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**MAXIM INTEGRATED**

**160 Rio Robles**

**San Jose, CA 95134**

**(408) 601-1000**

October 2, 2015

Dear Maxim Integrated Stockholders:

We are pleased to invite you to attend Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.'s (Maxim Integrated, the Company, we or our) 2015 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time, at our Event Center at 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134.

Details regarding admission to the meeting and the business to be conducted are described in this proxy statement, as well as in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) to be mailed to you on or about October 2, 2015. We have also made available a copy of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K with this proxy statement. We encourage you to read our 2015 Annual Report as it includes our audited financial statements and provides information about our business and products.

We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials for the 2015 annual meeting over the Internet under the notice and access rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We believe that this process expedites stockholders' receipt of proxy materials, lowers the costs of our annual meeting, and helps to conserve natural resources. The Notice you will receive in the mail contains instructions on how to access this proxy statement and 2015 Annual Report and vote online. The Notice also includes instructions on how to request a paper copy of the annual meeting materials, should you wish to do so.

Of particular importance is our proposal to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. We believe that each stockholder's voting rights should align with their economic interest and thus each share should have one vote with respect to all matters, including the election of directors.

We are seeking your support of the addition of four million (4,000,000) shares to the 1996 Equity Plan, which represents approximately 1.4% of the total number of shares currently outstanding, in order to help us continue to attract, motivate, and retain employees needed to achieve our strategic plan of top-line growth.

We are also seeking an advisory vote on the Company's compensation programs for the Executive Officers named in the proxy statement. We welcome your views on these compensation programs.

Your vote is important. Please review the instructions on each of your voting options described in this proxy statement as well as in the Notice. Also, please let us know if you plan to attend our annual meeting when you vote by telephone or over the Internet by indicating your plans when prompted or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, by marking the appropriate box on the enclosed proxy card.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Maxim Integrated. We look forward to seeing you at our 2015 annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Tunç Doluca

President and Chief Executive Officer

## Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

| MAXIM INTEGRATED                                       | Time and Date   | Place   | Record Date   |
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| 160 Rio Robles<br>San Jose, CA 95134<br>(408) 601-1000 | on Thursday,<br><b>November 12, 2015</b><br>(the meeting date ),<br>10:00 a.m., Pacific Time. | Event Center<br>160 Rio Robles<br>San Jose, California 95134. | You are entitled to vote only if you were<br>a Maxim Integrated stockholder as of the<br>close of business on September 18,<br>2015 (the record date ). |

### Items of Business

- (1) To elect seven members of the board of directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Maxim Integrated's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016.
- (3) To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 2008 ESP Plan) to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares.
- (4) To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan (the 1996 Equity Plan) to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 4,000,000 shares.
- (5) To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors.
- (6) To hold an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.
- (7) To consider such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

### Adjournments and Postponements

Any action on the items of business described above may be considered at the annual meeting at the time and on the date specified above or at any time and date to which the annual meeting may be properly reconvened after being adjourned or postponed.

### Meeting Admission

You are entitled to attend the annual meeting only if you were a Maxim Integrated stockholder as of the close of business on the record date or hold a valid proxy to vote at the annual meeting. Since seating is limited, admission to the meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You should be prepared to present photo identification for admittance. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee (i.e., in street name), you should provide proof of beneficial ownership as of the record date, such as your most recent account statement prior to the record date, a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee, or similar evidence of ownership. If you do not provide photo identification or comply with the other procedures outlined above, you will not be admitted to the annual meeting. Cameras and other video or audio recording devices will not be permitted at the meeting.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting by marking the appropriate box on the enclosed proxy card. If you requested to receive printed proxy materials or if you vote by telephone or over the Internet, please indicate your plans when prompted.

The annual meeting will begin promptly on the meeting date at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m., Pacific Time, and you should allow ample time for the check-in procedures.

**Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we encourage you to read this proxy statement and submit your proxy or voting instructions as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you will receive in the mail, the Questions and Answers section in this proxy statement or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, your enclosed proxy card.**

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By order of the board of directors,

Tunç Doluca

President and Chief Executive Officer

*This proxy statement and form of proxy will be filed with the SEC on or about October 1, 2015. The Notice containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement online or receive a paper or email copy will be mailed to the stockholders on or about October 2, 2015.*

## Questions and Answers

# About the Proxy Materials and the Annual Meeting

**MAXIM INTEGRATED**

**160 Rio Robles**

**San Jose, California 95134**

**Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

**Q: Why am I receiving these materials?**

**A:** Our board of directors is making these materials available to you on the Internet, or, upon your request, by delivering printed proxy materials to you, in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at Maxim Integrated's 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, which will take place on November 12, 2015 at 10 a.m. Pacific Time, at our Event Center located at 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134. As a stockholder holding shares of our common stock on September 18, 2015 (the record date), you are invited to attend the annual meeting and requested to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement.

As of the record date, 284,532,695 shares of Maxim Integrated's common stock were issued and outstanding.

**Q: What information is contained in this proxy statement?**

**A:** The information in this proxy statement relates to the proposals to be voted on at the annual meeting, the voting process, the compensation of our directors and most highly paid executive officers, and certain other information required to be provided by the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).

**Q: Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials instead of a full set of printed proxy materials?**

**A:** Under the applicable rules of the SEC, we may furnish proxy materials, including this proxy statement and our 2015 Annual Report, to our stockholders by providing access to such documents on the Internet instead of mailing printed copies. Providing access to proxy materials over the Internet helps us lower the cost of holding our annual meeting and saves natural resources. On or about October 2, 2015, we are mailing the notice of the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) to our stockholders (except those stockholders who previously requested electronic or paper delivery of proxy materials), which includes instructions as to how stockholders may access and review all of the proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice also instructs you as to how you may submit your proxy on the Internet. If you would like to receive a paper or email copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials provided in the Notice.

**Q:** How do I get electronic access to the proxy materials?

**A:** The Notice will provide you with instructions regarding how to:

View our proxy materials for the annual meeting on the Internet and vote online; and

If desired, instruct us to send our future proxy materials to you electronically by email or by mail.

**Q:** I share an address with another stockholder and we only received one copy of the Notice and/or other proxy materials. How may I obtain a separate copy?

**A:** Under the procedure approved by the SEC called householding, if you have the same address and last name as another stockholder and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials, you may receive only one copy of the Notice, or, if applicable, one copy of any other proxy materials, unless you instruct us otherwise. Please note that you will still be able to access the proxy materials on the Internet and vote your shares separately. If you received a single copy of the Notice or other proxy materials as a result of householding and you would like to have separate copies of such materials mailed to you, please submit your request either by calling the number provided below or mailing a written request to the address provided below:

Corporate Secretary

Maxim Integrated

160 Rio Robles

San Jose, CA 95134

(408) 601-1000

We will promptly mail a separate copy of this proxy statement upon our receipt of such request. Please note that if you want to receive a paper copy of this proxy statement or other proxy materials, you should follow the instructions included in the Notice.

**Questions and Answers About the Proxy Materials and the Annual Meeting** (continued)

**Q:** What items of business will be voted on at the annual meeting?

**A:** The items of business scheduled to be voted on at the annual meeting are the following:

the election of seven (7) directors;

the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Maxim Integrated's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016;

the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 ESP Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares;

the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 4,000,000 shares;

the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors; and

an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

In addition, we will consider any other items of business that properly come before the annual meeting.

**Q:** What are the requirements for admission to the meeting?

**A:** Only stockholders holding shares of Maxim Integrated's common stock as of the record date or their proxy holders and Maxim Integrated's guests may attend the meeting. Since seating is limited, admission to the meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and seating will begin at 9:30 a.m. (Pacific Time). Cameras and other video or audio recording devices will not be permitted at the meeting.

If you attend, please note that you may be asked to present valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport. If you hold your shares as a beneficial owner through a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee, you will need to ask your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee for an admission card in the form of a legal proxy. You will need to bring the legal proxy with you to the meeting. If you do not receive the legal proxy in time, bring your most recent brokerage statement (reflecting your share ownership as of September 18, 2015, the record date) with you to the meeting. We can use that to verify your ownership of shares of our common stock and admit you to the meeting. However, as discussed more fully under the heading "What is the difference

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between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner? , beneficial owners will not be able to vote their shares at the annual meeting without a legal proxy.

**Q:** How does the board of directors recommend that I vote?

**A:** Our board of directors recommends that you vote your shares (1) FOR the election of each of the nominees to the board of directors (Item 1), (2) FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016 (Item 2), (3) FOR the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 ESP Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares (Item 3), (4) FOR the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 4,000,000 shares (Item 4), (5) FOR the adoption and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors (Item 5), and (6) FOR the approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers pursuant to the advisory vote thereon (Item 6).

**Q:** How many votes do I have?

**A:** For each proposal to be voted on, you have one vote for each share of Maxim Integrated's common stock you own as of the record date.

**Q:** What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

**A:** Many Maxim Integrated stockholders hold their shares through a broker or other nominees rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

**Stockholder of Record:** If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare, as of the record date, you are considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record, and the Notice was sent directly to you by Maxim Integrated. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to Maxim Integrated or to vote in person at the annual meeting. If you requested to receive printed proxy materials, Maxim Integrated has enclosed or sent a proxy card for you to use. You may also vote on the Internet or by telephone, as described in the Notice and below under the heading "How can I vote my shares without attending the annual meeting? ", or by completing and mailing the proxy card if you requested a printed copy of the proxy materials.

**Beneficial Owner:** If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trust or other similar organization, like the vast majority of our stockholders, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and the Notice was forwarded to you by that organization. As the

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beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or trustee how to vote your shares, and you are also invited to attend the annual meeting. Since a beneficial owner is not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the annual meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trust or other similar organization that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting. If you do not wish to vote in person or you will not be attending the annual meeting, you may vote by proxy. You may vote by proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, as described in the Notice and below under the heading **How can I vote my shares without attending the annual meeting?**

**Q: How can I vote my shares in person at the annual meeting?**

**A:** Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted by you in person at the annual meeting. Shares owned beneficially and held in street name may be voted by you in person at the annual meeting only if you obtain a legal proxy from the brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares.

Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy or voting instructions as described below so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

**Q: How can I vote my shares without attending the annual meeting?**

**A:** Whether you own shares directly as the stockholder of record or own shares beneficially which are held in street name, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the annual meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote by proxy. You may vote by proxy over the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, you may also vote by mail pursuant to instructions provided on the proxy card. If you own shares beneficially which are held in street name, you may also vote by proxy over the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, you may also vote by mail by following the voting instruction card provided to you by your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee.

**Q: Can I change my vote?**

**A:** You may change your vote at any time prior to the taking of the vote at the annual meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may change your vote by (1) delivering to Maxim Integrated's Corporate Secretary at 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134 a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a date subsequent to your original proxy prior to the date of the annual meeting, or (2) attending the annual meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the meeting will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you specifically so request. For shares you own beneficially which are held in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee following the instructions they provided, or, if you have obtained a legal proxy from your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee giving you the right to vote your shares, by attending the annual meeting and voting in person.

**Q:** What happens if I deliver a signed proxy without specifying how my shares should be voted?

**A:** If you sign and deliver your proxy without instructions and do not later revoke the proxy, the proxy will be voted FOR the slate of nominees to the board of directors (the Board ) described in this proxy statement, and FOR Proposals No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6. As to any other matter that may properly come before the annual meeting, the proxy will be voted according to the judgment of the proxy holders.

**Q:** How many shares must be present or represented to conduct business at the annual meeting?

**A:** The quorum requirement for holding the annual meeting and transacting business is that holders of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding common stock of Maxim Integrated as of the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy. Both abstentions and broker non-votes (described below) are counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum.

**Q:** What is the voting requirement to approve each of the proposals?

**A:** In the election of directors, the seven nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative FOR votes at the annual meeting will be elected (Item 1). The affirmative FOR vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal is required to approve (1) the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016 (Item 2), (2) the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 ESP Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares (Item 3), (3) the ratification and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 4,000,000 shares (Item 4), and (4) the advisory vote to approve

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the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (Item 6). The adoption and approval of an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock (Item 5). The vote of stockholders on Item 6 is advisory only and not binding on Maxim Integrated or the board of directors. However, the board of directors and the Compensation Committee will take the voting results into consideration when making future decisions regarding executive compensation.

**Q: What are my voting choices?**

**A:** In the election of directors, you may vote **FOR** or **WITHHOLD** with regard to all or some of the nominees. Votes **WITHHOLD** with respect to the election of directors will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum at the annual meeting and will have the effect of a vote against the nominee. The Board recently adopted majority voting in uncontested director elections, and thus, if a particular nominee does not receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, then the nominee must submit his or her resignation to the Board of Directors. For Proposals No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6, you may vote **FOR**, **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN**. If you elect to **ABSTAIN**, the abstention has the same effect as a vote **AGAINST**.

**Q: What is the effect of broker non-votes and abstentions?**

**A:** If you own shares beneficially which are held in street name and do not provide your broker with voting instructions, your shares may constitute broker non-votes. Generally, broker non-votes occur on a matter when a broker is not permitted to vote on that matter without instructions from the beneficial owner and instructions are not given. In tabulating the voting result for any particular proposal, shares that constitute broker non-votes are not considered votes cast on that proposal. Therefore, broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of matters being voted on at the meeting, assuming that a quorum is obtained, except that broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against Item 5. Abstentions are considered votes cast and thus have the same effect as votes against the matter.

**Q: Is cumulative voting permitted for the election of directors?**

**A:** Yes. You may cumulate your votes for the election of directors in this election. You are entitled to as many votes as equals the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares held by you, and you may cast all such votes for a single director or distribute such votes among as many candidates who have been properly nominated as you see fit. Please note that the proxy holders may exercise discretionary authority to cumulate votes and to allocate such votes among the seven (7) nominees recommended by the board of directors.

Pursuant to Proposal No. 5, the Company is seeking your approval to eliminate cumulative voting in future elections of directors.

**Q: What happens if additional matters are presented at the annual meeting?**

**A:** Other than the six (6) specific items of business described in this proxy statement, we are not aware of any other business to be acted upon at the annual meeting. If you grant a proxy, the persons named as proxy holders, Mark Casper and Bruce E. Kiddoo, or either of them, will have the discretion to vote your shares on any additional matters properly presented for a vote at the meeting. If for any reason any of the nominees described in this proxy statement are not available as a candidate for director, the persons named as proxy holders will vote your proxy for such other candidate or candidates as may be nominated by the board of directors.

**Q: Who will serve as inspector of elections?**

**A:** The inspector of elections will be a representative from Broadridge Financial Solutions. Broadridge Financial Solutions will tabulate the votes in connection with the annual meeting.

**Q: Who will bear the cost of soliciting votes for the annual meeting?**

**A:** Maxim Integrated will pay the entire cost of preparing, assembling, printing, mailing and distributing these proxy materials and soliciting votes. If you choose to access the proxy materials and/or vote over the Internet, you are responsible for Internet access charges you may incur. If you choose to vote by telephone, you are responsible for telephone charges you may incur. In addition to the mailing of these proxy materials, the solicitation of proxies or votes may be made in person, by telephone or electronic communication by our directors, officers and employees, who will not receive any additional compensation for such solicitation activities. We will, upon request, reimburse brokerage firms and others for their reasonable expenses in forwarding solicitation material to the beneficial owners of our common stock.

**Q: Where can I find the voting results of the annual meeting?**

**A:** We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the annual meeting and publish final results in our current report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC, within four (4) business days of the annual meeting date.

**Questions and Answers About the Proxy Materials and the Annual Meeting** (continued)

**Q:** What is the deadline for submission of stockholder proposals for consideration at the fiscal year 2016 annual meeting?

**A:** For proposals other than nomination of director candidates: Pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), a stockholder proposal will be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for the 2016 annual meeting only if the Corporate Secretary of Maxim Integrated receives the proposal by no later than June 4, 2016.

Our bylaws also establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders who wish to present a proposal before an annual meeting of stockholders but do not intend for the proposal to be included in our proxy statement.

Our bylaws provide that the only business that may be conducted at an annual meeting is business that is (1) pursuant to Maxim Integrated's proxy materials with respect to such meeting, (2) brought by, or at the direction of, our board of directors, or (3) brought by a stockholder of Maxim Integrated who is a stockholder of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting who has timely delivered written notice to our Corporate Secretary, which notice must contain the information specified in our bylaws. To be timely for our fiscal year 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, our Corporate Secretary must receive the written notice, prepared in accordance with our bylaws, at our principal executive offices:

not later than the close of business on August 18, 2016; and

not earlier than the close of business on July 19, 2016.

In the event that we hold our fiscal year 2016 annual meeting of stockholders more than thirty (30) days before or sixty (60) days after the one-year anniversary date of the fiscal year 2015 annual meeting, then notice of a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in our proxy statement must be received not later than the close of business on the earlier of the following two (2) dates:

the ninetieth (90th) day prior to the fiscal year 2016 annual meeting; or

the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement of the meeting date is made (either in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or a comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by Maxim Integrated with the SEC).

If a stockholder who has notified us of his or her intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting takes any action contrary to the representations made in his or her notice to Maxim Integrated's Corporate Secretary, or if such representations contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit a material fact, we are not required to present the proposal for a vote at such meeting.

For nomination of director candidates: Stockholders may propose nominees to be eligible for election as directors at the 2016 annual meeting in accordance with the provisions of our bylaws. To properly nominate such a candidate, a stockholder must deliver written notice, prepared in accordance with our bylaws, to Maxim Integrated's Corporate Secretary prior to the deadlines set forth above for stockholder proposals. Prior to submitting a nomination, stockholders should take care to note all deadlines under the SEC Rules and Maxim Integrated bylaws described above.

Nominations should be addressed to:

Corporate Secretary

Maxim Integrated

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If a stockholder who has notified us of his or her intention to nominate a director candidate at an annual meeting takes any action contrary to the representations made in his or her notice to Maxim Integrated's Corporate Secretary, or if such representations contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit a material fact, we are not required to present the nomination at such meeting. For further information on requirements for director nominations by stockholders, please see our bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines as well as the section entitled "Nominations of Director Candidates by Stockholders" in this proxy statement.

Copy of Bylaw and Corporate Governance Guideline Provisions: A copy of our bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines can be found in the Corporate Governance section of Maxim Integrated's corporate website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance>. You may also contact our Corporate Secretary at the address given above for a copy of the relevant bylaw and Corporate Governance Guideline provisions regarding the requirements for making stockholder proposals and nominating director candidates.

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# Corporate Governance and Board of Directors Matters

## Board of Directors

The names, ages and qualifications of each of our directors as of October 3, 2015 are as set forth in Proposal No. 1 in this proxy statement. Except as described therein, each of the nominees has been engaged in his principal occupation during the past five (5) years. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

## Board of Directors Leadership Structure and Committee Composition

Currently, there are seven (7) members of the board of directors, consisting of B. Kipling Hagopian, Tunç Doluca, James R. Bergman, Joseph R. Bronson, Robert E. Grady, William D. Watkins, and A. R. Frank Wazzan. Mr. Hagopian, an independent director, is the Chairman of the board of directors. The Company has no fixed policy on whether the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate or combined. This decision is based on the best interests of the Company and its stockholders under the circumstances existing at the time. The board currently believes that it is most appropriate to separate the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in recognition of the qualitative differences between the two roles as set forth below. The chief executive officer is primarily responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and the day to day leadership of the Company, while the Chairman presides over meetings of the full board and ensures that the board of directors' time and attention are focused on the matters most critical to the Company.

Our board of directors has the following three (3) standing committees: (1) an Audit Committee, (2) a Compensation Committee (including its sub-committee, the Equity Grant Sub-Committee), and (3) a Nominating and Governance Committee. Each of the committees operates under a written charter adopted by the board of directors. All of the committee charters are available in the Corporate Governance section of our website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance>. During fiscal year 2015, the board of directors held eleven (11) meetings and acted by written consent three (3) times. During fiscal year 2015, each director attended at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all meetings of the board of directors. While not mandatory, we strongly encourage our directors to attend our annual meeting of stockholders. All of our directors attended the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders.

## Independence of the Board of Directors

Our board of directors has determined that, with the exception of Mr. Doluca, Maxim Integrated's Chief Executive Officer, all of its members during fiscal year 2015 were, and currently are, independent directors as that term is defined in the Marketplace Rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market (NASDAQ), including for the purposes of the Audit Committee composition requirements. Such independence definition includes a series of objective tests, including that the director not be an employee of Maxim Integrated and not be engaged in certain types of business transactions or dealings with Maxim Integrated. In addition, as further required by the NASDAQ rules, the board of directors has made a subjective determination that no relationships exist between Maxim Integrated and each director which, in the opinion of the board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a director. The independent directors meet regularly in executive session, without members of management present.

## The Board's Role in Risk Oversight

It is management's responsibility to identify, assess and manage the material risks that the Company faces, and the board oversees management in this effort. Specifically, the board's role in the Company's risk oversight process includes receiving periodic reports at regularly scheduled board meetings from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the Company as they arise, including financial, operational, legal, regulatory, strategic and reputational risks. The full board (or the appropriate Committee in the case of risks that are under the purview of a particular Committee) receives these reports from a member of senior management to enable it to understand our risk identification, risk management and risk mitigation strategies. Upon receiving such reports, the board provides such guidance as it deems necessary.

In general, the entire board has oversight responsibility for the Company's strategic risks, such as mergers and acquisitions and divestitures, as well as reputational risks. The Audit Committee has oversight responsibility for financial and related legal risks (such as accounting, asset management, tax strategy and internal controls). The board has delegated primary oversight responsibility with respect to operational risks, such as supply continuity, manufacturing and business continuity, to its Nominating and Governance Committee. Oversight for regulatory and compliance risks and cyber security are generally shared among board committees. For example, the Nominating and Governance Committee oversees compliance with the Company's corporate governance guidelines and governance related laws, the Audit Committee oversees compliance with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the Compensation Committee oversees compliance with the Company's compensation plans and related laws and policies. In addition, the chairs of the Audit Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee

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oversee cyber security risks and the Company's initiatives for prevention. The Company's Internal Audit group performs a risk assessment as part of their annual audit process and their findings regarding this assessment are presented to the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee.

**Risk Considerations in our Compensation Policies and Practices**

Company management reviewed our compensation policies and programs in effect during fiscal year 2015 for all employees, including officers, to determine if those policies and programs create or encourage unreasonable or inappropriate risk taking. As part of the risk assessment, management, including the Chief Executive Officer, Vice President of Human Resources and Vice President, Legal, discussed: (1) the key components and features of the Company's policies and programs, (2) a methodology to determine if those policies and programs created a material adverse risk to the Company and (3) their conclusions. Based on this assessment, management concluded that the Company's compensation policies and practices for its employees, including all officers, are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company for the following reasons:

The Company structures its compensation program to consist of both fixed and variable components. The fixed portion (base salary) of the compensation program is designed to provide steady income regardless of the Company's stock price performance so that executives and employees of the Company will not focus exclusively on stock price performance to the detriment of other important business metrics. The variable (cash bonus and equity) components of compensation are designed to reward both short and long-term individual and company performance, which we believe discourages employees from taking actions that focus only on the short-term success of the Company. For short-term performance, annual cash performance bonuses are generally awarded (1) for employees other than those officers who are subject to the reporting requirements in Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (Executive Officers), based on individual performance compared to quarterly goals and Company operating income (excluding the effect of special items), and (2) for Executive Officers, based on operating income (excluding the effect of special items), year-over-year relative stock price performance as compared to a group of key peer group members, product development effectiveness, and individual performance. For long-term performance, the Company grants various types of equity-based awards that are designed to promote the sustained success of the Company. The Company attempts to structure equity awards to ensure that employees have equity awards that adequately vest in future years. Restricted stock units generally vest in quarterly installments over a period of one (1) to four (4) years and provide some value irrespective of our stock price. Performance shares (referred to herein as market share units or MSUs), which the Company began granting to senior members of management in September 2014 on a broad-based basis, are scheduled to vest in one annual installment approximately four (4) years from grant date based upon the relative stock price performance of the Company's stock price as compared to the SPDR S&P Semiconductor Exchange Traded Fund. The Company believes that these variable elements of compensation are a sufficient percentage of overall compensation to motivate our employees and officers to achieve superior short-term and long-term corporate results, while the fixed element is also sufficiently high to discourage the taking of unnecessary or excessive risks in pursuing such results.

Officers and non-officer employees are encouraged to focus on corporate profitability, which is the key driver to the size of the total bonus pool. If the Company's profit is lower, then payouts under the applicable bonus programs will be smaller.

The Company has established substantially similar compensation programs, policies, and targets for Executive Officers as a group which are also more heavily weighted toward performance, as well as other employees as a group. The Company believes this encourages consistent behavior and focus across the Company.

The Company has imposed both a floor and a cap on the amount of its annual cash performance bonus pool payable to Executive Officers at 0.63% and 1.17% of actual operating income (excluding the effect of special items), respectively, which the Company believes mitigates excessive risk taking. Even if the Company greatly exceeds its operating income growth targets and its stock price greatly outperforms, the annual cash bonus payable is limited by the pre-determined bonus pool percentage cap, and the floor ensures some level of bonuses if performance metrics are not achieved (provided operating income, excluding the effect of special items, is not less than fifty percent (50%) of target operating income for the fiscal year). In the event actual operating income is less than fifty percent (50%) of target operating income for the fiscal year, no annual cash bonus will be payable to Executive Officers.

The Company has strict internal controls over the measurement and calculation of operating income (excluding the effect of special items) and relative stock price performance (year-over-year measured from April 1-June 30), designed to keep these items from being susceptible to manipulation by any employee, including our officers. As part of our internal controls, our finance department oversees and reviews the calculations used by management to determine the total size of the annual bonus pool payable to Executive Officers. In addition, all of our employees are required to be familiar with, and our executives are required to periodically certify that they have read and are bound by, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which covers, among other items, accuracy and integrity of books and records.

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The Company prohibits all of its Executive Officers and members of the board of directors from engaging in hedging transactions involving the Company's securities to insulate themselves from the effects of poor stock price performance.

The Company prohibits its Chief Executive Officer and members of the board of directors from pledging their Company securities as collateral for a loan or holding those securities in a margin account, except for twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares that is in excess of the minimum stock ownership guideline required for members of the board of directors and the Chief Executive Officer, respectively. In addition, the Company prohibits all other Executive Officers from pledging their Company securities as collateral for a loan or holding those securities in a margin account, except for fifty percent (50%) of the total number of shares of common stock owned by them.

**Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert**

The Audit Committee, which has been established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act, is currently comprised of Messrs. Bergman, Bronson and Watkins, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ director independence standards, as currently in effect. Since October 2008, Mr. Bronson has been the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The board of directors has determined that Mr. Bronson is an audit committee financial expert as defined under the rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee has a written charter that was amended and restated effective August 8, 2013. The Audit Committee held eight (8) meetings during fiscal year 2015 and did not act by written consent during fiscal year 2015. Each member of the Audit Committee attended at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Audit Committee meetings held during fiscal year 2015.

The Audit Committee performs, among other tasks, the following primary functions:

- oversees the accounting, financial reporting, and audit processes of Maxim Integrated's financial statements,
- appoints Maxim Integrated's independent registered public accounting firm,
- is primarily responsible for approving the services performed by Maxim Integrated's independent auditors, and
- reviews and evaluates Maxim Integrated's accounting principles and its system of internal controls.

**Compensation Committee and Equity Grant Sub-Committee**

The Compensation Committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Bergman, Grady and Wazzan, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ director independence standards, as currently in effect. Since March 2007, Mr. Wazzan has been the Chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee has a written charter that was amended and restated effective May 9, 2013.

The Compensation Committee performs, among other tasks, the following primary functions:

- annually reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and annually reviews and evaluates Maxim Integrated's Chief Executive Officer against such approved goals and objectives,
- in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, reviews and approves the compensation of our Executive Officers,
- administers the 1996 Equity Plan and 2008 ESP Plan,
- makes recommendations to the board of directors with respect to compensation of our directors and committee members,
- oversees the preparation of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and issues the Compensation Committee Report in accordance with the regulations of the SEC to be included in Maxim Integrated's proxy statement or annual report on Form 10-K,
- annually conducts an independence assessment of all compensation consultants and other advisers to it, and
- performs such functions regarding compensation as the board of directors may delegate.

With respect to its review of the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and of other Executive Officers, and to its oversight of the 1996 Equity Plan and 2008 ESP Plan, the Committee retains an independent consultant, Compensia, Inc. (Compensia), to review both the effectiveness of such programs in retaining employees and their comparability to plans offered by other companies in the semiconductor industry and the technology industry broadly.

Pursuant to its charter, on June 30, 2007, the Compensation Committee established a two-person sub-committee that is comprised of two (2) directors on the Compensation Committee, which sub-committee is referred to as the Equity Grant Sub-Committee. The Equity Grant Sub-Committee's purpose is to make equity awards under Maxim Integrated's Equity Award Grant Policy. The Equity Grant Sub-Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month to consider and approve equity awards to employees; while this sub-committee is comprised of two (2) rotating members, it is common for all three (3) members of the Compensation Committee to attend these meetings. The Compensation Committee, including the two-person Equity Grant Sub-Committee, held seventeen (17) meetings, and the Compensation Committee did not act by written consent during fiscal year 2015. Each member of the Compensation Committee (or sub-committee, as the case may be) attended all of these meetings.

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The Nominating and Governance Committee (the Governance Committee) is currently comprised of Messrs. Grady and Hagopian, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ director independence standards, as currently in effect. Since October 2008, Mr. Grady has been the Chairman of the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee performs, among other tasks, the following primary functions:

- assists the board of directors by identifying and recommending prospective director candidates,
- develops and recommends to the board of directors the governance principles applicable to Maxim Integrated,
- oversees the evaluation of the board of directors and the board of directors' evaluation of management,
- oversees the process by which the board of directors, together with management, engages and communicates with stockholders in regard to governance matters, and
- reviews the Company's succession planning process.

The Governance Committee is responsible for regularly assessing the appropriate size of the board of directors and whether any vacancies on the board of directors are expected, due to retirement or otherwise. In the event of any anticipated vacancy, the Governance Committee has the policy of considering all bona fide candidates from all relevant sources, including the contacts of current directors, professional search firms, stockholders, and other persons. The Governance Committee held two (2) formal meetings during fiscal year 2015 and each member of the Governance Committee attended both of such meetings. The Governance Committee also held many ad hoc meetings throughout the year to discuss governance matters, and the Governance Committee Chair generally provides an update to the full board of directors on governance related matters during each regular board meeting.

**Criteria and Diversity**

In evaluating potential candidates for the board of directors, the Governance Committee will apply the criteria set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. These criteria include the candidate's experience in the technology industry, the general business or other experience of the candidate, diversity of experience, the needs of Maxim Integrated for an additional or replacement director, the personality and character of the candidate, diversity, and the candidate's interest in the business of Maxim Integrated, other commitments, as well as numerous other subjective criteria. The Governance Committee does not assign any particular weighting or priority to these factors. While the board has not established specific minimum qualifications for director candidates, the board of directors believes that such candidates must contribute to the goal of maintaining a board that is (1) independent, (2) of high integrity, (3) composed of directors with qualifications that increase the effectiveness of the board of directors and (4) compliant with the requirements of applicable rules of NASDAQ and the SEC. In addition, we do not have a formal written policy regarding the consideration of diversity in identifying candidates; however, as discussed above, diversity is one of the numerous criteria the Governance Committee reviews before recommending a candidate.

**Nominations of Director Candidates by Stockholders**

Maxim Integrated stockholders may nominate a director candidate (1) at any annual meeting of stockholders in accordance with our bylaws, the procedure for which is more fully set forth in the Questions and Answers section of this proxy statement under the heading "What is the deadline for submission of stockholder proposals for consideration at the 2016 annual meeting?"; (2) at any special meeting of stockholders in accordance with our bylaws, and (3) by submitting their recommendations to the Governance Committee in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines.

Maxim Integrated's Corporate Governance Guidelines, together with Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws and charters of committees of the board of directors, form the framework for the corporate governance of Maxim Integrated. Maxim Integrated's Corporate Governance Guidelines are available in the Corporate Governance section of Maxim Integrated's website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance>. Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our board of directors will consider all bona fide director candidates nominated by stockholders of Maxim Integrated.

More specifically, the board of directors has established the following procedures by which stockholders may submit nominations of director candidates for consideration by the Governance Committee and the board of directors:

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To nominate a director candidate for consideration by the Governance Committee, a stockholder must have held at least 100,000 shares of Maxim Integrated stock for at least twelve (12) consecutive months leading up to the date of the recommendation and must notify the Governance Committee by writing to the General Counsel of Maxim Integrated.

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The nominating stockholder's notice shall set forth the following information:

- (1) To the extent reasonably available, information relating to such director nominee as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in which such individual is a candidate for election to the board of directors;
- (2) The director nominee's written consent to (a) if selected by the Governance Committee as a director candidate, be named in Maxim Integrated's proxy statement and (b) if elected, serve on the board of directors; and
- (3) Any other information that such stockholder believes is relevant in considering the director nominee. Stockholder recommendations to the Governance Committee or the board of directors should be sent to:

Corporate Secretary

General Counsel

Maxim Integrated

160 Rio Robles

San Jose, CA 95134

(408) 601-1000

For purposes of nominating a director candidate to be considered at an annual meeting, it is unnecessary to send recommendations to the board of directors or the Governance Committee. Instead, a stockholder wishing to nominate a director candidate at an annual meeting must follow the procedures set forth in our bylaws, including providing written notice prepared in accordance with our bylaws to Maxim Integrated's General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. For more detailed information on nomination requirements at an annual meeting, please see the Questions and Answers section of this proxy statement under the heading "What is the deadline for submission of stockholder proposals for consideration at the 2016 annual meeting?"

**Equity Grant Date Policy**

The board of directors has adopted a specific procedure in the granting of equity awards to our officers, directors and employees, as set forth in the Company's Equity Award Grant Policy effective June 4, 2007 (the "Equity Policy"). The Equity Policy can be located on the Company's Website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance>. Under the Equity Policy, equity awards may only be granted by our board of directors or the Compensation Committee of the board of directors, as well as a two-person subcommittee of the Compensation Committee (the Equity Grant Sub-Committee), at a duly noticed meeting. Equity awards may not be granted by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting. In addition, the Company invites its Vice President of Human Resources, a senior member from the stock administration team, and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (the "Auditors") to each meeting of the Compensation Committee (or Equity Grant Sub-Committee), at which equity awards are granted. In fiscal year 2015, our Corporate Secretary, our Vice President of Human Resources, a senior member from the stock administration team and the Auditors, in the capacity as independent observers, generally attended the meetings of the Compensation Committee (or Equity Grant Sub-Committee) at which equity awards were granted. The grant date for an equity award is the date on which any of the above-listed granting bodies meets and approves the equity award.

We follow the following specific procedures with respect to the grant of equity awards that are contained in the Equity Policy:

**New Hire Grants; Special Recognition/Promotional Equity Grants:** Equity awards to newly hired non-officer employees or awards for special recognition to existing non-officer employees are made on the first Tuesday of the month (or the succeeding month) after the date on which the individual commences employment with us or following the special recognition event. Equity awards to newly hired officers or awards for special recognition to officers are made on the first Tuesday of the month (or a succeeding month) after the date on which the individual commences employment with us or following the special recognition event that is during an open trading window under our Insider Trading Policy.

**Annual Equity Grants:** Annual equity grants to employees and officers are made during an open trading window under our Insider Trading Policy, which are typically granted in September of each year.

**Equity Awards to Directors:** Equity awards are made to incumbent non-employee directors upon their re-election to the board of directors at the annual meeting of stockholders. Equity awards to newly appointed non-employee directors are made on the first Tuesday of the month (or a succeeding month) after the date

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on which the individual is appointed to the board of directors that is during an open trading window under our Insider Trading Policy.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

No member of Maxim Integrated's Compensation Committee is, or ever has been, an executive officer or employee of Maxim Integrated or any of its subsidiaries. No interlocking relationship exists, or during fiscal year 2015 existed, between Maxim Integrated's board of directors or Compensation Committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company.

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**Outside Advisors**

Our board of directors and each of its committees may retain outside advisors and consultants of their choosing at Maxim Integrated's expense. Committees of the board of directors may retain outside advisors and consultants of their choosing without the consent of the board of directors.

**Board Effectiveness**

Our board of directors performs an annual self-assessment to evaluate its effectiveness in fulfilling its obligations. For fiscal year 2015, this assessment was held in August 2015.

**Communication between Stockholders and Directors**

Maxim Integrated's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that any communication from a stockholder to the board of directors generally or to a particular director should be in writing and should be delivered to the Company's General Counsel at the principal executive offices of the Company. Each such communication should set forth (1) the name and address of such stockholder as they appear on the Company's books, and if the stock is held by a nominee, the name and address of the beneficial owner of the stock, and (2) the class and number of shares of the Company's stock that are owned of record by such record holder and beneficially by such beneficial owner, together with the length of time the shares have been so owned. The Company's General Counsel will, in consultation with appropriate directors as necessary, generally screen out communications from stockholders to identify communications that are solicitations for products and services, matters of a personal nature not relevant for stockholders or matters that are of a type that render them improper or irrelevant to the functioning of the board of directors or the Company. Steps are taken to ensure that the views of stockholders are heard by the board of directors or individual directors, as applicable, and that appropriate responses are provided to stockholders on a timely basis. Stockholders may send communications to: General Counsel, Maxim Integrated, 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134.

The Governance Committee, in accordance with its Charter, oversees the process by which the board of directors, together with management, engages and communicates with stockholders in regard to governance matters.

**Common Stock**

Maxim Integrated common stock is currently traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol MXIM.

**Headquarters Information**

Our headquarters are located at 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134 and the telephone number at that location is (408) 601-1000.

**Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the Code of Ethics), which applies to all directors and employees, including but not limited to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Code of Ethics is designed to promote: (1) honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest arising from personal and professional relationships, (2) full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that we are required to file with the SEC and in other public communications, (3) compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations, (4) the prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code of Ethics to an appropriate person or entity, and (5) accountability for adherence to the Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available on our website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/policy>. A hard copy of the Code of Ethics will be sent free of charge upon request. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement regarding any amendment to, or a waiver from, a provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by posting such information on our website.

**Hedging Prohibition and Restrictions on Pledging Company Securities**

The Company has a policy that prohibits all of its Executive Officers and members of the board of directors from engaging in hedging transactions involving the Company's securities. In addition, the Company has a policy that prohibits its Chief Executive Officer and members of the board of directors from pledging their Company securities as a collateral for a loan or holding those securities in a margin account, except for twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of shares that is in excess of the minimum stock ownership guideline required for the Chief Executive Officer and members of the board of directors, respectively. In addition, the Company prohibits all other Executive Officers from pledging their Company securities as collateral for a loan or holding those securities in a margin account, except for fifty percent (50%) of the total number of shares of common stock owned by them.



**Corporate Governance and Board of Directors Matters** (continued)**Executive Compensation Recoupment Policy**

The Company has a policy that provides that in the event of a material restatement of its financial results due to misconduct, the Compensation Committee shall review the facts and circumstances and take actions it considers appropriate with respect to the compensation of any executive officer whose fraud or willful misconduct contributed to the need for such restatement. Such actions may include, without limitation, seeking reimbursement of any bonus paid to such executive officer exceeding the amount that, in the judgment of the Compensation Committee, would have been paid had the financial results been properly reported.

**Majority Voting in Uncontested Director Elections**

The Company's Bylaws provide that in uncontested elections of directors, if a nominee does not receive the approval from at least a majority of the votes cast, then such nominee is required to submit his or her resignation to the Board of Directors.

**The Ability of Stockholders to Call a Special Meeting**

The Company's Bylaws provide that stockholders owning no less than thirty-five percent (35%) of the total number of common shares outstanding have the ability to call a special meeting of stockholders.

**Director Compensation**

The following table shows certain information regarding non-employee director compensation for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015 (except as otherwise noted):

**Director Compensation for Fiscal Year 2015**

| Name                | Fees earned or paid in cash (\$) | Restricted Stock Unit Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup> | Total (\$) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| James R. Bergman    | 74,800                           | 184,001  | 258,801    |
| Joseph R. Bronson   | 87,300                           | 184,001  | 271,301    |
| Robert E. Grady     | 74,800                           | 184,001  | 258,801    |
| B. Kipling Hagopian | 112,300                          | 184,001  | 296,301    |
| William D. Watkins  | 67,300                           | 184,001  | 251,301    |
| A.R. Frank Wazzan   | 72,300                           | 184,001  | 256,301    |

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of grants of restricted stock units made during fiscal year 2015, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC Topic 718. Each of Messrs. Bergman, Bronson, Grady, Hagopian, Watkins, and Wazzan was awarded 6,400 restricted stock units on November 12, 2014 in connection with their service on the board of directors, and the aggregate grant date fair value of each of these awards was \$184,001. In each case, the aggregate grant date fair value disregards an estimate of forfeitures. The assumptions used in the valuation of these awards are set forth in Note 6, Stock-Based Compensation of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015.

The type and aggregate number of outstanding equity awards held by each of the directors as of June 27, 2015 were as follows:

| Name        | Stock Options (#) | Unvested Restricted Stock Units (#) |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. Bergman | 83,798            | 3,200                               |

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|--------------|---------|-------|
| Mr. Bronson  | 30,900  | 3,200 |
| Mr. Grady    | 117,298 | 3,200 |
| Mr. Hagopian | 104,548 | 3,200 |
| Mr. Watkins  | 50,136  | 3,200 |
| Mr. Wazzan   | 61,724  | 3,200 |

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The cash compensation structure for non-employee directors in 2015 was as follows:

| Director            | Retainer<br>(\$) | Audit<br>Committee<br>Retainer<br>(\$) | Compensation<br>Committee<br>Retainer (\$) | Nominating<br>and<br>Corporate<br>Governance<br>Committee<br>Retainer<br>(\$) | Total<br>Retainer (\$)<br>(3) |
|---------------------|------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| James R. Bergman    | 57,300           | 10,000                                 | 7,500                                      |   | 74,800                        |
| Joseph R. Bronson   | 57,300           | 30,000(2)                              |  |   | 87,300                        |
| Robert E. Grady     | 57,300           |  | 7,500                                      | 10,000(2)   | 74,800                        |
| B. Kipling Hagopian | 117,300(1)       |  |  | 5,000   | 122,300                       |
| William D. Watkins  | 57,300           | 10,000                                 |  |   | 67,300                        |
| A.R. Frank Wazzan   | 57,300           |  | 15,000(2)                                  |   | 72,300                        |

(1) Receives a higher retainer as a result of serving as Chairman of the Board.

(2) Receives a higher retainer as a result of serving as Committee Chairman.

(3) All retainer fees are paid quarterly in arrears and Maxim Integrated reimburses each director for reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board of directors or its committees.

The compensation for services as directors is reviewed on an annual basis by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors.

*Equity Compensation*

Non-employee directors participate in the 1996 Equity Plan. Effective November 12, 2014, the board of directors, based upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, determined that each non-employee director should be awarded and vest in 6,400 restricted stock units per calendar year. Restricted stock units are awarded on an annual basis. Restricted stock units vest in quarterly installments over a one-year period. Equity awards to non-employee directors are generally made at the meeting of the board of directors immediately following their re-election to the board of directors.

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## Proposal No. 1

### Election of Directors

The Nominating and Governance Committee (the "Governance Committee") recommended, and the board of directors nominated, B. Kipling Hagopian, Tunç Doluca, James R. Bergman, Joseph R. Bronson, Robert E. Grady, William D. Watkins, and A. R. Frank Wazzan as nominees for election as members of our board of directors at the 2015 annual meeting. Except as set forth below, unless otherwise instructed, the persons appointed as proxy holders in the accompanying form of proxy will vote the proxies received by them for such nominees, all of whom are presently directors of Maxim Integrated. All of these nominees were elected directors by a vote of the stockholders at the last annual meeting of stockholders which was held on November 12, 2014.

In the event that any nominee becomes unavailable or unwilling to serve as a member of our board of directors, the proxy holders will vote in their discretion for a substitute nominee. The term of office of each person elected as a director will continue until the next annual meeting or until a successor has been elected and qualified, or until the director's earlier death, resignation, or removal.

In this election, each stockholder voting in person or by proxy in the election of directors is entitled to cumulate such stockholder's votes. Each stockholder who elects to cumulate votes shall be entitled to as many votes as equals the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares held by such stockholder, and the stockholder may cast all such votes for a single director or distribute such votes among as many candidates who have been properly placed in nomination as the stockholder may see fit. The proxy holders may exercise discretionary authority to cumulate votes and to allocate such votes among the seven (7) nominees recommended by the board of directors.

The following paragraphs provide information as of October 3, 2015 about each nominee. Such information includes the age, position, principal occupation, and business experience for at least the past five (5) years, and the names of other publicly held companies of which the nominee currently serves as a director or has served as a director during the past five (5) years. In addition, we are providing a description of each nominee's specific experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills that led the board to conclude that such nominee should serve as a director. There are no family relationships among any directors or Executive Officers of Maxim Integrated.

| Name                | Age | Director Since |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|
| B. Kipling Hagopian | 73  | 1997           |
| Tunç Doluca         | 57  | 2007           |
| James R. Bergman    | 73  | 1988           |
| Joseph R. Bronson   | 67  | 2007           |
| Robert E. Grady     | 57  | 2008           |
| William D. Watkins  | 62  | 2008           |
| A. R. Frank Wazzan  | 79  | 1990           |

**Proposal No. 1** (continued)**B. Kipling Hagopian****Independent****Director Since: 1997****Age: 73**

Mr. Hagopian has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since 1997 and as the Chairman of the board of directors since January 2007. Mr. Hagopian is a founder of Brentwood Associates, a venture capital investment company, and was a General Partner of Brentwood until 1996. He has been a Special Limited Partner of each of the five (5) Brentwood venture funds established since 1989 and is a Special Advisory Partner to Redpoint Ventures I, which is a successor to Brentwood's information technology funds. Mr. Hagopian is currently a Managing Member of Apple Oaks Partners LLC, a family office private investment company. Mr. Hagopian serves as Chairman of Maxim Integrated's board of directors and as a member of Maxim's governance committee.

In nominating Mr. Hagopian to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Hagopian's extensive experience in the private equity industry, his leadership skills, his expertise with financial statements and disclosures, and his long-standing years of service on Maxim Integrated's board of directors, as well as being an early investor in Maxim Integrated.

Mr. Doluca has served as a director of Maxim Integrated, as well as the President and Chief Executive Officer, since January 2007. He joined Maxim Integrated in October 1984 and served as Vice President between 1994 and 2005. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 2004 and Group President in May 2005. Prior to 1994, he served in a number of integrated circuit development positions.

**Tunç Doluca****Director Since: 2007****Age: 57**

In nominating Mr. Doluca to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Doluca's experience in the semiconductor industry and thirty (30) years of service at Maxim Integrated, including twenty (20) years as an officer of the Company, including his current position as the Chief Executive Officer, his technical expertise, and his executive leadership and management skills.

**Proposal No. 1** (continued)***James R. Bergman***

Mr. Bergman has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since 1988. Mr. Bergman was a founder and has been General Partner of DSV Associates since 1974 and a founder and General Partner of its successors, DSV Partners III and DSV Partners IV. These firms provide venture capital and management assistance to emerging companies, primarily in high technology. Since July 1997, he has also served as a Special Limited Partner of Cardinal Health Partners and Cardinal Partners II, which are private venture capital funds.

**Independent****Director Since: 1988**

In nominating Mr. Bergman to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Bergman's experience as a venture capitalist in technology companies, his experience and familiarity with financial statements, and his deep and fundamental understanding of Maxim Integrated's culture, employees and products as a result of service on the board for over twenty-five (25) years.

**Age: 73*****Joseph R. Bronson***

Mr. Bronson has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since November 2007. Since June 2014, he has been Managing Director, Strategic Advisor for Cowen & Co., a New York City based investment banking. From May 2011 to March 2014 he served as an Advisory Director at GCA Savvian, LLC, a financial advisory services firm. Mr. Bronson is Principal of The Bronson Group, LLC, which provides financial and operational consulting services. Mr. Bronson served as the Chief Executive Officer of Silicon Valley Technology Corporation, a private company that provides technical services to the semiconductor and solar industries from 2009 to March 2010. Mr. Bronson served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Sanmina-SCI, a worldwide contract manufacturer, between August 2007 and October 2008, and he also served on Sanmina-SCI's board of directors between August 2007 and January 2009. Before joining Sanmina-SCI, Mr. Bronson served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of FormFactor, Inc., a manufacturer of advanced semiconductor wafer probe cards, between 2004 and 2007. Prior to 2004, Mr. Bronson spent twenty-one (21) years at Applied Materials in senior level operations management, concluding with the positions of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In addition to Maxim Integrated, Mr. Bronson currently serves on the boards of directors of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., SDC Materials, Ryan Herco Flow Solutions, and PDF Solutions, Inc.

**Independent****Director Since: 2007****Age: 67**

In nominating Mr. Bronson to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Bronson's expertise and familiarity with financial statements, financial disclosures, auditing and internal controls, his senior management level experience at large publicly traded companies and understanding of board best practices.

**Proposal No. 1** (continued)**Robert E. Grady****Independent****Director Since: 2008****Age: 57**

Mr. Grady has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since August 2008. Since March 2015, Mr. Grady has been a Partner at Gryphon Investors, a middle market-focused private equity investment firm. From 2010 to 2014, Mr. Grady was a Managing Director at Cheyenne Capital Fund, a private equity investment firm, and served as the volunteer Chairman of the New Jersey State Investment Council (which oversees the state's \$79 billion pension fund). From 2000 to 2009, Mr. Grady was a Managing Director at The Carlyle Group, a global private equity firm, where he served as a member of the firm's Management Committee as Chairman and Fund Head of Carlyle's U.S. venture and growth capital group, Carlyle Venture Partners (CVP); on the investment committees of CVP, Carlyle Asia Growth Partners, and Carlyle Europe Technology Partners; and as a director of multiple Carlyle portfolio companies. Between 1993 and 2000, he was a Partner and Member of the Management Committee at Robertson Stephens & Company, an emerging growth-focused investment banking firm. Previously, Mr. Grady served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States of America, as Executive Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and as Associate Director of OMB for Natural Resources, Energy and Science. Mr. Grady is a former director of the National Venture Capital Association, and he served as Chairman of the National Venture Capital Association in 2006 and 2007. From 1993 to 2004, Mr. Grady served on the faculty of the Stanford Graduate School of Business as a Lecturer in Public Management. In addition to Maxim Integrated, Mr. Grady currently serves on the board of directors of Stifel Financial Corp., a financial services firm focused on investment banking and asset management, and of the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. From July 2004 to June 2010, Mr. Grady also served on the board of directors of AuthenTec, Inc., a maker of fingerprint identification semiconductors, and from September 2009 to July 2010, Mr. Grady served on the board of directors of Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stifel Financial Corp. Mr. Grady has also been a director of multiple privately held companies and non-profit organizations over the past 25 years. Currently, Mr. Grady is a Trustee of the St. John's Hospital Foundation, a member of the Steering Committee of the Wyoming Business Alliance, a member of the Investment Committee of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Grady holds an A.B. degree from Harvard College and a M.B.A. degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

In nominating Mr. Grady to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Grady's extensive experience in the financial services industry, including his leadership roles at several large financial services firms, his expertise with strategic business combinations and corporate strategy development, and his corporate governance experience as the chairman of a large public pension fund, and his experience as a director.

**Proposal No. 1** (continued)**William D. Watkins****Independent****Director Since: 2008****Age: 62**

Mr. Watkins has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since August 2008. Since September 2013, Mr. Watkins has been the Chief Executive Officer of Imery Power Solutions, a leader in stationary energy storage using innovative flow battery technology, and in December 2013, Mr. Watkins became the Chairman of the Board at Imery. From February 2010 to April 2013, Mr. Watkins was the Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Bridgelux, Inc., a leading light emitting diode (LED) developer. Mr. Watkins was Seagate Technology's Chief Executive Officer between July 2004 and January 2009 and was a member of its board of directors between 2000 and January 2009. Previously, Mr. Watkins was Seagate's President and Chief Operating Officer, a position he had held since 2000, and in this capacity was responsible for the company's global hard disc drive operations. Mr. Watkins joined Seagate in 1996 as part of the company's merger with Conner Peripherals. In addition to Maxim Integrated, Mr. Watkins currently serves on the board of directors of Flextronics International Ltd. Mr. Watkins is co-owner of the Vancouver Stealth, a member of the National Lacrosse League, the professional box lacrosse league of North America.

In nominating Mr. Watkins to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Mr. Watkins' operational and management experience, his experience as Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer of Seagate, his understanding of the electronics and semiconductor industries, as well as his expertise and familiarity with financial statements.

**A. R. Frank Wazzan****Independent****Director Since: 1990****Age: 80**

Dr. Wazzan has served as a director of Maxim Integrated since 1990. Dr. Wazzan is Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Wazzan has served as consultant (classified work) to Douglas Aircraft, Hughes Electroynamics, North American Rockwell, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Westinghouse Oceanics Division, Honeywell, Electricite de France (EDF), the French Atomic Energy Commission, and the Rand Corporation. Over that period, the U.S. Department of Defense granted Dr. Wazzan secret, top secret, and critical nuclear weapon design and information clearances to work on the design of underwater weapon systems, the effect of nuclear radiation on the performance of electronic materials and communication satellites, and methods of hardening boosters and satellites to laser and microwave weapons. Dr. Wazzan is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society. He is recipient of the Gold Medal Award at the First International Meeting on Nuclear Power Plants in Commercial Operations. Dr. Wazzan served as a member of the U.S. White Team (Major General John C. Toomay, Chair) to develop the U.S. space-based laser-weapons program. He was one of thirteen national delegates representing the U.S. at the First CSNI specialists meeting on the behavior of PWR fuel elements under accident conditions (sponsored by OECD, European Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency). Dr. Wazzan served as scientific secretary at the First European Nuclear Conference in Paris, France. He was also a Founding Member of the University of California Industry-University Cooperative Research Program (UC- IUCRP).

In nominating Dr. Wazzan to serve on the board, the Governance Committee considered as important factors, among other items, Dr. Wazzan's relevant academic experience, including his experience as Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus of a major university's engineering school, his long-standing service on Maxim Integrated's board and his expertise and familiarity with executive compensation matters.

**Required Vote**

The seven (7) nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative **FOR** votes shall be elected as directors. Unless marked to the contrary, proxies received will be voted **FOR** these nominees.

**Recommendation**

**Our board of directors recommends a vote **FOR** the election to the board of directors of each of the foregoing nominees.**

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## Proposal No. 2

### **RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of the board of directors has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016. During fiscal year 2015, Deloitte & Touche LLP served as our independent registered public accounting firm and also provided certain tax and audit-related services. See the information provided in this proxy statement under the heading

Independent Public Accountants. Notwithstanding its selection, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may appoint another independent registered public accounting firm at any time during fiscal year 2016 if the Audit Committee believes that such a change would be in the best interests of Maxim Integrated and its stockholders. If the appointment is not ratified by our stockholders, the Audit Committee may consider whether it should appoint another independent registered public accounting firm. Representatives of Deloitte & Touche LLP are expected to attend the annual meeting, where they will be available to respond to appropriate questions and, if they desire, to make a statement.

#### **Required Vote**

Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016 requires the affirmative **FOR** vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal. Unless marked to the contrary, proxies received will be voted **FOR** ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

#### **Recommendation**

**Our board of directors recommends a vote **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016.**

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## Proposal No. 3

### **RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO MAXIM INTEGRATED'S 2008 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE FOR ISSUANCE THEREUNDER BY 2,000,000 SHARES**

At the 2015 annual meeting, stockholders will be asked to ratify and approve an amendment to the 2008 ESP Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of Maxim Integrated common stock that may be purchased under the 2008 ESP Plan by an additional 2,000,000 shares. The amendment to the 2008 ESP Plan to increase the maximum number of shares that may be purchased by 2,000,000 shares was approved by Maxim Integrated's board of directors. The 2008 ESP Plan was originally approved by the board of directors in October 2008 and then ratified by stockholders on December 15, 2008, and was amended annually starting in 2009 through 2014 to increase the shares reserved for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares on each occasion.

Prior to the effectiveness of the proposed amendment, a total of 16,000,000 shares of Maxim Integrated common stock had been reserved for issuance under the 2008 ESP Plan. As of September 2, 2015, approximately 5,418,936 shares were available for purchase under the 2008 ESP Plan. Maxim Integrated anticipates that approximately 2,000,000 shares will be purchased by employees under the 2008 ESP Plan during fiscal year 2016 based upon current assumptions regarding employee participation levels, and is therefore seeking to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2008 ESP Plan by that amount.

The board of directors has approved, subject to stockholder ratification and approval, an amendment to increase the maximum number of shares of Maxim Integrated common stock reserved under the 2008 ESP Plan by 2,000,000 shares to a total of 18,000,000 shares.

The closing price of Maxim Integrated's common stock on September 2, 2015 was \$32.95 per share.

Maxim Integrated believes that substantial equity participation by employees is important in creating an environment in which employees will be motivated to remain employed and be productive for long periods of time. Maxim Integrated further believes that the attraction, retention and motivation of highly qualified personnel is essential to Maxim Integrated's continued growth and success and that incentive plans, such as the 2008 ESP Plan, are necessary for Maxim Integrated to remain competitive in its compensation practices. In addition, Maxim Integrated believes that the 2008 ESP Plan (and other equity incentive programs) is an effective way to assure alignment of employees' and stockholders' interests and believes all such equity incentives are in the best interest of the stockholders.

The benefits to be received by Maxim Integrated's employees and officers pursuant to the 2008 ESP Plan are not determinable at this time.

#### **Required Vote**

Ratification and approval of the amendments to increase the number of shares reserved under the 2008 ESP Plan requires the approval of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and voting at the annual meeting. A general description of the principal terms of the 2008 ESP Plan approved by the board of directors and the purpose of the 2008 ESP Plan is set forth below. Unless otherwise marked, all properly signed and returned proxies will be voted **FOR** Proposal No. 3.

#### **Recommendation**

**Our board of directors recommends a vote **FOR** the ratification and approval of the amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as described herein.**

The following summary of certain provisions of the 2008 ESP Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2008 ESP Plan, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A to this proxy statement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the 2008 ESP Plan.

#### **Summary of Material Features of the 2008 ESP Plan**

##### *Eligible Employees*

All employees of Maxim Integrated and its subsidiaries designated by the committee appointed by the board of directors to administer the 2008 ESP Plan (the Committee) will be eligible to participate in the 2008 ESP Plan. However, the Committee may exclude from participation (1) a group of certain highly compensated employees, (2) employees who have been employed by Maxim Integrated or any subsidiary for less than



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two (2) years, (3) employees whose customary employment is for not more than five (5) months in any calendar year, and (4) employees who customarily works twenty (20) hours per week or less.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no employee shall be eligible for participation under the 2008 ESP Plan if, immediately after such grant, that employee would own stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of Maxim Integrated or of any affiliate of Maxim Integrated (including any stock which such employee may purchase under all outstanding rights and options). In addition, no employee will be permitted to purchase stock under all employee stock participation plans, including the 2008 ESP Plan, of Maxim Integrated and its affiliates (1) at a rate which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 of the fair market value of such stock (determined under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code)), at the time the right is granted) for any calendar year in which the right is outstanding at any time or (2) 1,600 shares of stock in an offering period, whichever is less.

*Participation*

The Committee has the power from time to time to grant or provide for the grant of rights to purchase stock of Maxim Integrated under the 2008 ESP Plan to eligible employees (an Offer) on a date or dates (the Offer Date(s)) identified in the 2008 ESP Plan. Each Offer will be in such form and will contain such terms and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate, except that each Offer must include the substance of the required provisions of the 2008 ESP Plan, which are described below. Each Offer will be outstanding for approximately twelve (12) months (the Offer Period) and there will be overlapping Offer Periods.

An eligible employee becomes a participant in an Offer by delivering a written enrollment form to Maxim Integrated, within the time specified in each Offer, authorizing payroll deductions of up to a maximum percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) of his or her Eligible Compensation (as defined in the 2008 ESP Plan) during the Offer Period. All payroll deductions made for a participant are credited to his or her account under the 2008 ESP Plan and are deposited with the general funds of Maxim Integrated. The purchase price of the shares is accumulated by payroll deductions (or direct payments, if permitted) over the Offer Period. At any time during the Offer Period, a participant may terminate his or her payroll deductions, but a participant may not increase, reduce or begin such payroll deductions after the beginning of any Offer Period.

*Purchase of Stock*

The purchase dates generally will occur on the last business day immediately preceding the second to last Saturday in May and November (each a Purchase Date) in each year unless this day immediately follows the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States in which case the Purchase Date will be the last Friday of November of each year. On each Purchase Date, the balance in each participant's account will be applied to the purchase of whole shares of stock of Maxim Integrated. No fractional shares shall be issued upon the exercise of rights granted under the 2008 ESP Plan. The amount remaining in each participant's account after the purchase of shares that is less than the amount required to purchase one (1) share of stock on the last Purchase Date of an Offer Period shall be returned to the participant as soon as practicable after the Purchase Date, without interest.

*Purchase Price*

The purchase price per share of stock acquired pursuant to the 2008 ESP Plan will be the lesser of: (1) eighty-five percent (85%) of the fair market value per share of such stock on the Offer Date and (2) eighty-five percent (85%) of the fair market value per share of such stock on the Purchase Date.

*Withdrawal*

A participant may withdraw from an Offer by terminating his or her payroll deductions and by delivering to Maxim Integrated a written notice of withdrawal from the Offer. Such withdrawal may be elected within a certain period of time prior to the end of the applicable Offer Period. Upon any withdrawal from an Offer by the employee, Maxim Integrated will distribute to the employee his or her accumulated payroll deductions (reduced for prior purchases), without interest, and such employee's interest in the Offer will be automatically terminated. Upon such withdrawal from an Offer, the employee is not entitled to participate again in such Offer and the employee may not be able to participate in the 2008 ESP Plan for such period of time as determined by the Committee. Any such employee participating in a new Offer after his or her withdrawal from an Offer will be required to timely submit a new enrollment form.

*Termination of Employment*

Rights granted pursuant to any Offer under the 2008 ESP Plan shall terminate immediately upon cessation of an employee's employment for any reason, and Maxim Integrated shall promptly distribute to such employee all of his or her accumulated payroll deductions (reduced for prior purchases), without interest.



**Proposal No. 3** (continued)*No transferability*

Rights granted under the 2008 ESP Plan are not transferable by a participating employee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and are exercisable during such participating employee's lifetime only by him or her.

*Adjustments upon Changes in Stock or Change in Control*

If (1) Maxim Integrated shall at any time be involved in a merger, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation, reorganization, exchange of shares, sale of all or substantially all of the assets or stock of Maxim Integrated or its subsidiaries or a transaction similar thereto, (2) any stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, stock combination, reclassification, recapitalization or other similar change in the capital structure of Maxim Integrated, or any distribution to holders of Maxim Integrated common stock other than cash dividends, shall occur or (3) any other event shall occur which in the judgment of the Committee necessitates action by way of adjusting the number or kind of shares, or both, which thereafter may be sold under the 2008 ESP Plan, then the Committee may take any necessary actions to preserve to the participating employees' rights substantially proportionate to the rights existing prior to such event. Such actions may include, without limitation, adjustments in the number and kind of shares subject to the 2008 ESP Plan and the purchase price of such shares under the 2008 ESP Plan.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 2008 ESP Plan, if Maxim Integrated's common stock ceases to be listed or traded, as applicable, on a national stock exchange or over-the-counter market (the "Triggering Event"), then, in the discretion of the Committee, (1) the balance in the participating employee's payroll account not yet invested may be refunded to the participating employee, and such participating employee will have no further rights or benefits under the 2008 ESP Plan, (2) an amount equal to the product of the fair market value of a share on the date of the Triggering Event multiplied by the number of shares such participating employee would have been able to purchase with the balance of his or her payroll account on the date of such Triggering Event may be paid to the participating employee, and such participating employee shall have no further rights or benefits under the 2008 ESP Plan, or (3) the 2008 ESP Plan may be continued.

*Amendment, Suspension and Termination of the 2008 ESP Plan*

The board of directors may at any time and for any reason amend, suspend or terminate the 2008 ESP Plan. However, any amendment of the 2008 ESP Plan shall require stockholder approval if such approval would be required under applicable law or regulation.

*Federal Income Tax Consequences*

The following summarizes only the federal income tax consequences of participation under the 2008 ESP Plan based upon federal income tax laws in effect on the date of this proxy statement. This summary does not purport to be complete, and does not discuss any non-U.S., state or local tax consequences. In addition, the discussion does not address tax consequences which may vary with, or are contingent on, a participant's individual circumstances. Each participant in the 2008 ESP Plan is strongly urged to consult with his or her tax advisor regarding participation in the 2008 ESP Plan.

The 2008 ESP Plan, and the right of participants to make purchases thereunder, is intended to qualify under the provisions of Sections 421 and 423 of the Code (except to comply with applicable foreign or local law). Under these provisions, no income will be taxable to a participant on the Offer Date or at the time of purchase of shares. Amounts deducted from a participant's pay under the 2008 ESP Plan are part of the employee's regular compensation and remain subject to federal, state and local income and employment withholding taxes.

Upon disposition of the shares, the participant will generally be subject to tax, the amount of which will depend upon the participant's holding period. If the participant disposes of his or her shares more than two (2) years after the Offer Date and more than one (1) year after the purchase of the shares, the lesser of (1) fifteen percent (15%) of the fair market value of the shares on the Offer Date or (2) the excess (or zero (0) if there is no excess) of the fair market value of the shares on the date of the disposition of the shares over the purchase price will be treated as ordinary income, and any further gain will be treated as long-term capital gain. If the participant disposes of the shares before the expiration of these holding periods, the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date over the purchase price will be treated as ordinary income, and any further gain or loss on such disposition will be long-term or short-term capital gain or loss, depending on the holding period.

There currently is no income tax withholding required upon the purchase or disposition of the shares by a participant. However, in the future, a participant may be subject to employment tax withholding (e.g., Social Security and Medicare) at the time of purchase. The United States Internal Revenue Service issued proposed regulations which, if adopted, would subject a participant to withholding for Social Security and Medicare (not including income tax) at the time of purchase based upon the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date of purchase and the purchase price of the shares. These proposed regulations, if adopted, would be effective only for purchases made under the 2008 ESP Plan two (2) years after the regulations are issued in final form.



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Maxim Integrated is not entitled to a deduction for amounts taxed as ordinary income or capital gain to a participant except to the extent of ordinary income reported by participants upon disposition of shares within two (2) years from the Offer Date or within one (1) tax year of the date of purchase. Maxim Integrated is required to report to the United States Internal Revenue Service any ordinary income recognized by a participant as a result of a disposition if such information is available to Maxim Integrated. In the future, Maxim Integrated may be required to withhold (from a participant's salary) the amount due as taxes on such ordinary income.

## Proposal No. 4

### **RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO MAXIM INTEGRATED'S 1996 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE FOR ISSUANCE THEREUNDER BY 4,000,000 SHARES**

At the 2015 annual meeting, stockholders will be asked to ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of Maxim Integrated common stock that may be purchased under the 1996 Equity Plan by an additional 4,000,000 shares, equivalent to approximately 1.4% of the Company's outstanding shares. The amendment to the 1996 Equity Plan has been approved by the board of directors.

#### **Share Increase**

Prior to the effectiveness of the proposed Amended and Restated 1996 Equity Plan, a total of 137,100,000 shares of Maxim Integrated common stock had been reserved for issuance under the 1996 Equity Plan. As of September 2, 2015, approximately 21,726,393 shares were available for purchase under the 1996 Equity Plan, and there were 9,534,576 outstanding stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$25.80 and a weighted average remaining contractual term of 3.10 years, and 9,364,646 outstanding restricted stock units.

Maxim Integrated is seeking to increase the number of shares under the 1996 Equity Plan by 4,000,000 shares in order to have a sufficient number of shares (and an appropriate buffer amount) to award to new employees as well as current employees who are eligible to receive equity awards as part of the Company's annual focal award in September of each year, which is made in conjunction with employee performance reviews, salary adjustments and cash bonus determinations, as well as to support awards to new employees, and awards to employees in connection with acquisitions and promotions. These awards may be a combination of restricted stock units and MSUs based upon job level. While historically we have only granted MSUs to our Chief Executive Officer, starting in September 2014, we began granting MSUs (as well as restricted stock units) to all vice presidents and managing director level employees in lieu of stock options, and we no longer continue our practice of granting stock options to employees.

As required by our 1996 Equity Plan, each restricted stock unit and MSU (granted with an exercise price less than the fair market value of our common stock) is counted against the share reserve as two (2) shares for every one (1) share subject to such award. By way of an example, if we grant 1,000 restricted stock units with an exercise price of zero (0), this will result in 2,000 shares being deducted from the share reserve under the 1996 Equity Plan. A 4,000,000 share increase in the number of shares available for issuance would result in 2,000,000 restricted stock units or MSUs being available for grant, assuming such restricted stock units or MSUs are granted with a zero (0) exercise price.

The board of directors has approved, subject to stockholder ratification and approval, an amendment to the 1996 Equity Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of Maxim Integrated common stock reserved under the 1996 Equity Plan by 4,000,000 shares to a total of 141,100,000 shares.

The closing price of Maxim Integrated's common stock on September 2, 2015 was \$32.95 per share.

The benefits to be received by Maxim Integrated's employees and officers pursuant to the 1996 Equity Plan are not determinable at this time.

#### **Required Vote**

Ratification and approval of the amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan requires the approval of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and voting at the annual meeting. A general description of the principal terms of the 1996 Equity Plan approved by the board of directors and the purpose of the 1996 Equity Plan is set forth below. Unless otherwise marked, all properly signed and returned proxies will be voted **FOR** Proposal No. 4.

#### **Recommendation**

**Our board of directors recommends a vote FOR the amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Equity Plan as described herein.** The following summary of certain provisions of the 1996 Equity Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 1996 Equity Plan, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B to this proxy statement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the 1996 Equity Plan.

**Proposal No. 4** (continued)**Summary of Material Features of the 1996 Equity Plan***Purpose.*

The purpose of the 1996 Equity Plan is to increase stockholder value. We believe that our employees, including highly talented analog engineers, which are scarce, are the main driver of stockholder value. The Company needs to have competitive compensation programs to recruit, retain and motivate our employees, and the Company's equity programs are a key component of its compensation structure. We also believe that employee ownership aligns employee interests with those of the stockholders and has contributed to Maxim Integrated's success.

*Types of Awards.*

The 1996 Equity Plan provides for the grant of the following types of incentive awards: (1) stock options, (2) restricted stock units (including MSUs), and (3) restricted stock, which are each hereinafter referred to individually as an Award. Those who will be eligible for Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan include employees, directors and consultants who provide services to the Company and its parent and subsidiary companies.

*Number of Shares of Common Stock Available Under the 1996 Equity Plan.*

If stockholders approve Proposal 4, a total of 141,100,000 shares of the Company's common stock will be reserved for issuance under the 1996 Equity Plan. Any shares subject to awards of restricted stock units and restricted stock granted with an exercise price less than the fair market value on the date of grant will be counted against the share reserve as two (2) shares for every one (1) share subject to such award. Further, to the extent that a share that was subject to an award that counted as two (2) shares against the 1996 Equity Plan reserve pursuant to the preceding sentence is recycled back into the 1996 Equity Plan, the 1996 Equity Plan will be credited with two (2) shares that will thereafter be available for issuance under the 1996 Equity Plan.

If we experience a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, spin-off, combination, or reclassification of our shares, or any other change or increase or decrease in the number of issued shares effected without our receipt of consideration (except for certain conversions of convertible securities), appropriate adjustments will be made, subject to any required action by the Company's stockholders, to the number of shares available for issuance under the 1996 Equity Plan, the number of shares covered by each outstanding Award, the price per share covered by each outstanding Award, and the numerical per-person share limits for each type of Award, as appropriate to reflect the stock dividend or other change.

Maxim Integrated common stock covered by the 1996 Equity Plan may be either authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares. If there is a lapse, expiration, termination, or cancellation of any Award granted under the 1996 Equity Plan without the issuance of shares or payment of cash thereunder, or if shares are issued under any Award under the 1996 Equity Plan and thereafter are reacquired by the Company pursuant to rights reserved upon the issuance thereof, the shares subject to or reserved for such Award, or so retained or reacquired, may again be used for new Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any shares of common stock of the Company tendered to or withheld by the Company (a) in connection with the exercise of options under the 1996 Equity Plan (or any other equity plans of the Company) or (b) for the payment of tax withholding on any option, restricted stock unit award or restricted stock award shall not, in each case, be available for future issuance under the 1996 Equity Plan (or any other equity plans of the Company). In addition, the Company will be required to seek prior stockholder approval in order to conduct any award-for-award exchange offer or cash tender offer with respect to outstanding awards under the 1996 Equity Plan (or any other equity plans of the Company).

*Administration.*

The 1996 Equity Plan provides that the grant of Awards and other determinations under the 1996 Equity Plan shall be made by (1) the board of directors or (2) a committee designated by the board of directors (the Administrator) which, in the case of grants of Awards to employees who are officers of the Company, is constituted in a manner to permit the grants and related transactions under the 1996 Equity Plan to be exempt from Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act in accordance with Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and which, in the case of grants to covered employees, is intended to constitute performance-based compensation, is made up solely of two (2) or more outside directors as such terms are defined under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Administrator has the authority to select employees, directors, and consultants to whom Awards may be granted; to determine the number of shares to be covered by each Award; and to determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted under the 1996 Equity Plan.

*Performance Based Compensation.*

Section 162(m) of the Code limits the annual deduction a public corporation may claim for compensation paid to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and to each of its three (3) most highly compensated executive officers (other than the Chief Financial Officer) to \$1 million, except



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in limited circumstances. One such exception is for performance-based compensation, which is defined as compensation paid solely on account of the attainment of one or more performance goals, but only if (1) the goals are determined by a compensation committee of the board of directors comprised of two (2) or more outside directors, (2) the performance goals are disclosed to stockholders and approved by a majority vote before the remuneration is paid, (3) before the remuneration is paid, the compensation committee certifies that the performance goals and any other material terms were in fact satisfied, and (4) limits are set on the number of Awards that any individual may receive. The 1996 Equity Plan has been designed to permit the Administrator to grant Awards that qualify as performance-based for purposes of satisfying the conditions of Section 162(m), thereby permitting the Company to continue to receive a federal income tax deduction in connection with such Awards.

The 1996 Equity Plan limits the number of shares with respect to which incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options may be granted in any fiscal year of the Company to any participant to 4,000,000 shares and limits the number of shares with respect to which restricted stock units and restricted stock may be granted in any fiscal year of the Company to any participant to 2,000,000 shares.

*Eligibility.*

Selected employees, directors, service providers, advisors and independent contractors of the Company and any parent or subsidiaries will be eligible to receive Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan. Awards may be granted to eligible persons residing in foreign jurisdictions under additional terms and conditions to accommodate local laws and to provide such eligible persons favorable treatment under local laws, provided that no such terms are inconsistent with the 1996 Equity Plan.

*Duration.*

The 1996 Equity Plan will continue in effect until August 11, 2024, unless terminated earlier by the board of directors.

*Corporate Transactions/Changes in Control/Subsidiary Dispositions.*

The Administrator shall have the authority, exercisable either in advance of any actual or anticipated, or at the time of, an actual corporate transaction, change in control or subsidiary disposition and exercisable at the time of the grant of an Award under the 1996 Equity Plan or any time while an Award remains outstanding, to provide for the full automatic vesting and exercisability of one or more outstanding unvested Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan and the release from restrictions on transfer and repurchase or forfeiture rights of such Awards in connection with a corporate transaction, change in control or subsidiary disposition, on such terms and conditions as the Administrator may specify. The Administrator also shall have the authority to condition any such Award vesting and exercisability or release from such limitations upon the subsequent termination of the continuous status as an employee or service of the participant within a specified period following the effective date of the change in control or subsidiary disposition. The Administrator may provide that any Awards so vested or released from such limitations in connection with a change in control or subsidiary disposition, shall remain fully exercisable until the expiration or earlier termination of the Award. Effective upon the consummation of a corporate transaction, all outstanding Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan shall terminate unless assumed by the successor company or its parent.

*Options.*

The 1996 Equity Plan provides that the purchase price of any stock option shall be at least one hundred percent (100%) of the fair market value of the Company common stock at the time the option is granted. The Administrator may provide for the payment of the purchase price in cash, by delivery of other common stock of the Company having a market value equal to the purchase price of such shares, or by any other method, including by delivery of an exercise notice accompanied by a copy of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company proceeds to pay the purchase price.

The Administrator may permit or require a participant to pay all or a portion of the federal, state and local taxes, including FICA and Medicare withholding tax, arising in connection with the exercise of an option, by having the Company withhold shares or by delivering shares received in connection with the option or previously acquired, having a fair market value approximating the amount to be withheld.

The maximum term of any option will be ten (10) years from the date it is granted, except that with respect to any participant who owns ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of the Company's outstanding capital stock, the term of an incentive stock option may not exceed five (5) years. Options are generally exercisable for a period of ninety (90) days after termination or retirement, 365 days after termination due to disability or 547 days after termination due to death.

**Proposal No. 4** (continued)*Restricted Stock Units.*

The Administrator is able to grant Awards of restricted stock units. Awards of restricted stock units vest in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Administrator in its sole discretion. For example, the Administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or based upon continued service. There are no minimum vesting requirements for restricted stock units. Upon satisfying the applicable vesting criteria, a participant is entitled to the payout specified in the Award agreement. The Administrator may pay earned restricted stock units in cash, shares or a combination of both. Awards of restricted stock units may be issued either alone, in addition to, or in tandem with other Awards granted under the 1996 Equity Plan and/or cash awards made outside of the 1996 Equity Plan. The Administrator will determine the number of units granted pursuant to an Award of restricted stock units, but no participant will be granted more than 2,000,000 units during any fiscal year.

*Restricted Stock.*

The Administrator is able to grant Awards of restricted stock. Awards of restricted stock are rights to acquire or purchase shares of Company common stock. Restricted stock vests in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Administrator in its sole discretion. For example, the Administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or based upon continued service. There are no minimum vesting requirements for Awards of restricted stock. Awards of restricted stock may be issued either alone, in addition to, or in tandem with other Awards granted under the 1996 Equity Plan and/or cash awards made outside of the 1996 Equity Plan. The Award agreement will generally grant the Company a right to repurchase or reacquire the shares upon the termination of the participant's service with the Company for any reason (including death or disability). The Committee will determine the number of shares granted pursuant to an Award of restricted stock, but no participant will be granted a restricted stock Award to purchase or acquire more than 2,000,000 shares of common stock during any fiscal year.

*Performance Goals.*

The performance goals applicable to an Award, as determined by the Administrator, may provide for a targeted level or levels of achievement using one or more of the following measures: cash flow; cash position; earnings before interest and taxes; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; earnings per share; economic profit; economic value added; equity or stockholders' equity; free cash flow, free cash flow per share and market share; net income; net profit; net sales; operating earnings; operating income; profit before tax; ratio of debt to debt plus equity; ratio of operating earnings to capital spending; return on net assets; sales growth; share price; share price or total return to stockholders relative to the performance of one or more peer companies as well as any index as determined by the Administrator; or total return to stockholders. The performance goals may differ from participant to participant and from Award to Award and may be stated in absolute terms or relative to comparison companies or indices to be achieved during a period of time.

*Amendments and Discontinuance.*

The 1996 Equity Plan is subject to amendment or termination by the Administrator without stockholder approval as deemed in the best interests of the Company. However, no such amendment shall, without the consent of the award holder, reduce the amount of any Award or adversely change the terms and conditions thereof.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Awards granted and outstanding may at any time be amended or modified in any lawful way or canceled by mutual agreement between the Administrator and the participant, so long as any amendment or modification does not increase the number of shares of Maxim Integrated common stock issuable under the 1996 Equity Plan and subject to the provisions regarding repricing described below.

*Repricing Options; Exchange Transactions.*

The Administrator does not have the authority to reprice any outstanding option. For these purposes, to reprice an outstanding option means to amend any outstanding option to reduce the exercise price. In addition, the Administrator will be required to seek prior stockholder approval for conducting any award-for-award exchange offer or cash tender offer with respect to outstanding awards under the 1996 Equity Plan (or any other equity plans of the Company).

**Number of Awards Granted to Employees, Consultants, and Directors**

The number of Awards that an employee, director or consultant may receive under the 1996 Equity Plan is in the discretion of the Administrator and therefore cannot be determined in advance. As of the date of this proxy statement, only stock options, restricted stock units and market share units have been granted under the 1996 Equity Plan. The following table sets forth (1) the aggregate number of shares subject to options granted under the 1996 Equity Plan during the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015, (2) the aggregate number of restricted stock units granted



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under the 1996 Equity Plan during the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015 and (3) the aggregate number of market share units granted under the 1996 Equity Plan during the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015, where each unit represents a right to acquire one (1) share of common stock.

| Name of Individual or Group                                      | Number of<br>Options Granted | Number of<br>Restricted Stock<br>Units Granted | Number of Market<br>Share Units<br>Granted |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Tunç Doluca  |                              | 114,000  | 66,000                                     |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo  |                              | 45,000   | 25,000                                     |
| Matthew J. Murphy  |                              | 122,500  | 25,000                                     |
| Vivek Jain   |                              | 45,000   | 25,000                                     |
| Christopher J. Neil  |                              | 41,000   | 25,000                                     |
| All current executive officers, as a group                       |                              | 519,758  | 254,004                                    |
| All current directors who are not executive officers, as a group |                              | 38,400   |  |
| All employees who are not executive officers, as a group         | 63,584                       | 2,619,959                                      | 169,040                                    |

**Federal Income Tax Consequences***Non-qualified Stock Options.*

Under existing law and regulations, the grant of non-qualified stock options with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant will not result in income taxable to the participant. However, the exercise of such a non-qualified stock option results in taxable income to the holder and may be subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the income recognized by the optionee, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required). At the time of the exercise of a non-qualified stock option, the amount so taxable and so deductible will be the difference between the fair market value of the shares purchased and the exercise price. Any gain or loss on the optionee's subsequent disposition of the shares of Maxim Integrated common stock will receive long-term or short-term capital gain or loss treatment, depending on whether the shares are held for more than one (1) year following exercise. The Company does not receive a tax deduction for any such gain.

*Incentive Stock Options.*

An optionee recognizes no income when an incentive stock option is granted or exercised. However, the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise and the option price is classified as an item of adjustment in the year of exercise for purposes of the participant's alternative minimum tax.

If the participant does not dispose of the shares received on exercise of an incentive stock option prior to two (2) years from the date of grant and one (1) year from the date of exercise of the stock option, any gain realized by the holder on the disposition of the stock will be accorded long-term capital gain treatment, and no deduction will be allowed to the Company. If either holding period requirement is not satisfied, the participant will recognize ordinary income at the time of such disqualifying disposition equal to the lesser of (1) the gain realized on the disposition, or (2) the difference between the option price and the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise. Any additional gain or loss on the disqualifying disposition not reflected above would be long-term or short-term capital gain, depending on whether the shares are held for more than one (1) year following exercise. The Company will be entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the participant, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162 of the Code.

*Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.*

A participant generally will not have taxable income at the time an Award of restricted stock and restricted stock units is granted. Instead, he or she will recognize ordinary income in the first taxable year in which his or her interest in the shares underlying the Award becomes either (1) freely transferable or (2) no longer subject to substantial risk of forfeiture. However, the recipient of a restricted stock Award may elect to recognize income at the time he or she receives the Award of restricted stock in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares underlying the Award (less any cash paid for the shares) on the date the Award is granted. The Company generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in connection with an Award under the 1996 Equity Plan in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by a participant and at the time the participant recognizes such income, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162 of the Code.



**Proposal No. 4** (continued)**Tax Effect for the Company**

The Company generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in connection with an Award under the 1996 Equity Plan in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by a participant and at the time the participant recognizes such income (for example, upon the exercise of a nonqualified stock option). Special rules limit the deductibility of compensation paid to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and to each of its three (3) most highly compensated other executive officers other than the Chief Financial Officer. In general under Section 162(m) of the Code, the annual compensation paid to any of these executives is deductible only to the extent that it does not exceed \$1,000,000. The Company can, however, preserve the deductibility of certain compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 under the 1996 Equity Plan if the conditions of Section 162(m) are met. These conditions include stockholder approval of the 1996 Equity Plan, setting limits on the number of Awards that any individual may receive, and, for Awards other than certain types of stock options, establishing performance criteria that must be met before the Award actually vests or is paid. The 1996 Equity Plan has been designed to permit the Administrator to grant Awards that qualify as performance-based for purposes of satisfying the conditions of Section 162(m), thereby permitting the Company to continue to receive a federal income tax deduction in connection with those Awards.

The foregoing discussion of the federal income tax aspects of Awards under the 1996 Equity Plan is based upon federal income tax laws in effect on the date of this proxy statement. The foregoing discussion is not a complete description of the federal income tax aspects of options under the 1996 Equity Plan. In addition, administrative and judicial interpretations of the application of the federal income tax laws are subject to change. Furthermore, no information is given with respect to state or local taxes that may be applicable to any options. Participants in the 1996 Equity Plan who are residents of or are employed in a country other than the United States may be subject to taxation in accordance with the tax laws of that particular country in addition to or in lieu of United States federal income taxes.

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## Proposal No. 5

### **ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE CUMULATIVE VOTING IN THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the 2015 annual meeting, stockholders will be asked to adopt and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation (the Certificate) in order to eliminate the right of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. The amendment to the Certificate (removal of Article Eight) has been approved by the Board. The text of Article Eight, as proposed to be amended, would be as follows:

No holder of shares of the Corporation's stock of any class or series of this Corporation shall be entitled to cumulate votes for the election of directors of this Corporation.

#### **Governance Enhancements Implemented**

Beginning in fiscal year 2014, in keeping with Maxim Integrated's long-standing commitment to strong corporate governance, as well as a focused approach to managing the Company for the long-term benefit of all of its constituents, the Board, with the support of the Company's management, undertook a comprehensive review of the Company's corporate governance practices. This review resulted in the Board adopting the following corporate governance enhancements in fiscal year 2015:

- (i) majority voting standard in uncontested director elections,
- (ii) giving stockholders the ability to call a special meeting upon the affirmative consent of the holders of at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the outstanding voting stock of the Company,
- (iii) engaging in stockholder outreach efforts in which the Governance Committee (or a member thereof), together with management, discuss governance issues with certain stockholders, and
- (iv) the elimination of cumulative voting in the election of directors, subject to ratification and approval by the Company's stockholders at the annual meeting.

#### **Majority Voting In Uncontested Director Elections, Special Stockholders Meetings and Proxy Access, Stockholder Outreach**

Majority voting in uncontested elections of directors and giving stockholders the ability to call a special meeting have been implemented through amendments to the Company's Bylaws (the Amended and Restated Bylaws) effective in September 2014. The Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws are available on the Company's website at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/content/dam/files/aboutus/company/bylaws.pdf>. The Company believes that its Amended and Restated Bylaws provide broad and sufficient access for stockholders to submit stockholder proposals for inclusion in the Company's proxy statements. Stockholder outreach has been formalized in the Governance Committee's Charter.

#### **Elimination of Cumulative Voting**

Cumulative voting entitles stockholders to as many votes as equals the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares held by the stockholder. The stockholder may cast all such votes for a single director or distribute such votes among as many candidates who have been properly nominated.

The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of all the stockholders to eliminate cumulative voting in director elections for the following reasons:

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- (i) voting power should align and be consistent with economic ownership such that there should be one vote for every share of common stock owned,
- (ii) cumulative voting permits minority stockholders to elect a particular nominee to the Board that may not be supported by a majority of the outstanding shares and may be detrimental to the interests of Maxim Integrated and our long-term stockholders, and
- (iii) a particular director who was elected to the Board by stockholders cumulating their votes may have a conflict of interest as he or she may represent the interests of the particular stockholders electing him or her to the Board instead of in the best interest of all stockholders.

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A system of one vote per share for each board nominee is the prevailing election standard among publicly-traded companies in the United States and cumulative voting is atypical. Over 95% of the companies in the Nasdaq 100 and the Russell 1000 do not allow stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors.

The Company also believes that cumulative voting is incompatible, and fundamentally at odds, with a majority vote standard because it allows relatively small stockholders to elect directors who are not supported by a majority of the Company's stockholder base. The Company and the Board believe that each director should represent the interests of all stockholders rather than the interests of a minority stockholder or a special constituency and that cumulative voting could lead to directors having improper incentives.

The proposal to eliminate cumulative voting is not in response to any known stockholder efforts to remove any director or otherwise gain representation on the Board.

**Required Vote**

Adoption and approval of the amendments to the Company's Certificate requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock. Unless otherwise marked, all properly signed and returned proxies will be voted **FOR** Proposal No. 5.

**Recommendation**

**Our board of directors recommends a vote **FOR** the adoption and approval of the amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate cumulative voting in the election of directors.**

## Proposal No. 6

### TO HOLD AN ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the Dodd-Frank Act) enables Maxim Integrated stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory or non-binding basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with SEC rules.

Maxim Integrated has a pay-for-performance philosophy that forms the foundation of Maxim Integrated's decisions regarding compensation of its named executive officers. Executive compensation is tied to performance and is structured to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between long-term and short-term performance, and also a balance between operational performance and stockholder return. This compensation philosophy, and the program structure approved by the Compensation Committee (including its sub-committee, the Equity Grant Sub-Committee), is central to Maxim Integrated's ability to attract, retain, motivate, and reward the best and brightest executives who have the talent and experience to achieve our goals. This approach has resulted in Maxim Integrated's ability to attract and retain the executive talent necessary to guide Maxim Integrated. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this proxy statement for an overview of the compensation of Maxim Integrated's named executive officers.

We are asking for stockholder approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with SEC rules, which disclosures include the disclosures under Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative discussion related to compensation. We have elected to hold this non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation annually. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the policies and practices described in this proxy statement. We believe that our executive compensation policies and programs serve the interests of our stockholders and that the compensation received by our executive officers is commensurate with the performance and strategic position of Maxim Integrated.

This vote is advisory and therefore not binding on Maxim Integrated, the Compensation Committee (including its sub-committee, the Equity Grant Sub-Committee), or the board of directors. The board of directors and the Compensation Committee value the opinions of Maxim Integrated stockholders and to the extent there is any significant vote against the named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider those stockholders concerns, and the Compensation Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

#### Required Vote

Advisory approval of this proposal requires the affirmative FOR vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal. Unless otherwise marked, all properly signed and returned proxies will be voted FOR advisory approval of Proposal No. 6.

#### Recommendation

**Our board of directors recommends a vote FOR the approval of the compensation of Maxim Integrated's named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC.**

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**Proposal No. 6** (continued)**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Management**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of Maxim Integrated's common stock as of June 27, 2015, the last day of fiscal year 2015, by: (1) each current director; (2) each current named executive officer; (3) all executive officers and directors as a group; and (4) all those known by Maxim Integrated to be beneficial owners of more than five percent (5%) of its common stock. The number of shares beneficially owned is determined under the rules of the SEC, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose.

| Beneficial Owner  | Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup> |                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | Number of Shares                    | Percent of Total (%) |
| <b>5% Shareholders:</b>   |                                     |                      |
| Wellington Management Company, LLP <sup>(2)</sup>   | 27,994,409                          | 9.8                  |
| Dodge & Cox <sup>(3)</sup>  | 25,439,327                          | 8.9                  |
| The Vanguard Group <sup>(4)</sup>   | 17,680,803                          | 6.2                  |
| Capital Research Global Investors <sup>(5)</sup>  | 17,435,700                          | 6.1                  |
| Capital World Investors <sup>(6)</sup>  | 15,716,000                          | 5.5                  |
| <b>Directors:</b>   |                                     |                      |
| James R. Bergman, Director <sup>(7)</sup>   | 178,223                             | *                    |
| Joseph Bronson, Director <sup>(8)</sup>   | 29,700                              | *                    |
| Robert E. Grady, Director <sup>(9)</sup>  | 123,975                             | *                    |
| B. Kipling Hagopian, Director <sup>(10)</sup>   | 167,333                             | *                    |
| William D. Watkins, Director <sup>(11)</sup>  | 57,361                              | *                    |
| A. R. Frank Wazzan, Director <sup>(12)</sup>  | 172,382                             | *                    |
| <b>Named Executive Officers:</b>  |                                     |                      |
| Tunç Doluca, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director <sup>(13)</sup>                      | 1,947,258                           | *                    |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer <sup>(14)</sup>                | 235,928                             | *                    |
| Matthew J. Murphy, Executive Vice President, Business Units, Sales, and Marketing <sup>(15)</sup> | 225,744                             | *                    |
| Vivek Jain, Senior Vice President, Technology and Manufacturing Group <sup>(16)</sup>             | 123,942                             | *                    |
| Christopher J. Neil, Senior Vice President, New Ventures <sup>(17)</sup>                          | 404,812                             | *                    |
| All executive officers and directors as a group (15 persons) <sup>(18)</sup>                      | 4,278,982                           | 1.5                  |

\* Less than one percent

(1) This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors, principal stockholders and Maxim Integrated's transfer agent, and contained in Schedules 13G filed with the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each person or entity listed is c/o Maxim Integrated Products, Inc., 160 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table and subject to community property laws where applicable, each of the stockholders named in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned. Applicable percentages are based on 294,821,933 shares outstanding on June 27, 2015 adjusted as required under rules promulgated by the SEC.

(2) Based solely on information supplied by Wellington Management Company, LLP (WMR) in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2015. The address of WMR is 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210.

(3) Based solely on information supplied by Dodge & Cox in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. The address of Dodge & Cox is 555 California Street, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104.

(4) Based solely on information supplied by The Vanguard Group in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2015. The address of The Vanguard Group is 100 Vanguard Blvd, Malvern, PA 19355.

(5) Based solely on information provided by Capital Research Global Investors (CRGI) in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. CRGI does not own any shares of Maxim Integrated for its own account; the shares reported are owned by accounts under the discretionary management of CRGI. CRGI has no voting power and sole dispositive power over all shares shown. The address of CRGI is 333 South Hope Street, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

(6) Based solely on information provided by Capital World Investors (CWI), a division of Capital Research and Management Company in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. CWI does not own any shares of Maxim Integrated for its own account; the shares reported are owned by accounts under the discretionary management of CWI. CWI has no voting power and sole dispositive power over all shares shown. The address of CWI is 333 South Hope Street, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

(7) Includes (i) 60,623 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (iii) 25,000 shares held by the Bergman Family Foundation for which Mr. Bergman disclaims beneficial ownership.

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- Includes (i) 7,725 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (iii) 400 shares held in custodian accounts, and (iv) 3,775 shares held by trust.
- (9) Includes (i) 94,123 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.
- (10) Includes (i) 81,373 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (iii) 2,000 shares held by a family foundation for which Mr. Hagopian disclaims beneficial ownership and (iv) 54,360 shares held by trust.
- (11) Includes (i) 26,961 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (iii) 21,250 shares held by trust.
- (12) Includes (i) 38,549 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 1600 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.
- (13) Includes (i) 521,895 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 60,000 market share units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (iii) 1,251,363 shares held by trust.

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- (14) Includes (i) 106,846 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015, (ii) 3,886 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (iii) 72,424 shares held by trust.
- (15) Includes (i) 91,208 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 8,053 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.
- (16) Includes (i) 53,016 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 3,886 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.
- (17) Includes (i) 266,644 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 3,886 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.
- (18) Includes (i) 1,497,967 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of June 27, 2015 and (ii) 104,717 restricted stock units and market share units that vest within 60 days of June 27, 2015.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and officers, and persons who own more than ten percent (10%) of a registered class of Maxim Integrated's equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock and other equity securities of Maxim Integrated. Officers, directors, and greater than ten percent (10%) stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To the best of our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to Maxim Integrated and written representations that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors, and greater than ten percent (10%) beneficial owners were complied with. The Company files the Section 16 reports on behalf the Company's directors and executive officers.

# Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

## Related Transactions

During the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015, Robert Bergman, the son of James R. Bergman, a member of our board of directors was employed by Bedrock Automation Platforms, Inc. ( "Bedrock" ). Bedrock is an independent subsidiary of the Company engaged in a line of business separate and distinct from the Company's primary business. Robert Bergman received approximately \$283,000 in aggregate cash compensation from Bedrock in fiscal year 2015. Maxim Integrated does not believe Bedrock or Robert Bergman to be a related party with respect to this transaction.

Maxim Integrated has entered into indemnification agreements with certain of its current and former directors and executive officers. The indemnification agreements provide, among other things, that Maxim Integrated will indemnify each of its directors and officers, under the circumstances and to the extent provided therein, for expenses, damages, judgments, fines, and settlements each may be required to pay in actions or proceedings to which he or she may be made a party by reason of his or her position or positions as a director, officer or other agent of Maxim Integrated, and otherwise to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law and Maxim Integrated's bylaws.

## Review, Approval or Ratification of Related Party Transactions

The Audit Committee Charter provides for the Audit Committee to review and approve all related party transactions for potential conflicts of interest on an ongoing basis (if such transactions are not approved by another independent body of the board of directors). Related party transactions include, for purposes of the Audit Committee review, without limitation, transactions involving Maxim Integrated and any director, executive officer, beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of Maxim Integrated common stock, any immediate family member of any such person, or any firm, corporation, partnership, or other entity in which any such person is employed or any such person has a five percent (5%) or greater beneficial ownership interest. In determining whether to approve or ratify a transaction with a related party, the Audit Committee will take into account all relevant facts and circumstances it deems relevant, including, without limitation, the nature of the related party's interest in the transaction, the benefits to Maxim Integrated of the transaction, whether the transaction would impair the judgment of a director or executive officer to act in the best interests of Maxim Integrated and its stockholders, the potential impact of such transaction on a director's independence, and whether the transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms that may be available in a transaction with an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances.

Any member of the Audit Committee who is a related party with respect to a transaction under review may not participate in the deliberations or vote on the approval of the transaction. Maxim Integrated will disclose the terms of related person transactions in its filings with the SEC to the extent required.

The terms of the sale of products and the employment of the individuals described above under the heading "Related Transactions" were not specifically approved by the Audit Committee because such terms (including compensation terms) were, and continue to be, consistent and commensurate with those of other similarly situated customers and employees of Maxim Integrated.

## Executive Compensation

### Executive Officers

The following is information regarding our executive officers, including their positions and their ages as of October 3, 2015.

| Name                | Age | Position   |
|---------------------|-----|--|
| Tunç Doluca         | 57  | President and Chief Executive Officer                          |
| David A. Caron      | 55  | Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer                       |
| Vivek Jain          | 55  | Senior Vice President, Technology and Manufacturing Group      |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo     | 54  | Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer                 |
| Edwin B. Medlin     | 58  | Senior Vice President, General Counsel                         |
| Matthew J. Murphy   | 42  | Executive Vice President, Business Units, Sales, and Marketing |
| Christopher J. Neil | 49  | Senior Vice President, New Ventures                            |
| Steve Yamasaki      | 61  | Vice President, Human Resources                                |

*Mr. Doluca* Please see Mr. Doluca's biography under Proposal No. 1 contained in this proxy statement.

*Mr. Caron* joined Maxim Integrated in December 1998 as Director of Accounting. Mr. Caron has served as Maxim Integrated's Corporate Controller since July 2003 and, prior to that, served as Maxim Integrated's Director of Accounting from December 1998 to July 2003. Mr. Caron was appointed Vice President and Principal Accounting Officer in August 2010. Mr. Caron who worked at Ernst & Young LLP, from 1988 to 1995, is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of California.

*Mr. Jain* joined Maxim Integrated in April 2007 as Vice President of Wafer Fab Operations. In June 2009, Mr. Jain was promoted to Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Operations, responsible for all of Maxim Integrated's manufacturing operations, including wafer fab, test and assembly operations. Prior to joining Maxim Integrated, Mr. Jain was with Intel Corporation as Plant Manager for Technology Development and Manufacturing Facility in Santa Clara, California since 2000.

*Mr. Kiddoo* joined Maxim Integrated in September 2007 as Vice President of Finance. On October 1, 2008, Mr. Kiddoo was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer of Maxim Integrated and served as Principal Accounting Officer until August 2010. In September 2009, Mr. Kiddoo was also named a Senior Vice President. Prior to joining Maxim Integrated, Mr. Kiddoo held various positions at Broadcom Corporation, a global semiconductor company, beginning in December 1999. Mr. Kiddoo served as Broadcom's Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer from July 2002 and served as Vice President from January 2003. He also served as Broadcom's Acting Chief Financial Officer between September 2006 and March 2007.

*Mr. Medlin* joined Maxim Integrated in November 1999 as Director and Associate General Counsel. He was promoted to Vice President and Senior Counsel in April 2006, was appointed General Counsel in September 2010, and was promoted to Senior Vice President and General Counsel in May 2015. Prior to joining Maxim Integrated, he was with the law firm of Ropers, Majeski, Kohn and Bentley between 1987 and 1994 where he held various positions, including director. Between 1994 and 1997, he held the positions of General Counsel, and later, General Manager, at Fox Factory, Inc., a privately held manufacturing company. Between 1997 and 1999 he held the positions of General Counsel and later, Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing, at RockShox, Inc., a publicly traded corporation.

*Mr. Murphy* joined Maxim Integrated in July 1994 and was promoted to Vice President in November 2006 and to Senior Vice President in September 2011. In October 2011, he assumed responsibility for the Communications and Automotive Groups. In May 2015, Mr. Murphy was promoted to Executive Vice President, Business Units and Sales. Prior to November 2006, he served in a number of business unit and executive management positions.

*Mr. Neil* joined Maxim Integrated in September 1990, was promoted to Vice President in April 2006, was named Division Vice President in September 2009 and was promoted to Senior Vice President in September 2011. In May 2015, Mr. Neil was appointed to lead the Company's New Ventures Organization. Prior to 2006, he held several engineering and executive management positions.

*Mr. Yamasaki* joined Maxim Integrated in April 2010 as Vice President of Human Resources. Prior to joining Maxim Integrated, he was Corporate Vice President of Human Resources of Applied Materials from 2008 to 2010, and was Executive Vice President of Human Resources of YRC Worldwide from 2004 to 2008. Before joining YRC Worldwide, Mr. Yamasaki was Vice President of Human Resources at ConAgra Foods Inc. and Honeywell International.



# Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides a review of our executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices with respect to the following executive officers of Maxim Integrated: the Chief Executive Officer (the CEO), the Chief Financial Officer, and the other three (3) most highly compensated executive officers during fiscal year 2015 (the Named Executive Officers).

## Executive Compensation Philosophy and Components

The objectives of our executive compensation program are as follows:

- to attract, retain, motivate, and reward the best and brightest executives who have the talent and experience required to achieve our goals;
- to align the short-term and long-term interests and objectives of our executive officers with stockholders;
- to create a high-performance culture by linking total rewards to company performance, including performance relative to our peers;
- to recognize executives for their contributions to our success by rewarding individual performance; and
- to ensure that our executive compensation programs are easily understood by program participants.

We accomplish these objectives by providing our executives with compensation components that are specifically linked to either short-term or long-term corporate and executive performance. The majority of executive compensation is short-term or long-term variable compensation. The principal components of our executive compensation are:

- base salary;
- cash performance bonuses; and
- restricted stock units and market share units.

Each of these components is intended to achieve one or more of our compensation objectives. The Compensation Committee relies on its judgment in determining the appropriate mix of cash and equity compensation for our Executive Officers. In general, in order to encourage a high-performance culture and to align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders, the Compensation Committee makes a significant portion of each executive officer's compensation performance-based with cash performance bonuses and equity awards, while generally keeping base salaries below competitive levels. Our variable cash and equity programs are designed to reward recent performance with cash compensation and to motivate long-term performance and retention through equity awards. Both programs are also designed to reward our executives both for individual and overall corporate performance. Such a structure allows the Compensation Committee flexibility to reward outstanding individual performance and to recognize the contributions of our executive officers to the overall success of Maxim Integrated.

## We Follow Best Practices

### *Tax Considerations*

Section 162(m) of the Code states that public companies cannot deduct compensation paid to certain of its top executive officers in excess of \$1 million per officer per year. We believe it is in our best interest, to the extent practical, to have executive officer compensation be fully deductible under Section 162(m). However, the Compensation Committee also retains the discretion to provide compensation that may not be fully deductible. There is no guarantee that all compensation paid by the Company will be compliant with Section 162(m) of the Code. The Compensation Committee may decide, in its discretion, to pay incentive-based compensation or grant equity awards that do not qualify for the performance-based compensation exception, or that may not be deductible for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code, if it determines that this is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. In a few instances, a portion of our annual bonus

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payments to certain of our executive officers does not currently qualify as deductible under Section 162(m), and restricted stock units do not qualify as deductible under Sec-

tion 162(m). The Compensation Committee will continue to evaluate whether it is in Maxim Integrated's best interest to qualify future incentive awards under Section 162(m). Our 1996 Equity Plan has been structured with the intention that stock options and MSUs granted under the plan be qualified as performance-based compensation not subject to Section 162(m).

### *Stock Ownership Guidelines*

We have stock ownership guidelines for our CEO and members of our board of directors. These guidelines require our CEO to own shares of common stock with a value of at least four (4) times his annual base salary and our outside board members to own shares of common stock with a value of at least three (3) times the annual retainer paid to outside directors. Our stock ownership guidelines are available on the Investor Relations section of our website at [http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance/pdfs/stock\\_ownership\\_guidelines](http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance/pdfs/stock_ownership_guidelines).

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis** (continued)*Executive Compensation Recoupment Policy*

The Company has a policy that provides that in the event of a material restatement of its financial results due to misconduct, the Compensation Committee shall review the facts and circumstances and take actions it considers appropriate with respect to the compensation of any executive officer whose fraud or willful misconduct contributed to the need for such restatement. Such actions may include, without limitation, seeking reimbursement of any bonus paid to such executive officer exceeding the amount that, in the judgment of the Compensation Committee, would have been paid had the financial results been properly reported.

*Hedging Prohibition and Restrictions on Pledging Company Securities*

The Company has a policy that prohibits all of its executive officers and members of the board of directors from engaging in hedging transactions involving the Company's securities as well as limiting the amount of Company securities that the board of directors and executive officers may pledge. This policy is described in the Corporate Governance and Board of Directors Matters section of this Proxy Statement above. No shares of the Company have been pledged by any of the Company's executive officers or members of the board of directors.

**Governance of Executive Officer Compensation Program***Role and Members of the Compensation Committee*

The members of our Compensation Committee are appointed by our board of directors. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining executive officer compensation. As of the record date, the Compensation Committee was comprised of three (3) members of the board of directors, Messrs. James R. Bergman, Robert E. Grady and A. R. Frank Wazzan, each of whom is an independent, non-employee director. Since March 1, 2007, Dr. Wazzan has served, and continues to serve, as Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

The primary purpose of the Compensation Committee is to:

- review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of Maxim Integrated's Chief Executive Officer and certain other Executive Officers, evaluate CEO performance, and determine CEO compensation based on this evaluation;
- approve and oversee, in consultation with our CEO, the total compensation package for certain Executive Officers, including their base salaries, bonuses, equity-based compensation, severance benefits and change-in-control benefits (if any);
- approve compensation decisions applicable to our Executive Officers;
- review periodically and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding any equity or long-term compensation plans, and administer these plans; and
- make recommendations to the board of directors with respect to compensation for members of the board of directors and its committees.

The Compensation Committee operates according to a charter that details its specific duties and responsibilities. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the charter and recommends proposed changes to the board of directors for approval. The Compensation Committee Charter is available on our website in the Corporate Governance section at <http://www.maximintegrated.com/company/investor/leadership/governance>. The charter sets forth the membership requirements, authority and duties of the Compensation Committee, which shall consist of no fewer than two (2) members, all of

whom (1) meet the independence requirements of the NASDAQ rules, (2) are non-employee directors under the definition of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and (3) are outside directors for purposes of the regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of the Code. During fiscal year 2015, and currently, all members of the Compensation Committee met these criteria.

*Process for Evaluating Executive Officer Performance and Compensation*

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The Compensation Committee generally holds at least three (3) scheduled meetings during the year and holds additional meetings periodically to review and discuss executive compensation issues. The Compensation Committee Chairman will also provide an update to the board of directors during a regularly scheduled meeting regarding Compensation Committee matters when appropriate. In addition, members of the Compensation Committee communicate on an informal basis concerning Compensation Committee matters throughout the fiscal year. The Compensation Committee may also consider and take certain actions by unanimous written consent. In fiscal year 2015, the Compensation Committee, including its two-person Equity Grant Sub-Committee, held eighteen (18) meetings and did not take any actions by unanimous written consent.

Our Vice President of Human Resources and our Corporate Secretary support the Compensation Committee in its work. The Compensation Committee also has the authority to engage the services of outside advisors, experts and others for assistance.

### *Outside Compensation Consultant*

In fiscal year 2015, the Compensation Committee engaged an independent, third party compensation consulting firm, Compensia, to advise the Compensation Committee and the board of directors on executive cash and equity compensation matters, including Maxim Integrated's new officer compensation plan for fiscal year 2015 as well as board and board committee compensation. Compensia reports directly to the Compensation Committee, and the Compensation

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Committee has sole authority to hire, terminate and direct the work of Compensia. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Compensia pursuant to the NASDAQ Rules and concluded that Compensia's work for the Compensation Committee does not raise any conflicts of interest. For further discussion of the role of the Compensation Committee in the executive compensation decision-making process, and for a description of the nature and scope of Compensia's assignment, see **Executive Compensation Benchmark** below.

*Role of Management in Executive Compensation Process*

The Compensation Committee seeks input from our Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President of Human Resources to obtain recommendations with respect to our compensation programs, practices and packages for executives. Our CEO's role in the compensation-setting process consists of (1) evaluating executive and employee performance; (2) assisting in the establishment of business performance targets and objectives; and (3) recommending salary levels and equity awards. While the Compensation Committee may discuss our CEO's compensation package with him, it meets in executive session in his absence to determine his compensation.

**Executive Compensation Benchmark**

In August 2014, based on the recommendations of Compensia, and in consultation with Maxim Integrated's CEO and Vice President of Human Resources, the Compensation Committee approved a compensation peer group to be used for benchmarking and for setting executive compensation for fiscal year 2015. In determining the appropriate compensation peer group, the Compensation Committee considered

companies within the semiconductor industry that have revenue, number of employees and operations similar to our corresponding components. Many of the companies in this peer group compete with us for executive talent. Periodically, the Compensation Committee will review and update the compensation peer group as appropriate.

The compensation peer group members for fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Altera Corporation      | Linear Technology                                   |
| Analog Devices          | LSI Corporation (now an Avago Technologies company) |
| Atmel                   | Marvell Technology Group                            |
| Fairchild Semiconductor | Microchip Technology                                |
| Freescale Semiconductor | NVIDIA  |
| International Rectifier | ON Semiconductor                                    |
| Intersil                | Semtech   |

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|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| KLA-Tencor   | Silicon Labs      |
| Lam Research | Texas Instruments |
|              | Xilinx            |

The Compensation Committee included Texas Instruments (a much larger company), Semtech and Silicon Labs in the peer group for reference purposes only as each compete with us for executive talent.

The Compensation Committee does not target pay at a specific target percentile. Rather, the Compensation Committee believes that fixed compensation (primarily base salary) should be relatively modest and that variable compensation (primarily annual bonus and long-term incentive opportunities) should provide meaningful upside opportunities tied to performance. In addition, the Compensation Committee believes compensation opportunities should reflect Company performance, individual roles and performance and retention factors. Consistent with the foregoing, when setting each compensation component and total compensation opportunities, the Compensation Committee considers the following factors in addition to competitive market data:

The Company's overall performance relative to peers and established objectives;

Each individual's skills, job scope, experience, and qualifications relative to other similarly-situated executives at peer companies;

The Company's internal value for a position relative to other positions or market practices;

A subjective assessment of each individual's contributions to the Company's overall performance, ability to lead his or her business unit or function, work as part of a team, and reflect the Company's core values; and

The Company's ability to retain critical talent.

These factors provide the framework for our Compensation Committee's decision-making. No single factor above is determinative in setting pay levels, nor is the impact of any one factor on the determination of pay levels quantifiable.

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis** (continued)**Evaluation of Named Executive Officer Compensation***2015 Compensation Plan for Executive Officers – Important Changes from Fiscal 2014*

At the 2014 annual meeting, approximately 83% of the votes with respect to the advisory vote on executive compensation proposal were in favor of our executive compensation program described in last year's proxy statement. In September 2014, the Compensation Committee adopted a compensation plan for Executive Officers, including the Named Executive Officers, for fiscal year 2015, which was similar to the compensation plan in the prior year except the Compensation Committee decided to:

- Add product development execution metrics (in addition to relative stock price performance), for purposes of determining the amount of the annual cash bonus pool to be distributed, which is a percentage of operating income (less the effect of special items),
- Add Cirrus Logic as an eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) key competitor for the purpose of measuring the Company's relative stock price performance for annual cash bonus calculations, and
- Grant market share units in lieu of stock options (in the prior year, market share units were only granted to the Company's Chief Executive Officer).

*Base Salary*

Base salaries are used to attract, motivate, and retain highly qualified executives. Base salary is the primary fixed component of compensation in the executive compensation program and, in addition to the broader principles summarized above, is determined by:

- level of responsibility and company impact;
- pay levels of similar positions in our peer group;
- expertise and experience of the executive; and
- competitive conditions in the industry.

Annual base salary increases, if any, are, in addition to the broader principles summarized above, a reflection of:

- the individual's performance for the preceding year;
- the Company's performance;
- the individual's pay level relative to similar positions in our peer group;
- anticipated future contributions of the executive; and
- competitive conditions in the industry.

For Named Executive Officers, base salaries are relatively modest compared to the base salaries paid to similarly situated executives in the compensation peer group companies.

*Fiscal 2015 Base Salary Actions*

The Compensation Committee, after a review of individual and overall company performance, as well as market practices for executive compensation, approved base salary increase for one of our Named Executive Officers as set forth in the table below:

| Named Executive Officer | Title  | Annualized<br>2015<br>Base<br>Salary (\$) | %<br>Increase<br>from<br>2014 |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Tunç Doluca             | President and Chief Executive Officer                          | 590,000                                   |                               |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo         | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer              | 400,000                                   |                               |
| Matthew J. Murphy       | Executive Vice President, Business Units, Sales, and Marketing | 470,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                    | 18                            |
| Vivek Jain              | Senior Vice President, Technology and Manufacturing Group      | 400,000                                   |                               |
| Christopher J. Neil     | Senior Vice President, New Ventures                            | 410,000                                   |                               |

(1) Mr. Murphy's annual base salary was increased by \$10,000 to \$410,000 in September 2014, and then increased to \$470,000 in May 2015 in connection with his promotion to Executive Vice President, Business Units and Sales.

#### *Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Cash Performance Bonuses under 2015 Compensation Plan*

In September 2014, the Compensation Committee approved a cash incentive compensation plan for executive officers applicable to fiscal year 2015 performance. The following is a description of the fiscal year 2015 annual bonus pool:

#### **Bonus Pool Size**

The aggregate cash bonus pool available for distribution to all executive officers of the Company, including the Named Executive Officers, ranges from 0.63% to 1.17% of the Company's operating income (as

determined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ), excluding the effect of special items, based upon the following metrics:

*Adjusted +/-10% Linearly:* The metrics that determine the percentage of the Company's operating income available for distribution to the executive officers is year-over-year stock price performance of the Company relative to a peer group consisting of eight (8) competitors (listed below) by comparing average closing prices of common stock of Maxim Integrated and the competitors for the period from April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 to the average closing prices of the common stock of such companies for the same period in 2014.

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*Peer Group:* Analog Devices, Cirrus Logic, Intersil, Linear Technology, NXP Semiconductors, Semtech, Silicon Laboratories, and Texas Instruments (collectively, the Peer Group).

*Adjusted +/-20% Linearly:* Product development execution performance, including design engineering man-months introduced and stopped as well as product development cycle time.

**Compensation Plan Targets**

The target bonus pool size, operating income, and aggregate bonus pool under the compensation plan are as follows:

*Target Bonus Pool Size:* The target aggregate cash bonus pool is an amount equal to 0.9% of the Company's operating income as determined under GAAP, excluding the effect of special items.

*Target Operating Income:* The target operating income at the beginning of fiscal year 2015 was approximately \$679 million.

*Target Total Bonus Pool:* The aggregate target cash bonus available for distribution to all Executive Officers was \$6.11 million.

*No Annual Cash Bonus:* In the event actual fiscal year 2015 operating income (excluding the impact of special items) is less than fifty percent (50%) of target operating income of \$679 million, no annual cash bonus will be payable to Executive Officers.

The chart below depicts the calculation of the aggregate bonus pool to be distributed to all Executive Officers:

*Selection of Operating Income and Modulators of Bonus Pool*

We selected operating income as the primary program metric (as a basis to determine the overall size of the cash bonus pool) because we deem it to be an objective and clear measure of our operating performance. It demonstrates efficiency of company performance and aligns financial reporting with compensation calculations and cannot be easily manipulated. We selected relative stock price growth as a program metric because we believe that our stock price is an overall indicator of our success and financial health. We selected this competitor group to measure relative stock price performance because we consider this group to be comprised of our closest competitors, not only for the sale of analog and mixed-signal semiconductor products but also competition for key talent. We selected product development execution metrics to measure top-line growth and productivity.

*Impact Points, Allocation of Bonus Pool to Executive Officers*

Each Executive Officer's share of the bonus pool is dependent upon his or her impact points, which are determined at the beginning of the fiscal year and subject to adjustment following the completion of the fiscal year. The number of impact points is based in part on the Executive Officer's level of responsibility and relative value of the Executive Officer's impact on Maxim Integrated's performance as compared to the other executives for the fiscal year. Impact points are expressed as a percentage of the pool. Each participant's share of the bonus pool equaled the product of (a) the percentage determined by taking his or her total impact points, as approved by the Compensation Committee at the end of the fiscal year, and dividing them by the total number of impact points allocated to all Executive Officers, (b) their individual performance, which is measured as a percentage of the Executive Officer's performance goals met over the period, and (c) the bonus pool calculated as described above.

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis** (continued)*Formula to Calculate Individual Bonuses:*

$$\text{Individual Impact Points \%} \times \text{Individual Performance \%} \times \text{Performance Bonus Pool} = \text{Performance Bonus}$$

*Actual Results for Fiscal Year 2015 under Cash Bonus Pool and Bonus Payouts to Executive Officers*

In September 2015, the Compensation Committee approved cash bonuses for the Executive Officers of the Company for their performance during fiscal year 2015 under the cash bonus pool. The following are actual results for fiscal year 2015:

*+/-10% Linearly:* Maxim Integrated finished sixth (6th) relative to the Peer Group (in this case, including Maxim Integrated) based on a comparison of average closing prices of common stock of Maxim Integrated and the Peer Group for the period from April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 to the average closing prices of the common stock of such companies for the same period in 2014, resulting in a -2.5% reduction from target. We do not believe that our publicly announced and long-standing stock repurchase program or quarterly dividends materially impacted the relative performance of our share price during the applicable measurement period.

*+/-20% Linearly:* Product development execution performance resulted in a reduction of approximately -15.3% from target.

*Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Income:* The Company's fiscal year 2015 operating income as determined under GAAP, excluding the effect of special items, was \$567.9 million compared to \$585.3 million in fiscal year 2014, a 3% decrease. Fiscal year 2015 special items not included in GAAP operating income was \$330.6 million.

*Fiscal Year 2015 Total Bonus Pool:* The total cash bonus available for distribution to all Executive Officers was \$4.2 million, of which approximately \$3.46 million was distributed to all Executive Officers. The full cash bonus pool was not distributed. The total bonus pool for Executive Officers was calculated as follows:

0.9% x \$567.9 million = \$5.11 million reduced by 18% to \$4.2 million

*Fiscal Year 2015 Performance Bonuses Paid to the Named Executive Officers*

The table below describes each Named Executive Officer's performance bonus as approved by the Compensation Committee for fiscal year 2015 performance, under the cash bonus pool for Executive Officers:

| Named Executive Officer | Impact Points (As a %) | FY15 Target Performance Bonus Amount Under Bonus Pool (\$) | Amount of FY15 Performance Bonus Paid Under Bonus Pool (\$) | Additional Bonus for Individual Performance Exceeding Target (\$) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|
| Tunç Doluca             | 20                     | 1,222,200  | 840,000   | 160,000   |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo         | 10                     | 611,100  | 420,000   | 115,724   |
| Matthew J. Murphy       | 10                     | 940,000*   | 420,000   | 216,414   |
| Vivek Jain              | 10                     | 611,100  | 420,000   | 83,000  |
| Christopher J. Neil     | 10                     | 611,000  | 409,621   |   |

\* Mr. Murphy was promoted in May 2015. Mr. Murphy's target bonus amount was increased in connection with his promotion.

*Equity Compensation under 2015 Compensation Program*

We believe equity compensation is an effective way to align the interests of our Executive Officers with those of our stockholders in order to achieve long-term stock price growth. In designing our equity compensation program, we take into account stockholder concerns about stock usage and dilution. Equity awards are granted by the Compensation Committee or its Equity Grant Sub-Committee at duly noticed meetings. In fiscal 2015, we utilized a mix of restricted stock units and market share units to compensate our Executive Officers. We believe that market stock units align our Executive Officers' interests with those of our stockholders, as the Executive Officers benefit from future stock price appreciation relative to an index, while

restricted stock units promote strong current retention incentives for Maxim Integrated's Executive Officers.

We did not grant any stock options in fiscal 2015.

*Equity Awards for Fiscal Year 2015*

**Market Share Units**

An aggregate award of 254,004 market share units at target was made on September 2, 2014 to all Executive Officers, including the Named Executive Officers. These MSUs vest on August 15, 2018, in each case subject to continued employment on the applicable vesting date. The number of MSUs that will ultimately vest and be issued is based upon the Company's stock price relative to the performance of the SPDR S&P Semiconductor Index (XSD) measured over a four-year period.

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MSUs were granted in lieu of stock options.

**Restricted Stock Units**

All Executive Officers, including the Named Executive Officers, were granted an aggregate of 305,508 restricted stock units on September 2, 2014. These restricted stock units vest over eight (8) quarters in 2016 and 2018.

In addition, all Executive Officers, including the Named Executive Officers, were granted an aggregate of 214,500 restricted stock units on May 5, 2015. These restricted stock units generally vest over four (4) quarters in 2017 except for restricted stock units granted to Matthew J. Murphy and another executive officer in connection with their

promotions. The primary purpose of the award made to the Executive Officers on May 5, 2015 was to provide restricted stock units that vest in 2017 so that Executive Officers have unvested equity awards in 2016, 2017, and 2018, similar to substantially all other equity eligible employees.

Although we believe that long-term equity incentives are an important part of our compensation program and that they align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders, we also recognize the importance of limiting the stockholder dilution associated with our equity compensation programs. The foregoing awards were a result of balancing these two (2) competing objectives.

The table below depicts the number of restricted stock units and MSUs granted to the Named Executive Officers in fiscal year 2015:

| Name                | # of Restricted Stock Units Granted in Sept. 2014 | # of Restricted Stock Units Granted in May 2015 | # of MSU at Target granted in Sept. 2014 |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Tunç Doluca         | 76,000  | 38,000  | 66,000                                   |
| Bruce E. Kiddoo     | 30,000  | 15,000  | 25,000                                   |
| Matthew J. Murphy   | 30,000  | 92,500  | 25,000                                   |
| Vivek Jain          | 30,000  | 15,000  | 25,000                                   |
| Christopher J. Neil | 30,000  | 11,000  | 25,000                                   |

*Employee Stock Purchase Plan*

Our stockholders approved the 2008 ESP Plan at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders and approved amendments to the 2008 ESP Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the 2008 ESP Plan at each of the annual meetings of stockholders held from 2009 to 2014. Pursuant to the 2008 ESP Plan, employees and officers who meet certain eligibility qualifications are able to purchase Maxim Integrated's common stock at a discount of up to fifteen percent (15%) from the market price. Employee contributions are made through payroll deductions.

*Benefits and Perquisites*

Maxim Integrated's philosophy regarding benefits for our employees, including executives, is that they should be competitive with the market in order to attract and retain a high quality workforce, meet the needs of our employees, encourage employee well-being, and provide protection from catastrophic events. We provide medical, dental and vision insurance coverage to executives that are generally available to other full-time employees, including basic group life insurance and disability insurance. For all management employees, including our officers, we pay the premiums for executive life insurance, executive disability and umbrella liability insurance plans. We also offer a tax qualified 401(k) plan in which all U.S. based employees, including officers, are eligible to participate. All of our Named Executive Officers participated in our 401(k) plan during fiscal year 2014. In fiscal year 2015, employees were eligible to receive a

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matching contribution from Maxim Integrated equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the before-tax contributions made by the employee up to three percent (3%) of total cash compensation. Under certain limited circumstances we have provided reimbursement of expenses for tax preparation for certain executives (and all of such reimbursements to date have been de minimis).

The Compensation Committee reviews the perquisites provided to executive officers as part of its overall review of executive compensation. The Compensation Committee has determined the type and amount paid in perquisites to be within the appropriate range of competitive compensation practices. Details regarding the named executive officer's perquisites, including fiscal year 2014 cost to Maxim Integrated, are shown in the Summary Compensation Table under the All Other Compensation column and the accompanying narrative.

### *Employment Agreements*

Several years ago, we entered into an at-will employment agreement with Mr. Doluca. The agreement does not grant any right to be retained by us, and we may terminate the employment of Mr. Doluca either with or without cause at any time. In the event of any termination of employment by Maxim Integrated, all compensation and benefits, except benefits provided by law (e.g., COBRA health insurance continuation benefits) immediately cease to accrue. However, in the event of termination of employment by Maxim Integrated

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without cause, severance payments are to be made in accordance with our normal policy then in effect, if any, or as otherwise mutually agreed between Maxim Integrated and Mr. Doluca.

This agreement provides that if Mr. Doluca terminates his full-time employment with us and his written notice of termination provides that he is willing to provide certain consulting services to us, we will make health insurance coverage available to him and his family during the period of provision of such services (or willingness to provide services) by Mr. Doluca. The terms of his service, unless otherwise agreed, will provide for part-time services (up to one (1) day per month) and annual compensation equal to at least five percent (5%) of his base salary at the time of termination, provided that services are rendered. Health insurance coverage will be similar to that under the group health plan we maintain for our employees.

During the ten-year period following the notice of termination, Mr. Doluca will pay the same amount for health coverage as a similarly situated full-time employee is required to pay for coverage under our group health plan. After such ten-year period, he will pay us what the cost of the coverage would be if it were being provided pursuant to COBRA health insurance continuation benefits. In the event of Mr. Doluca's death while receiving health insurance coverage, his spouse is eligible for health insurance coverage until death so long as the surviving spouse pays for the coverage. In the event Mr. Doluca becomes disabled while receiving health insurance coverage, he is deemed to have met his service obligations to us during the disability

period. Upon reaching age sixty-five (65), Medicare becomes the primary payer of medical expenses incurred by Mr. Doluca. All of such continued health insurance coverage terminates upon the occurrence of certain disqualifying events, including, but not limited to, if he competes with Maxim Integrated or becomes eligible for health insurance coverage elsewhere.

*Post-Employment Obligations*

The at-will employment agreement with Mr. Doluca provides that in the event of termination of employment by Maxim Integrated without cause, severance payments are to be made in accordance with our normal policy then in effect, if any, or as otherwise mutually agreed between Maxim Integrated and Mr. Doluca. Maxim Integrated does not currently have any normal policy with respect to severance payments to former executives.

*Reasonableness of Compensation*

The Compensation Committee believes it is fulfilling our compensation objectives and in particular, rewarding Executive Officers in a manner that supports our strong pay-for-performance philosophy. Executive compensation is tied to our performance and is structured to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between our long-term and short-term performance, and also a balance between our operational performance and stockholder return. The Compensation Committee believes the average target pay position relative to market and pay mix are reasonable and appropriate.

## Compensation Committee Report

Our Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402 (b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on such review and discussions, our Compensation Committee recommended to the board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015.

### **Compensation Committee**

A.R. Frank Wazzan, Chairman

James R. Bergman

Robert E. Grady

**Summary Compensation Table**

The compensation for Maxim Integrated's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the three (3) other most highly compensated executive officers (together, "Named Executive Officers") for all services rendered in all capacities to Maxim Integrated and its subsidiaries during the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015 is set forth below.

**Fiscal Year 2015 Summary Compensation Table**

| Name and Principal Position | Year | Salary<br>(\$) | Bonus<br>(\$) | Stock Awards  |  |   | Non-Equity<br>Incentive<br>Plan<br>Compensation<br>(\$) <sup>(4)</sup> | All Other<br>Compensation<br>(\$) | Total<br>(\$) |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                             |      |                |               | Restricted<br>Stock Unit<br>Awards<br>(\$) <sup>(1)</sup> | Market<br>Share<br>Unit<br>Awards<br>(\$) <sup>(2)</sup> | Option<br>Awards<br>(\$) <sup>(3)</sup> |  |                                   |               |
| <b>Tunç Doluca</b>          |      |                |               |   |  |   |  |                                   |               |
| President and               |      |                |               |   |  |   |  |                                   |               |
| Chief Executive Officer     | 2015 | 590,000        | 160,000       | 3,253,011   | 1,032,240  |   | 840,000  | 15,845                            |               |