\ or\ tax\ guidelines,\ or\ interpretations\ thereof,\ particularly\ with\ respect\ to\ REITs;$

changes in the value of our portfolio;

any shortfall in revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts;

operating performance of companies comparable to us;

short-selling pressure with respect to shares of our class A common stock or REITs generally; and

uncertainty surrounding the strength of the U.S. economic recovery particularly in light of the recent debt ceiling, budget deficit concerns and other U.S. and international political and economic affairs.

As noted above, market factors unrelated to our performance could also negatively impact the market price of our class A common stock. One of the factors that investors may consider in deciding whether to buy or sell our class A common stock is our distribution rate as a percentage of our stock price relative to market interest rates. If market interest rates increase, prospective investors may demand a higher distribution rate or seek alternative investments paying higher dividends or interest. As a result, interest rate fluctuations and conditions in the capital markets may affect the market value of our class A common stock.

Some provisions of our charter and bylaws and Maryland law may deter takeover attempts, which may limit the opportunity of our stockholders to sell their shares at a favorable price.

Some of the provisions of Maryland law and our charter and bylaws discussed below could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so might be beneficial to our stockholders by providing them with the opportunity to sell their shares at a premium to the then current market price.

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Issuance of Stock Without Stockholder Approval. Our charter authorizes our board of directors, without stockholder approval, to authorize the issuance of up to 200,000,000 shares of class A common stock and up to 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Our charter also authorizes our board of directors, without stockholder approval, to classify or reclassify any unissued shares of our class A common stock and preferred stock into other classes or series of stock and to amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that are authorized by the charter to be issued. Preferred stock may be issued in one or more classes or series, the terms of which may be determined by our board of directors without further action by stockholders. Prior to issuance of any such class or series, our board of directors will set the terms of any such class or series, including the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption. The issuance of any preferred stock could materially adversely affect the rights of holders of our class A common stock and, therefore, could reduce the value of the class A common stock. In addition, specific rights granted to future holders of our preferred stock could be used to restrict our ability to merge with, or sell assets to, a third party. The power of our board of directors to cause us to issue preferred stock could, in certain circumstances, make it more difficult, delay, discourage, prevent or make it more costly to acquire or effect a change in control, thereby preserving the current stockholders control.

Advance Notice Bylaw. Our bylaws contain advance notice procedures for the introduction by a stockholder of new business and the nomination of directors by a stockholder. These provisions could, in certain circumstances, discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for you and other stockholders to elect stockholder-nominated directors and to propose and, consequently, approve stockholder proposals opposed by management.

Maryland Takeover Statutes. We are subject to the Maryland Business Combination Act, which could delay or prevent an unsolicited takeover of us. The statute substantially restricts the power of third parties who acquire, or seek to acquire, control of us to complete mergers and other business combinations without the approval of our board of directors even if such transaction would be beneficial to stockholders. Business combinations between such a third party acquirer or its affiliate and us are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the acquirer becomes an interested stockholder. An interested stockholder is defined as any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of our outstanding voting stock or an affiliate or associate of ours who, at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of our then outstanding stock. If our board of directors approved in advance the transaction that would otherwise give rise to the acquirer attaining such status, the acquirer would not become an interested stockholder and, as a result, it could enter into a business combination with us. Our board of directors may, however, provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by it. Even after the lapse of the five-year prohibition period, any business combination with an interested stockholder must be recommended by our board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

80% of the votes entitled to be cast by stockholders; and

two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by stockholders other than the interested stockholder and affiliates and associates thereof. The super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the transaction complies with a minimum price and form of consideration requirements prescribed by the statute.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the board of directors prior to the time that an interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Our board of directors has exempted any business combination involving a limited liability company indirectly controlled by a trust for the benefit of Samuel Zell, our former chairman of the board, and his family and approved in advance the issuance of shares to W.R. Berkley. In addition, our board of directors has exempted any business combination involving Huskies Acquisition LLC, or Huskies Acquisition, an affiliate

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of Blackstone, or its present affiliates or Blackstone and its present and future affiliates; provided, however, that Huskies Acquisition or any of its present affiliates and Blackstone and any of its present or future affiliates may not enter into any business combination with us without the prior approval of at least a majority of the members of our board of directors who are not affiliates or associates of Huskies Acquisition or Blackstone. As a result, these parties may enter into business combinations with us without compliance with the five-year prohibition or the super-majority vote requirements and the other provisions of the statute.

We are also subject to the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act. With certain exceptions, the Maryland General Corporation Law provides that a holder of control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition has no voting rights with respect to those shares except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding shares owned by the acquiring person or by our officers or by our directors who are our employees.

Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned or entitled to be voted (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy) by the acquirer, would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the specified ranges of voting power. Control shares do not include shares the acquirer is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval or shares acquired directly from the corporation. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of issued and outstanding control shares subject to certain exceptions. A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay expenses, may compel our board to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the control shares in question. If no request for a meeting is made, we may present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at a stockholders meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver the statement required by Maryland law, then, subject to certain conditions and limitations, we may redeem for fair value (determined without regard to the absence of voting rights) any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer may then vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, then all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights, unless our charter or bylaws provide otherwise, which they currently do not. The fair value of the shares for purposes of these appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition. The control share acquisition statute does not apply to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if we are a party to the transaction, nor does it apply to acquisitions approved or exempted by our charter or bylaws. Our bylaws contain a provision exempting the following persons from this statute: (i) a limited liability company indirectly controlled by a trust for the benefit of Samuel Zell and his family; (ii) W.R. Berkley Corporation and any of its controlled affiliates; and (iii) Huskies Acquisition, or any person or entity that was an affiliate of Huskies Acquisition as of September 27, 2012 or by Blackstone or any of its affiliates.

We are also eligible to elect to be subject to the Maryland Unsolicited Takeovers Act, which permits our board of directors, without stockholder approval, to, among other things and notwithstanding any provision in our charter or bylaws, elect on our behalf to classify the terms of directors, to increase the stockholder vote required to remove a director and to provide that each vacancy on our board may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum and each director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred. Such an election may significantly restrict the ability of third parties to wage a proxy fight for control of our board of directors as a means of advancing a takeover offer. If an acquirer were discouraged from offering to acquire us, or prevented from successfully completing a hostile acquisition, you could lose the opportunity to sell your shares at a favorable price.

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Our charter contains provisions that are designed to reduce or eliminate duties of Blackstone and our directors with respect to corporate opportunities and competitive activities.

Our charter contains provisions designed to reduce or eliminate duties of Blackstone and its affiliates (as such term is defined in the charter), and of our directors or any person our directors control to refrain from competing with us or to present to us business opportunities that otherwise may exist in the absence of such charter provisions. Under our charter, Blackstone and its affiliates and our directors or any person our directors control will not be obligated to present to us opportunities unless those opportunities are expressly offered to such person in his or her capacity as a director or officer of Blackstone Mortgage Trust and those persons will be able to engage in competing activities without any restriction imposed as a result of Blackstone s or its affiliates—status as a stockholder or Blackstone—status as officers or directors of Blackstone Mortgage Trust.

We have not established a minimum distribution payment level and we cannot assure you of our ability to pay distributions in the future.

We are generally required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income each year for us to qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code, which requirement we currently intend to satisfy through quarterly distributions of all or substantially all of our REIT taxable income in such year, subject to certain adjustments. Although we intend to make regular quarterly distributions to holders of our class A common stock and we generally intend to pay quarterly distributions in an amount at least equal to our REIT taxable income, we have not established a minimum distribution payment level and our ability to pay distributions may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including the risk factors described in this prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein. All distributions will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, debt covenants, maintenance of our REIT qualification, applicable law and other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. We believe that a change in any one of the following factors could adversely affect our results of operations and impair our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders:

the profitability of the investment of the net proceeds of this offering;
our ability to make profitable investments;
margin calls or other expenses that reduce our cash flow;
defaults in our asset portfolio or decreases in the value of our portfolio; and

the fact that anticipated operating expense levels may not prove accurate, as actual results may vary from estimates. As a result, no assurance can be given that the level of any distributions we make to our stockholders will achieve a market yield or increase or even be maintained over time, any of which could materially and adversely affect the market price of our class A common stock. We may use our net operating losses, to the extent available, carried forward to offset future REIT taxable income, and therefore reduce our dividend requirements. In addition, some of our distributions may include a return of capital, which would reduce the amount of capital available to operate our business.

In addition, distributions that we make to our stockholders will generally be taxable to our stockholders as ordinary income. However, a portion of our distributions may be designated by us as long-term capital gains to the extent that they are attributable to capital gain income recognized by us or may constitute a return of capital to the extent that they exceed our earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A return of capital is not taxable, but has the effect of reducing the basis of a stockholder s investment in our class A common stock.

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Ownership limitations in our charter may impair the ability of holders to convert notes into our class A common stock.

In order to assist us in complying with the limitations on the concentration of ownership of a REIT imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, among other purposes, our charter prohibits beneficial or constructive ownership by any individual (including certain entities treated as individuals for this purpose) of more than 9.9%, by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of our class A common stock or our capital stock. Notwithstanding any other provision of the notes, no holder of notes will be entitled to receive class A common stock following conversion of such notes to the extent that receipt of such class A common stock would cause such holder (after application of certain constructive ownership rules) to exceed the ownership limit contained in our charter. See Description of Capital Stock Certain Provisions of Our Charter and Bylaws and of Maryland Law in the accompanying prospectus. If any delivery of shares of our class A common stock owed to a holder upon conversion of notes is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of the limitations described above, our obligation to make such delivery shall not be extinguished and we shall deliver such shares as promptly as practicable after any such converting holder gives notice to us that such delivery would not result in it being the beneficial or constructive owner of more than 9.9% (by value or number, whichever is more restrictive) of the shares of our class A common stock or our capital stock outstanding at such time. See Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Our Taxation as a REIT Requirements for Qualification as a REIT in the accompanying prospectus.

We will not be able to deliver shares of our class A common stock, even if we would otherwise choose to do so, to any holder of notes if the delivery of such stock would cause that holder to exceed the ownership limits described above.

Investing in our class A common stock may involve a high degree of risk.

The investments that we make in accordance with our investment objectives may result in a high amount of risk when compared to alternative investment options and volatility or loss of principal. Our investments may be highly speculative and aggressive, and therefore an investment in our class A common stock may not be suitable for someone with lower risk tolerance.

Future issuances of equity or debt securities, which may include securities that would rank senior to our class A common stock, may adversely affect the market price of the shares of our class A common stock.

The issuance of additional shares of our class A common stock, including in connection with the conversion of the 2018 Notes, the outstanding notes or the notes offered hereby, or other future issuances of our class A common stock or shares of preferred stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into equity securities, may dilute the ownership interest of our existing holders of our class A common stock. If we decide to issue debt or equity securities which would rank senior to our class A common stock, it is likely that they will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility. Additionally, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our class A common stock and may result in dilution to owners of our class A common stock. We and, indirectly, our stockholders will bear the cost of issuing and servicing such securities. Because our decision to issue additional equity or debt securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future issuances. Also, we cannot predict the effect, if any, of future sales of our class A common stock, or the availability of shares for future sales, on the market price of our class A common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of class A common stock or the perception that such sales could occur may adversely affect the prevailing market price for the shares of our class A common stock. Thus holders of our class A common stock will bear the risk of our future issuances reducing the market price of our class A common stock and diluting the value of their stock holdings in us.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from this offering will be approximately \$\\$\\$ million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$\\$\\$\\$ million and estimated offering expenses payable by us of approximately \$\\$375,000 (or, if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes solely to cover over-allotments, if any, in full, approximately \$\\$\\$\\$\\$ million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$ million and estimated offering expenses payable by us of approximately \$\\$375,000).

We plan to use substantially all of the net proceeds from this offering to originate and purchase additional commercial mortgage loans and other target assets and investments consistent with our investment strategies and investment guidelines. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including repayment of indebtedness, as described in more detail below.

We originate and purchase senior loans collateralized by properties in North America and Europe. We also have originated or acquired and may continue to originate or acquire other real estate and real estate-related debt assets. The allocation of our capital among our target assets will depend on prevailing market conditions and may change over time in response to different prevailing market conditions, including with respect to interest rates and general economic and credit market conditions. In addition, we also may use the net proceeds from this offering to invest in assets other than our target assets, subject to maintaining our qualification as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes and our exclusion from regulation under the Investment Company Act. Until appropriate investments can be identified, our Manager may invest the net proceeds from this offering in money market funds, bank accounts, overnight repurchase agreements with primary federal reserve bank dealers collateralized by direct U.S. government obligations and other instruments or investments reasonably determined by our Manager that are consistent with our intention to qualify as a REIT and maintain our exclusion from regulation under the Investment Company Act. These investments are expected to provide a lower net return than we seek to achieve from our target assets.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of June 30, 2017 on:

an actual basis; and

an adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance and sale of \$100.0 million principal amount of notes in this offering (assuming the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes is not exercised).

The following table does not reflect the payment of our quarterly dividend on July 14, 2017 to holders of record as of the close of business on June 30, 2017 or the incurrence or repayment of debt since June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2017

As
Actual Adjusted(1)
(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

		(unaudited)
Cash:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 33,521	\$
Debt:		
Secured debt agreements, net	\$ 5,806,037	\$
Loan participations sold, net	367,671	
Securitized debt obligations, net	474,123	
5.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (2)	168,195	
4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 (3)	279,852	
Total debt	7,095,878	
Equity:		
Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 94,827,579 shares		
issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2017 (4)	948	
Additional paid-in capital (2)(3)	3,102,929	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(40,508	
Accumulated deficit	(556,896	5)
Total equity	2,506,473	
Total capitalization	\$ 9,602,351	\$

- (1) Does not include the underwriter s option to purchase \$15.0 million principal amount of notes in this offering solely to cover over-allotments, if any.
- (2) Reflects the issuance of \$172.5 million aggregate principal amount of our 2018 Notes. As of June 30, 2017, the 2018 Notes were carried on our consolidated balance sheet at \$168.2 million, net of an unamortized discount of \$4.1 million and deferred financing costs of \$0.2 million. In accordance with ASC 470-20, a convertible debt instrument that may be settled entirely or partially in cash is required to be

separated into a liability and equity component, such that interest expense reflects the issuer s nonconvertible debt interest rate. Upon issuance, a debt discount will be recognized as a decrease in debt and an increase in additional paid-in capital. The debt component will accrete up to the principal amount over the expected term of the debt. Notwithstanding the net presentation required by ASC 470-20, we are required to repay the \$172.5 million aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes.

(3) Reflects the issuance of \$287.5 million aggregate principal amount of our outstanding notes and the issuance of \$100.0 million principal amount of the notes in this offering. As of June 30, 2017, the outstanding notes were carried on our consolidated balance sheet at \$279.9 million, net of an unamortized discount of \$7.1 million and deferred financing costs of \$0.5 million. Notwithstanding the net presentation

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required by ASC 470-20, we are required to repay the \$287.5 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes and will be required to repay the \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of notes issued in this offering.

(4) The number of shares shown as issued and outstanding in the table above excludes:

any shares of our class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes offered hereby, the outstanding notes or our 2018 Notes; and

181,931 deferred stock units held by members of our board of directors.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

We will issue the notes under an indenture, or the base indenture, dated as of November 25, 2013, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, or the trustee, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture with respect to the outstanding notes, or the existing supplemental indenture, dated as of May 5, 2017, between us and the trustee. We refer to the base indenture and the existing supplemental indenture, collectively, as the indenture. In this offering, we will issue \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022 (the new notes). The new notes offered hereby will have the same terms as, and will be treated as a single series with, our outstanding 4.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2022, issued on May 5, 2017 (which notes are referred to herein as our outstanding notes). Unless otherwise noted, the new notes offered hereby and the outstanding notes shall be referred to herein as the notes. Holders of the new notes offered hereby and the outstanding notes will vote as one series under the indenture. The terms of the notes include those expressly set forth in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or the Trust Indenture Act.

You may request a copy of the indenture from us as described below under Where You Can Find More Information.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the notes and (solely as it applies to the notes) the indenture and does not purport to be complete. This summary is subject to and is qualified by reference to all the provisions of the notes and the indenture, including the definitions of certain terms used in the indenture. We urge you to read these documents because they, and not this description, define your rights as a holder of the notes.

This description of the notes supplements and, to the extent it is inconsistent with, replaces the description of the general provisions of the notes and the base indenture in the accompanying prospectus. For purposes of this description, references to Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., we, and us refer only to Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. and not to its subsidiaries.

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General

The new notes:

will be our general unsecured, senior obligations;

will bear cash interest from the date of issuance of the outstanding notes (which was May 5, 2017) at an annual rate of 4.375% payable semiannually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2017;

will not be redeemable prior to maturity;

will be subject to purchase by us at the option of the holders following a fundamental change (as defined below under Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes), at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the fundamental change purchase date;

will mature on May 5, 2022, unless earlier converted or repurchased;

will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof; and

will be represented by one or more registered notes in global form, but in certain limited circumstances may be represented by notes in definitive form. See Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance.

Following this offering, \$387,500,000 aggregate principal amount (or \$402,500,000 if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional notes in full) of notes will be outstanding.

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Subject to fulfillment of certain conditions and during the periods described below, the notes may be converted at a conversion rate initially equal to 28.0324 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$35.67 per share of class A common stock). The conversion rate is subject to adjustment if certain events occur. See Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments and Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change.

Upon conversion of a note, we will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination thereof at our election as described below under Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion. Holders will not receive any additional cash payment for interest or additional interest, if any, accrued and unpaid to the conversion date except under the circumstances described below under Conversion Rights General.

The indenture will not limit the amount of debt which may be issued by us or our subsidiaries under the indenture or otherwise. The indenture, as it relates to the notes, will not contain any financial covenants and will not restrict us from paying dividends or issuing or repurchasing our other securities. Other than the restrictions described under Consolidation, Merger or Sale below and except for the provisions set forth under Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes and Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change, the indenture will not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the notes protection in the event we subsequently increase our borrowings substantially or engage in a transaction that substantially increases our debt to equity ratio (each of which would be an example of a highly leveraged transaction) or in the event of a decline in our credit rating for any reason, including as a result of a takeover, recapitalization, highly leveraged transaction or similar restructuring involving us that could adversely affect such holders.

We may, without notice to or the consent of the holders, again issue additional notes under the indenture with the same terms and with the same CUSIP number as the notes in an unlimited aggregate principal amount; provided that such additional notes must be part of the same issue (and part of the same series) as the notes for United States federal income tax purposes. Additional notes that are not fungible with the notes for United States federal income tax purposes may be issued under a different CUSIP. We may also from time to time repurchase notes in open market purchases or negotiated transactions without giving prior notice to holders. Any notes purchased by us will be retired and no longer outstanding under the indenture.

The outstanding notes are not listed, and we do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange or an interdealer quotation system.

The notes will not have the benefit of a sinking fund.

Except to the extent the context otherwise requires, we use the term notes in this prospectus supplement to refer to each \$1,000 principal amount of notes. We use the term class A common stock in this prospectus supplement to refer to our class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. References in this prospectus supplement to a holder or holders of notes that are held through DTC are references to owners of beneficial interests in such notes, unless the context otherwise requires. However, we and the trustee will treat the person in whose name the notes are registered (Cede & Co., in the case of notes held through DTC) as the owner of such notes for all purposes.

Payments on the Notes; Paying Agent and Registrar; Transfer and Exchange

We will pay principal of and interest on notes in global form registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such global note. We will pay principal of any certificated notes at the office or agency designated by us for that purpose. We will pay interest on any certificated note by check mailed to the address of the registered holder of

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such note; *provided*, *however*, that we will pay interest to any holder of more than \$5.0 million aggregate principal amount of certificated notes by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account within the United States designated by such holder in a written application delivered by such person to the trustee and the paying agent not later than the record date for the relevant interest payment, which application will remain in effect until such holder notifies the trustee and paying agent, in writing, to the contrary.

We have initially designated the trustee as our paying agent and registrar and its agency in New York, New York as a place where notes may be presented for payment or for registration of transfer. We may, however, change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the notes, and we may act as paying agent or registrar.

A holder of notes in global form may transfer its notes in accordance with the applicable procedures of the depositary and the indenture. A holder of certificated notes may transfer or exchange notes at the office of the registrar in accordance with the indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents. No service charge will be imposed by us, the trustee or the registrar for any registration of transfer or exchange of notes, but we may require a holder to pay a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith. We are not required to transfer or exchange any note surrendered for conversion or repurchase upon a fundamental change.

Interest

The notes will bear cash interest at a rate of 4.375% per year until maturity. Interest on the notes will accrue from the most recent date on which interest has been paid or duly provided for, or if no interest has been paid or duly provided for, the date of issuance of the outstanding notes (which was May 5, 2017). Interest will be payable semiannually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2017.

Interest will be paid to the person in whose name a note is registered at the close of business on the April 15 or October 15, as the case may be (whether or not such date is a business day), immediately preceding the relevant interest payment date (whether or not such date is a business day) (each, a regular record date). Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, the maturity date or any fundamental change purchase date of a note falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no interest on such payment will accrue in respect of the delay. The term business day means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is authorized or required by law or executive order to close or be closed.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to interest in this prospectus supplement include additional interest, if any, payable at our election as the sole remedy relating to the failure to comply with our reporting obligations as described under

Events of Default Under the Indenture.

Ranking

The notes will be the direct unsecured obligations of Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. and will not be guaranteed by any of its subsidiaries. The notes will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness (including our 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018). The notes will be effectively subordinated to any of our existing and future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of our assets that secure such indebtedness. The notes will also be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) and preferred equity of our subsidiaries and to any of our existing and future indebtedness that may be guaranteed by our subsidiaries to the extent of any such guarantees.

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As of June 30, 2017, our total consolidated indebtedness (excluding trade payables and unfunded commitments) was \$7.1 billion, all of which was indebtedness of our subsidiaries to third parties to which the notes would have been structurally subordinated.

Ownership Limit

Our charter contains restrictions on the number of shares of our class A common stock that a person may own, among other reasons, in order to protect our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes. No individual (including certain entities treated as individuals for this purpose) may acquire or hold, directly or indirectly through application of constructive ownership rules, in excess of 9.9% in value or number, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding class A common stock, or of our outstanding capital stock, unless they receive an exemption from our board of directors. Accordingly, notwithstanding any other provision of the notes, no holder of notes will be entitled to receive shares of class A common stock following conversion of such notes to the extent that receipt of such shares of class A common stock would cause such holder (after application of certain constructive ownership rules) to exceed the ownership limitations contained in our charter.

If any delivery of shares of our class A common stock owed to a holder upon conversion of notes is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of the limitations described above, our obligation to make such delivery shall not be extinguished and we shall deliver such shares as promptly as practicable after any such converting holder gives notice to us that such delivery would not result in it exceeding the ownership limitations in our charter.

Conversion Rights

General

Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2022, the notes will be convertible only upon satisfaction of one or more of the conditions described under the headings Conversion Upon Satisfaction of Sale Price Condition, Conversion Upon Satisfaction of Trading Price Condition, and Conversion Upon Specified Corporate Events. On or after February 1, 2022 holders may convert all or a portion of their notes at the applicable conversion rate at any time prior to the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date irrespective of the foregoing conditions.

The conversion rate will initially equal 28.0324 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$35.67 per share of class A common stock). Upon conversion of a note, we will satisfy our conversion obligation by paying or delivering, as the case may be, cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, at our election, all as set forth below under Settlement Upon Conversion. If we satisfy our conversion obligation solely in cash or through payment and delivery, as the case may be, of a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, the amount of cash and shares of class A common stock, if any, due upon conversion will be based on a daily conversion value (as defined below) calculated on a proportionate basis for each trading day in a 25 VWAP trading-day observation period (as defined below), all as set forth under Settlement Upon Conversion. If we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in shares, we will deliver to the converting holder a number of shares of class A common stock equal to the product of (1) the aggregate principal amount of notes to be converted divided by \$1,000 and (2) the conversion rate, all as set forth under Settlement Upon Conversion. The trustee will initially act as the conversion agent.

The conversion rate and the equivalent conversion price in effect at any given time are referred to as the applicable conversion rate and the applicable conversion price, respectively, and will be subject to adjustment as described below. A holder may convert less than the entire principal amount of its notes so long as the principal amount that remains outstanding of each note that is not converted in full equals \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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If a holder of notes has submitted notes for purchase upon a fundamental change, the holder may convert those notes only if that holder first withdraws its purchase notice.

Upon conversion, you will not receive any separate cash payment for accrued and unpaid interest, if any (or dividends, if we declare any), except as described below. We will not issue fractional shares of our class A common stock upon conversion of notes. Instead, we will pay cash in lieu of fractional shares as described under Settlement Upon Conversion. Except as described below, our payment or delivery, as the case may be, to you of the cash, shares of our class A common stock or combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, together with any cash payment for any fractional share, into which your note is convertible, will be deemed to satisfy in full our obligation to pay:

the principal amount of the note; and

accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the note, to, but not including, the conversion date.

As a result, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the conversion date will be deemed to be paid in full rather than cancelled, extinguished or forfeited. Except as described below, upon conversion of a note, accrued and unpaid interest will be deemed to be paid first out of any cash paid upon such conversion.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if notes are converted after 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on a regular record date for the payment of interest, holders of such notes at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on such regular record date will receive the interest payable on such notes on the corresponding interest payment date notwithstanding the conversion. Notes, upon surrender for conversion during the period after 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on any regular record date to 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the immediately following interest payment date must be accompanied by funds equal to the amount of interest payable on the notes so converted (regardless of whether the converting holder was the holder of record on the corresponding regular record date); *provided* that no such payment need be made:

for conversions following the regular record date immediately preceding the maturity date;

if we have specified a fundamental change purchase date that is after a regular record date and on or prior to the corresponding interest payment date; or

to the extent of any overdue interest, if any overdue interest exists at the time of conversion with respect to such note.

As a result of the foregoing, we will pay interest that was not previously paid on the maturity date on all notes converted after the regular record date preceding the maturity date to the holders of record of such notes on such regular record date, and converting holders will not be required to pay us equivalent amounts.

If a holder converts notes, we will pay any documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer tax due on the issue of any shares of our class A common stock upon the conversion, unless the tax is due because the holder requests any shares to be issued in a name other than the holder s name, in which case the holder will pay that tax.

Holders may surrender their notes for conversion only under the following circumstances:

Conversion Upon Satisfaction of Sale Price Condition

Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2022, holders may surrender their notes for conversion during any calendar quarter commencing after June 30, 2017 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of the class A common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 110% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day.

The last reported sale price of our class A common stock on any trading day means the closing sale price per share (or if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the last bid and last ask prices or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average last bid and the average last ask prices) on that trading day as reported in composite transactions for the relevant exchange. If our class A common stock is not listed for trading on a U.S. national or regional securities exchange on the relevant trading day, the last reported sale price will be the last quoted bid price for our class A common stock in the over-the-counter market on the relevant date as reported by OTC Markets Group Inc. or a similar organization. If our class A common stock is not so quoted, the last reported sale price will be the average of the mid-point of the last bid and last ask prices for our class A common stock on the relevant trading day from each of at least three nationally recognized independent investment banking firms selected by us for this purpose, which may include the underwriter. Any such determination will be conclusive absent manifest error.

Relevant exchange means the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, or, if our class A common stock (or other security for which a last reported sale price must be determined) is not then listed on the NYSE, on the principal other U.S. national or regional securities exchange on which our class A common stock (or such other security) is then listed or, if our class A common stock (or such other security) is not then listed on a United States national or regional securities exchange, on the principal other market on which our class A common stock (or such other security) is then traded.

Trading day means a scheduled trading day on which (i) trading in our class A common stock (or other security for which a last reported sale price must be determined) generally occurs on the relevant exchange and (ii) a last reported sale price for our class A common stock (or such other security) is available on the relevant exchange. If our class A common stock (or such other security) is not so listed or traded, trading day means a business day.

Conversion Upon Satisfaction of Trading Price Condition

Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2022, a holder of notes may surrender all or a portion of its notes for conversion during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period, or, the measurement period, in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, as determined following a request by a holder of notes in accordance with the procedures described below, for each trading day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate on such trading day.

The trading price of the notes on any date of determination means the average of the secondary market bid quotations obtained by the bid solicitation agent for \$2.0 million principal amount of the notes at approximately 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on such determination date from three independent nationally recognized securities dealers we select, which may include the underwriter; *provided* that, if three such bids cannot reasonably be obtained by the bid solicitation agent but two such bids are obtained, then the average of the two bids shall be used, and if only one such bid can reasonably be obtained by the bid solicitation agent, that one bid shall be used. If the bid solicitation agent cannot reasonably obtain at least one bid for \$2.0 million principal amount of the notes from a nationally recognized securities dealer, then the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes will be deemed to be less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate. Any such determination will be conclusive absent manifest error. If we do not so instruct the bid solicitation agent to obtain bids when required, or the bid solicitation agent fails to solicit bids when required, the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes will be deemed to be less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each day we or it fails to do so. We will initially act as the bid solicitation agent.

The bid solicitation agent (if other than us) shall have no obligation to determine the trading price of the notes unless we have requested such determination; and we shall have no obligation to make such request (or, if we are acting as bid solicitation agent, we shall have no obligation to determine the trading price) unless a holder

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of a note provides us with reasonable evidence that the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes would be less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate. At such time, we shall instruct the bid solicitation agent (if other than us) to determine, or if we are acting as bid solicitation agent, we shall determine, the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes beginning on the next trading day and on each successive trading day until the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes is greater than or equal to 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the applicable conversion rate. If the trading price condition has been met, we will so notify the holders and the trustee. If, at any time after the trading price condition has been met, the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes is greater than or equal to 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock and the conversion rate for such date, we will so notify the holders and the trustee.

Conversion Upon Specified Corporate Events

Certain Distributions

If we elect to:

issue to all or substantially all holders of our class A common stock rights, options or warrants entitling them for a period of not more than 45 calendar days after the date of such issuance to subscribe for or purchase shares of our class A common stock, at a price per share less than the last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the date of announcement of such issuance; or

distribute to all or substantially all holders of our class A common stock our assets, debt securities or rights to purchase our securities, which distribution (excluding for this purpose a distribution required to avoid the imposition of tax on undistributed income) has a per share value, as reasonably determined by our board of directors, or a committee thereof, exceeding 10% of the last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the trading day preceding the date of announcement for such distribution, we must notify the holders of the notes at least 30 scheduled trading days prior to the ex-dividend date (as defined herein) for such issuance or distribution. Holders may surrender their notes for conversion at any time during the period beginning on the 30th scheduled trading day immediately prior to the ex-dividend date for such issuance or distribution and ending on the earlier of (i) 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the business day immediately preceding such ex-dividend date or (ii) our announcement that such issuance or distribution will not take place, even if the notes are not otherwise convertible at such time. A holder may not convert any of its notes based on this conversion condition if we provide that holders of the notes shall participate, at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of our class A common stock and as a result of holding the notes, in the relevant transaction described above without having to convert their notes as if they held a number of shares of class A common stock equal to the applicable conversion rate multiplied by the principal amount (expressed in thousands) of notes held by such holder.

Scheduled trading day means a day that is scheduled to be a trading day on the relevant exchange. If our class A common stock is not listed on any U.S. national or regional securities exchange, scheduled trading day means a business day.

Ex-dividend date means the first date on which the shares of our class A common stock trade on the relevant exchange, regular way, without the right to receive the issuance, dividend or distribution in question from us or, if applicable, from the seller of our class A common stock on the relevant exchange (in the form of due bills or otherwise) as determined by the relevant exchange.

Certain Corporate Events

If (i) a transaction or event that constitutes a make-whole fundamental change (as defined under Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change)

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occurs or (ii) we are a party to (a) a consolidation, merger, binding share exchange, pursuant to which our class A common stock would be converted into cash, securities or other assets or (b) a sale, conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all of our assets, the notes may be surrendered for conversion at any time from or after the date which is 35 scheduled trading days prior to the anticipated effective date of the transaction (or, if later, the business day after we give notice of such transaction) until the close of business, (i) if such transaction or event is a fundamental change, on the business day immediately preceding the related fundamental change purchase date and (ii) otherwise, on the 35th business day immediately following the effective date of such transaction or event. We will notify holders and the trustee of such a transaction:

as promptly as practicable following the date we publicly announce such transaction but in no event less than 35 scheduled trading days prior to the anticipated effective date of such transaction; or

if we do not have knowledge of such transaction at least 35 scheduled trading days prior to the anticipated effective date of such transaction, within three business days of the date upon which we receive notice, or otherwise become aware, of such transaction, but in no event later than the actual effective date of such transaction.

Conversions on or After February 1, 2022

On or after February 1, 2022, a holder may convert any of its notes at any time prior to the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date regardless of the foregoing conditions.

Conversion Procedures

If you hold a beneficial interest in a global note, to convert you must comply with DTC s procedures for converting a beneficial interest in a global note and, if required, pay funds equal to interest payable on the next interest payment date to which you are not entitled and, if required, pay all taxes or duties, if any. As such, if you are a beneficial owner of the notes, you must allow for sufficient time to comply with DTC s procedures if you wish to exercise your conversion rights.

If you hold a certificated note, to convert you must:

complete and manually sign the conversion notice on the back of the note, or a facsimile of the conversion notice;

deliver the conversion notice, which is irrevocable, and the note to the conversion agent;

if required, furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents;

if required, pay all transfer or similar taxes; and

if required, pay funds equal to interest payable on the next interest payment date to which you are not entitled. We refer to the date you comply with the relevant procedures for conversion described above and any other procedures for conversion set forth in the indenture as the conversion date.

If a holder has already delivered a purchase notice as described under Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes with respect to a note, the holder may not surrender that note for conversion until the holder has withdrawn the notice in accordance with the indenture, except to the extent that a portion of the holder s note is not subject to such fundamental change purchase notice.

Settlement Upon Conversion

Upon conversion, we may choose to deliver cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, as described below.

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All conversions during the period beginning on the 35th scheduled trading day prior to the maturity date and ending at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second scheduled trading day immediately prior to the maturity date (the final conversion period) will be settled in the same relative proportions of cash and/or shares of our class A common stock, or the settlement method. If we have not delivered a notice of our election of settlement method prior to the final conversion period we will be deemed to have elected combination settlement with the specified dollar amount (as defined below) of \$1,000 as described below.

Prior to the final conversion period, we will use the same settlement method for all conversions occurring on any given conversion date. Except for any conversions that occur during the final conversion period, we will not have any obligation to use the same settlement method with respect to conversions that occur on different conversion dates. In other words, prior to the final conversion period we may choose on one conversion date to settle conversions in shares of our class A common stock only, and choose on another conversion date to settle in cash, shares of our class A common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock.

With respect to any conversion prior to the final conversion period, we will inform holders so converting through the trustee of the settlement method we have selected (including the specified dollar amount, if applicable) no later than the close of business on the second trading day immediately following the related conversion date. If we do not inform holders of our election by the close of business on the second trading day immediately following the conversion date, we will be deemed to have elected combination settlement with the specified dollar amount of \$1,000, as described in the third bullet point below.

Settlement amounts will be computed as follows:

if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in shares of our class A common stock, we will deliver to the converting holder a number of shares of our class A common stock equal to (1) (i) the aggregate principal amount of notes to be converted divided by (ii) \$1,000, multiplied by (2) the applicable conversion rate on the date the converting holder becomes a record owner of class A common stock (plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares);

if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in cash, we will deliver to the converting holder, in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount of notes being converted, cash in an amount equal to the sum of the daily conversion values for each of the 25 consecutive VWAP trading days during the related observation period; and

if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation through delivery of a combination of cash and shares of our class A common stock, we will deliver to the converting holder in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount of notes being converted a settlement amount equal to the sum of the daily settlement amounts for each of the 25 consecutive VWAP trading days during the related observation period (plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares).

The daily settlement amount, for each of the 25 consecutive VWAP trading days during the observation period, will consist of:

cash equal to the lesser of (i) a dollar amount per note to be received upon conversion as specified by us in the notice regarding our chosen settlement method (the specified dollar amount), if any, divided by 25 (such quotient being referred to as the daily measurement value) and (ii) the daily conversion value; and

to the extent the daily conversion value exceeds the daily measurement value, a number of shares equal to (i) the difference between the daily conversion value and the daily measurement value, divided by (ii) the daily VWAP of our class A common stock for such VWAP trading day.

Daily conversion value means, with respect to any note as to which cash settlement or combination settlement is applicable, for each of the 25 consecutive VWAP trading days during the observation period, one-twenty-fifth (1/25th) of the product of (i) the applicable conversion rate on such VWAP trading day and (ii) the daily VWAP of our class A common stock on such trading day.

Daily VWAP means, with respect to any note as to which cash settlement or combination settlement is applicable, for any trading day, the per share volume-weighted average price as displayed under the heading Bloomberg VWAP on Bloomberg page BXMT <equity> AQR (or its equivalent successor if such page is not available) in respect of the period from the scheduled open of trading until the scheduled close of trading of the primary trading session on such trading day (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market value of one share of our class A common stock on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized independent investment banking firm retained for this purpose by us). The daily VWAP will be determined without regard to after-hours trading or any other trading outside of the regular trading session trading hours.

Observation period means, with respect to any note as to which cash settlement or combination settlement is applicable, the 25 consecutive VWAP trading-day period beginning on, and including, the third trading day immediately following the related conversion date, except that observation period means, with respect to any conversion date occurring during the final conversion period, the 25 consecutive VWAP trading-day period beginning on, and including, the 27th scheduled VWAP trading day prior to the maturity date.

VWAP trading day means a day on which:

there is no market disruption event (as defined below); and

trading in our class A common stock generally occurs on the relevant exchange; provided that if our class A common stock is not listed on any U.S. national or regional securities exchange, VWAP trading day means a business day.

Market disruption event means (1) a failure by the relevant exchange to open for trading during its regular trading session or (2) the occurrence or existence, prior to 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on any trading day for our class A common stock, of an aggregate one half-hour period of any suspension or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise) in our class A common stock or in any options or future contracts relating to our class A common stock.

We generally will deliver the conversion consideration in respect of any notes that you convert by the third trading day immediately following the last VWAP trading day of the observation period. However:

if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in shares of our class A common stock, we will deliver the conversion consideration due in respect of conversion on the third trading day immediately following the relevant conversion date; and

if prior to the conversion date for any converted notes our class A common stock has been replaced by reference property (as defined under Recapitalizations, Reclassifications and Changes of Our Class A Common Stock below) consisting solely of cash pursuant to the provisions described under Recapitalizations, Reclassifications and Changes of Our Class A Common Stock, we will deliver the conversion consideration due in respect of conversion on the third trading day immediately following the relevant conversion date.

We will not issue fractional shares of our class A common stock upon conversion of notes. Instead, we will pay cash in lieu of fractional shares based on the daily VWAP of our class A common stock on the relevant conversion date (if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in shares of our class A common stock) or based on the daily VWAP of our class A common stock on the last trading day of the relevant observation period (in the case of any other settlement method).

Each conversion will be deemed to have been effected as to any notes surrendered for conversion as of the close of business on the conversion date; *provided*, *however*, that the person in whose name any shares of our class A common stock shall be deliverable upon such conversion will be treated as the holder of record of such

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shares as of the close of business on such conversion date (with respect to any notes as to which we have elected to settle solely in shares of our class A common stock) or the last trading day of the relevant observation period (in the case of any other settlement method).

Conversion Rate Adjustments

The conversion rate will be adjusted as described below, except that we will not make any adjustments to the conversion rate if holders of the notes participate (other than in the case of a share split or share combination), at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of our class A common stock and as a result of holding the notes, in any of the transactions described below without having to convert their notes as if they held a number of shares of class A common stock equal to the applicable conversion rate, multiplied by the principal amount (expressed in thousands) of notes held by such holder.

(1) If we exclusively issue shares of our class A common stock as a dividend or distribution on all or substantially all shares of our class A common stock, or if we effect a share split or share combination, the conversion rate will be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 OS₁

 OS_0

where.

CR₀ = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the ex-dividend date of such dividend or distribution, or immediately prior to the open of business on the effective date of such share split or combination, as applicable;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such ex-dividend date or effective date;

OS₀ = the number of shares of our class A common stock outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such ex-dividend date or effective date, as applicable, before giving effect to such dividend, distribution, share split or share combination; and

OS₁ = the number of shares of our class A common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such dividend, distribution, share split or share combination, as applicable.

Any adjustment made under this clause (1) shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution, or immediately after the open of business on the effective date for such share split or share combination. If any dividend or distribution of the type described in this clause (1) is declared but not so paid or made, or any share split or share combination of the type described in this clause (1) is announced but the outstanding shares of our class A common stock are not split or combined, the conversion rate shall be immediately readjusted, effective as of the date our board of directors, or a committee thereof, determines not to pay such dividend or distribution, or not to split or combine the outstanding shares of our class A common stock, to the conversion rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared or such share split or share combination had not been announced.

(2) If we issue to all or substantially all holders of our class A common stock any rights, options or warrants entitling them, for a period of not more than 45 calendar days after the date of such issuance, to subscribe for or purchase shares of our class A common stock, at a price per share less than the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock for the 10 consecutive trading-day period ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the date of announcement of such issuance, the conversion rate will be increased based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 $OS_0 + X$

$$OS_0 + Y$$

where,

 CR_0 = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such issuance;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such ex-dividend date;

 OS_0 = the number of shares of our class A common stock outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such ex-dividend date;

X = the total number of shares of our class A common stock issuable pursuant to such rights, options or warrants; and

Y = the number of shares of our class A common stock equal to the aggregate price payable to exercise such rights, options or warrants divided by the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock over the 10 consecutive trading-day period ending on the trading day immediately preceding the date of announcement of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants.

Any increase made under this clause (2) will be made successively whenever any such rights, options or warrants are issued and shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such issuance. To the extent that such rights, options or warrants are not exercised prior to their expiration or shares of class A common stock are not delivered upon the expiration of such rights, options or warrants, the conversion rate shall be readjusted to the conversion rate that would then be in effect had the increase with respect to the issuance of such rights, options or warrants been made on the basis of delivery of only the number of shares of class A common stock actually delivered. If such rights, options or warrants are not so issued, or if no such rights, options or warrants are exercised prior to their expiration, the conversion rate shall be decreased to be the conversion rate that would then be in effect if such ex-dividend date for such issuance had not occurred.

For purposes of this clause (2) and for purposes of the provisions set forth above under Conversion Upon Specified Corporate Events Certain Distributions, in determining whether any rights, options or warrants entitle the holders to subscribe for or purchase shares of the class A common stock at a price per share less than such average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock for the 10 consecutive trading day period ending on the trading day immediately preceding the date of announcement for such issuance, and in determining the aggregate offering price of such shares of the class A common stock, there shall be taken into account any consideration received by us for such rights, options or warrants and any amount payable on exercise or conversion thereof, the value of such consideration, if other than cash, to be determined by our board of directors, or a committee thereof.

(3) If we distribute shares of our capital stock, evidences of our indebtedness, other assets or property of ours or rights, options or warrants to acquire our capital stock or other securities, to all or substantially all holders of our class A common stock, excluding:

dividends, distributions, rights, options or warrants as to which an adjustment was effected pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above;

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dividends or distributions paid exclusively in cash; and

spin-offs as to which the provisions set forth below in this clause (3) shall apply; then the conversion rate will be increased based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 SP_0

where.

 CR_0 = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such distribution;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such ex-dividend date;

 SP_0 = the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock over the 10 consecutive trading day period ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the ex-dividend date for such distribution; and

FMV = the fair market value (as determined by our board of directors, or a committee thereof) of the shares of capital stock, evidences of indebtedness, other assets, or property of ours or rights, options or warrants to acquire our capital stock or other securities distributed with respect to each outstanding share of our class A common stock on the ex-dividend date for such distribution.

If FMV (as defined above) is equal to or greater than SPas defined above) or if the difference between the FMV and SPass than \$1.00, in lieu of the foregoing increase, each holder of a note shall receive, in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount of notes it holds, at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of our class A common stock, the amount and kind of our capital stock, evidences of our indebtedness, other assets or property of ours or rights, options or warrants to acquire our capital stock or other securities that such holder would have received as if such holder owned a number of shares of class A common stock equal to the conversion rate in effect on the ex-dividend date for the

Any increase made under the portion of this clause (3) above will become effective immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such distribution. If such distribution is not so paid or made, the conversion rate shall be decreased to be the conversion rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

With respect to an adjustment pursuant to this clause (3) where there has been a payment of a dividend or other distribution on our class A common stock of shares of capital stock of any class or series, or similar equity interest, of or relating to our subsidiary or other business unit, and such capital stock or similar equity interest is listed or quoted (or will be listed or quoted upon the consummation of the distribution) on a U.S. national securities exchange, or a spin-off, the conversion rate will be increased based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 $FMV_0 + MP_0$

 MP_0

where.

 CR_0 = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such spin-off;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such spin-off;

 FMV_0 = the average of the last reported sale prices of the capital stock or similar equity interest distributed to holders of our class A common stock applicable to one share of our class A common stock over the first 10 consecutive trading-day period after, and including, the ex-dividend date of the spin-off (the valuation period); and

 MP_0 = the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock over the valuation period.

The adjustment to the applicable conversion rate under the preceding paragraph of this clause (3) will be made immediately after the open of business on the day after the last day of the valuation period, but will be given effect as of the open of business on the ex-dividend date for the spin-off. If the ex-dividend date for the spin-off is less than 10 trading days prior to, and including, the end of the observation period in respect of any conversion, references within this clause (3) to 10 trading days shall be deemed replaced, for purposes of calculating the affected daily conversion values in respect of that conversion, with such lesser number of trading days as have elapsed from, and including, the ex-dividend date for the spin-off to, and including, the last trading day of such observation period. For purposes of determining the applicable conversion rate, in respect of any conversion during the 10 trading days commencing on the ex-dividend date for any spinoff, references within the portion of this clause (3) related to spin-offs to 10 trading days shall be deemed replaced with such lesser number of trading days as have elapsed from, and including, the ex-dividend date for such spin-off to, and including, the relevant conversion date.

(4) If any cash dividend or distribution is made to all or substantially all holders of our class A common stock to the extent that the aggregate of all such cash dividends or distributions paid in any quarter exceeds the dividend threshold amount (as defined below) for such quarter, the conversion rate will be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 SP_0

$$SP_0 - C$$

where,

 CR_0 = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution;

 SP_0 = the last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution;

DTA = the dividend threshold amount, which shall initially be \$0.62 per quarter; and

C = the amount in cash per share that we distribute to holders of our class A common stock in excess of the DTA.

The DTA is subject to adjustment on an inversely proportional basis whenever the conversion rate is adjusted other than adjustments made pursuant to this clause (4). If an adjustment is required to be made as set forth in this clause (4) as a result of a distribution that is not a regular, periodic dividend, the DTA will be deemed to be zero with respect to that particular adjustment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time dividends are distributed other than on a quarterly basis, the DTA shall be appropriately adjusted and shall apply to such dividends.

If C (as defined above) is equal to or greater than 0 Stas defined above) or if the difference between C and the foregoing increase, each holder of a note shall receive, for each \$1,000 principal amount of notes it holds, at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of shares of our class A common stock, the amount of cash that such holder would have received as if such holder owned a number of shares of our class A common stock equal to the conversion rate on the ex-dividend date for such cash dividend or distribution.

Any increase made under this clause (4) shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution. If such dividend or distribution is not so paid, the conversion rate shall be decreased to be the conversion rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

(5) If we or any of our subsidiaries make a payment in respect of a tender offer or exchange offer for our class A common stock, to the extent that the cash and value of any other consideration included in the payment per share of class A common stock exceeds the last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the trading day next succeeding the last date on which tenders or exchanges may be made pursuant to such tender or exchange offer (the expiration date), the conversion rate will be increased based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 x$$
 AC + (SP₁ x OS₁)

$$OS_0 \times SP_1$$

where,

 CR_0 = the conversion rate in effect immediately prior to the close of business on the expiration date;

CR₁ = the conversion rate in effect immediately after the close of business on the expiration date;

AC = the aggregate value of all cash and any other consideration (as determined by our board of directors, or a committee thereof) paid or payable for shares purchased in such tender or exchange offer;

OS₀ = the number of shares of our class A common stock outstanding immediately prior to the expiration time of the tender or exchange offer on the expiration date (prior to giving effect to the purchase of all shares accepted for purchase or exchange in such tender offer or exchange offer);

OS₁ = the number of shares of our class A common stock outstanding immediately after the expiration time of the tender or exchange offer on the expiration date (after giving effect to the purchase of all shares accepted for purchase or exchange in such tender or exchange offer); and

 SP_1 = the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock over the 10 consecutive trading-day period commencing on the trading day next succeeding the expiration date (the averaging period).

The adjustment to the applicable conversion rate under the preceding paragraph of this clause (5) will be given effect at the open of business on the trading day next succeeding the expiration date is less than 10 trading days prior to, and including, the end of the observation period in respect of any conversion, references within this clause (5) to 10 trading days shall be deemed replaced, solely in respect of such conversion, for purposes of calculating the affected daily conversion values in respect of that conversion, with such lesser number of trading days as have elapsed from, and including, the trading day next succeeding the expiration date to, and including, the last trading days commencing on the trading day next succeeding the expiration date, references within this clause (5) to 10 trading days shall be deemed replaced, solely in respect of such conversion, with such lesser number of trading days as have elapsed from, and including, the trading day next succeeding the expiration date to, and including, the trading day next succeeding the expiration date to, and including, the trading day next succeeding the expiration date to, and including, the relevant conversion date.

In addition, and notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any notes as to which we have elected to settle solely in shares of our class A common stock, if a conversion rate adjustment becomes effective on any ex-dividend date as described above, and a holder that has converted its notes on or prior to the related record date would be treated as the record holder of shares of our class A common stock as described above under Settlement Upon Conversion—as of a date on or after such ex-dividend date, then, notwithstanding the foregoing conversion rate adjustment provisions, the conversion rate adjustment relating to such ex-dividend date will not be made for such converting holder. Instead, such holder will be treated as if such holder were the record owner of the shares of our class A common stock on an unadjusted basis and participate in the related dividend, distribution or other event giving rise to such adjustment.

Except as stated herein, we will not adjust the conversion rate for the issuance of shares of our class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our class A common stock or the right to purchase shares of our class A common stock or such convertible or exchangeable securities. If, however, the application of the foregoing formulas would result in a decrease in the conversion rate, except to the extent of any readjustment to the conversion rate, no adjustment to the conversion rate will be made (other than as a result of a reverse share split, share combination or readjustment).

To the extent permitted by applicable law, we are permitted to increase the conversion rate of the notes by any amount for a period of at least 20 business days if our board of directors, or a committee thereof, determines that such increase would be in our best interest. We may also (but are not required to) increase the conversion rate to avoid or diminish income tax to holders of our class A common stock or rights to purchase shares of our class A common stock in connection with a dividend or distribution of shares (or rights to acquire shares) or similar event.

Notwithstanding the above, certain listing standards of the NYSE may limit the amount by which we may increase the conversion rate pursuant to clauses (2) through (5) of this section and as described in the section captioned. Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change. These standards generally require us to obtain the approval of our stockholders before entering into certain transactions that potentially result in the issuance of 20% or more of our class A common stock outstanding at the time the notes are issued unless we obtain stockholder approval of issuances in excess of such limitations. In accordance with these listing standards, these restrictions will apply at any time when the notes are outstanding, regardless of whether we then have a class of securities listed on the NYSE. Accordingly, in the event of an increase in the conversion rate above that which would result in the notes, in the aggregate, becoming convertible into shares in excess of such limitations, we will, at our option, either obtain stockholder approval of such issuances or deliver cash in lieu of any shares otherwise deliverable upon conversions in excess of such limitations based on the daily VWAP on each trading day of the relevant observation period in respect of which, in lieu of delivering shares of our class A common stock, we deliver cash pursuant to this paragraph.

A holder may, in some circumstances, including a distribution of cash dividends to holders of our shares of class A common stock, be deemed to have received a distribution subject to United States federal income tax as a result of an adjustment or the nonoccurrence of an adjustment to the conversion rate. For a discussion of the United States federal income tax treatment of an adjustment to the conversion rate, see Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations.

We do not currently have a rights plan in effect. If you convert a note, to the extent that we have a rights plan in effect, you will receive, in addition to any shares of class A common stock received in connection with such conversion, the rights under the rights plan unless the rights have separated from the class A common stock, in which case, and only in such case, the conversion rate will be adjusted at the time of separation as if we distributed to all holders of our class A common stock, shares of our capital stock, evidences of indebtedness, assets, property, rights, options or warrants as described in clause (3) above, subject to readjustment in the event of the expiration, termination or redemption of such rights.

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Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the applicable conversion rate will not be adjusted:

on account of stock repurchases that are not tender offers referred to in clause (5) above, including structured or derivative transactions, or transactions pursuant to a stock repurchase program approved by our board of directors, or a committee thereof, or otherwise:

upon the issuance of any shares of our class A common stock pursuant to any present or future plan providing for the reinvestment of dividends or interest payable on our securities and the investment of additional optional amounts in shares of our class A common stock under any plan;

upon the issuance of any shares of our class A common stock or options or rights to purchase those shares pursuant to any present or future employee, director or consultant benefit plan, program or agreement of or assumed by us or any of our subsidiaries;

upon the issuance of any shares of our class A common stock pursuant to any option, warrant, right or exercisable, exchangeable or convertible security not described in the preceding bullet and outstanding as of the date the notes were first issued;

for a change in the par value of the class A common stock;

for accrued and unpaid interest, if any; or

for an event otherwise requiring an adjustment, as described herein, if such event is not consummated.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, except on and after the first VWAP trading day of any observation period with respect to a note and on or prior to the last VWAP trading day of such observation period, we will not be required to adjust the conversion rate unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least one percent; provided, however, that any such minor adjustments that are not required to be made will be carried forward and taken into account in any subsequent adjustment, and provided, further, that any such adjustment of less than one percent that has not been made shall be made upon the occurrence of (i) the effective date for any make-whole fundamental change, (ii) the first VWAP trading day of any observation period and (iii) if we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation solely in shares of our class A common stock, upon any conversion of notes. In addition, we shall not account for such deferrals when determining whether any of the conditions to conversion have been satisfied or what number of shares of our class A common stock a holder would have held on a given day had it converted its notes.

Adjustments to the applicable conversion rate will be calculated to the nearest 1/10,000th of a share.

Recapitalizations, Reclassifications and Changes of Our Class A Common Stock

In the case of:

any recapitalization, reclassification or change of our class A common stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value, or as a result of a split, subdivision or combination for which an adjustment is made pursuant to (1) above under Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments);

any consolidation, merger or combination involving us;

any sale, lease or other transfer to a third party of the consolidated assets of ours and our subsidiaries substantially as an entirety; or

any statutory share exchange,

and, in each case, as a result of which our class A common stock would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof), then, at the effective time of the transaction, the right to convert each \$1,000 principal amount of notes based on a number of shares of

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class A common stock equal to the conversion rate will be changed into a right to convert such principal amount of notes based on the kind and amount of shares of stock, other securities or other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof), which stock, other securities or other property or assets, or the reference property, that a holder of a number of shares of class A common stock equal to the conversion rate immediately prior to such transaction would have owned or been entitled to receive upon such transaction. However, at and after the effective time of the transaction:

we will continue to have the right to determine the form of consideration to be paid or delivered, as the case may be, as described above under Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion, and

(i) any amount payable in cash upon conversion of the notes as set forth under Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion will continue to be payable in cash, (ii) any shares of our class A common stock that we would have been required to deliver upon conversion of the notes as set forth under Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion will instead be deliverable in the amount and type of reference property that a holder of that number of shares of our class A common stock would have received in such transaction and (iii) the daily VWAP will be calculated based on the value of the amount and kind of reference property that a holder of one share of our class A common stock would have received in such transaction:

provided, however, that if the holders receive only cash in such transaction, (i) the consideration due shall be solely cash in an amount equal to the conversion rate in effect on the conversion date (as may be increased by any additional shares as described under Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change), multiplied by the price paid per share of class A common stock in such transaction and (ii) settlement will occur on the third business day immediately following the conversion date.

If the transaction causes our class A common stock to be converted into, or exchanged for, the right to receive more than a single type of consideration (determined based in part upon any form of stockholder election), the amount and type of reference property that a holder of one or more shares would have been entitled to receive in such transaction (and into which the notes will be convertible) will be deemed to be the weighted average of the types and amounts of consideration received by the holders of our class A common stock that affirmatively make such an election. We will notify holders of the weighted average as soon as practicable after such determination is made. We have agreed in the indenture not to become a party to any such transaction unless its terms are consistent with the foregoing.

Adjustments of Prices

Whenever any provision of the indenture requires us to calculate the last reported sale prices, the daily VWAPs or any function thereof over a span of multiple days (including during an observation period), we will make appropriate adjustments to each to account for any adjustment to the conversion rate that becomes effective, or any event requiring an adjustment to the conversion rate where the effective date, ex-dividend date or expiration date of the event occurs, at any time during the period when the last reported sale prices, the daily VWAPs or functions thereof are to be calculated.

Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change

If an event occurs that (i) is a fundamental change (as defined below under Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes pursuant to clause (1), (2) or (4) under such definition and determined after giving effect to any exceptions or exclusions to such definition) or (ii) would be a fundamental change, but for the exclusion in subclause (i) of clause (2) of the definition thereof (any such event, a make-whole fundamental change), and a holder elects to convert its notes in connection with such make-whole fundamental change, we will, under certain circumstances, increase the conversion rate for the notes so surrendered for

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conversion by a number of additional shares of class A common stock, or the additional shares, as described below. A conversion of notes will be deemed for these purposes to be in connection with a make-whole fundamental change if the notice of conversion of the notes is received by the conversion agent from, and including, the effective date of the fundamental change up to, and including, the close of business on the business day immediately prior to the related fundamental change purchase date, or, if such make-whole fundamental change is not also a fundamental change, the 35th business day immediately following the effective date for such make-whole fundamental change.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the consideration paid for our class A common stock in any make-whole fundamental change described in clause (2) of the definition of fundamental change is comprised entirely of cash, for any conversion of notes following the effective date of such make-whole fundamental change, the settlement amount will be calculated based solely on the stock price (as defined below) for the transaction and will be deemed to be an amount equal to the applicable conversion rate (including any adjustment as described in this section), multiplied by such stock price. In such event, the settlement amount will be determined and paid to holders in cash on the third business day following the conversion date. Otherwise, we will settle any conversion of notes following the effective date of a make-whole fundamental change as described above under Conversion Rights Settlement Upon Conversion.

We will notify holders of the effective date of any make-whole fundamental change and issue a press release announcing such effective date no later than five business days after such effective date.

The number of additional shares, if any, by which the conversion rate will be increased will be determined by reference to the table below, based on the date on which the make-whole fundamental change occurs or becomes effective, or the effective date, and the price, or the stock price, paid (or deemed paid) per share of our class A common stock in the make-whole fundamental change. If the holders of our class A common stock receive only cash in a make-whole fundamental change described in clause (2) of the definition of fundamental change, the stock price shall be the cash amount paid per share. Otherwise, the stock price shall be the average of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock over the ten trading day period ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the effective date of the make-whole fundamental change.

The stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table below will be adjusted as of any date on which the conversion rate of the notes is otherwise required to be adjusted. The adjusted stock prices will equal the stock prices immediately prior to such adjustment, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the conversion rate immediately prior to the adjustment giving rise to the stock price adjustment and the denominator of which is the conversion rate as so adjusted. The number of additional shares will be adjusted in the same manner and at the same time as the conversion rate is required to be adjusted as set forth under

Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments.

The following table sets forth the number of additional shares by which we will increase the conversion rate for a holder that converts its notes in connection with a make-whole fundamental change having the stock price and effective date set forth below:

	Stock Price											
Effective Date	\$31.02	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$35.67	\$36.00	\$36.50	\$37.50	\$38.50	\$39.50	\$41.00	\$42.50	
May 5, 2017(1)	4.2049	4.0633	3.3398	1.7684	1.6103	1.3822	0.9755	0.6340	0.3588	0.0802	0.0000	
May 5, 2018	4.2049	4.0044	3.2779	1.7087	1.5517	1.3259	0.9246	0.5902	0.3234	0.0620	0.0000	
May 5, 2019	4.2049	3.9122	3.1810	1.6152	1.4602	1.2379	0.8454	0.5221	0.2692	0.0354	0.0000	
May 5, 2020	4.2049	3.7662	3.0248	1.4607	1.3085	1.0916	0.7137	0.4099	0.1826	0.0066	0.0000	
May 5, 2021	4.2049	3.5186	2.7473	1.1693	1.0223	0.8161	0.4700	0.2129	0.0513	0.0000	0.0000	
May 5, 2022	4.2049	3.2176	2.2706	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	

(1) May 5, 2017 was the issue date of the previously issued notes and is included here for completeness although the notes offered hereby are being issued on a subsequent date.

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The exact stock prices and effective dates may not be set forth in the table above, in which case:

if the stock price is between two stock prices in the table or the effective date is between two effective dates in the table, the number of additional shares by which the conversion rate will be increased will be determined by a straight-line interpolation between the number of additional shares set forth for the higher and lower stock prices and the earlier and later effective dates, as applicable, based on a 365-day year;

if the stock price is greater than \$42.50 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table above), no additional shares will be added to the conversion rate; or

if the stock price is less than \$31.02 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table above), no additional shares will be added to the conversion rate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will the conversion rate be increased on account of a make-whole fundamental change to exceed 32.2373 shares of class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, subject to adjustment in the same manner as the conversion rate is required to be adjusted as set forth under Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments.

Our obligation to satisfy the additional shares requirement could be considered a penalty, in which case the enforceability thereof could be subject to general equity principles including principles of reasonableness and equitable remedies.

Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes

If a fundamental change (as defined below in this section) occurs at any time, you will have the right, at your option, to require us to purchase for cash any or all of your notes, or any portion thereof such that the principal amount that remains outstanding of each note that is not purchased in full equals \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The price we are required to pay, or the fundamental change purchase price, will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the fundamental change purchase date (unless the fundamental change purchase date is after a record date and on or prior to the interest payment date to which such record date relates, in which case we will instead pay the full amount of accrued and unpaid interest to the holder of record on such record date and the fundamental change purchase price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased). The fundamental change purchase date will be a date specified by us that is not less than 20 or more than 35 calendar days following the date of our fundamental change notice as described below. Any notes purchased by us will be paid for in cash.

- A fundamental change will be deemed to have occurred at the time after the notes are originally issued if any of the following occurs:
- (1) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation other than those excluded under clause (2) below) the result of which is that any person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the direct or indirect ultimate beneficial owner, as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of our common equity representing more than 50% of the voting power of our common equity;
- (2) the consummation of (x) any consolidation or merger between us and another person or (y) any sale or other disposition in one transaction or a series of related transactions of all or substantially all of our assets and those of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person (other than any of our subsidiaries), in each case pursuant to which the class A common stock shall be converted into cash, securities or other

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property, other than a transaction (i) that results in the holders of all classes of our common equity immediately prior to such transaction owning, directly or indirectly, as a result of such transaction, more than 50% of the surviving corporation or transferee or the parent thereof immediately after such event or (ii) effected solely to change our jurisdiction of incorporation or to form a holding company for us and that results in a share exchange or reclassification or similar exchange of the outstanding class A common stock solely into common shares of the surviving entity;

- (3) our stockholders approve any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of us; or
- (4) our class A common stock ceases to be listed on the NYSE, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors);

provided, however, that in the case of a transaction or event described in clause (1) or (2) above, if at least 90% of the consideration received or to be received by holders of the class A common stock (excluding cash payments for fractional shares) in the transaction or transactions that would otherwise constitute a fundamental change consists of shares of common stock or common equity interests that are traded on the NYSE, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors) or that will be so traded when issued or exchanged in connection with the transaction that would otherwise constitute a fundamental change under clause (1) or (2) of the definition thereof, or publicly traded securities, and as a result of such transaction or transactions, such publicly traded securities, excluding cash payments for fractional shares, become reference property for the notes, such event shall not be a fundamental change.

On or before the 20th day after the occurrence of a fundamental change, we will provide to all holders of the notes and the trustee and paying agent a notice of the occurrence of the fundamental change and of the resulting purchase right. Such notice shall state, among other things:

the events causing a fundamental change;
the date of the fundamental change;
the last date on which a holder may exercise the purchase right;
the fundamental change purchase price;
the fundamental change purchase date;
if applicable, the name and address of the paying agent and the conversion agent;
if applicable, the applicable conversion rate and any adjustments to the applicable conversion rate;
if applicable, that the notes with respect to which a fundamental change purchase notice has been delivered by a holder may be converted only if the holder withdraws the fundamental change purchase notice in accordance with the terms of the indenture; and

the procedures that holders must follow to require us to purchase their notes.

Simultaneously with providing such notice, we will publish a notice containing this information in a newspaper of general circulation in The City of New York or publish the information on our website or through such other public medium as we may use at that time.

To exercise the fundamental change purchase right, you must deliver, on or before the business day immediately preceding the fundamental change purchase date, the notes to be purchased, duly endorsed for transfer, together with a written purchase notice and the form entitled Form of Fundamental Change Purchase Notice on the reverse side of the notes duly completed, to the paying agent if the notes are certificated. If the notes are not in certificated form, you must comply with DTC s procedures for tendering interests in global notes. Your purchase notice must state:

if certificated, the certificate numbers of your notes to be delivered for purchase;

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the portion of the principal amount of notes to be purchased, which must be such that the principal amount that remains outstanding of each note that is not to be purchased in full equals \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof; and

that the notes are to be purchased by us pursuant to the applicable provisions of the notes and the indenture.

You may withdraw any purchase notice (in whole or in part) by a written notice of withdrawal delivered to the paying agent prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the fundamental change purchase date. The notice of withdrawal shall state:

the principal amount of the withdrawn notes;

if certificated notes have been issued, the certificate numbers of the withdrawn notes, or if not certificated, your notice must comply with appropriate DTC procedures; and

the principal amount, if any, of each note that remains subject to the purchase notice, which must be such that the principal amount not to be purchased equals \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We will be required to purchase the notes on the fundamental change purchase date, subject to extensions to comply with applicable law. You will receive payment of the fundamental change purchase price on the later of (i) the fundamental change purchase date or (ii) the time of book-entry transfer or the delivery of the notes.

If the paying agent holds money sufficient to pay the fundamental change purchase price of the notes on the fundamental change purchase date, then:

the notes will cease to be outstanding and interest will cease to accrue (whether or not book-entry transfer of the notes is made or whether or not the notes are delivered to the paying agent); and

all other rights of the holder will terminate (other than the right to receive the fundamental change purchase price and previously accrued and unpaid interest upon delivery or transfer of the notes).

In connection with any purchase offer pursuant to a fundamental change purchase notice, we will, if required:

comply with the provisions of the tender offer rules under the Exchange Act that may then be applicable;

file a Schedule TO or any other required schedule under the Exchange Act; and

comply with any other U.S. federal or state securities laws applicable to us in connection with such repurchase offer. If a fundamental change were to occur, we may not have sufficient funds to pay the fundamental change purchase price. No notes may be purchased at the option of holders upon a fundamental change if the principal amount of the notes has been accelerated, and such acceleration has not been rescinded, on or prior to such date (except in the case of an acceleration resulting from a default by us in the payment of the fundamental change purchase price with respect to such notes).

The purchase rights of the holders could discourage a potential acquirer of us. The fundamental change purchase feature, however, is not the result of management s knowledge of any specific effort to obtain control of us by any means or part of a plan by management to adopt a series of anti-takeover provisions.

The term fundamental change is limited to specified transactions and may not include other events that might adversely affect our financial condition. In addition, the requirement that we offer to purchase the notes upon a fundamental change may not protect holders in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, merger or similar transaction involving us.

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The definition of fundamental change includes a phrase relating to the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of our consolidated assets. There is no precise, established definition of the phrase substantially all under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of the notes to require us to purchase its notes as a result of the sale or other disposition of less than all of our assets may be uncertain.

If a fundamental change were to occur, we may not have enough funds to pay the fundamental change purchase price. Our ability to repurchase the notes for cash may be limited by restrictions on our ability to obtain funds for such repurchase through dividends from our subsidiaries, the terms of our then existing borrowing arrangements or otherwise. See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes and to this Offering We may not have the ability to raise funds necessary to settle conversions of the notes or to purchase the notes upon a fundamental change. If we fail to purchase the notes when required following a fundamental change, we will be in default under the indenture. In addition, we have, and may in the future incur, other indebtedness with similar change in control provisions permitting our holders to accelerate or to require us to purchase our indebtedness upon the occurrence of similar events or on some specific dates.

Consolidation, Merger or Sale

The indenture will provide that we may consolidate with, or sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of our assets to, or merge with or into, any other person, *provided* that:

we are the continuing person, or the successor person shall be organized and existing under the laws of the United States or a state thereof and shall expressly assume all of our obligations under the notes and the indenture by supplemental indenture satisfactory to the trustee; and

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no event of default under the indenture, and no event which, after notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become such an event of default, occurs and is continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger, sale, lease or conveyance, the resulting, surviving or transferee person (if not us) shall succeed to, and may exercise every right and power of ours under, the indenture, and we shall be discharged from our obligations under the notes and the indenture.

Although these types of transactions are permitted under the indenture, certain of the foregoing transactions could constitute a fundamental change permitting each holder to require us to purchase the notes of such holder as described above.

Events of Default Under the Indenture

The following are events of default under the indenture with respect to the notes:

failure to pay the principal of any note (including the fundamental change purchase price) when due and payable on the maturity date, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;

failure to pay interest when due and such failure continues for 30 days;

failure to observe or perform any other covenant contained in the notes or the indenture and such failure continues for 60 days after we receive written notice from the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes;

failure by us to comply with our obligation to convert the notes into the amount of cash or the combination of cash and shares of class A common stock, if any, in accordance with the indenture upon exercise of a holder s conversion right and that failure continues for five business days;

failure by us to comply with our obligations under Consolidation, Merger or Sale above;

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failure by us to issue a notice in accordance with the provisions of Fundamental Change Permits Holders to Require Us to Purchase Notes or Conversion Rights Conversion Upon Specified Corporate Events above when due;

failure by us to pay beyond any applicable grace period, or the acceleration of indebtedness of ours or any of our subsidiaries in an aggregate amount greater than \$50.0 million (or its foreign currency equivalent at the time); and

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us.

If an event of default with respect to the notes occurs and is continuing, other than an event of default specified in the seventh bullet point above, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes, by notice in writing to us, and to the trustee if notice is given by such holders, may declare the unpaid principal of and accrued interest, if any, due and payable immediately. If an event of default specified in the seventh bullet point above occurs, then all unpaid principal amounts and accrued interest, if any, will immediately become due and payable, without any action by the trustee or any holder of notes. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of notes of any default or event of default, except a default or event of default relating to the payment of principal or interest or the failure to deliver the consideration due upon conversion, if it determines that withholding such notice is in the holders interest.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes may waive any default or event of default with respect to the notes and its consequences, except a continuing default or events of default in the payment of principal or interest on the notes or the failure to deliver the consideration due upon conversion. Any such waiver shall cure such default or event of default.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indenture will provide that, to the extent we elect, the sole remedy for an event of default relating to (i) our failure to file with the trustee pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act any documents or reports that we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or (ii) our failure to comply with our obligations as set forth under Reports below, will, for the first 365 days after the occurrence of such an event of default consist exclusively of the right to receive additional interest on the notes at a rate equal to (i) 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of the notes outstanding for each day during the 185-day period on which such event of default is continuing beginning on, and including, the date on which such event of default is continuing beginning on, and including, the 180-day period on which such event of default is continuing beginning on, and including, the 186th day on which such event of default is continuing.

If we so elect, such additional interest will be payable in the same manner and on the same dates as the stated interest payable on the notes. On the 366th day after such event of default (if the event of default relating to the reporting obligations is not cured or waived prior to such 366th day), the notes will be subject to acceleration as provided above. The provisions of the indenture described in this paragraph will not affect the rights of holders of notes in the event of the occurrence of any other event of default. In the event we do not elect to pay the additional interest following an event of default in accordance with this paragraph or we elected to make such payment but do not pay the additional interest when due, the notes will be immediately subject to acceleration as provided above.

In order to elect to pay the additional interest as the sole remedy during the first 365 days after the occurrence of an event of default relating to the failure to comply with the reporting obligations in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph, we must notify all holders of notes, the trustee and the paying agent of such election prior to the beginning of such 365-day period. Upon our failure to timely give such notice, the notes will be immediately subject to acceleration as provided above.

If any portion of the amount payable on the notes upon acceleration is considered by a court to be unearned interest (through the allocation of the value of the instrument to the embedded warrant or otherwise), the court could disallow recovery of any such portion.

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Subject to the terms of the indenture, if an event of default under the indenture shall occur and be continuing, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the notes, unless such holders have offered the trustee indemnity satisfactory to it. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes will 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, with respect to the notes, provided that:

it is not in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture;

the trustee may take any other action deemed proper by it which is not inconsistent with such direction; and

subject to its duties under the Trust Indenture Act, the trustee need not take any action that might involve it in personal liability or might be unduly prejudicial to the holders not involved in the proceeding.

A holder of the notes will only have the right to institute a proceeding under the indenture or to appoint a receiver or trustee, or to seek other remedies if:

the holder has given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to the notes;

the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes have made written request, and such holders have offered indemnity to the trustee satisfactory to the trustee to institute such proceedings as trustee; and

the trustee does not institute such proceeding, and does not receive from the holders of a majority in the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes other conflicting directions within 60 days after such notice, request and offer.

These limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a holder of notes if we default in the payment of the principal or interest thereon or if we fail to deliver the consideration due upon conversion of the notes.

We will periodically file statements with the trustee regarding our compliance with certain of the covenants in the indenture.

Modification and Amendment

We and the trustee may change the indenture without the consent of any holders of the notes with respect to the following matters:

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency under the indenture or the notes;

to evidence the succession of another person as obligor under the indenture as set forth under Consolidation, Merger or Sale above;

to add to our covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions for the benefit of the holders of all or any outstanding notes;

to add any additional events of default for the benefit of the holders of all or any outstanding notes;

to change anything that does not materially adversely affect the interests of any holder of notes;

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment of a successor trustee;

to comply with the rules of any applicable depositary;

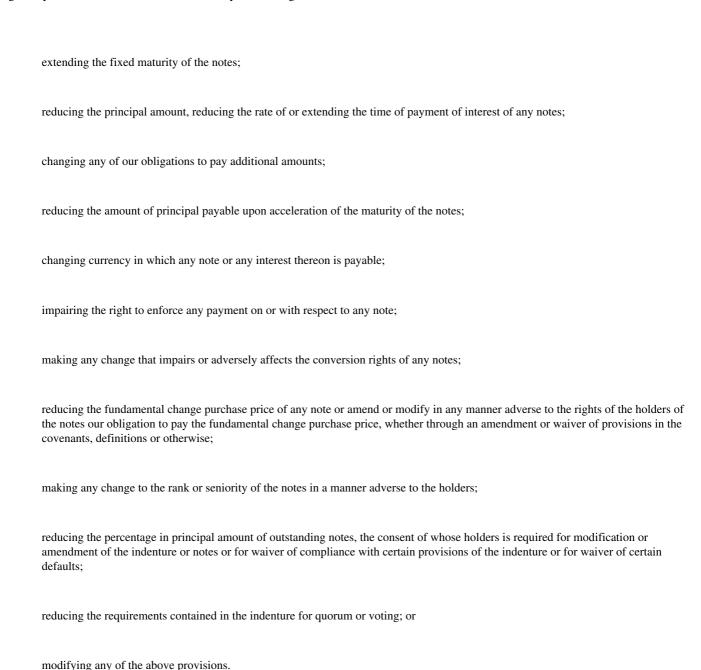
to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or

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to conform the text of the indenture or the notes to the Description of the Notes section of this prospectus supplement and the Description of Debt Securities section of the accompanying prospectus.

In addition, under the indenture, the rights of holders of the notes may be changed by us and the trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes, voting together as a single class. However, we can make the following changes only with the consent of each holder of any outstanding notes affected:



Holders do not need to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment. It will be sufficient if such holders approve the substance of the proposed amendment. After an amendment under the indenture becomes effective, we are required to send to the holders a notice briefly describing such amendment. However, the failure to give such notice to all the holders, or any defect in the notice, will not impair or affect the validity of the amendment.

Discharge

We may satisfy and discharge our obligations under the indenture by delivering to the securities registrar for cancellation all outstanding notes or by depositing with the trustee or delivering to the holders, as applicable, after the notes have become due and payable, whether at the maturity date, any fundamental change purchase date, upon conversion or otherwise, cash or cash and shares of class A common stock, if any (solely to satisfy outstanding conversions, if applicable), sufficient to pay all of the outstanding notes and paying all other sums payable under the indenture by us. Such discharge is subject to terms contained in the indenture.

The provisions set forth under Description of Debt Securities Satisfaction and Discharge and Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus will not apply with respect to the notes.

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Calculations in Respect of Notes

Except as otherwise provided above, we will be responsible for making all calculations called for under the notes. These calculations include, but are not limited to, determinations of the last reported sale prices of our class A common stock, accrued interest payable on the notes and the conversion rate of the notes. We will make all these calculations in good faith and, absent manifest error, our calculations will be final and binding on holders of notes. We will provide a schedule of our calculations to each of the trustee and the conversion agent, and each of the trustee and the conversion agent is entitled to rely conclusively upon the accuracy of our calculations without independent verification. The trustee will forward our calculations to any holder of notes upon the request of that holder.

Reports

The indenture will require us to file with the trustee, within 15 days after we are required to file the same with the SEC, copies of the quarterly and annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports, if any, that we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and to otherwise comply with Section 314(a) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any such report, information or document that we file with the SEC through the EDGAR system (or any successor thereto) will be deemed to be delivered to the trustee for the purposes of this covenant at the time of such filing through the EDGAR system (or such successor thereto).

Delivery of any such reports, information and documents to the trustee shall be for informational purposes only, and the trustee s receipt of such reports, information and documents shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including our compliance with any of our covenants hereunder.

Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the trustee, security registrar, paying agent and conversion agent. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in each of its capacities, including without limitation as trustee, security registrar, paying agent and conversion agent, assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning us or our affiliates or any other party contained in this document or the related documents or for any failure by us or any other party to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information.

Governing Law

The indenture will provide that it and the notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance

The Global Notes

The notes will be initially issued in the form of one or more registered notes in global form, without interest coupons, or the global notes. Upon issuance, each of the global notes will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC, which will serve as the initial securities depositary, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC, or DTC participants, or persons who hold interests through DTC participants. We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of a global note with DTC s custodian, DTC will credit portions of the principal amount of the global note to the accounts of the DTC participants designated by the underwriter; and

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ownership of beneficial interests in a global note will be shown on, and transfer of ownership of those interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to interests of DTC participants) and the records of DTC participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the global note).

Beneficial interests in global notes may not be exchanged for notes in physical, fully-registered certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below. We may not issue the notes in bearer form.

Book-Entry Procedures for the Global Notes

All interests in the global notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC and, therefore, you must allow for sufficient time in order to comply with these procedures if you wish to exercise any of your rights with respect to the notes. We provide the following summary of those operations and procedures solely for the convenience of investors. The operations and procedures of DTC are controlled by that settlement system and may be changed at any time. Neither we nor the underwriter are responsible for those operations or procedures.

DTC has advised us that it is:

- a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;
- a banking organization within the meaning of the New York State banking law;
- a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code; and
- a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants. DTC s participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriter; banks and trust companies; clearing corporations and other organizations. Indirect access to DTC s system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies; these indirect participants clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not DTC participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through DTC participants or indirect participants in DTC.

So long as DTC s nominee is the registered owner of a global note, that nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by that global note for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note:

will not be entitled to have notes represented by the global note registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical, certificated notes; and

will not be considered the owners or holders of the notes under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee 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).

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Payments of principal and interest with respect to the notes represented by a global note will be made by the trustee to DTC s nominee as the registered holder of the global note. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a global note, for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of those interests by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to those interests.

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Payments by participants and indirect participants in DTC to the owners of beneficial interests in a global note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of those participants or indirect participants and DTC.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected under DTC s procedures and will be settled in same-day funds.

Certificated Notes

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary under Book-Entry Issuance in the accompanying prospectus, notes in physical, fully-registered certificated form will be issued and delivered to each person that the depositary identifies as a beneficial owner of the related notes only if:

the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer permitted under applicable law to continue as depositary for that global note and we do not appoint another institution to act as depositary within 90 days;

we notify the trustee that we wish to terminate that global note (or reduce the principal amount of that global note) and the beneficial owners of the majority of the principal amount of that global note (or of the majority of the principal amount of that global note to be reduced) consent to such termination; or

an event of default has occurred with regard to the notes represented by the relevant global note, such event of default has not been cured or waived and a beneficial owner of the global note requests that its notes be issued in physical, certificated form.

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MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of certain material United States federal income tax considerations of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement. Except where noted, this summary deals only with notes held as capital assets and does not deal with special situations, such as those of dealers in securities or currencies, financial institutions, regulated investment companies, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, persons holding notes as a part of an integrated, conversion or constructive sale transaction or a straddle, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of tax accounting for their securities holdings, persons liable for alternative minimum tax, investors in pass-through entities or United States holders, as defined below, of notes whose functional currency is not the United States dollar. Furthermore, the discussion below is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder as of the date hereof, and such authorities may be repealed, revoked or modified, possibly with retroactive effect, so as to result in United States federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below.

This summary does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes in light of any holder s particular circumstances and does not address the effects of the 3.8% tax on net investment income, alternative minimum tax, gift tax or state, local or non-United States tax laws. It is not intended to be, and should not be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular purchaser of notes.

The issuance of the notes is intended to be treated as a qualified reopening of the outstanding notes for purposes of applicable Treasury regulations. Accordingly, the notes are intended to be treated as being fungible with the outstanding notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will be treated as part of the same issue as the outstanding notes and will have the same issue price and issue date as the outstanding notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the United States federal income tax consequences in light of their particular situations as well as consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

Ownership and Disposition of Shares of Our Class A Common Stock

For a discussion of the United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of shares of our class A common stock acquired as the result of a conversion of a note, including the treatment of distributions made on shares of our class A common stock, see

Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus.

Taxation of United States Holders of the Notes

United States Holder. As used in the remainder of this discussion, the term United States holder means a beneficial owner of a note that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or an entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if it (a) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

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If a partnership (or an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds a note, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partner of a partnership holding a note should consult its tax advisors. A non-United States holder is a beneficial owner a note that is neither a United States holder nor a partnership (or an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes).

Pre-issuance Accrued Interest

The initial offering price for the notes will include amounts attributable to unpaid stated interest accrued from May 5, 2017, which we call pre-issuance accrued interest. Pre-issuance accrued interest will be included in the accrued interest to be paid on the notes on the first interest payment date. In accordance with applicable United States Treasury regulations, for United States federal income tax purposes, we will treat the notes as having been purchased for a price that does not include any pre-issuance accrued interest. If the notes are so treated, the portion of the first stated interest payment equal to the pre-issuance accrued interest will be treated as a nontaxable return of such pre-issuance accrued interest and, accordingly, will not be taxable as interest on the notes.

Stated Interest

The stated interest on the notes (other than any pre-issuance accrued interest excluded from the purchase price of the notes, as discussed above under Pre-issuance Accrued Interest) generally will be taxable to a United States holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued, depending on the holder s method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes.

Amortizable Premium

If a United States holder s initial purchase price for a note (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest excluded from the purchase price of a note, as discussed above under Pre-issuance Accrued Interest) exceeds the stated principal amount of such note, such United States holder will be considered to have amortizable bond premium equal to such excess. A United States holder generally may elect to amortize any amortizable bond premium over the remaining term of such note on a constant yield method (based on the note s yield to maturity) as an offset to stated interest when includible in income under the United States holder s regular method of tax accounting. If a United States holder makes the election to amortize bond premium with respect to a note, such holder will be required to reduce its adjusted tax basis in such note by the amount of the premium amortized in any taxable year. If a United States holder does not make this election, the premium will be included in the holder s basis and will therefore decrease the capital gain or increase the capital loss it would otherwise recognize on retirement or other disposition of such note. An election to amortize bond premium on a constant yield method will also apply to all other taxable debt instruments held or subsequently acquired by the United States holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year for which the election is made. Such an election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. You should consult your own tax advisors about this election.

Sale, Exchange, Retirement or other Taxable Disposition of Notes

Except as provided below under Conversion of Notes into our Class A Common Stock, Cash or a Combination Thereof, upon any taxable sale or other disposition of a note (including a repurchase by us of the notes if we undergo a fundamental change), a United States holder will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes on the disposition of the note in an amount equal to the difference between:

the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on such disposition (less accrued interest (including pre-issuance accrued interest), which will be taxable as described above); and

the United States holder s adjusted basis in such note for tax purposes.

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A United States holder s adjusted tax basis in a note generally will be equal to the price that such United States holder paid for such note (less any amount attributable to pre-issuance accrued interest that is excluded from the purchase price of that note, as discussed above under Pre-issuance Accrued Interest), reduced by any bond premium previously amortized. Gain or loss will generally be capital gain or loss and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the holder s holding period for the note is more than one year. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate United States holders (including individuals) are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Conversion of Notes into our Class A Common Stock, Cash or a Combination Thereof

If a United States holder receives solely cash in exchange for its notes upon conversion, its gain or loss will be treated in the same manner as if such United States holder disposed of the notes in a taxable disposition (as described above under Sale, Exchange, Retirement or other Taxable Disposition of Notes).

If a United States holder receives solely class A common stock (and cash in lieu of a fractional share of common stock) in exchange for its notes upon conversion, the exchange will not be a taxable event, except that the receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share of common stock will result in capital gain or loss (measured by the difference between the cash received in lieu of the fractional share and the United States holder s tax basis in the fractional share), and except that the fair market value of common stock received with respect to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest) will be taxed as a payment of interest (as described above). A United States holder s tax basis in the common stock received upon a conversion of a note (other than common stock received with respect to accrued interest, but including any basis allocable to a fractional share) will equal the tax basis of the note that was converted. A United States holder s tax basis in the common stock received with respect to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest) will equal the fair market value of the stock received. A United States holder s tax basis in a fractional share will be determined by allocating the holder s tax basis in the common stock between the common stock received upon conversion and the fractional share, in accordance with their respective fair market values.

If a combination of cash and class A common stock is received by a United States holder upon conversion of its notes, we intend to take the position that the notes will qualify as securities and the conversion will be treated as a recapitalization for United States federal income tax purposes and, accordingly, capital gain, but not loss, will be recognized equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the class A common stock and cash received (other than amounts attributable to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest), which will be treated as such) over such United States holder s adjusted tax basis in the note, but generally the gain recognized would not exceed the amount of cash received (less any cash attributable to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest) and any cash attributable to a fractional share).

The tax basis of the shares of our class A common stock received upon the conversion of a note (other than class A common stock attributable to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest), the tax basis of which will equal its fair market value, but including any fractional share deemed received) will equal the adjusted tax basis of such note, reduced by the amount of any cash received (other than cash received in lieu of a fractional share or cash attributable to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest)), and increased by the amount of gain, if any, recognized (other than with respect to a fractional share). A United States holder sholding period for shares of our class A common stock will include the period during which such United States holder held the notes, except that the holding period of any class A common stock received with respect to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest) will commence on the day after the date of receipt.

The receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share will result in capital gain or loss (measured by the difference between the cash received in lieu of the fractional share and the holder s tax basis in the fractional share). A United States holder s tax basis in a fractional share will be determined by allocating such United States holder s tax basis in the class A common stock received (including the fractional share deemed received) between the

class A common stock actually received upon conversion and the fractional share, in accordance with their respective fair market values. Any gain or loss recognized by a United States holder upon conversion of a note will be treated in the same manner as if the United States holder disposed of the notes in a taxable disposition (as described above under Sale, Exchange, Retirement or other Taxable Disposition of Notes).

United States holders should be aware that, alternatively, the exchange of a note for a combination of cash and class A common stock may be treated as a retirement of a portion of the note and a conversion of the remaining portion of the note. United States holders would generally be required to recognize gain or loss on the partial retirement of a note in the same manner as described above under Sale, Exchange, Retirement or other Taxable Disposition of Notes but would generally not be required to recognize gain or loss on the portion treated as having been converted into class A common stock (other than with respect to any such class A common stock attributable to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest), which would be treated as such). Although the law on this point is not entirely clear, a United States holder s tax basis in the note should be allocated pro rata between the class A common stock received (including any fractional share deemed received) and the portion of the note that is treated as redeemed for cash. The holding period for the class A common stock received with respect to accrued interest (excluding any pre-issuance accrued interest) would commence on the day after the date of receipt. United States holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax treatment of the receipt of cash and stock in exchange for notes upon conversion and the ownership of our class A common stock.

Constructive Distributions

As described in Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments, the conversion rate is subject to adjustment under certain circumstances. A holder of notes may, in certain circumstances, be deemed to have received a distribution of or with respect to shares of our class A common stock if and to the extent that the conversion rate is adjusted. However, adjustments to the conversion rate made pursuant to a bona fide reasonable adjustment formula which has the effect of preventing the dilution of the interest of the holders of the notes will generally not be deemed to result in a constructive distribution. Certain of the possible adjustments provided in the notes may not qualify as being made pursuant to a bona fide reasonable adjustment formula. For example, a constructive distribution could result if the conversion rate were adjusted to compensate holders of notes for distributions of cash to class A common stockholders. The adjustment to the conversion rate of notes exchanged in connection with a make-whole adjustment event, as described in Description of the Notes Adjustment to Conversion Rate Upon Conversion in Connection with a Make-Whole Fundamental Change, may also be treated as a constructive distribution. If such adjustments are made, a United States holder may be deemed to have received constructive distributions includible in its income in the manner described in Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation of United States Holders of Our Class A Common Stock Distributions Generally in the accompanying prospectus even though the United States holder has not received any cash or property as a result of such adjustments. In addition, in certain circumstances, the failure to provide for an adjustment to the conversion rate may also result in a constructive distribution to United States holders.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, information-reporting requirements will apply to payments of interest and constructive distributions on and payments of the proceeds of the sale of a note held by a United States holder, unless an exception applies. The payor is required to withhold tax on such payments if (i) the payee fails to furnish a taxpayer identification number, or TIN, to the payor or to establish an exemption from backup withholding, or (ii) the IRS notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect. In addition, a payor of interest on a note is required to withhold tax if (i) there has been a notified payee under-reporting with respect to interest, dividends or original issue discount described in Section 3406(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) there has been a failure of the payee to certify under the penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to backup

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withholding under the Internal Revenue Code. A United States holder that does not provide the applicable paying agent a correct taxpayer identification number may also be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. In addition, we may be required to withhold a portion of any constructive distributions to any United States holders who fail to certify their United States status to the applicable payment agent. Some United States holders, including corporations, may be exempt from backup withholding. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a United States holder will be allowed as a credit against the holder s United States federal income tax and may entitle the holder to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. The payor will be required to furnish annually to the IRS and to holders of the notes information relating to the amount of interest paid on the notes, and that information reporting may also apply to payments of proceeds from the sale of a note. Some holders, including corporations, financial institutions and certain tax-exempt organizations, are generally not subject to information reporting.

Taxation of Non-United States Holders of the Notes

The following is a summary of the United States federal tax consequences that will apply to non-United States holder of the notes.

Payments of Interest

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA below, United States federal withholding tax will not apply to any payment to a non-United States holder of interest on a note under the portfolio interest rule provided that:

interest paid on the note is not effectively connected with the non-United States holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States;

the non-United States holder does not actually (or constructively) own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable Treasury regulations;

the non-United States holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us through stock ownership;

the non-United States holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on a note is described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

either (a) the non-United States holder provides its name and address on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form), and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a United States person as defined under the Internal Revenue Code or (b) the non-United States holder holds its notes through certain foreign intermediaries and satisfies the certification requirements of applicable Treasury regulations. Special certification rules apply to non-United States holders that are partnerships or other pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

If the non-United States holder cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest made to it will be subject to a 30% United States federal withholding tax, unless it provides the applicable paying agent with a properly executed:

IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty; or

IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on the notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the non-United States holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

If a non-United States holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on the notes is effectively connected with its conduct of that trade or business and, if required by an applicable income tax

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treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment (or fixed base), then the non-United States holder will be subject to United States federal income tax on that interest on a net income basis (although it will be exempt from the 30% United States federal withholding tax, provided the certification requirements discussed above are satisfied) in the same manner as if the non-United States holder were a United States person as defined under the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, if the non-United States holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower applicable income tax treaty rate) of earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to adjustments, that are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

Constructive Distributions

As described under Description of the Notes Conversion Rights Conversion Rate Adjustments, the conversion rate of the notes will be adjusted in certain circumstances. As described above under Taxation of United States Holders of the Notes Constructive Distributions, any such adjustment (or certain failures to adjust) could, in certain circumstances, give rise to a constructive distribution to holders of the notes. Any such constructive distribution will be treated in the same manner as an actual distribution with respect to our class A common stock (as described under Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation of Non-United States Holders of Our Class A Common Stock Distributions in the accompanying prospectus) for purposes of United States federal income taxes and withholding taxes. If we pay withholding taxes on behalf of a non-United States holder as a result of a constructive distribution upon an adjustment (or the failure to make an adjustment) to the conversion rate of the notes, under the indenture we may, at our option, withhold from cash payments of interest on the notes or withhold from cash or shares of our class A common stock otherwise deliverable to a holder upon conversion of notes or a retirement or repurchase of notes. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to the United States federal income tax and withholding tax consequences resulting from an adjustment to the conversion rate of the notes.

Sale, Exchange, Retirement, Conversion or Other Taxable Disposition of Notes

A non-United States holder may recognize gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note as well as upon the conversion of a note into cash or into a combination of cash and class A common stock. Nevertheless, subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA below, such gain generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax unless:

that gain is effectively connected with such non-United States holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base in the United States);

the non-United States holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or

the disposition is subject to tax because the note is treated as a United States real property interest under the rules of the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 (FIRPTA).

If a non-United States holder is described in the first bullet point above, such non-United States holder will be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale, exchange, retirement, conversion or other taxable disposition under regular graduated United States federal income tax rates. If a non-United States holder is an individual described in the second bullet point above, the non-United States holder will be subject to a flat 30% tax (or lower applicable income tax treaty rate) on the gain derived from the sale, exchange, retirement, conversion or other taxable disposition, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, even though the non-United States holder is not considered a resident of the United States. If a non-United States holder is a foreign corporation that falls under the first bullet point above, it may also be subject to the branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits or at such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

Any class A common stock received by a non-United States holder on the sale, exchange, retirement, conversion or other taxable disposition of a note which is attributable to accrued interest will be subject to United States federal income tax in accordance with the rules for taxation of interest described above under Payments of Interest.

As described under Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation of Non-United States Holders of our Class A Common Stock Sale of our Class A Common Stock in the accompanying prospectus, our class A common stock will not constitute a United States real property interest under the FIRPTA rules if we either are not a United States real property holding corporation or we are a domestically-controlled REIT. If our class A common stock is not a United States real property interest, a note will also not be a United States real property interest. We do not expect to be a United States real property holding corporation, although we cannot guarantee that we will not become one at a later date. Moreover, because our stock is publicly traded, no assurance can be given that we are or will be a domestically-controlled REIT.

Moreover, even if we are a United States real property holding corporation and not a domestically-controlled REIT, so long as our class A common stock continues to be regularly traded on an established securities market in the United States, a note will not be a United States real property interest and a non-United States holder will not be subject to United States federal income tax on the disposition of notes (i) if the notes are considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market and the non-United States holder has not held (at any time during the shorter of the five year period preceding the date of disposition or its holding period) more than 5% (actually or constructively) of the notes outstanding or (ii) if the notes are not considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market and on the date the non-United States holder s notes were acquired they had a fair market value less than or equal to 5% of the fair market value of Class A common stock outstanding.

If a non-United States holder exceeds the limits described in the above paragraph (and we are a United States real property holding corporation and not a domestically-controlled REIT), such non-United States holder would be subject to United States federal income tax at the regular graduated rates generally applicable to United States holders on gain, if any, recognized in connection with its disposition of notes. If a non-United States holder is subject to the tax described in the preceding sentence, it will be required to file a United States federal income tax return with the IRS.

In addition, if the notes are not considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market (and we are a United States real property holding corporation and not a domestically-controlled REIT), a non-United States holder will be subject to withholding upon a disposition of the notes if on the date acquired by such non-United States holder, the notes had a fair market value greater than 5% of the fair market value of our class A common stock outstanding.

To the extent that any cash or shares of our class A common stock received upon the conversion of the notes by a non-United States holder is subject to United States federal withholding tax and is not sufficient to comply with our United States federal withholding obligations, we may withhold from any amounts owed to such non-United States holder, including, but not limited to, any actual cash dividends or distributions subsequently made with respect to such class A common stock.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Generally, information reporting will apply to payments of interest and constructive distributions on the notes, and backup withholding described above for a United States holder will apply, unless the payee certifies that it is not a United States person or otherwise establishes an exemption. Copies of the information returns reporting such payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in which a non-United States holder resides under the provisions of an applicable tax treaty.

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The payment of the proceeds from the disposition of notes to or through the United States office of a United States or foreign broker, or through certain United States-related financial intermediaries, will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding as described above for United States holders unless the non-United States holder satisfies the requirements necessary to be an exempt non-United States holder or otherwise qualifies for an exemption. The proceeds of a disposition by a non-United States holder of notes to or through a foreign office of a broker generally will not be subject to information reporting or backup withholding.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-United States holder s United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Additional Withholding Requirements

Under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code (such Sections commonly referred to as FATCA), a 30% United States federal withholding tax may apply to any interest income paid on the notes (or any dividends on our class A common stock into which the notes may be converted) and, for a disposition of a note (or shares of our class A common stock into which the notes may be converted) occurring after December 31, 2018, the gross proceeds from such disposition, in each case paid to (i) a foreign financial institution (as specifically defined in the Internal Revenue Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) its compliance (or deemed compliance) with FATCA (which may alternatively be in the form of compliance with an intergovernmental agreement with the United States) in a manner which avoids withholding, or (ii) a non-financial foreign entity (as specifically defined in the Internal Revenue Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) adequate information regarding certain substantial United States beneficial owners of such entity (if any). If an interest payment is both subject to withholding under FATCA and subject to the withholding tax discussed above under Taxation of Non-United States Holders of the Notes Payments of Interest, the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore

Taxation of Non-United States Holders of the Notes Payments of Interest, the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore reduce, such other withholding tax. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding these rules and whether they may be relevant to your ownership and disposition of notes (or shares of our class A common stock into which the notes may be converted).

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UNDERWRITING

Barclays Capital Inc. (the underwriter) is acting as sole book-running manager of this offering. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated as of the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriter has agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to the underwriter, \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the notes.

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriter to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriter is obligated to purchase all the notes (other than those covered by the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes described below) if it purchases any of the notes.

Notes sold by the underwriter to the public will initially be offered at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. If all the notes are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriter may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Any notes sold by the underwriter to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any such securities dealers may resell any notes purchased from the underwriter to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount from the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. The offering of the notes by the underwriter is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriter s right to reject any order in whole or in part.

We have granted to the underwriter an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to \$15,000,000 additional aggregate principal amount of notes at the public offering price less the discount solely to cover over-allotments, if any. Any notes issued or sold under the option will be issued and sold on the same terms and conditions as the other notes that are the subject of this offering.

We have agreed that, for a period of 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, we will not, without the prior written consent of the underwriter, dispose of or hedge any shares of our class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for our class A common stock, subject to certain exceptions, including the issuance and sale of shares of class A common stock pursuant to an at-the-market program.

Each of our executive officers and directors, Blackstone Treasury Holdings III L.L.C., or Holdings III, and our Manager have agreed that, for a period of 45 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, they will not dispose of or hedge any shares of our class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for our class A common stock, subject to certain exceptions.

The underwriter may, in its sole discretion, release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements at any time without notice. There are no present agreements among the underwriter, Holdings III, any of our executive officers or directors, our Manager or us to release any of them or us from these lock-up agreements. However, we cannot predict the circumstances or timing under which these restrictions may be waived.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriter in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes). These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes, and do not reflect accrued interest from, and including, May 5, 2017, which will be included in the purchase price of the notes that the underwriter purchases from us.

Per note No Exercise Full Exercise % %

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering will be approximately \$375,000.

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We have agreed to reimburse the underwriter for certain expenses relating to FINRA in an amount up to \$10,000.

In compliance with the guidelines of FINRA, the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of the offering proceeds from any offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement.

We have been advised by the underwriter that it currently intends to make a market in the notes but is not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes.

In connection with the offering, the underwriter 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, which may include purchases pursuant to the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes, and stabilizing purchases.

Short sales involve secondary market sales by the underwriter of a greater number of notes than it is required to purchase in the offering.

Covered short sales are sales of notes in an amount up to the number of notes represented by the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes.

Naked short sales are sales of notes in an amount in excess of the number of notes represented by the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes.

Covering transactions involve purchases of notes either pursuant to the underwriter s option to purchase additional notes or in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions.

To close a naked short position, the underwriter must purchase notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

To close a covered short position, the underwriter must purchase notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed or must exercise its option to purchase additional notes. In determining the source of notes to close the covered short position, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of notes available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which it may purchase notes by exercising its option to purchase additional notes.

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 underwriter for its own account, 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 underwriter may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriter commences any of these transactions, it may discontinue them at any time.

In connection with this offering, the underwriter (or its affiliates) may, for their its account, enter into asset swaps, credit derivatives or other derivative transactions relating to the notes and/or the shares issuable upon conversion of the notes at the same time as the offer and sale of the notes or in secondary market transactions. Such transactions may be entered into with the company s affiliates. As a result of such transactions, the underwriter may hold long or short positions in such notes or derivatives or in the shares issuable upon conversion of the notes. These transactions may comprise a substantial portion of the offering and no disclosure will be made of any such positions. In addition, the underwriter

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(or its affiliates) may have purchased notes and been allocated the notes for asset management and/or proprietary purposes and not with a view to distribution.

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Conflicts of Interest

The underwriter is a full service financial institution 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 underwriter and its affiliates have in the past performed commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for us and/or our affiliates, 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 and/or our affiliates in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriter and its 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 and may at any time hold long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and instruments.

We are party to a full recourse secured revolving credit agreement with Barclays Bank PLC, an affiliate of the underwriter, that, as amended, provides for advances of up to \$250.0 million in the aggregate.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments that the underwriter may be required to make in that respect.

Sales Outside the United States

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction (except in the United States) that would permit a public offering of the notes, or the possession, circulation or distribution of this prospectus supplement or any other material relating to us or the notes in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the notes may be distributed or published, in or from any country or jurisdiction, except in compliance with any applicable rules and regulations of any such country or jurisdiction.

The underwriter may arrange to sell the notes offered hereby in certain jurisdictions outside the United States, either directly or through affiliates, where it is permitted to do so.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

This document is only being distributed to, and is only directed at (i) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the Order), (ii) persons falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (high net worth companies, unincorporated associations, etc.) of the Order; or (iii) persons to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) in connection with the issue or sale of the notes may otherwise lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The contents of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should

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obtain independent professional advice. Neither the notes nor the issue of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus has been authorized by the securities and futures commission in Hong Kong pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Law of Hong Kong). The notes may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer or invitation to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose 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 in Hong Kong (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 within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

Registration pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan, as amended (the FIEA), has not been and will not be made with respect to the solicitation of an offer to purchase notes on the ground that the solicitation qualifies as a solicitation for a small number of investors (as defined in Article 23-13, Paragraph 4 of the FIEA), and the notes are securities as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 2, Item 6 of the FIEA and being offered in accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 3 of the FIEA where the notes are to be acquired by 499 or fewer investors. Prospective investors should be aware that Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. has not been and will not be registered under the fiea as type 2 financial instrument trader (dainishu kinyushohin torihiki gyo) nor investment management business (toshi unyo gyo), and no transfer of notes shall be permitted in any manner whatsoever if such transfer requires the issuer to be registered as type 2 financial instrument trader (dainishu kinyushohin torihiki gyo) and/or investment management business (toshi unyo gyo) under the FIEA. In the event that the issuer chooses to rely on the exemption from registration requirement for type 2 financial instrument trader (dainishu kinyushohin torihiki gyo) as provided for in Article 63, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of the FIEA with respect to the offering and sale of the notes, the investor acknowledges and agrees that: (i) no notes shall be sold to or held by any resident in Japan (including those who have been solicited in Japan to subscribe for the notes) unless at least one qualified institutional investor, as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 1 of the FIEA and Article 10 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Definitions under Article 2 of the FIEA (the QII), purchases and holds a note; (ii) the investors who are not QIIs in Japan (including those who have been solicited in Japan to subscribe for the notes) that purchase or hold notes shall be persons set forth in Article 17-12, Paragraph 1 of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (Eligible Non-QIIs) and the number of Eligible Non-QIIs shall not exceed 49 during any given six months period (subject to the Rules of Integration as provided for under the FIEA); (iii) no notes shall be sold to or held by any person falling under Article 63, Paragraph 1, Item 1, Sub-items (i) to (iii) of the FIEA (any such person being referred to as an unqualified investor); (iv) the investor does not and will not make the issuer fall within the prohibited categories under Article 234-2 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Financial Instruments Business; (v) if the investor is a QII, it agrees not to transfer the notes if (a) the transferee is not a OII or (b) the transferee is an unqualified investor; and (vi) if the investor is an Eligible Non-OIIs, it can transfer the notes only in a single block transaction to a single transferee who is either a QII or an Eligible Non-QIIs and is not an unqualified investor, and all of the investor s notes must be transferred to the transferree in such transaction. Furthermore, in the event that the issuer chooses to rely on the exemption from registration requirement for investment management business (toshi unyo gyo), no notes shall be sold in Japan or held by Japanese investors, unless either (a): (i) all of the Japanese investors in the notes who are direct investors (as defined in Article 16, Paragraph 1, Item 13 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Definitions under Article 2 of the FIEA) are (x) QIIS or (y) those who have filed the notification form for special business activities for qualified institutional investors in respect of investment management business (as defined in Article 63, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the FIEA) in accordance with Article 63, Paragraph 2 of the FIEA (the Article 63 Notification); (ii) all of the Japanese

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investors in the notes who are indirect investors (as defined in Article 16, Paragraph 1, Item 13 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Definitions under Article 2 of the FIEA), if any, are QIIs; (iii) the number of Japanese investors (including indirect investors) in the notes is not more than 9; and (iv) the aggregate amount of investment in the notes made by the direct investors is not more than one-third (1/3) of the aggregate amount of the investment made by all investors in the notes, or (b): (i) at least one QII holds, at any given time, a note; (ii) the investors who are not QIIs in Japan holding the notes, if any, shall be eligible non-QIIs and the number of Eligible Non-QIIs does not exceed 49 during any given time; (iii) no notes are sold to or held by unqualified investors; (iv) the investor does not and will not make the issuer fall within the prohibited categories under Article 234-2 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Financial Instruments Business; and (v) the issuer has filed the Article 63 Notification prior to the commencement of the management of the assets of the issuer.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

The offer or invitation of the notes, which is the subject of this prospectus supplement, does not relate to a collective investment scheme which is authorised under section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA) or recognised under section 287 of the SFA. Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. is not authorised or recognised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the MAS) and the notes are not allowed to be offered to the retail public. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other document or material issued in connection with the offer or sale is not a prospectus as defined in the SFA. Accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses would not apply. You should consider carefully whether the investment is suitable for you. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the MAS. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under section 304 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to section 305(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to section 305(2) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in section 305 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Taiwan

The notes have not been and will not be registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan pursuant to relevant securities laws and regulations and may not be sold, issued or offered within Taiwan through a public offering or in circumstances which constitutes an offer within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of Taiwan that requires a registration or approval of the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan. No person or entity in Taiwan has been authorized to offer, sell, give advice regarding or otherwise intermediate the offering and sale of the notes in Taiwan.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The issuance of the notes offered hereby and the validity of the shares of our class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes will be passed upon for us by Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Certain other legal matters in connection with the offering of the notes will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York, New York. An investment vehicle comprised of several partners of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, members of their families, related persons and others own interest representing less than 1% of the capital commitments of funds affiliated with Blackstone. Certain legal matters related to this offering will be passed upon for the underwriter by Paul Hastings LLP, New York, New York. Martin L. Edelman, who serves as one of our directors, is Of Counsel to Paul Hastings LLP. Paul Hastings LLP has from time to time represented us in connection with other matters.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements, and the related financial statement schedule, incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the effectiveness of Blackstone Mortgage Trust s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which are incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any materials we have filed with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information concerning issuers that file electronically with the SEC, including us. Our class A common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE. We also maintain an internet site at www.blackstonemortgagetrust.com that contains information concerning us. The information contained on our website is not part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are only part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we have filed with the SEC under the Securities Act and therefore omit some of the information contained in the registration statement. We have also filed exhibits to the registration statement which are excluded from this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and you should refer to the applicable exhibit for a complete description of any statement referring to any contract or other document. You may inspect or obtain a copy of the registration statement, including the exhibits, as described in the previous paragraph.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

SEC rules allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;

our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017;

our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 5, 2017 and June 23, 2017;

our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 21, 2017 (solely to the extent incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016); and

the description of our class A common stock in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on May 6, 2013, including all other amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the termination of the offering are deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and a part hereof from the date of filing of those documents, and will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference herein and therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, information furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of our current reports on Form 8-K, including the related exhibits, is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Any statement contained in any document incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be amended, modified or superseded for the purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or a later document that is or is considered to be incorporated by reference herein amends, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statements so amended, modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, except as so amended, modified or superseded.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Requests for such documents should be directed to:

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc.

345 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor

New York, New York 10154

Attention: Investor Relations

Telephone: (212) 655-0220

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PROSPECTUS

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc.

Class A Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Debt Securities, Warrants, Subscription Rights, Purchase Contracts and Units

We and any selling security holders may from time to time offer and sell, in one or more series or classes, separately or together, the following securities:

class A common stock;	
preferred stock;	
depositary shares;	
debt securities;	
warrants;	
subscription rights;	
purchase contracts; and	
units.	

We will offer our securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time we offer those securities. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus when we offer these securities.

We are organized and conduct our operations so as to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes. The specific terms of the securities may include limitations on actual, beneficial or constructive ownership and restrictions on transfer of the securities that may be appropriate to, among other purposes, preserve our status as a REIT.

The securities may be offered on a delayed or continuous basis directly by us and/or selling securityholders, through agents, underwriters or dealers as designated from time to time, through a combination of these methods or any other method as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

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Our class A common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol BXMT. On July 28, 2016, the last reported sale price of our class A common stock on the NYSE was \$28.95 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before buying our securities, you should refer to the risk factors included in our periodic reports, in prospectus supplements relating to specific offerings and in other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 3.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is July 29, 2016.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectus. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement, any applicable free writing prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein is accurate only as of the respective dates of such documents or on the date or dates which are specified in such documents. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, utilizing a shelf registration process. By using this shelf registration process, we and/or any selling securityholders may sell any of our class A common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, depositary shares, subscription rights, units and warrants to purchase debt or equity securities described in this prospectus, from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer and such description is not meant to be a complete description of each security. Each time we or any selling securityholders sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering and the securities being offered and information regarding the selling securityholders, if any. The prospectus supplement or a free writing prospectus may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any supplement or free writing prospectus, together with additional information described under the heading. Where You Can Find More Information.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this prospectus to the terms company, we, us, our, and Blackstone Mortgage Trust refer Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries; Manager refers to BXMT Advisors L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, our external manager; and Blackstone refers to The Blackstone Group L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and its subsidiaries.

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BLACKSTONE MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.

We are a real estate finance company that primarily originates and purchases senior loans collateralized by properties in North America and Europe. Our business plan is to create the premier global commercial real estate lending platform and to originate, acquire and manage commercial real estate loans and securities and other commercial real estate-related debt instruments. While the commercial real estate debt markets are complex and continually evolving, we believe they offer compelling opportunities when approached with the institutional capabilities and expertise of our Manager, an affiliate of Blackstone, one of the world sleading investment firms. Our investment objective is to preserve and protect our capital while producing attractive risk-adjusted returns primarily through dividends generated from current income on our portfolio. We conduct our operations as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. Our class A common stock is traded on the NYSE, under the symbol BXMT.

Our principal executive offices are located at 345 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10154, and our telephone number is (212) 655-0220. Our web address is www.blackstonemortgagetrust.com. The information on, or otherwise accessible through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Before you invest in any of our securities, in addition to the other information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should carefully read and consider the risk factors under the heading Risk Factors contained in Part I, Item 1A in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K as well as any risk factors contained in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Each of the risks described in these documents could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects, and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment.

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otherwise;

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This prospectus, including information incorporated by reference herein, as well as any other oral or written statements made in press releases or otherwise by us or on our behalf, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, which involve certain known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements predict or describe our future operations, business plans, business and investment strategies and portfolio management and the performance of our investments. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by their use of such terms and phrases as intend, plans, seeks, anticipates, should, could, may, designed to, foreseeable future, believe, and scheduled expressions. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Our actual results may differ significantly from any results expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Some, but not all, of the factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to:

the general political, economic, capital markets and competitive conditions in the United States and foreign jurisdictions where we invest: the level and volatility of prevailing interest rates and credit spreads; adverse changes in the real estate and real estate capital markets; difficulty in obtaining financing or raising capital; reductions in the yield on our investments and an increase in the cost of our financing; acts of God such as hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters, acts of war and/or terrorism and other events that may cause unanticipated and uninsured performance declines and/or losses to us or the owners and operators of the real estate securing our investments; uncertainties and volatilities caused by the United Kingdom s planned withdrawal from the European Union; deterioration in the performance of the property securing our investments that may cause deterioration in the performance of our investments and potentially principal losses to us; defaults by borrowers in paying debt service on outstanding indebtedness; increased competition from entities engaged in mortgage lending or investing in our target assets;

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adverse developments in the availability of desirable investment opportunities whether they are due to competition, regulation, or

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difficulty in redeploying the proceeds from repayments of our existing investments;

difficulty in successfully managing our growth, including integrating new assets into our existing systems;

authoritative generally accepted accounting principles, or policy changes from such standard-setting bodies as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, the NYSE, and other authorities that we are subject to, as well as their counterparts in any foreign jurisdictions where we might do business; and

other factors, including those discussed under Risk Factors in the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Moreover, unless we are required by law to update these statements, we will not necessarily update or revise any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus after the date hereof, either to conform them to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds we receive from the offering of securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including funding our investment activity, repayment of indebtedness and working capital. Further details relating to the use of net proceeds from the offering of securities under this prospectus will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Pending such uses, the net proceeds may be invested in money market funds, bank accounts, overnight repurchase agreements with primary federal reserve bank dealers collateralized by direct U.S. government obligations and other instruments or investments reasonably determined by our Manager that are consistent with our intention to qualify as a REIT and maintain our exclusion from regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of securities to which this prospectus relates that are offered by any selling securityholders.

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RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for each of the periods indicated. For the purpose of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges, and fixed charges consist of interest on all indebtedness, amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness and preference security dividend requirements.

	Year Ended December 31, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2012	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Six Months Ended June 30, 2016
Ratio of earnings to fixed						
charges	3.61x	8.41x	2.95x	2.31x	2.35x	2.41x
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	3.43x	6.97x	2.41x	2.25x	2.33x	2.41x

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a summary of the terms of our class A common stock and preferred stock, certain provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and provisions of our charter and bylaws containing the material terms of our class A common stock and preferred stock, which are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter and bylaws. Copies of our charter and bylaws are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is part. See Where You Can Find More Information.

General

Under our charter, we may issue up to 300,000,000 shares of stock comprised of the following:

200,000,000 shares of class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; and

100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. See Preferred Stock.

As of July 19, 2016, 93,912,936 shares of our class A common stock were issued and outstanding and no shares of preferred stock were designated as a particular class or series or are outstanding. Under Maryland law, our stockholders generally are not liable for our debts or obligations. The class A common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol BXMT.

No warrants to purchase either class A common stock or preferred stock were issued or outstanding as of the date of this prospectus.

Our charter authorizes our board of directors, without stockholder approval, to:

classify and reclassify any unissued shares of our class A common stock and preferred stock into other classes or series of stock; and

amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock of any class or series that may be issued. We believe that the power to (i) issue additional shares of our class A common stock or preferred stock, (ii) increase the aggregate number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have the authority to issue and (iii) classify or reclassify unissued shares of our class A common or preferred stock and thereafter to issue the classified or reclassified shares of stock, provides us with increased flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other needs which might arise. In addition, under Maryland law, our board of directors may authorize the amendment of our charter to effect a reverse stock split that results in a combination of shares of stock at a ratio of not more than ten shares of stock into one share of stock in any 12-month period. These actions may be taken without stockholder approval, unless stockholder approval is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded.

Prior to the issuance of shares of each class or series, our board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set, subject to our charter restrictions on ownership and transfers of our stock, the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of common stock or preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of Blackstone Mortgage Trust that might involve a premium price for holders of our class A common stock or otherwise be in their best interests.

Class A Common Stock

Holders of our class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if authorized by our board of directors and declared by us out of assets legally available for the payment of dividends. They are also entitled to share ratably in our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after payment of, or adequate provision for, all of our known debts and liabilities. These rights are subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of our stock. All shares of class A common stock have equal dividend and liquidation rights.

Subject to law, the rights of any other class or series of our stock and our charter restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock, each outstanding share of class A common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. There is no cumulative voting in the election of our directors and our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast, so the holders of a simple majority of the outstanding class A common stock, voting at a stockholders meeting at which a quorum is present, will have the power to elect all of the directors nominated for election at the meeting. Holders of our class A common stock generally have no exchange, sinking fund, redemption or appraisal rights, except the right to receive fair value in connection with certain control share acquisitions, and have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any of our securities. Because holders of our class A common stock do not have preemptive rights, we may issue additional shares of stock that may reduce each stockholder s proportionate voting and financial interest in Blackstone Mortgage Trust. Rights to receive dividends on our class A common stock may be restricted by the terms of any future classified and issued shares of our stock.

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, convert to another form of entity, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a statutory share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders holding at least two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote on the matter. However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter provides for approval of these matters by a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Preferred Stock

General

We are authorized to issue 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock. As of the date of this prospectus, no shares of preferred stock are outstanding. Our board of directors has the authority, without further action by the stockholders, to authorize us to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more class or series and to fix the number of shares, dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences, sinking funds, and any other rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions applicable to each such series of preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of making an attempt to gain control of us more difficult by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise. The preferred stock, if issued, could have a preference on dividend payments that could affect our ability to make dividend distributions to the common stockholders. The preferred stock will, when issued, be duly authorized, fully paid and non-assessable.

A prospectus supplement relating to any series of preferred stock being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. They will include, where applicable:

the title and par value of the preferred stock;

the number of shares of the preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the preferred stock;

the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation thereof applicable to the preferred stock;

whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends on the preferred stock shall accumulate:

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