

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**Piper Jaffray Companies 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders   Vote your shares**

March 29, 2017

Employees who hold shares of Piper Jaffray Companies stock with our transfer agent, Wells Fargo, or who hold restricted shares of Piper Jaffray Companies stock, will be receiving an email by March 31, 2017 with the subject line of PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES Annual Meeting. Please do not delete this email and be sure to retain the 12-digit control number provided in the email. The email will have a link that takes you directly to a voting site, or go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) at any time and enter your control number.

Employees who are shareholders of Piper Jaffray Companies are encouraged to vote according to the Board of Directors' recommendation as follows:

- **FOR** all of the nominees for director;
- **FOR** the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditor of Piper Jaffray Companies for the year ending December 31, 2017;
- **FOR** the advisory vote approving the compensation of the officers disclosed in the proxy statement, or a say-on-pay vote; and
- **1 YEAR** on the advisory vote to recommend the frequency of future say-on-pay votes.

If you hold shares in a personal brokerage account, you will receive information from that broker with voting instructions. If you receive multiple e-mails, it is important that you submit votes for all shares held, as each e-mail represents different shares.

Employees own a significant amount of Piper Jaffray common stock, and it is critical that you vote your shares.

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