UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2018

NOODLES & COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-35987** (Commission File Number) **84-1303469** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

80021

(Zip Code)

520 Zang Street, Suite D, Broomfield, CO (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (720) 214-1900

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company x

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. x

Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 26, 2018, Noodles & Company (the "Company") and certain of its selling stockholders (the "Selling Stockholders") entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Jefferies LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), relating to an underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of an aggregate of 8,500,000 shares (the "Underwritten Shares") of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"). The Offering consists of 2,500,000 shares sold by the Company (the "Company Shares") and 6,000,000 shares sold by the Selling Stockholders named therein (the "Selling Stockholder Shares"). The Offering price of the Underwritten Shares to the public was \$10.00 per share. In addition, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Selling Stockholders granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,275,000 additional shares of Common Stock from the Selling Stockholders on the same terms.

On July 31, 2018, the Offering closed, with the Company completing the issuance and sale of the Company Shares and the Selling Stockholders completing the sale of the Selling Stockholder Shares. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the Company Shares, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, but before deducting estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, was approximately \$23.8 million. The Company did not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Selling Stockholder Shares by the Selling Stockholders.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants and includes the terms and conditions for the sale of the Underwritten Shares, as well as indemnification and contribution obligations and other terms and conditions customary in agreements of this type. The Company and its executive officers and directors, as well as the Selling Stockholders, have agreed to customary lockup restrictions pursuant to which, subject to certain exceptions, they may not offer, pledge, sell, or purchase any Company securities for a 60-day period after the closing of the Offering without the consent of Jefferies LLC.

The Offering was made pursuant to the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-225238), which was declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2018, a base prospectus dated May 25, 2018 and prospectus supplements dated July 23, 2018 and July 26, 2018.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto. The above description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

The legal opinion and consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP relating to the validity of the shares of Common Stock is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated July 26, 2018, by and among Noodles & Company, Jefferies LLC, Citigroup Global</u> <u>Markets Inc., and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule I thereto,</u> <u>and certain selling stockholders named in Schedule III thereto.</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Noodles & Company

By: /s/ DAVE BOENNIGHAUSEN

Name:Dave BoennighausenTitle:Chief Executive Officer

DATED: July 31, 2018

8,500,000 Shares

NOODLES & COMPANY

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

July 26, 2018

Jefferies LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC As representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement

c/o Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

c/o Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013

c/o RBC Capital Markets, LLC 200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor New York, New York 10281

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Noodles & Company, a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the "**Underwriters**"), for whom you are acting as representatives (the "**Representatives**") an aggregate of 2,500,000 shares of the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share of the Company (the "**Primary Firm Shares**"). Certain stockholders (the "**Selling Stockholders**") of the Company, named in Schedule III hereto, severally and not jointly, propose to sell to the several Underwriters an aggregate of 6,000,000 shares of the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "**Secondary Firm Shares**," and, together with the Primary Firm Shares, the "**Firm Shares**"), with each Selling Stockholder selling the amount set forth opposite such Selling Stockholder's name in Schedule III hereto. The shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company to be outstanding after giving effect to the sales contemplated hereby are hereinafter referred to as the "**Common Stock**."

The Selling Stockholders also propose to issue and sell, severally and not jointly, to the several Underwriters not more than an additional 1,275,000 shares of Common Stock (the "**Additional Shares**"), if and to the extent that you, as Representatives of the offering, shall have determined to exercise, on behalf of the Underwriters, the right to purchase such Additional Shares granted to the Underwriters in Section 3 hereof. The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Shares**."

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-225238), including a base prospectus, relating to the Shares (the "**Base Prospectus**"). The registration statement, as amended at the time it becomes effective, including all documents incorporated or deemed to be

incorporated by reference therein and information (if any) deemed to be part of the registration statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430A or Rule 430B under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), is hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement." If the Company has filed an abbreviated registration statement to register additional shares of Common Stock pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the "Rule 462 Registration Statement"), then any reference herein to the term "Registration Statement" shall be deemed to include such Rule 462 Registration Statement. The preliminary prospectus supplement dated July 23, 2018 describing the Shares and the offering thereof (the "Preliminary Prospectus Supplement"), together with the Base Prospectus, is called the "Preliminary Prospectus," and the Preliminary Prospectus and any other prospectus supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined below), together with the Base Prospectus, is called a "preliminary prospectus." As used herein, the term "Prospectus" shall mean the final prospectus supplement to the Base Prospectus, in the form provided by the Company and first used by the Underwriters to confirm sales of Shares (or in the form first made available to the Underwriters by the Company to meet requests of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act). References herein to the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus shall refer to both the prospectus supplement and the Base Prospectus.

For purposes of this underwriting agreement (the "**Agreement**") "**free writing prospectus**" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, "**Time of Sale Prospectus**" means the Preliminary Prospectus, as amended or supplemented immediately prior to 4:30 p.m. on July 26, 2018, together with the (i) free writing prospectuses, if any, as set forth in Schedule II hereto and (ii) pricing information set forth in Schedule II hereto, and "**broadly available road show**" means a "bona fide electronic road show" as defined in Rule 433(h)(5) under the Securities Act that has been made available without restriction to any person.

As used herein, the terms "Registration Statement," "Base Prospectus," "Preliminary Prospectus," "preliminary prospectus," "Time of Sale Prospectus" and "Prospectus" shall include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Part I of Form S-3. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which are "contained," "included" or "stated" in, or "part of" the Registration Statement, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Base Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, and all other references of like import, shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which are or are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Base Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be. All references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Base Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be. All references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Base Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "**Exchange Act**") that is or is deemed

to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Base Prospectus, or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

1. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters and the Selling Stockholders that:

(a) The Registration Statement has become effective; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission.

(i) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if (b) applicable, will not, as of the date of such amendment or supplement, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (iii) the Time of Sale Prospectus does not, and at the time of each sale of the Shares in connection with the offering when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and at the Closing Date (as defined in Section 5), the Time of Sale Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented by the Company, if applicable, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (iv) each broadly available road show, if any, when considered together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (v) as of its date and the Closing Date, the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph do not apply to statements or omissions in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.

(c) At the time that the Registration Statement was originally filed with the Commission, the Company met the thenapplicable requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act specified in FINRA Conduct Rule 5110(B)(7)(C)(i). The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, or became effective under the Exchange Act, as the case may be, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act. The Company is not an "ineligible issuer" in connection with the offering pursuant to Rules 164, 405 and 433 under the Securities Act. Any free writing prospectus that the Company is required to file pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act has been, or will be, filed with the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations

of the Commission thereunder. Each free writing prospectus that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act or that was prepared by or behalf of or used or referred to by the Company complies or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Except for the free writing prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule II hereto, and electronic road shows, if any, each furnished to you before first use, the Company has not prepared, used or referred to, and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to, any free writing prospectus.

(d) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of Delaware, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(e) Each subsidiary of the Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; all of the issued shares of capital stock of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims.

(f) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(g) The authorized capital stock of the Company conforms as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.

(h) The shares of Common Stock outstanding prior to the issuance of the Shares (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders) have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(i) The Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of such Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.

(j) The execution and delivery by the Company of, and the performance by the Company of its obligations under, this Agreement will not contravene (i) any provision of

applicable law, (ii) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Company, (iii) any agreement or other instrument binding upon the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iv) any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary, except, with respect to clauses (i) and (iii) above, where any such contravention would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or the power and ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement and no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or qualification with, any governmental body or agency is required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement, except such as may be required by the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states or the rules and regulations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares.

(k) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, there has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development that could be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(1) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (i) other than proceedings accurately described in all material respects in the Time of Sale Prospectus which proceedings would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and are not so described in all material respects; and there are no statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the documents incorporated by reference therein that are not described in all material respects or filed as required.

(m) Each preliminary prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(n) The Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(o) The Company and its subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("**Environmental Laws**"), (ii) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (iii) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license

or approval, except where such noncompliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of such permits, licenses or approvals would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(p) There are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) which would, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

The Company and its subsidiaries and any "employee benefit plan" (as defined under the Employee Retirement (q) Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (collectively, "ERISA")) established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or their "ERISA Affiliates" (as defined below) are in compliance in all material respects with ERISA. "ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any member of any group of organizations described in Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (the "**Code**") of which the Company or such subsidiary is a member. No "reportable event" (as defined under ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur with respect to any "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates. No "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates, if such "employee benefit plan" were terminated, would have any "amount of unfunded benefit liabilities" (as defined under ERISA). Neither the Company, its subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has incurred or reasonably expects to incur any liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "employee benefit plan" or (ii) Sections 412, 4971, 4975 or 4980B of the Code. Each employee benefit plan established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates that is intended to be gualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so gualified and nothing has occurred, whether by action or failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.

(r) All statistical, demographic and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes, after reasonable inquiry, to be reliable and accurate. To the extent required, the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources.

(s) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Shares or of any "reference security" (as defined in Rule 100 of Regulation M (**"Regulation M"**) under the Exchange Act) with respect to the Shares, whether to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares or otherwise, and has taken no action which would directly or indirectly violate Regulation M.

(t) The Shares have been authorized for listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, subject, in the case of the Shares offered and sold by the Company, only to official notice of issuance. To the Company's knowledge, it is in compliance with all applicable listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

(u) The Company and its subsidiaries have been and are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including the regulations disclosed as applying to the Company and its subsidiaries in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, except where failure to be so in compliance could not be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(v) Except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company or to require the Company to include such securities with the Shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(w) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries or controlled affiliates, nor any director, officer, or employee, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any agent or representative of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries or controlled affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "government official" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintain, and will continue to maintain, policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein. For purposes of this Section 1(w), "**controlled affiliate**" shall mean an affiliate over which the Company possesses the power to direct or cause the direction of management or policies thereof.

(x) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(y) (i) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, nor any director or executive officer thereof, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any non-executive officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is an individual or entity ("**Person**") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:

(1) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**"), the United Nations Security Council ("**UNSC**"), the European Union ("**EU**"), Her Majesty's Treasury ("**HMT**"), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "**Sanctions**"), nor

(2) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea and Syria).

(ii) The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:

(1) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or

(2) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

(iii) For the past five (5) years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.

(z) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, (i) the Company and its subsidiaries have not incurred any material liability or obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction, including without limitation any losses or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood, earthquakes, accident or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any strike, labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, that are material, individually or in the aggregate, to the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one entity, or has entered into any transactions not in the ordinary course of business; (ii) the Company has not purchased any of its outstanding capital stock, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the capital stock, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, except in each case as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, respectively (and in the case of capital stock, the issuance of Common Stock upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted stock outstanding as of the date of the Time of Sale Prospectus or

Prospectus, as applicable, or the grant, if any, of stock options, restricted stock or other capital stock in the ordinary course of business under existing Company equity plans that are described, in each case, in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus).

(aa) The Company and its subsidiaries own no real property in fee simple and have good and marketable title to all personal property owned by them which is material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects except such as are described in the Time of Sale Prospectus or such as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries and any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are not material and do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(bb) The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, all material patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks and trade names currently employed by them in connection with the business now operated by them in the manner set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus, except where the failure to own, possess or acquire any of the foregoing, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(cc) No material labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists, or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent; and the Company is not aware of any existing, threatened or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its principal suppliers, manufacturers or contractors that would have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(dd) The Company and each of its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(ee) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses, except where the failure to possess any such certificate, authorization or permit would not reasonably be expected, when taken in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(ff) The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("**U.S. GAAP**") and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus is accurate. Except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(gg) The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act), which (i) are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer by others within those entities, particularly during the periods in which the periodic reports required under the Exchange Act are being prepared; (ii) have been evaluated by management of the Company for effectiveness as of the end of the Company's most recent fiscal quarter as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act; and (iii) are effective in all material respects to perform the functions for which they were established.

(hh) Since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there have been no significant deficiencies or material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company is not aware of any change in its internal control over financial reporting its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(ii) Except with respect to shares of Common Stock as registered on the Registration Statement or as otherwise described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Company has not sold, issued or distributed any shares of Common Stock during the six-month period preceding the date hereof, including, without limitation, any sales pursuant to Rule 144A under, or Regulation D, Regulation S or Section 4(a)(2) of, the Securities Act, other than shares of Common Stock, restricted stock or restricted stock units issued pursuant to employee benefit plans, equity incentive plans or other compensation plans or pursuant to outstanding options, rights or warrants.

(jj) The Company and each of its subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns required to be filed through the date of this Agreement or have requested extensions thereof (except where the failure to file would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect) and have paid all taxes required to be paid thereon (except for cases in which the failure to file or pay would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or, except as currently being contested in good faith and for which reserves required by U.S. GAAP have been created in the financial statements of the Company), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries which has had (nor does the Company nor any of its subsidiaries have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which could reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Company or its subsidiaries and which could reasonably be expected to have) a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(kk) The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(ll) From the time of initial filing of the Registration Statement to the Commission (or, if earlier, the first date on which the Company engaged directly or through any person authorized to act on its behalf in any Testing-the-Waters Communication) through the date hereof, the Company has been and is an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act (an "**Emerging Growth Company**"). "**Testing-the-Waters Communication**" means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Securities Act.

(mm) The Company (i) has not alone engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communication and (ii) has not authorized anyone other than the Representatives to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company has not distributed any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications. "Written Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

(nn) As of the time of each sale of the Shares in connection with the offering when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers, if any, none of (A) the Time of Sale Prospectus, (B) any free writing prospectus, when considered together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, and (C) any individual Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, when

considered together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(oo) The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with applicable requirements of the Federal Trade Commission rules governing franchising and applicable provision of federal, state, local and other laws or regulations governing the business of a franchise or that are applicable to its business as presently conducted, except in each case as would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect.

(pp) Except pursuant to this Agreement, there is no broker, finder or other party that is entitled to receive from the Company any brokerage or finder's fee or other fee or commission as a result of any transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

2. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Selling Stockholders</u>. Each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder.

(b) Such Selling Stockholder has, and on the Closing Date will have, valid title to, or a valid "security entitlement" within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code (the "**UCC**") in respect of, the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens or other encumbrances and the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to enter into this Agreement and to sell, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder or a security entitlement in respect of such Shares.

(c) Upon payment for the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement, delivery of such Shares, as directed by the Underwriters, to Cede & Co. ("**Cede**") or such other nominee as may be designated by the Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**"), registration of such Shares in the name of Cede or such other nominee (unless delivery of such Shares is unnecessary because such Shares are already in possession of Cede or such nominee) and the crediting of such Shares on the books of DTC to securities accounts (within the meaning of Section 8-501(a) of the UCC) of the Underwriters (assuming that neither DTC nor any such Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the UCC) to such Shares), (A) under Section 8-501 of the UCC, the Underwriters will acquire a valid security entitlement in respect of such Shares and (B) no action based on any "adverse claim," within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, to such Shares may be successfully asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlement; for purposes of this representation, such Selling Stockholder assumes that when such payment, delivery and crediting occur, (x) such Shares will have been registered in the name of Cede or another nominee designated by DTC, in each case on the Company's share registry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, bylaws and applicable law, (y) DTC

will be registered as a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, (z) appropriate entries to the accounts of the several Underwriters on the records of DTC will have been made pursuant to the UCC, (a) no rule adopted by a clearing corporation governing rights and obligations among the clearing corporation and its participants in the clearing corporation conflicts with Article 8 of the UCC, (bb) claims of creditors of DTC or any other securities intermediary or clearing corporation may be given priority to the extent set forth in Section 8-511(b) and 8-511(c) of the UCC and (cc) if at any time DTC or any other securities intermediary does not have sufficient Shares to satisfy claims of all of its entitlement holders with respect thereto then all holders will share pro rata in the Shares then held by DTC or such securities intermediary.

(i) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if (d) applicable, will not contain, as of the date of such amendment or supplement, any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Time of Sale Prospectus does not, as of the date of this Agreement, and at the time of each sale of the Shares in connection with the offering when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and at the Closing Date (as defined in Section 5), the Time of Sale Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented by the Company, if applicable, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (iii) the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph 2(d) are limited in all respects to statements or omissions made (and only to the extent made) in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to such Selling Stockholder furnished to the Company in writing by such Selling Stockholder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only information furnished by such Selling Stockholder consists of the name of such Selling Stockholder, the number of offered shares and the address and other information with respect to such Selling Stockholder (excluding percentages) which appear in the Time of Sale Prospectus in the table (and corresponding footnote(s)) under the caption "Selling Stockholders" (with respect to each Selling Stockholder, the "Selling Stockholder Information").

(e) Such Selling Stockholder has executed a "lock-up" agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of Common Stock or certain other securities, that is in full force and effect as of the date hereof and shall be in full force and effect as of the Closing Date.

(f) Such Selling Stockholder has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Shares or of any "reference security" (as defined in Rule 100 of Regulation M) with respect to the Shares, whether to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares or otherwise, and has taken no action which would directly or indirectly violate Regulation M.

(g) The execution and delivery by such Selling Stockholder of, and the performance by such Selling Stockholder of its obligations under, this Agreement will not contravene or conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, or require the consent of any other party to, the charter or by-laws, partnership agreement, trust agreement or other organizational documents of such Selling Stockholder or any other agreement or instrument to which such Selling Stockholder is a party or by which it is bound or under which it is entitled to any right or benefit, any provision of applicable law or any judgment, order, decree or regulation applicable to such Selling Stockholder of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over such Selling Stockholder, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially interfere with such Selling Stockholder's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental authority or agency, is required for the consummation by such Selling Stockholder of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, except (i) such as has been obtained or (ii) such as may be required under the Securities Act, applicable state securities or Blue Sky laws, and from FINRA.

(h) Such Selling Stockholder is not currently subject to any Sanctions and will not directly or, to its knowledge, indirectly use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, or any joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any person (including any person participating in the offering whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(i) Such Selling Stockholder is not prompted to sell Shares by any information concerning the Company which is not set forth in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.

(j) Prior to the later of (i) the expiration or termination of the option granted to the Underwriters under Section 3 and (ii) the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Shares, such Selling Stockholder has not distributed and will not distribute any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, free writing prospectuses, if any, as set forth in Schedule II hereto, and the Prospectus.

3. <u>Agreements to Sell and Purchase</u>. The Company and the Selling Stockholders hereby agree to sell to the several Underwriters, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company and Selling Stockholders at \$9.50 per share (the "**Purchase Price**") the number of Firm Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine) set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter.

On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, and subject to its terms and conditions, the Selling Stockholders agree to sell to the Underwriters the Additional Shares, and the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not

jointly, up to 1,275,000 Additional Shares at the Purchase Price; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the amount paid by the Underwriters for any Additional Shares shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends declared by the Company with a record date for payment that is after the Closing Date and payable on the Firm Shares but not payable on such Additional Shares. You may exercise this right on behalf of the Underwriters in whole or in part from time to time in part by giving written notice not later than 30 days after the date of this Agreement. Any exercise notice shall specify the number of Additional Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters and the date on which such shares are to be purchased. Each purchase date must be at least one (1) business day after the written notice is given and may not be earlier than the closing date for the Firm Shares nor later than ten (10) business days after the date of such notice.

Additional Shares may be purchased as provided in Section 5 hereof at the option of the Underwriters. On each day, if any, that Additional Shares are to be purchased (each an "**Option Closing Date**"), each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the number of Additional Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total number of Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date as the number of Additional Shares set forth in Schedule III opposite the name of such Selling Stockholder bears to the total number of Additional Shares.

The Company hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Jefferies LLC on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period ending sixty (60) days after the date of the Prospectus (the "**Restricted Period**"), (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Company (as such term is used in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act) or any other securities so owned convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) announce the offering of shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or otherwise, in cash or otherwise, (3) announce the offering of shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock.

The restrictions contained in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to (a) the Shares to be sold hereunder, (b) the issuance by the Company of shares of Common Stock upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof, or grants of stock options, restricted stock or restricted stock units in accordance with the terms of a plan in effect on the Closing Date and described in the Time of Sale Prospectus (or any document incorporated by reference therein), including, without limitation, the Company's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan, or the issuance by the Company of shares of Common Stock upon the exercise thereof, (c) except as contemplated by clause (b) above, the issuance by the Company of, or options to purchase, Common Stock to employees, officers, directors, advisors or consultants of the Company pursuant to plans described in the Time of Sale Prospectus (or any document incorporated by reference therein), including, without limitation, the Company's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan, or (d) the filing by the Company of

a registration statement with the Commission on Form S-8 relating to the offering of securities in accordance with the terms of a plan in effect on the date hereof and described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, including, without limitation, the Company's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.

4. <u>Terms of Public Offering</u>. The Company and Selling Stockholders are advised by you that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Shares as soon after the Registration Statement and this Agreement have become effective as in your judgment is advisable. The Company and Selling Stockholders are further advised by you that the Shares are to be offered to the public initially at \$10.00 per share (the "**Public Offering Price**") and to certain dealers selected by you at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$0.30 per share under the Public Offering Price, and that any Underwriter may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession, not in excess of \$0.30 per share, to any Underwriter or to certain other dealers.

5. <u>Payment and Delivery</u>. Payment for the Firm Shares to be sold by each seller shall be made to the Company and Selling Stockholders in federal funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Firm Shares for the account of the several Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on July 31, 2018, or at such other time on the same or such other date, as shall be designated in writing by you and the Company. The time and date of such payment are hereinafter referred to as the "Closing Date."

Payment for any Additional Shares shall be made to the Selling Stockholders in federal funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Additional Shares for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date specified in the corresponding notice described in Section 3 or at such other time on the same or on such other date, in any event not later than five (5) full business days after the date of delivery of such notice, as shall be designated in writing by you and the Company.

The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as you shall request in writing not later than one (1) full business day prior to the Closing Date or the applicable Option Closing Date, as the case may be. The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be delivered to you on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters. The Purchase Price payable by the Underwriters shall be reduced by (i) any transfer taxes paid by, or on behalf of, the Underwriters in connection with the transfer of the Shares to the Underwriters duly paid and (ii) any withholding required by law.

6. <u>Conditions to the Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Company and Selling Stockholders to sell the Shares to the Underwriters and the several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Shares on the Closing Date are subject to the condition that the Registration Statement shall have become effective not later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on the date hereof.

The several obligations of the Underwriters are subject to the following further conditions:

(a) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:

(i) there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any of the securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act;

(ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose shall have been instituted or threatened by the Commission; and

(iii) there shall not have occurred any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus as of the date of this Agreement that, in your judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in your judgment, impracticable to market the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(b) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Company, to the effect set forth in Section 6(a) above and to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Company has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The officer signing and delivering such certificate may rely upon his or her knowledge as to proceedings threatened.

(c) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date opinions and a negative assurance letter of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, outside counsel for the Company and Catterton-Noodles, LLC, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriters.

(d) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel for Argentia Private Investments, Inc. and an internal counsel for Public Sector Pension Investment Board, sole parent of Argentia Private Investments Inc., dated the Closing Date, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriters.

(e) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Foley Hoag LLP, counsel for Mill Road Capital II, L.P., dated the Closing Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriters.

(f) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion and negative assurance letter of White & Case LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date.

(g) The Underwriters shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a letter dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to Underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof.

(h) The "lock-up" agreements, each substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, between you and certain stockholders, officers and directors of the Company relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of Common Stock or certain other securities, delivered to you on or before the date hereof, shall be in full force and effect on the Closing Date.

(i) The Underwriters shall have received from each Selling Stockholder a properly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") Form W-9 or an IRS Form W-8, as appropriate, together with all required attachments to such form.

(j) If a filing has been made with FINRA, FINRA shall have raised no objection to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.

(k) On each of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, the Underwriters shall have received a written certificate executed by each Selling Stockholder, dated as of such date, to the effect that:

(i) the representations and warranties of such Selling Stockholder set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects with the same force and effect as though expressly made by such Selling Stockholder on and as of such date; and

(ii) such Selling Stockholder has in all material respects complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to such date.

(1) The Underwriters shall have received on the date hereof a certificate of Kathy Lockhart, the Company's Vice President and Controller, dated the date of the Prospectus, stating that certain information in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus is correct as of the date stated therein.

(m) On or before each of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, the Underwriters and counsel for the Underwriters shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably request for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Shares as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares as contemplated herein and in connection

with the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Underwriters and counsel for the Underwriters.

(n) The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Additional Shares hereunder are subject to the delivery to you on the applicable Option Closing Date of such documents as you may reasonably request with respect to the good standing of the Company, the due authorization and issuance of the Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date and other matters related to the issuance of such Additional Shares.

(o) If any condition specified in Section 6 hereto is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice from the Representatives to the Company and the Selling Stockholders at any time on or prior to the Closing Date and, with respect to the Additional Shares, at any time on or prior to the applicable Option Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Section 8 and Section 10 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

7. <u>Covenants of the Company and Selling Stockholders</u>. (A) The Company covenants with each Underwriter and the Selling Stockholders as follows:

(a) To furnish to you, without charge, two (2) signed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and for delivery to each other Underwriter a conformed copy of the Registration Statement (without exhibits thereto) and to furnish to you in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 7(A)(e) or 7(A)(f) below, as many copies of the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus and any supplements and amendments thereto or to the Registration Statement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(b) Before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement (including by way of post-effective amendment), the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, to furnish to you a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object, and to file with the Commission any prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act within the applicable period specified by such rule or a post-effective amendment required to be filed under the Securities Act.

(c) To furnish to you a copy of each proposed free writing prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and not to use or refer to any proposed free writing prospectus to which you reasonably object.

(d) Not to take any action that would result in an Underwriter or the Company being required to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriters that the Underwriters otherwise would not have been required to file thereunder.

(e) If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Shares at a time when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading, or if any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement then on file, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to any dealer upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Prospectus so that the statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in light of the circumstances when the Time of Sale Prospectus is delivered to a prospective purchaser be misleading, the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer conflict with the Registration Statement or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law.

(f) If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Shares, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriter, the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Securities Act) is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or a dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses you will furnish to the Company) to which Shares may have been sold by you on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer conflict with the Registration Statement, or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will applicable law.

(g) To endeavor to qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws or Canadian provincial securities laws (or other foreign laws) of such jurisdictions as you shall reasonably request, and to comply with and continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Shares; *provided*, that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction in which it is not now so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits, other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Shares, or taxation in any jurisdiction in which it is now so subject. The Company will advise the Underwriters promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Shares for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification,

registration or exemption, the Company shall use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(h) To make generally available to the Company's security holders and to you as soon as practicable an earnings statement covering a period of at least twelve (12) months beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the Company occurring after the date of this Agreement which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(i) To promptly notify the Representatives if the Company ceases to be an Emerging Growth Company at any time prior to the later of (a) completion of the distribution of the Shares within the meaning of the Securities Act and (b) completion of the Restricted Period referred to in Section 3.

(j) If any Selling Stockholder is not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Company will deliver to each Underwriters (or its agent), on or before the Closing Date, (i) a certificate with respect to the Company's status as a "United States real property holding corporation," dated as of the Closing Date, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters and in accordance with Treasury Regulations Sections 1.897-2(h) and 1.1445-2(c)(3), and (ii) proof of delivery to the IRS of the required notice, as described in Treasury Regulations 1.897-2(h)(2).

(k) To comply with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Shares as contemplated by this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Shares is required by the Securities Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act or any similar rule), file on a timely basis with the Commission and The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC all reports and documents required to be filed under the Exchange Act.

(l) To apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares sold by it in the manner described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.

(m) If at any time following the distribution of any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Underwriters and will promptly amend or supplement, such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission.

(B) Each Selling Stockholder further covenants and agrees with each Underwriter:

(a) Such Selling Stockholder will advise the Underwriter promptly during the period when a prospectus relating to the Shares is required by the Securities Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act or any similar rule), of any new material information relating to the Selling Stockholder Information of such Selling Stockholder in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus that comes to the attention of such Selling Stockholder.

(b) Such Selling Stockholder will deliver to the Representatives, on or prior to the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers, together with copies of identifying documentation, and such Selling Stockholder undertakes to provide such additional supporting documentation as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the verification of the foregoing certification.

8. Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company agrees to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of their and the Selling Stockholders' obligations under this Agreement, including: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and the Company's accountants in connection with the registration and delivery of the Shares under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing, including all printing costs associated therewith, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers, in the quantities hereinabove specified, (ii) all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Shares sold to the Underwriters, including any transfer, stamp or other taxes payable thereon, (iii) the cost of printing or producing any Blue Sky or legal investment memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares under state securities laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 7(A)(g) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the blue sky or legal investment memorandum, (iv) the costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Underwriters incurred in connection with determining its compliance with the rules and regulations of FINRA related to the Underwriters' participation in the offering and distribution of the Shares, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters, (v) all costs and expenses incident to listing the Shares on the NASDAO Global Select Market and other national securities exchanges, (vi) the cost of printing certificates representing the Shares, (vii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depositary, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" as defined in Rule 433(h)(4) under the Securities Act (a "road show") undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Shares, including, without limitation, the reasonable, documented and out-of-pocket fees and expenses associated with the preparation or dissemination of any electronic road show, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations with the prior approval of the Company, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants,

and one-half of the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show, if such expense associated with any aircraft is approved by the Company in writing prior to the beginning of such road show, (ix) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement, and (x) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section 8. It is understood, however, that except as provided in this Section 8 and in Section 10 entitled "Indemnity and Contribution," the Underwriters will pay all of their costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of their counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Shares by them and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make. Each Selling Stockholder, severally but not jointly, agrees to pay or cause to be paid all fees, disbursements and expenses of his, her or its respective counsel, unless otherwise provided for in any agreements between such Selling Stockholder and the Company, and all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Shares sold by such Selling Stockholder to the Underwriters, including any transfer, stamp or other taxes payable thereon.

9. <u>Covenants of the Underwriters</u>. Each Underwriter covenants with the Company that, without the prior written consent of the Company, it has not taken and will not take any action that would result in the Company being required to file with the Commission under Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of such Underwriter that otherwise would not be required to be filed by the Company thereunder, but for the action of the Underwriter.

10. Indemnity and Contribution.

The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any (a) Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and each affiliate, director, officer, employee or agent of any Underwriter from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) as to which any Underwriter and each affiliate, director, officer, employee, agent or control person thereof may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, other federal or state statutory law or regulation or the laws or regulations of foreign jurisdictions where the Shares have been offered or sold or at common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any issuer free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 433(h)(1) (an "issuer free writing prospectus") under the Securities Act, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, any road show, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.

Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Selling (b) Stockholders, the directors of the Company, the officers of the Company who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Selling Stockholder within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any issuer free writing prospectus, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, any road show or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, but only with reference to information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any issuer free writing prospectus, road show, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the following information in the Final Prospectus: the concession figure in the fifth paragraph and the statements set forth in the first sentence in the thirteenth paragraph under the caption "Underwriting."

Each Selling Stockholder agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, (c) each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate, director, officer, employee or agent of any Underwriter from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) as to which any Underwriter and each affiliate director, officer, employee, agent or control person thereof may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, other federal or state statutory law or regulation or the laws or regulations of foreign jurisdictions where the Shares have been offered or sold or at common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any issuer free writing prospectus, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, any road show, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, but only to the extent that such statement or omission reflects information relating to such Selling Stockholder furnished to the Company in writing by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any issuer free writing prospectus, road

show or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that such information consists only of the Selling Stockholder Information. The aggregate liability of each Selling Stockholder under the indemnification provisions contained in this paragraph and the contribution provisions contained in Section 10(e) shall be limited to an amount equal to the aggregate Public Offering Price (less underwriting discounts and commissions) of the Shares sold by such Selling Stockholder under this Agreement (with respect to each Selling Stockholder, the "**Selling Stockholder Proceeds**").

In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in (d) respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) such person (the "indemnified party") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "indemnifying party") in writing, but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party to the extent the indemnifying party is not materially prejudiced as a proximate result of such failure and shall not in any event relieve the indemnifying party from any liability that it may have otherwise than on account of this Section 10. Upon request of the indemnified party or at the election of the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the reasonable fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them or (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (i) the fees and expenses of more than one law firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Underwriters and all persons, if any, who control any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or who are affiliates, directors, officers, employees or agents of any Underwriter or (ii) the fees and expenses of more than one law firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Company, its directors, its officers who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either such Section, and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. In the case of any such law firm for the Underwriters and such control persons and affiliates of any Underwriters, such firm shall be designated in writing by Jefferies LLC. In the case of any such law firm for the Company, and such directors, officers, employees, agents or control persons of the Company, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Company. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment as and to

the extent provided in this Section 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by Section 10(d) hereof, the indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than thirty (30) days after receipt by such indemnifying party of both the aforesaid request and reasonable documentation of such fees and expenses and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party as provided in this Section 10 with respect to such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of, or compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in, any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding.

To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) is unavailable to an indemnified (e) party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party or parties on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by Section 10(e) (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in Section 10(e)(i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and of the indemnified party or parties on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate Public Offering Price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Company and the Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company, the Selling Stockholders or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 10(d), any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim. The provisions set forth in Section 10(d) with respect to notice of commencement of any action shall apply if a claim for contribution is to be made under this Section 10; *provided*, however, that no additional notice

shall be required with respect to any action for which notice has been given under Section 10(d) for purposes of indemnification.

(f) The Company, Selling Stockholders, and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 10 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in Section 10(e). Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 10, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting discounts and concessions received by the Underwriters in connection with the offering contemplated by this Agreement. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 10 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.

(g) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 10 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Company contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, any Selling Stockholder, any person controlling any Underwriter or Selling Stockholder, or any affiliate of any Underwriter or Selling Stockholder or by or on behalf of the Company, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Shares.

(h) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, (i) the aggregate liability of each Selling Stockholder under the indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 10 shall not exceed the Selling Stockholder Proceeds of such Selling Stockholder and (ii) the provisions contained in this Section 10 shall not affect any agreement among the Company and the Selling Stockholders with respect to indemnification or contribution.

11. Termination. The Representatives may terminate this Agreement by notice given to the Company and the Selling Stockholders, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date, and with respect to the Additional Shares, at any time on or prior to the applicable Option Closing Date, (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, any of the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade or other relevant exchanges, (ii) trading of any securities of the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market, (iii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, (iv) any moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities, or (v) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis that, in the Representatives' judgment, is material and adverse and which, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (v), makes it, in the Representatives' judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the

offer, sale or delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

12. Effectiveness.

(a) This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

(b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to clause (ii) of Section 11 or (ii) if for any reason the Company or any Selling Stockholder shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to reimburse the Underwriters for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees and expenses of their counsel) reasonably incurred by the Underwriters (other than any defaulting Underwriter) in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.

13. Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters.

If, on the Closing Date or any Option Closing Date any one or more of the several Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares that it has or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the Representatives (other than any defaulting Underwriter) may make arrangements satisfactory to the Company and the Selling Stockholders for the purchase of such Shares by other persons, including any of the Underwriters, but if no such arrangements are made by such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, in the proportions that the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule I bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Representatives (other than any defaulting Underwriter) with the consent of the nondefaulting Underwriters, to purchase the Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If, on the Closing Date or any Option Closing Date any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares and the aggregate number of Shares with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate number of Shares to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives (other than any defaulting Underwriter) and the Company for the purchase of such Shares are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any party (other than the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters) to any other party except that the provisions of Section 8 and Section 10 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case either the Representatives (other than any defaulting Underwriter) or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date or the applicable Option Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter or Underwriters under this Agreement.

14. Entire Agreement.

(a) This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Company and Selling Stockholders on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other, with respect to the preparation of any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, the conduct of the offering, and the purchase and sale of the Shares.

(b) The Company acknowledges that in connection with the offering of the Shares: (i) the Underwriters have acted at arms-length with, are not agents of, and owe no fiduciary duties to, the Company or any other person, (ii) the Underwriters owe the Company only those duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement and prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement), if any, and (iii) the Underwriters may have interests that differ from those of the Company. The Company waives to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law any claims it may have against the Underwriters arising from an alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the offering of the Shares.

15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

16. <u>**Applicable Law**</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

17. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.

18. <u>Notices</u>. All communications hereunder shall be in writing and effective only upon receipt, and

(a) if to the Underwriters, shall be delivered, mailed or sent to the Representatives, c/o Jefferies LLC, 520 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attention: General Counsel; c/o Citigroup Global Markets Inc., 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013, Attention: General Counsel, facsimile number 1-646-291-1469; and c/o RBC Capital Markets, LLC, 200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10281-8098, Attention: Equity Syndicate, phone: 877-822-4089, email: equityprospectus@rbccm.com; and with a copy to White & Case LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, Attention: Colin Diamond, Esq.;

(b) if to the Company shall be delivered, mailed or sent to 520 Zang Street, Suite D, Broomfield, Colorado 80021, Attention: General Counsel, with a copy to Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10066, Attention: Andrew L. Fabens, Esq; and

(c) if to the Selling Stockholders shall be delivered, mailed, or sent to their addresses set forth on Schedule III.

Very truly yours,

NOODLES & COMPANY

By: /s/ Melissa Heidman

Name: Melissa Heidman Executive Vice President, General Title: Counsel and Secretary

CATTERTON-NOODLES, LLC

- By: CP6 MANAGEMENT L.L.C., Manager
- By: /s/ Scott A. Dahnke Name: Scott A. Dahnke Title: Managing Member

ARGENTIA PRIVATE INVESTMENTS INC.

By:	/s/ Martin Longchamps		
	Name:	Martin Longchamps	
	Title:	Authorized Signatory	

By: /s/ François Dufresne Name: François Dufresne Title: Authorized Signatory

MILL ROAD CAPITAL II, L.P.

- MILL ROAD CAPITAL II GP LLC, By: General Partner
- By: /s/ Justin Jacobs Name: Justin Jacobs Title: Managing Director

JEFFERIES LLC CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC. RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

> Acting on behalf of themselves and as Representatives of the several Underwriters named in the attached <u>Schedule I</u>

JEFFERIES LLC

By: <u>/s/ Michael A. Bauer</u> Name: Michael A. Bauer Title: Managing Director

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

By: <u>/s/ Brian Anion</u> Name: Brian Anion Title: Managing Director

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Michael A. Goldberg</u> Name: Michael A. Goldberg Title: Managing Director

Underwriter	Number of Firm Shares To Be Purchased
Jefferies LLC	3,400,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	2,125,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	2,125,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	510,000
C.L. King & Associates, Inc.	340,000
Total:	8,500,000

Time of Sale Prospectus

- 1. Preliminary Prospectus Supplement issued July 23, 2018.
- 2. Pricing information, including (i) the Public Offering Price, (ii) the number of Firm Shares, (iii) the number of Additional Shares and (iv) the Selling Stockholder Information (to the extent not otherwise included in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement).

SCHEDULE III

Selling Stockholder	Number of Firm Shares To Be Sold	Maximum Number of Additional Shares To Be Sold
Catterton-Noodles, LLC 599 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830	2,477,842	526,541
Mill Road Capital II, L.P. 382 Greenwich Avenue, Suite One, Greenwich, CT 06830 With a copy of any notice to be sent to: Foley Hoag LLP, 155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA 02210, Attention: Peter M. Rosenblum, Esq.	1,823,353	387,463
Argentia Private Investments Inc. 1250 René-Lévesque Boulevard West, Suite 1400, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3B 5E9	1,698,805	360,996
Total:	6,000,000	1,275,000

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF LOCK-UP LETTER

[•], 2018

Jefferies LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC As representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement

c/o Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

c/o Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013

c/o RBC Capital Markets, LLC 3 World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street, 9th Floor New York, New York 10281

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that Jefferies LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters (the "**Underwriters**"), propose to enter into an underwriting agreement (the "**Underwriting Agreement**") with Noodles & Company, a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), and certain selling stockholders, providing for the public offering (the "**Public Offering**") by the Underwriters of shares of the class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (the "**Common Stock**").

The undersigned hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of Jefferies LLC, the undersigned will (and, where the undersigned is an individual, will cause the spouse of the undersigned, any immediate family member (as defined Rule 16a-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**")) (an "**Immediate Family Member**") of the undersigned or an Immediate Family Member of the undersigned's spouse, in each case living in the undersigned's household or whose principal residence is the undersigned's household (regardless of whether such spouse or family member may at the time be living elsewhere due to educational activities, health care treatment, military service, temporary

internship or employment or otherwise) (a "Family Member"), during the period commencing on the date set forth on the preliminary prospectus which is printed and distributed to investors and ending sixty (60) days after the date of the final prospectus (the "Restricted Period") relating to the Public Offering (the "Prospectus"), not to (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant or exercise any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock beneficially owned (as such term is used in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, by the undersigned or any other securities so owned convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (3) publicly announce any intention to do any of the foregoing. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to: (a) the sale of securities pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement; (b) transactions relating to shares of Common Stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the Public Offering; provided, that no filing under the Exchange Act (other than a filing on Form 5, Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G (or Schedule 13D/A or Schedule 13G/A) made after the expiration of the Restricted Period), shall be required or shall be voluntarily made in connection with subsequent sales of Common Stock or other securities acquired in such open market transactions: (c) transfers of shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into Common Stock: (i) as a bona fide gift or charitable contribution, (ii) by will or intestacy or (iii) to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or an Immediate Family Member of the undersigned; (d) transfers or distributions of shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into Common Stock to beneficiaries or affiliates of the undersigned, including limited partners, members or stockholders of the undersigned, or to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the undersigned or under common control with the undersigned; provided, that in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (c) or (d), (i) each transferee, donee or distributee shall sign and deliver a lock-up letter substantially in the form of this letter and (ii) no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock, shall be required or shall be voluntarily made during the Restricted Period; (e) the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act (a "Plan") for the transfer of shares of Common Stock; provided, that (i) such Plan does not provide for the transfer of Common Stock during the Restricted Period and (ii) no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act shall be required or voluntarily made during the Restricted Period by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company regarding the establishment of such plan; (f) exercise an option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted under any stock incentive plan or stock purchase plan of the Company or exercise a warrant, including, in either case, on a "net" basis; provided, that (x) the underlying shares of Common Stock shall continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this letter, (y) in the event of an exercise on a "net" basis, the Company becomes the owner of the shares of Common Stock surrendered in the net exercise, and (z) any public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act shall indicate that any disposition of shares of Common Stock in connection with the exercise was to the Company and that shares of Common Stock held by the undersigned following such exercise may not be transferred during the Restricted Period; and (g) transfers in connection with a liquidation, merger, stock exchange or similar transaction that results in all of

the Company's stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of common stock for cash, securities or other property. In addition, the undersigned agrees that, without the prior written consent of Jefferies LLC, it will not, during the Restricted Period, make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock. The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the undersigned's shares of Common Stock except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

The undersigned confirms that the undersigned has not, and has no knowledge that any Family Member has, directly or indirectly, taken any action designed to or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale of the Common Stock. The undersigned will not, and will cause any Family Member not to take, directly or indirectly, any such action.

The undersigned understands that the Company and the Underwriters are relying upon this agreement in proceeding toward consummation of the Public Offering. The undersigned further understands that this agreement is irrevocable and shall be binding upon the undersigned's heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the Company advising Jefferies LLC in writing prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement that it does not intend to proceed with the Public Offering, (ii) the termination of the Underwriting Agreement before the closing of the Public Offering and (iii) August 31, 2018, if the Underwriting Agreement has not been executed by that date. Whether or not the Public Offering actually occurs depends on a number of factors, including market conditions and other factors. Any Public Offering will only be made pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the terms of which are subject to negotiation between the Company and the Representatives.

This letter agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

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Very truly yours,

(Name)

(Name)

Date: _____

FORM OF WAIVER OF LOCK-UP

_____, 20___

[Name and Address of Officer or Director Requesting Waiver]

Dear Mr./Ms. [Name]:

This letter is being delivered to you in connection with the offering by Noodles & Company (the "**Company**") and certain selling stockholders of the Company of 8,500,000 shares of Class A common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value (the "**Common Stock**"), and the lock-up letter dated July ____, 2018 (the "**Lock-up Letter**"), executed by you in connection with such offering, and your request for a [waiver] [release] dated _____, 20__, with respect to _____ shares of Common Stock (the "**Shares**").

Jefferies LLC hereby agrees to [waive] [release] the transfer restrictions set forth in the Lock-up Letter, but only with respect to the Shares, effective _____, 20__. This letter will serve as notice to the Company of the impending [waiver] [release].

Except as expressly [waived] [released] hereby, the Lock-up Letter shall remain in full force and effect.

Very truly yours,

Jefferies LLC

[LETTERHEAD OF GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP]

July 31, 2018

Noodles & Company 520 Zang Street, Suite D Broomfield, CO 80021

Re: Noodles & Company Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-225238)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-225238, as amended (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), of Noodles & Company, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), in connection with the offering of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Shares</u>") by the Company (the "<u>Primary Shares</u>") and the selling stockholders identified in the Registration Statement (the "<u>Secondary Shares</u>") of up to an aggregate of 9,775,000 Shares (including Shares that may be sold upon the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional Shares from the selling stockholders identified in the Registration Statement).

In arriving at the opinion expressed below, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true and complete copies of the originals, of specimen Common Stock certificates and such other documents, corporate records, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable to enable us to render the opinions set forth below. In our examination, we have assumed without independent investigation the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Primary Shares will be, when issued against payment therefor as set forth in the Registration Statement, and the Secondary Shares are, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the captions "<u>Validity of the Class A Common Stock</u>" and "<u>Legal Matters</u>" in the Registration Statement and the prospectus that forms a part thereof. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP