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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To prospectus dated April 6, 2018)

Up to \$50,000,000

7.25% Senior Notes due 2027

7.50% Senior Notes due 20277.50% Senior Notes due 2021

We have entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the "Sales Agreement") with B. Riley FBR, Inc. ("B. Riley FBR" or the "Agent"), on December 18, 2017, under which we may offer and sell, from time to time, our 7.50% Senior Notes due 2027 (the "7.50% 2027 Notes"), our 7.50% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes") and our 7.25% Senior Notes due 2027 (the "7.25% 2027 Notes" and, together with the 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes, the "Notes"), as described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes will mature on December 31, 2027, May 31, 2027, and October 31, 2021, respectively. Interest will be paid quarterly in arrears on January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent interest payment date immediately preceding the respective dates of issuance of the Notes, except that Notes purchased after the record dates noted below, but prior to the interest payment date immediately following such record date (or if settlement of a purchase of Notes otherwise occurs after such record date but prior to the interest payment date immediately following such record date), will not begin to accrue interest until the interest payment date immediately following such record date. The interest payable on each interest payment date will be paid only to holders of record of the Notes at the close of business on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, as the case may be, immediately preceding the applicable interest

payment date. As a general matter, holders of the Notes will not be entitled to receive any payments of principal on the Notes prior to the stated maturity date. We may redeem the 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes in whole or in part on or after December 31, 2020, May 31, 2020, and October 31, 2018, respectively, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption, as described under "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption." The Notes will be issued in denominations of \$25 and in integral multiples thereof.

The up to \$50,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes that we may offer and sell under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitutes a further issuance of and are fungible with the \$91,991,825 in aggregate principal amount of 7.25% Senior Notes due 2027 that we have issued to date (the "Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes"), the \$38,398,875 in aggregate principal amount of 7.50% Senior Notes due 2027 that we have issued to date (the "Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes"), and the \$96,177,075 in aggregate principal amount of 7.50% Senior Notes due 2021 that we have issued to date (the "Initial 2021 Notes" and, together with the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes and the Initial 7.50% 2017 Notes, the "Initial Notes"), respectively, and form a single series of debt securities with the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes, Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes and Initial 2021 Notes, respectively. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to the "Notes," "7.25% 2027 Notes," "7.50% 2027 Notes" or "2021 Notes," will not include the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes, Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes or Initial 2021 Notes. The 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes will have terms identical to the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes, Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes and Initial 2021 Notes, respectively, and will have the same CUSIP number as, and will be fungible and vote together with, the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes, Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes and Initial 2021 Notes, respectively, immediately upon issuance.

The Notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The Notes will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness, and the Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) of our subsidiaries.

The 7.25% 2027 Notes are quoted on the Nasdaq Global Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "RILYG," the 7.50% 2027 Notes are quoted on Nasdaq under the symbol "RILYZ," and the 2021 Notes are quoted on Nasdaq under the symbol "RILYL." The last reported sale price per \$25 principal amount of 7.25% 2027 Note was \$24.73 the last reported sale price per \$25 principal amount of 7.50% 2027 Note was \$25.00 and the last reported sale price per \$25 principal amount of 2021 Note was \$25.43.

Sales of the Notes, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made in transactions that are deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Agent is not required to sell any specific number of the Notes, but the Agent will make all sales using commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices on mutually agreed terms between the Agent and us. See "Plan of Distribution."

The securities to which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relate will be offered and sold through the Agent over a period of time and from time to time. Under the Sales Agreement, the Agent will be entitled to compensation of up to 2.0% of the gross proceeds of all Notes sold through it as our agent. In connection with the sale of the Notes on our behalf, the Agent will be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of the Agent will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. There is no arrangement to place proceeds of the offering in escrow, trust or similar arrangement. See "Plan of Distribution."

Delivery of the Notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about the second trading date following the date of purchase.

Investing in the Notes involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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

B. Riley FBR

The date of this prospectus supplement is April 25, 2018.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") utilizing a "shelf" registration process. This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, including the documents incorporated by reference, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, provides more general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. We urge you to carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, before buying any of the securities being offered under this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement may add or update information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference therein. To the extent that any statement we make in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in the accompanying prospectus or any documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed before the date of this prospectus supplement, the statements made in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to modify or supersede those made in the accompanying prospectus and such documents incorporated by reference therein.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or incorporated by reference herein or therein. Neither we nor the Agent have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should not rely on any unauthorized information or representation. This prospectus supplement is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, and only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front of the applicable document and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the date of delivery of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or any sale of a security.

As used in this prospectus, unless the context indicates or otherwise requires, "the Company," "B. Riley," "we," "us" or "our" refer to the combined business of B. Riley Financial, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our future financial performance, the growth of the market for our services, expansion plans and opportunities and statements regarding our intended uses of the proceeds of the securities offered hereby. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "anticipates," "believes," "can," "continue," "could "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "should," "will," "would," the negative of such term comparable terminology. The statements we make regarding the following subject matters are forward-looking by their nature:

plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other factors discussed in "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus; and

the summary of the contemplated merger with magicJack VocalTec Ltd. ("magicJack") and the estimated timeline for consummation of the merger.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement reflect our current views about future events, are based on assumptions, and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Many important factors could cause actual results or achievements to differ materially from any future results or achievements expressed in or implied by our forward-looking statements, including the factors listed below. Many of the factors that will determine future events or achievements are beyond our ability to control or predict. Certain of these are important factors that could cause actual results or achievements to differ materially from the results or achievements reflected in our forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to:

volatility in our revenues and results of operations;

changing conditions in the financial markets;

our ability to generate sufficient revenues to achieve and maintain profitability;

the short term nature of our engagements;

the accuracy of our estimates and valuations of inventory or assets in "guarantee" based engagements;

competition in the asset management business;

potential losses related to our auction or liquidation engagements;

our dependence on communications, information and other systems and third parties;

potential losses related to purchase transactions in our auction and liquidations business;

the potential loss of financial institution clients;

potential losses from or illiquidity of our proprietary investments;

changing economic and market conditions;

potential liability and harm to our reputation if we were to provide an inaccurate appraisal or valuation;

potential mark-downs in inventory in connection with purchase transactions;

failure to successfully compete in any of our segments;

loss of key personnel;

our ability to borrow under our credit facilities as necessary;

failure to comply with the terms of our credit agreements;

our ability to meet future capital requirements;

our ability to realize the benefits of our completed and proposed acquisitions, including our ability to achieve anticipated opportunities and operating cost savings, and accretion to reported earnings estimated to result from completed and proposed acquisitions in the time frame expected by management or at all;

the possibility that our proposed acquisition of magicJack does not close when expected or at all;

our ability to promptly and effectively integrate our business with that of magicJack if such transactions close;

the reaction to the magicJack acquisition of our and magicJack's customers, employees and counterparties; and

the diversion of management time on acquisition-related issues.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement reflect our views and assumptions only as of the date of this prospectus supplement. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, we assume no responsibility for updating any forward-looking statements nor do we intend to do so. Our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. The risks included in this section are not exhaustive. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements are set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-10.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the securities offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. You should read this summary together with the entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our financial statements, the notes to those financial statements and the other documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making an investment decision. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of the risks involved in investing in our securities.

Our Business

- B. Riley Financial, Inc. (Nasdaq: RILY) and its subsidiaries provide collaborative financial services and solutions through several operating subsidiaries including:
- B. Riley FBR, Inc. ("B. Riley FBR") is a leading, full service investment bank providing financial advisory, corporate finance, research, securities lending and sales and trading services to corporate, institutional and high net worth individual clients. B. Riley FBR was formed in November 2017 through the merger of B. Riley & Co., LLC ("BRC") and FBR after "& Co" Capital Markets & Co.; the name of the combined broker dealer was subsequently changed to B. Riley FBR, Inc. FBR Capital Markets & Co. was acquired by B. Riley Financial in June 2017.

Wunderlich Securities, Inc., acquired by B. Riley Financial in July 2017, provides comprehensive wealth management and brokerage services to individuals and families, corporations and non-profit organizations, including qualified retirement plans, trusts, foundations and endowments.

- B. Riley Capital Management, LLC, a SEC registered investment advisor, which includes:
- B. Riley Asset Management, an advisor to certain private funds and to institutional and high net worth investors;
- B. Riley Wealth Management, a multi-family office practice and wealth management firm focused on the needs of ultra-high net worth individuals and families; and

Great American Capital Partners, LLC ("GACP"), the general partner of a private fund, GACP I, L.P. a direct lending fund that provides senior secured loans and second lien secured loan facilities to middle market public and private U.S. companies;

Great American Group, LLC, a leading provider of asset disposition and auction solutions to a wide range of retail and industrial clients;

Great American Group Advisory and Valuation Services, LLC, a leading provider of appraisal and valuation services for asset based lenders, private equity firms and corporate clients.

We also pursue a strategy of investing in or acquiring companies which we believe have attractive investment return characteristics. On July 1, 2016, we acquired United Online, Inc. ("UOL") as part of our principal investment strategy.

UOL is a communications company that offers consumer subscription services and products, consisting of Internet access services and devices under the NetZero and Juno brands primarily sold in the United States.

We are headquartered in Los Angeles with offices in major cities throughout the United States including New York, Chicago, Boston, Memphis, and Metro Washington D.C.

For financial reporting purposes we classify our businesses into four operating segments: (i) capital markets, (ii) auction and liquidation, (iii) valuation and appraisal and (iv) principal investments - United Online.

Capital Markets Segment. Our capital markets segment provides a full array of investment banking, corporate finance, research, securities lending, wealth management, sales and trading services to corporate, institutional and high net worth clients. Our corporate finance and investment banking services include merger and acquisitions as well as restructuring advisory services to public and private companies, initial and secondary public offerings, and institutional private placements. In addition, we trade equity securities as a principal for our account, including investments in funds managed by our subsidiaries. Our capital markets segment also includes our asset management businesses that manage various private and public funds for institutional and individual investors.

Auction and Liquidation Segment. Our auction and liquidation segment utilizes our significant industry experience, a scalable network of independent contractors and industry-specific advisors to tailor our services to the specific needs of a multitude of clients, logistical challenges and distressed circumstances. Furthermore, our scale and pool of resources allow us to offer our services across North American as well as parts of Europe, Asia and Australia. Our auction and liquidation segment operates through two main divisions, retail store liquidations and wholesale and industrial assets disposition division operates through limited liability companies that are controlled by us.

<u>Valuation and Appraisal Segment.</u> Our valuation and appraisal segment provides valuation and appraisal services to financial institutions, lenders, private equity firms and other providers of capital. These services primarily include the valuation of assets (i) for purposes of determining and monitoring the value of collateral securing financial transactions and loan arrangements and (ii) in connection with potential business combinations. Our valuation and appraisal segment operates through limited liability companies that are majority owned by us.

<u>Principal Investments - United Online Segment.</u> Our principal investments - United Online segment consists of businesses which have been acquired primarily for attractive investment return characteristics. Currently, this segment includes UOL, a company that offers consumer subscription services consisting of Internet access under the NetZero and Juno brands. Internet access includes paid dial-up, mobile broadband and DSL subscription services. We also offer email, Internet security, web hosting services, and other services.

Recent Developments

On February 17, 2017, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "FBR Merger Agreement") with FBR & Co. ("FBR"), pursuant to which FBR was to merge with and into the Company (or a subsidiary of the Company), with the Company (or its subsidiary) as the surviving corporation (the "FBR Merger"). On May 1, 2017, the Company and FBR filed a registration statement for the planned FBR Merger. The shareholders of the Company and FBR approved the acquisition on June 1, 2017, customary closing conditions were satisfied and the acquisition was completed on June 1, 2017. Subject to the terms and conditions of the FBR Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of FBR common stock ("FBR Common Stock") was converted into the right to receive 0.671 of a share of our common stock. The total acquisition consideration for FBR was estimated to be \$73.5 million, which includes the issuance of approximately 4,831,633 shares of our common stock with an estimated fair value of \$71.0 million (based on the closing price of our common stock on June 1, 2017) and restricted stock awards with a fair value of \$2.5 million attributable to the service period prior to June 1, 2017. We believe that the acquisition of FBR will allow us to benefit from investment banking, corporate finance, securities lending, research, and sales and trading services provided by FBR and planned synergies from the elimination of duplicate corporate overhead and management functions with us.

On May 17, 2017, we entered into a Merger Agreement with Wunderlich Investment Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Wunderlich"), and a Wunderlich Stockholder Representative (the "Stockholder Representative"), collectively (the "Wunderlich Merger Agreement"). Pursuant to the Wunderlich Merger Agreement, customary closing conditions were satisfied and the acquisition was completed on July 3, 2017. We also entered into a registration rights agreement with certain shareholders of Wunderlich (the "Registration Rights Agreement") on July 3, 2017. The Registration Rights Agreement provides the Wunderlich shareholder signatories with the right to notice of and, subject to certain conditions, the right to register shares of our common stock in certain future registered offerings of shares of our common stock. The acquisition consideration for Wunderlich was estimated to be \$65.1 million, including \$29.7 million of cash and the issuance of approximately 1,974,812 shares of the Company's common stock with an estimated fair value of \$31.5 million and 821,816 newly issued common stock warrants with an estimated fair value of \$3.9 million.

On November 9, 2017, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with B. R. Acquisition Ltd., an Israeli corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), and magicJack VocalTec Ltd., an Israeli corporation ("magicJack"), pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into magicJack, with magicJack continuing as the surviving corporation and as an indirect subsidiary of the Company. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, each outstanding share of magicJack will be converted into the right to receive \$8.71 in cash without interest, representing approximately \$143.5 million in aggregate merger consideration. The closing of the transaction is subject to the receipt of certain regulatory approvals, the approval of the magicJack shareholders and the satisfaction of other closing conditions. It is anticipated that the acquisition of magicJack will close in the second half of 2018.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, we implemented cost savings measures taking into account the planned synergies as a result of the acquisitions of FBR and Wunderlich which included a reduction in force for some of the corporate executives of FBR and Wunderlich and a restructuring to integrate FBR and Wunderlich's operations with our operations. These initiatives resulted in restructuring charges of \$11.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2017. Restructuring charges included \$3.3 million related to severance and accelerated vesting of restricted stock awards to former corporate executives of FBR and Wunderlich and \$5.0 million of severance, accelerated vesting of stock awards to employees and \$3.4 million of lease loss accruals for the planned consolidation of office space related to operations in the Capital Markets segment.

On March 15, 2018, the Company entered into a Secondary Stock Purchase Agreement ("Stock Purchase Agreement") by and between ACP BD Investments, LLC ("ACP") and the Company and Bryant Riley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement require the Company to purchase 950,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$18.25 per share or approximately \$17.4 million in cash and Mr. Riley to separately purchase 221,181 shares of the Company's common stock at \$18.25 per share or approximately \$4.0 million in cash. The stock was repurchased from ACP on April 2, 2018.

On April 18, 2018, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") issued an order (the "Order") approving the sale of certain rights to the assets of The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and its affiliates (the "Debtors") and granted certain other relief to GA Retail, Inc. ("GA"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Tiger Capital Group, LLC ("Tiger"), and the indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee"; together with GA and Tiger, the "Joint Venture") under the Second Lien Indenture (as defined in the Order). Among other things, the Order approved the Joint

Venture's right to act as the Debtors' exclusive agent to conduct the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets on the terms and conditions set forth in that certain agency agreement dated April 18, 2018 by and among the Debtors and the Joint Venture (the "Agency Agreement").

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, the Joint Venture agreed to pay (a) a cash purchase price of approximately \$560 million (the "Cash Purchase Price"), which includes all amounts due and owing by the Debtors to the lenders under that certain debtor in possession financing facility, the cash amounts used to collateralize certain letters of credit and an amount to fund the payment of certain fees and expenses incurred by the Debtors' professionals, (b) a credit bid of \$125 million, and (c) \$93.8 million to pay for certain administrative expenses of the Debtors as reflected in an agreed upon wind down budget. In exchange for such payments and the payment of certain expenses, the Joint Venture received the right to receive all proceeds (cash or otherwise) of any of the Debtors' Assets except as otherwise set forth in the Agency Agreement. The sale of inventory and certain of the assets will be conducted through a going-out-of-business sale which commenced on April 19, 2018 and will end no later than August 31, 2018.

To fund GA's portion of the Cash Purchase Price, GA borrowed (i) \$300 million from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") pursuant to a consent dated April 19, 2018 to that certain credit agreement among GA, its affiliates and Wells Fargo, as amended, and (ii) approximately \$51 million from GACP II, L.P., a direct lending fund managed by GACP, an affiliate of GA and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Each of these loans is to be repaid from the proceeds after the payment of certain expenses incurred by the Joint Venture in connection with the sale.

Our Corporate Information

We are a Delaware corporation. Our executive offices are located at 21255 Burbank Blvd, Suite 400, Woodland Hills, California 91367, and the telephone number at our principal executive office is (818) 884-3737. Our website addresses are http://www.greatamerican.com, http://www.brileyfin.com and http://www.unitedonline.net. We have not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus the information on our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this document.

THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of the offering and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. For a more complete description of the terms of the Notes, see the "Description of the Notes" section in this prospectus supplement.

Issuer

B. Riley Financial, Inc.

Up to \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.25% Senior Notes due 2027, 7.50% Senior Notes due 2027 and 7.50% Senior Notes due 2021.

Notes Offered

The 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes offered hereby are a further issuance of, form of a single series with and will have the same terms as the Initial 7.25% 2027 Notes, Initial 7.50% 2027 Notes and Initial 2021 Notes, respectively.

Manner of offering

"At the market offering" that may be made from time to time through the Agent, as sales agent, subject to our instruction as to amount and timing. The Agent is not required to sell any specific principal amount of the Notes, but the Agent will make all sales using commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices on mutually agreed terms between the Agent and us. See "Plan of Distribution" on page S-53.

Maturity

The 7.25% 2027 Notes will mature on December 31, 2027, the 7.50% 2027 Notes will mature on May 31, 2027, and the 2021 Notes will mature on October 31, 2021, each unless redeemed prior to maturity.

7.25% interest per annum on the principal amount of the 7.25% 2027 Notes and 7.50% interest per annum on the principal amount of each of the 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes will accrue from the most recent interest payment date immediately preceding the date of issuance of the 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes, respectively, except that Notes purchased after the record dates noted below, but prior to the interest payment date immediately following such record date (or if settlement of a purchase of Notes otherwise occurs after such record date but prior to the interest payment date immediately following such record date), such Notes will not begin to accrue interest until the interest payment date immediately following such record date. Interest will be paid quarterly in arrears on January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year. The interest payable on each interest payment date will be paid only to holders of record of the Notes at the close of business on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, as the case may be, immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. As a general matter, holders of the Notes will not be entitled to receive any payments of

principal on the Notes prior to the stated maturity date.

and **Payment** Dates

Guarantors None.

Ranking

The Notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The Notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) of our subsidiaries.

The indenture governing the Notes does not limit the amount of indebtedness that we or our subsidiaries may incur or whether any such indebtedness can be secured by our assets.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem the 7.25% 2027 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after December 31, 2020, the 7.50% 2027 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after May 31, 2020, and the 2021 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after October 31, 2018, at our option, at any time and from time to time, prior to maturity at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption. See "Description of the Notes — Optional Redemption" for additional details.

Sinking Fund

The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund (i.e., no amounts will be set aside by us to ensure repayment of the Notes at maturity).

Use of Proceeds

We expect to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."

Events of Default

Events of default generally will include failure to pay principal, failure to pay interest, failure to observe or perform any other covenant or warranty in the Notes or in the indenture, and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. See "Description of the Notes — Events of Default."

Certain Covenants

The indenture that governs the Notes contains certain covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on our ability to merge or consolidate with or into any other entity. See "Description of the Notes — Covenants."

No Financial Covenants

The indenture relating to the Notes does not contain financial covenants.

Additional Notes

We may create and issue additional notes ranking equally and ratably with the 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes in all respects, so that such additional notes will constitute and form a single series with the 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes, as applicable, and will have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise (except the price to public, the issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date) as such Notes. We will not issue any such additional notes unless such issuance would constitute a "qualified reopening" for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Defeasance

The Notes are subject to legal and covenant defeasance by us. See "Description of the Notes — Defeasance" for more information.

Listing

The 7.25% 2027 Notes, 7.50% 2027 Notes and 2021 Notes, when issued, are quoted on Nasdaq under the symbols "RILYG," "RILYZ" and "RILYL," respectively.

Form and Denomination

The Notes will be issued in book-entry form in minimum denominations of \$25 and integral multiples in excess thereof. The Notes will be represented by a permanent global certificate deposited with the trustee as custodian for The Depositary Trust Company ("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 and its direct and indirect participants and any such interest may not be exchanged for certificated securities, except in limited circumstances.

Trustee U.S. Bank National Association.

Governing Law

The Notes and the indenture governing the Notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

Risk Factors

An investment in the Notes involves significant risks. Please refer to "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-10 and other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before investing in the Notes.

B. Riley FBR is an affiliate of B. Riley Financial, Inc. and, as such, may be deemed to have a "conflict of interest" in this offering of Notes within the meaning of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. of Interest ("FINRA") Rule 5121. Consequently, this offering of Notes will be conducted in compliance with the provisions of FINRA Rule 5121. B. Riley FBR may not make sales of Notes in this offering to any of its discretionary accounts without the prior written approval of the account holder.

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An investment in the Notes involves significant risks, including the risks described below. Before purchasing the Notes, you should carefully consider each of the following risk factors as well as the other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. Each of these risk factors, either alone or taken together, could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition, as well as adversely affect the value of an investment in the Notes. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks of which we are not presently aware or that we currently believe are immaterial which may also impair our business operations and financial position. If any of the events described below were to occur, our financial condition, our results of operations and/or our future growth prospects could be materially and adversely affected. As a result, you could lose some or all of any investment you may have made or may make in our Company.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our revenues and results of operations are volatile and difficult to predict.

Our revenues and results of operations fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter, due to a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

Our ability to attract new clients and obtain additional business from our existing client base;

The number, size and timing of mergers and acquisition transactions, capital raising transactions and other strategic advisory services where we act as an adviser on our auction and liquidation and investment banking engagements;

The extent to which we acquire assets for resale, or guarantee a minimum return thereon, and our ability to resell those assets at favorable prices;

Variability in the mix of revenues from the auction and liquidation and valuation and appraisal businesses;

The rate of decline we experience from our dial-up and DSL Internet access pay accounts in our UOL business as customers continue to migrate to broadband access which provides faster Internet connection and download speeds offered by our competitors;

The rate of growth of new service areas;

The types of fees we charge clients, or other financial arrangements we enter into with clients; and

Changes in general economic and market conditions.

We have limited or no control over some of the factors set forth above and, as a result, may be unable to forecast our revenues accurately. For example, our investment banking revenues are typically earned upon the successful completion of a transaction, the timing of which is uncertain and beyond our control. A client's acquisition transaction may be delayed or terminated because of a failure to agree upon final terms with the counterparty, failure to obtain necessary regulatory consents or board or stockholder approvals, failure to secure necessary financing, adverse market conditions or unexpected financial or other problems in the business of a client or a counterparty. If the parties fail to complete a transaction on which we are advising or an offering in which we are participating, we will earn little or no revenue from the contemplated transaction.

We rely on projections of revenues in developing our operating plans for the future and will base our expectations regarding expenses on these projections and plans. If we inaccurately forecast revenues and/or earnings, or fail to accurately project expenses, we may be unable to adjust our spending in a timely manner to compensate for these inaccuracies and, as a result, may suffer operating losses and such losses could have a negative impact on our financial condition and results of operations. If, for any reason, we fail to meet company, investor or analyst projections of revenue, growth or earnings, the market price of the common stock could decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Conditions in the financial markets and general economic conditions have impacted and may continue to impact our ability to generate business and revenues, which may cause significant fluctuations in our stock price.

Our business has in the past, and may in the future, be materially affected by conditions in the financial market and general economic conditions, such as the level and volatility of interest rates, investor sentiment, the availability and the cost of credit, the U.S. mortgage market, the U.S. real estate market, volatile energy prices, consumer confidence, unemployment, and geopolitical issues. Further, certain aspects of our business are cyclical in nature and changes in the current economic environment may require us to adjust our sales and marketing practices and react to different business opportunities and modes of competition. If we are not successful in reacting to changing economic conditions, we may lose business opportunities which could harm our financial condition. For example, we are more likely to conduct auctions and liquidations in connection with insolvencies and store closures during periods of economic downturn relative to periods of economic expansion. Conversely, during an economic downturn, financial institutions that provide asset-based loans typically reduce the number of loans made, which reduces their need for our valuation and appraisal services.

In addition, weakness or disruption in equity markets and diminished trading volume of securities could adversely impact our sales and trading business in the future. Any industry-wide declines in the size and number of underwritings and mergers and acquisitions transactions could also have an adverse effect on our investment banking revenues. Reductions in the trading prices for equity securities tend to reduce the transaction value of investment banking transactions, such as underwriting and mergers and acquisitions transactions, which in turn may reduce the fees we earn from these transactions. Market conditions may also affect the level and volatility of securities prices and the liquidity and value of investments in our funds and proprietary inventory, and we may not be able to manage our business's exposure to these market conditions. In addition to these factors, deterioration in the financial markets or economic conditions could materially affect our investment banking business in other ways, including the following:

Our opportunity to act as underwriter or placement agent could be adversely affected by a reduction in the number and size of capital raising transactions or by competing government sources of equity.

The number and size of mergers and acquisitions transactions or other strategic advisory services where we act as adviser could be adversely affected by continued uncertainties in valuations related to asset quality and creditworthiness, volatility in the equity markets, and diminished access to financing.

Market volatility could lead to a decline in the volume of transactions that we execute for our customers and, therefore, to a decline in the revenue we receive from commissions and spreads.

We may experience losses in securities trading acti