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April 4, 2022

#### Dear Fellow Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2022 annual meeting of the stockholders of Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("TMCI" or the "Company") to be held virtually on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time. We are pleased to announce that this year's annual meeting will be a virtual meeting via live webcast on the internet. You will be able to attend the annual meeting, vote and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022.

We are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders over the internet. You may read, print and download our 2021 annual report to stockholders on Form 10-K and our proxy statement at http://materials.proxyvote.com/89455T. On or about April 4, 2022, we will begin mailing our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access these materials and how to vote their shares. The notice provides instructions on how you can request a paper copy of these materials by mail, by telephone or by email. If you requested your materials via email, the email contains voting instructions and links to the materials on the internet.

You may vote your shares before the annual meeting by regular mail, telephone or online, or you may vote online during the annual meeting. The annual meeting is being held so that stockholders may consider the election of directors and the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as TMCI's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The Company's board of directors has determined that the matters to be considered at the annual meeting are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, our board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" each matter to be considered.

On behalf of the board of directors and the officers and employees of TMCI, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our stockholders for their continued support of TMCI. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

John T. Treace

Chief Executive Officer, Director and Founder

#### NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be by means of a virtual webcast at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

At or before the Annual Meeting, stockholders are invited to consider and vote upon the following matters:

- 1. Election of the three nominees for Class I directors to serve for a three-year term of office expiring at the 2025 annual meeting of the stockholders or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified;
- 2. Ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022; and
- 3. Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements.

These proposals are more fully described in the Proxy Statement following this Notice.

The board of directors of the Company recommends that you vote "**FOR**" the election of all three nominees to serve as directors of the Company and "**FOR**" the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

The board of directors has fixed the close of business on March 21, 2022 as the record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT AND OUR ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND SUBMIT YOUR PROXY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE USING ONE OF THE THREE CONVENIENT VOTING METHODS DESCRIBED IN THE "INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROXY PROCESS AND VOTING" SECTION IN THE PROXY STATEMENT. IF YOU RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE SET OF PROXY MATERIALS OR NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY BECAUSE YOUR SHARES ARE REGISTERED IN DIFFERENT NAMES OR ADDRESSES, EACH PROXY SHOULD BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Jaime A. Frias

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

April 4, 2022

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Please vote via the internet or telephone.

Internet: www.proxyvote.com Phone: 1-800-690-6903

Important Notice Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 17, 2022 at 11:00 am ET via live webcast at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022

This proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 are available at http://materials.proxyvote.com/89455T.

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#### PROXY STATEMENT

## ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS May 17, 2022

#### ABOUT THE MEETING

We have sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our board of directors (the "Board") is soliciting your proxy for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company" or "TMCI" or "we" or "us" or "our") and at any adjournment, continuation or postponement of the meeting for the purposes described in this proxy statement and the accompanying Notice of 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

- This proxy statement summarizes information about the proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting and other information you may find useful in determining how to vote.
- The proxy card is the means by which you authorize another person to vote your shares in accordance with your instructions.

This is our first annual stockholders meeting since shares of our common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market after our initial public offering ("IPO") in April 2021. The Annual Meeting will occur on May 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time in a virtual format via live webcast. If you held shares of our common stock as of the close of business on the record date, March 21, 2022 (the "Record Date"), you are invited to attend the meeting at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022 and vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement. There will be no physical meeting location.

In addition to solicitations by mail, our directors, officers and regular employees, without additional remuneration, may solicit proxies by telephone, e-mail and personal interviews. We may retain outside consultants to solicit proxies on our behalf as well. All costs of solicitation of proxies will be borne by us. Brokers, custodians and fiduciaries will be requested to forward proxy soliciting material to the owners of stock held in their names, and we will reimburse them for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the distribution of proxy materials.

On or about April 4, 2022, we will begin mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Internet Notice") to our stockholders. The Internet Notice provides instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the internet, including our proxy statement, Notice of 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy card and our 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K ("2021 Annual Report"). The Internet Notice will also describe how to vote by mail, telephone or online and, if desired, how to receive a printed set of proxy materials. If you requested your materials via email, the email contains voting instructions and links to the materials on the internet. In addition, we have provided brokers, dealers, banks, voting trustees, and their nominees, at our expense, with additional copies of our proxy materials and the Form 10-K so that our record holders can supply these materials to the beneficial owners of shares of our common stock as of the Record Date. The Form 10-K is also available in the "Financial Information" section of our website at https://investors.treace.com.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

#### Why did I receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials in the mail instead of a full set of proxy materials?

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the internet. Accordingly, we have sent you the Internet Notice. The Internet Notice will instruct you as to how you may access and review the proxy materials on the internet and, if desired, how to request a printed set of proxy materials. In addition, by following the instructions in the Internet Notice, you may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. We believe that these rules allow us to conserve natural resources and reduce our costs of printing and delivering proxy materials, while providing a convenient method for stockholders to access the materials and vote.

To request that a full set of the proxy materials be sent to your specified postal address, you may use any of these three methods: (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. Please have your proxy card in hand when you access the website or call and follow the instructions provided. Please submit such request by May 3, 2022.

#### What does it mean if I receive more than one Notice?

If you receive more than one Internet Notice, your shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions on the Internet Notices to ensure that all your shares are voted.

#### What is the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting via live webcast on the internet. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting, vote and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022\_and entering the 16-digit control number included in the Internet Notice, on your proxy card or in the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials. There will be no physical meeting location.

#### What am I voting on?

There are two matters scheduled for a vote at the Annual Meeting:

- *Proposal No. 1*—To elect three Class I directors named in this proxy statement to serve for a three-year term of office expiring at the 2025 annual meeting of the stockholders or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.
- Proposal No. 2—To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

For Proposal No. 1, you may either vote "For" the nominee to the Board or you may "Withhold" your vote. For Proposal No. 2, you may vote "For" or "Against" or abstain from voting.

#### What if another matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting?

If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board did not know of any other business to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

#### What are the Board's recommendations?

Our Board recommends a vote "FOR" the election of the respective nominees for director named in this proxy statement; and "FOR" the ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP.

#### Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

Only our stockholders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2022, the Record Date for the Annual Meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and to participate in the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were 55,278,942 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which are entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting.

**Registered Stockholders.** If shares of our common stock are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares and the Internet Notice was provided to you directly by us. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to the individuals listed on the proxy card or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Throughout this proxy statement, we refer to these registered stockholders as "stockholders of record."

Street Name Stockholders. If shares of our common stock are held on your behalf in a brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered to be the beneficial owner of shares that are held in "street name," and the Internet Notice was forwarded to you by your broker or nominee, who is considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee as to how to vote your shares. If you wish to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting rather than submitting a voting instruction form to your broker, follow the instructions from your broker. Beneficial owners are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

#### What are the voting rights of the holders of our common stock?

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on each matter that is submitted to stockholders for approval.

#### How can I vote my shares without attending the Annual Meeting?

You may submit a proxy by telephone, via the internet or by mail. The procedures for voting depend on whether you are the stockholder of record or are held by a bank, broker or other nominee (referred as being held in "street name").

- **Submitting a Proxy by Telephone**: If you are a stockholder of record, you can submit your proxy by dialing toll-free 1-800-690-6903 using a touch-tone phone and following the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the Internet Notice or proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 16, 2022 to be counted. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, follow the telephone voting instructions, if any, provided on your voting instruction card.
- Submitting a Proxy via the Internet: You may submit your proxy or voting instructions over the internet by following the instructions on the proxy card or voting instruction form.
- **Submitting a Proxy by Mail**: You can submit your proxy or voting instructions by completing and signing the separate proxy card or voting instruction form you received and mailing it in the accompanying prepaid and addressed envelope.

By casting your vote in any of the three ways listed above, you are authorizing the individuals named in the proxy to vote your shares in accordance with your instructions. All shares that have been properly voted, and not revoked, will be voted at the Annual Meeting. If you sign and return your proxy card but do not give voting instructions, the shares represented by that proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board on all matters presented in this Proxy Statement and as they may determine in their best judgment with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you access the virtual Annual Meeting using your 16-digit control number, you may withdraw a prior proxy and vote online during the Annual Meeting if you so choose. For more information on how to revoke a proxy, see "Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?"

If you request a proxy card, please mark, sign and date the proxy card when received and return it promptly in the self-addressed, stamped envelope we will provide. If you hold your shares in a broker nominee and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain your 16-digit control number to access the meeting as a stockholder.

#### How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately count, for Proposal No. 1, votes "For," "Withhold" and broker non-votes, and, with respect to Proposal No. 2, votes "For" and "Against" as well as abstentions. If you are a stockholder of record, your executed proxy card is returned directly to Broadridge for tabulation. As noted above, if you hold your shares through a broker, your broker returns one proxy card to Broadridge on behalf of all its clients.

#### What constitutes a quorum?

The presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of common stock representing a majority of the combined voting power of the outstanding shares of stock on the Record Date will constitute a quorum, permitting the meeting to conduct its business. As of the Record Date, there were 55,278,942 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which are entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote online at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, the holders of a majority of shares present at the meeting or represented by proxy may adjourn the Annual Meeting to another date.

#### What if another matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting?

If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Board did not know of any other business to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

## If I am a stockholder of record and I do not vote, or if I return a proxy card or otherwise vote without giving specific voting instructions, what happens?

If you are a stockholder of record and do not vote by completing your proxy card, by telephone, via the internet, by mail or online at the Annual Meeting, your shares will not be voted.

If you return a signed and dated proxy card or otherwise vote without marking voting selections, your shares will be voted as recommended by the Board.

#### If I am a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and I do not provide my broker, bank or other nominee with voting instructions, what happens?

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not provide the broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares with specific voting instructions, then such broker may generally vote your shares in their discretion on "routine" matters, but cannot vote on "non-routine" matters.

Proposal No. 2, the ratification of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, is considered a routine matter. A broker or other nominee may generally vote in their discretion on routine matters, and therefore no broker non-votes are expected in connection with Proposal No. 2.

Proposal No. 1, the director election, is considered a non-routine matter. If the broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, that nominee will inform the inspector of election that it does not have the authority to vote on the matter with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a "broker non-vote." Therefore, broker non-votes may exist in connection with Proposal No. 1.

#### How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

- **Proposal No. 1**—For the director election, the nominees receiving the most "For" votes from the holders of shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors will be elected. Only votes "For" will affect the outcome. Broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal No. 1.
- **Proposal No. 2**—To ratify of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, the proposal must receive "For" votes from the holders of a majority of shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. If you "Abstain" from voting, it will have the same effect as an "Against" vote. This is a routine proposal, and therefore we do not expect any broker non-votes.

#### Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. Proxies may be revoked at any time before they are exercised at the Annual Meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

- Vote again on a later date by telephone or internet (only your last telephone or internet proxy will be counted) before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 16, 2022;
- Submit a properly signed proxy card with a later date that is received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 16, 2022;
- Send a timely, written notice that you are revoking your proxy to our Corporate Secretary at 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081; or
- Attending the Annual Meeting and voting online. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you specifically so request.

For shares held beneficially in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, broker or other nominee following the instructions it has provided, or, if you have obtained a 16-digit control number included on your Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials, by attending the Annual Meeting and voting online.

#### How can I attend the Annual Meeting online?

To join the Annual Meeting online, visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022 and log in as a "stockholder" with your 16-digit control number included on your Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials. See "What if I did not receive a 16-digit control number?" for more instructions.

#### When can I join the virtual Annual Meeting?

The meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. You may access the meeting platform beginning at 10:45 a.m. Eastern Time, and we encourage you to join in advance of the meeting start time to allow sufficient time to log in and confirm your connection and audio are working properly.

#### Can I ask questions during the virtual Annual Meeting?

Yes. If you are logged in as a "stockholder" at the virtual Annual Meeting, you will have an opportunity to submit questions live via the internet during a designated portion of the virtual Annual Meeting. Once you are logged in, type your question into the question box and click "submit."

Subject to time constraints, we intend to answer questions pertinent to the Company and meeting matters submitted by stockholders during the Annual Meeting that comply with our rules of conduct for the Annual Meeting, which will be posted on the meeting website during the meeting as well as on the Investors section of our website before the meeting.

#### How do I vote during the virtual Annual Meeting?

You will have an opportunity to vote your shares electronically during a designated portion of the virtual Annual Meeting after logging in as a "stockholder" with your 16-digit control number at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022. Whether or not you plan to join the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to vote and submit your proxy in advance of the meeting by one of the methods described in these proxy materials.

Internet proxy voting is provided to allow you to vote your shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your internet access, such as usage charges from internet access providers and telephone companies.

#### What if I lost my 16-digit control number?

You will be able to log into the virtual Annual Meeting as a guest. To join the meeting webcast, visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022 and register as a guest. If you log in as a guest, you will <u>not</u> be able to vote your shares or ask questions during the meeting.

#### What if I did not receive a 16-digit control number?

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and did not receive a 16-digit control number on the Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials, please contact your broker, bank or other nominee well in advance of the Annual Meeting for instructions on how to obtain a 16-digit control number and access the virtual meeting as a "stockholder." Instructions should also be provided on the voting instruction form provided by your broker, bank or other nominee. Without first obtaining your 16-digit control number and logging in as a "stockholder," you will still be able to attend the meeting by logging in as a guest, however, you will not be able to vote your shares or ask questions during the meeting.

#### What if I have technical difficulties?

On the meeting day, if you have trouble accessing the virtual meeting platform or encounter other technical difficulties with the platform before or during the meeting, please call the technical support number posted on the Annual Meeting login page at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022. Technical support information will also be available on www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022 prior to the meeting day.

#### Will a list of stockholders be available for inspection prior to and during the meeting?

Yes. A list of stockholders will be available at our headquarters at 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081, for a period of ten days before the Annual Meeting and at the Annual Meeting itself for examination by any stockholder. In addition, the list will be available for inspection online during the virtual Annual Meeting if you logged in as a "stockholder" with your 16-digit control number.

#### Who pays for costs relating to the proxy materials and Annual Meeting?

The costs of preparing, assembling and mailing this proxy statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the enclosed Annual Report and proxy card, along with the cost of posting the proxy materials on a website, are to be borne by us. In addition to the use of mail, our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies personally and by telephone, facsimile and other electronic means. They will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries or stipends. We may request banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward copies of the proxy material to their principals and to request authority for the execution of proxies. We may reimburse these persons for their expenses in so doing.

#### How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K that we expect to file within four business days after the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a current report on Form 8-K within four business days after the Annual Meeting, we intend to file a current report on Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an amended report on Form 8-K to disclose the final results.

#### When are stockholder proposals due for next year's Annual Meeting?

Stockholders wishing to include proposals in the proxy materials in relation to our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2023 must submit the proposal in writing so that it is received by the Company on or before December 5, 2022. Proposals should be addressed to Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Such proposals must also meet the other requirements and procedures prescribed by Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") relating to stockholders' proposals and with the procedures set forth in our amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws"). Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to require the Company to include in its proxy statement and proxy relating to the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders any stockholder proposal which may be omitted from the proxy materials according to applicable regulations of the SEC in effect at the time the proposal is received.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, in order for a stockholder to present a proposal for next year's annual meeting, other than proposals to be included in the proxy materials as described above, or to nominate a director, you must do so between January 17, 2023, and February 16, 2023; provided that if the date of that annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after May 17, 2022, you must give notice not later than the 90th day prior to the annual meeting date or, if later, the 10th day following the day on which public disclosure of the annual meeting date is first made. You are also advised to review our Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations. In addition to satisfying the requirements under our Bylaws, to comply with the universal proxy rules under the Exchange Act, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees must provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act, no later than March 18, 2023.

#### Implications of being an "emerging growth company."

We are an "emerging growth company" as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 and, as such, have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements. These reduced reporting requirements include reduced disclosure about our executive compensation arrangements and no non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier of: (i) December 31, 2026, (ii) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, (iii) the last day of the fiscal year in which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeded \$700.0 million as of the last business day of the second fiscal quarter of such year, or (iv) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **DIRECTORS AND NOMINEES**

The following table sets forth information, as of March 25, 2022, regarding our directors.

Name	Age	Title
James T. Treace <sup>(3)</sup>	76	Chairman of the Board and Director
John K. Bakewell <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	60	Director, Audit Committee Chair
F. Barry Bays (2)	75	Director
Lawrence W. Hamilton (1)(2)	64	Director, Compensation Committee Chair
Elizabeth S. Hanna <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	57	Director
Deepti Jain (1)(3)	54	Director, Nominating, Compliance and Governance Committee Chair
Richard W. Mott (2)	63	Director
Thomas E. Timbie <sup>(1)</sup>	64	Director
John R. Treace <sup>(4)</sup>	77	Director
John T. Treace	50	Chief Executive Officer, Founder and Director

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (3) Member of the Nominating, Compliance and Governance Committee.
- (4) Mr. Treace informed us he will not stand for re-election when his current term expires on the date of the Annual Meeting.

#### Nominees for Election to a Three-Year Term Expiring at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

In connection with the expiration of John R. Treace's current term at the Annual Meeting and in order to achieve an equal balance of directors among the three classes on the Board, the Board approved the reclassification of James T. Treace to be a Class I director, effective upon the expiration of John R. Treace's term. Accordingly, James T. Treace will stand for election as a Class I director at the Annual Meeting.

Lawrence W. Hamilton has served as a member of our Board since November 2020. Mr. Hamilton has served as an Executive Coach and Adjunct Faculty with the Center for Creative Leadership at Eckerd College since September 2008. From July 1993 to July 2006, Mr. Hamilton served in various roles at Tech Data Corporation, most recently as Senior Vice President, Human Resources. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Hamilton served as Vice President of Human Resources and Administration at Linvatec. From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Hamilton served in a variety of human resource management positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE: BMY). Mr. Hamilton has also previously served as a member of the board of directors of Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, and HomeBanc Mortgage (NYSE: HBMC). Mr. Hamilton holds a BA in Political Sciences from Fisk University, an MPA (Labor) Policy from the University of Alabama and an Ed.S. in Human Resources Development from George Washington University. Mr. Hamilton is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources and holds the Certified Compensation Professional designation from the American Compensation Association and the Board Certified Coach credential from the College of Executive Coaching. We believe that Mr. Hamilton is qualified to serve on our Board due to his experience in managing employees, establishing compensation policies and serving in board committee roles.

Deepti Jain has served as a member of our Board since October 2021. From January 2019 to December 2020, Ms. Jain served as the President of IngenioRx, Inc., a subsidiary of Anthem, Inc. (NYSE: ANTM). From 2014 to 2018, Ms. Jain served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Anthem Pharmacy Solutions, a division of Anthem, Inc. Ms. Jain served as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Finance of the Health Plan Division of Medco Health Solutions Inc. from 2010 to 2012. Ms. Jain has served as a member of the board of directors, audit committee and compliance and reimbursement committee of Tactile Systems Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: TCMD), a publicly-traded medical device company, since January 2021. Ms. Jain holds a BA in Philosophy and Classical Music from Dayanand Anglo Vedic College, an MA in English Literature from Guru Nanak Dev University and an MBA from Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College. We believe that Ms. Jain is qualified to serve on our Board due to her experience in launching fast-growing businesses, including as a chief financial officer and chief operating officer, her expertise in the healthcare industry, and her service on the boards of other publicly-traded medical device companies.

James T. Treace has served as the chairman of our Board since July 2014. Mr. Treace has served as the Founder and President of J&A Group, LLC, a privately funded medical device investment and consulting company, since October 2000. From November 1999 to October 2000, Mr. Treace served as President of Medtronic Xomed, a subsidiary of Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT). From April 1996 to November 1999, Mr. Treace served as Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Xomed Surgical Products, Inc. (NASDAQ: XOMD), until it was acquired by Medtronic plc. From July 1993 to April 1996, Mr. Treace co-founded and served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board at TreBay Medical Corp., an orthopaedic and microsurgical device company. From September 1981 to July 1990, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Concept, Inc. (NASDAQ: CCPT), now known as Conmed Linvatec (NYSE: CNMD) and from June 1966 to September 1981 as Executive Vice President of Richards Medical, now known as Smith & Nephew (NYSE: SNN). Mr. Treace previously served as Chairman of the Boards of Kyphon, Inc. (NASDAQ: KYPH), now part of Medtronic plc, Wright Medical Group, Inc. which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, and American Medical Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMMD), now part of Endo Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: ENDP). We believe that James T. Treace is qualified to serve on our Board due to his experience as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of publicly-traded and privately-held medical device companies.

#### Class II Directors whose terms in office expire at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

*F. Barry Bays* has served as a member of our Board since July 2014. From January 2000 to June 2008, he served in various senior leadership roles with Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, including as Executive Chairman from June 2004 to October 2005, and again from April 2006 to June 2008, and as President and Chief Executive Officer from January 2000 to June 2004, and again from October 2005 to April 2006. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Bays served as the Chief Operating Officer of Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., which was acquired by Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT) in 1999. Mr. Bays has also served in leadership roles at TreBay Medical Corp., Concept, Inc., now known as Conmed Linvatec (NYSE: CNMD), and Richards Medical, now known as Smith & Nephew (NYSE: SNN). Mr. Bays holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Christian Brothers University. We believe that Mr. Bays is qualified to serve on our Board due to his experience at leading publicly-traded and privately-held medical device companies, including as a chief executive officer.

Elizabeth "Betsy" S. Hanna has served as a member of our Board since October 2021. Since March 2022, Ms. Hanna has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Agendia, Inc., a provider of molecular diagnostic test solutions. Before joining Agendia, she served as President and Chief Executive Officer and a board member of Clinical Genomics, Inc., a provider of cancer diagnostic solutions, since January 2019. From October 2018 until her promotion, she was Chief Commercial Officer of Clinical Genomics. From December 2014 to September 2018, she served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Origin, Inc., a clinical-stage biotech company. From 2006 to April 2014, Ms. Hanna held positions of increasing responsibility at Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ), including most recently as Vice President, Global Strategic Marketing – Acuvue Brand from October 2012 to April 2014. She also served as a member of the Global Management Board for J&J Vision Care from October 2012 to April 2014. Ms. Hanna has a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Harvard Business School. We believe that Ms. Hanna is qualified to serve on our Board due to her experience at developing company strategies, operational plans, leadership teams, and performance management systems to commercialize innovative medical therapies, including as a chief executive officer.

Thomas E. Timbie has served as a member of our Board since July 2014 and served as our chief financial officer from July 2014 to October 2015. From January 2005 to June 2005, Mr. Timbie served as the interim Chief Financial Officer of ev3 Inc., a medical device company, which was acquired by Covidien plc and is now part of Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT), where he helped lead ev3 through its initial public offering. From April 1996 until December 1999, Mr. Timbie served as the Chief Financial Officer of Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., including during its initial public offering in 1996, and continuing in that role until Xomed was acquired by Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT) in 1999. Mr. Timbie has also previously served as a member of the board of directors of Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, ev3 Inc., until its acquisition by Covidien plc, and American Medical Systems, Inc., now part of Endo Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: ENDP). Mr. Timbie holds a BS in Accounting from the University of Florida, an MBA from Stetson University and is a certified public accountant (current status inactive). We believe that Mr. Timbie is qualified to serve on our Board due to his professional expertise as a chief financial officer and audit committee chairman for several medical device companies, extensive knowledge of the medical device industry and prior experience in leading medical device companies through initial public offerings.

#### Class III Directors whose terms in office expire at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

John K. Bakewell has served as a member of our Board since November 2020. From January 2016 to November 2016, Mr. Bakewell served as the Chief Financial Officer of Exact Sciences Corporation (NASDAQ: EXAS), a molecular diagnostics company. From June 2014 to December 2015, he served as Chief Financial Officer of Lantheus Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: LNTH), a diagnostic medical imaging company. Mr. Bakewell has also previously served at Interline Brands, Inc., RegionalCare Hospital Partners, Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, Cyberonics, Inc., now part of LivaNova PLC (NASDAQ:LIVN), Altra Energy Technologies, Inc. and ZEOS International, Ltd. Mr. Bakewell has served as a member of the board of directors of Neuronetics, Inc. (NASDAQ: STIM), a medical technology company, since May 2020 and Xtant Medical Holdings, Inc. (NYSE MKT: XTNT), a medical device company, since February 2018. Mr. Bakewell has served on the board of directors of Impulse Dynamics, N.V., a privately-held medical device company offering a therapy for heart failure patients, since November 2021. Mr. Bakewell also previously served as a member of the board of directors of Entellus Medical, Inc., now part of Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK), ev3 Inc., now part of Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT) and Corindus Vascular Robotics, Inc., now a Siemens Healthineers company. Mr. Bakewell holds a BA in Accounting from the University of Northern Iowa and is a certified public accountant (current status inactive). We believe that Mr. Bakewell is qualified to serve on our Board due to his extensive financial and managerial experience as a senior executive of several publicly-traded medical technology companies, as well as his experience serving on the board of directors of other medical technology companies.

Richard W. Mott has served as a member of our Board since March 2015. Mr. Mott has served as the Principal of Walkabout Consulting LLC, a management consulting and private equity firm, since January 2009 and served as the Chairman and Interim Chief Executive Officer of Endologix, LLC, a medical device company, from October 2020 through November 2021. From March 2010 until August 2021, Mr. Mott was a Director and Owner of VFD Technologies, a private equity firm that invests in high performance materials and medical device manufacturing businesses. From September 2002 to November 2007, Mr. Mott served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Kyphon Inc., a global medical device company, including through its acquisition by Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT). From 1993 to 2002, Mr. Mott held various management positions at Wilson Greatbatch Technologies, Inc. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (NYSE: BMY). From May 2008 to December 2017, Mr. Mott served as chairman of the board of directors of Silk Road Medical, Inc. (NASDAQ: SILK), a medical device company. Mr. Mott currently serves on the board of various private companies, including the medical device companies Endologix, LLC, Relievant Medsystems, Inc., CeQur Corporation and Arsenal Medical, Inc. He holds a BS in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University and is a graduate of Harvard University's Advanced Management Program. We believe that Mr. Mott is qualified to serve on our Board due to his extensive experience leading medical device companies from the early stages of development to liquidity events.

*John T. Treace* founded Treace Medical Concepts in 2014 and has served as our Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board since our inception. Before that, Mr. Treace served as Senior Vice President of U.S. Sales and Global Marketing from January 2010 to January 2013, as Vice President, Biologics and Extremities, from January 2003 to December 2009, as Senior Director of Biologics Marketing from July 2001 to June 2003, and as Senior Director of Sales Administration from November 2000 to June 2001 for Wright Medical Group, Inc., a

medical device company, which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020. Before that, Mr. Treace held positions at Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., including as Director of Marketing from June 1998 to September 2000 and as Senior Product Manager from April 1996 to June 1998. From July 2010 to July 2013, Mr. Treace served on the board of directors of ENTrigue Surgical, which was acquired by Arthrocare Corporation. Mr. Treace holds a BS in Finance from Seattle University. We believe Mr. Treace is qualified to serve on our Board due to his extensive knowledge as our Company's founder and Chief Executive Officer, his prior commercial and general management experience with a market-leading, publicly-traded foot and ankle medical device company and his prior experience as a board member for ENTrigue Surgical.

#### Class I Director whose term in office expires at the 2022 Annual Meeting

John R. Treace has served as a member of our Board since July 2014. Mr. Treace has served as the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of JR Treace & Associates, a sales and marketing consulting firm, since September 2011. Before that, Mr. Treace served in various senior management roles at Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, including as Vice President, US Sales from September 2000 to May 2004, Executive Vice President of North American Sales from October 2005 to March 2007 and as Special Assistant to the President from April 2007 through December 2007. Mr. Treace held various management positions at Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., which became a subsidiary of Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT), TreBay Medical Corp. and Richards Medical, now known as Smith & Nephew (NYSE: SNN). Mr. Treace holds a BS in Psychology from University of Memphis. We believe that John R. Treace is qualified to serve on our Board due to his experience leading the sales and marketing functions of publicly-traded and privately-held medical device companies.

#### FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Three members of our Board as of the date hereof, including our Chief Executive Officer, have a family relationship. John T. Treace, our Chief Executive Officer, is the son of our director John R. Treace and the nephew of our director James T. Treace. There are no family relationships among any of our executive officers. Each of our executive officers serves at the discretion of our Board and holds office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

#### **BOARD COMPOSITION**

#### **Director Independence**

Our Board currently consists of ten members. Under the Nasdaq Global Market listing requirements (the "Listing Rules"), independent directors must comprise a majority of a listed company's board of directors within a specified period of time after listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Listing Rule's definition of an independent director includes a series of objective tests, such as that the director is not, and has not been for at least three years, one of our employees and that neither the director nor any of his or her family members has engaged in any of various types of business dealings with us.

As required by the Listing Rules, our Board has made a subjective determination as to the independence of each director and determined that Directors Bakewell, Bays, Hamilton, Hanna, Jain, Mott and Timbie, representing seven of our ten directors, are independent directors under the Listing Rules. James T. Treace is the uncle of our Chief Executive Officer and John R. Treace is the father of our Chief Executive Officer. Our Board reviews the independence of each director at least annually. During these reviews, the Board considers transactions and relationships between each director, and his or her immediate family and affiliates, and our Company and its management to determine whether any such transactions or relationships are inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent. This review will be based primarily on responses of the directors to questions in a directors' and officers' questionnaire regarding employment, business, familial, compensation and other relationships with our Company, including its management.

We believe that a majority of our directors and the composition of our Board meets the requirements for independence under current Listing Rules and SEC requirements. As required by the Listing Rules, our independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present. We intend to comply with any future governance requirements to the extent they become applicable to us.

#### **Classified Board of Directors**

In accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation as currently in effect (our "Certificate of Incorporation"), our Board is divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors to directors whose terms then expire will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third annual meeting following election or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. Our directors are divided among the three classes as follows:

- Subject to their election at the Annual Meeting and as further described in Proposal 1 below, our Class I directors will be Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and James T. Treace, and their terms will expire at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2025;
- Our Class II directors are F. Barry Bays, Elizabeth S. Hanna and Thomas E. Timbie and their terms will expire at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2023; and
- Our Class III directors are John K. Bakewell, Richard W. Mott and John T. Treace, and their terms will expire at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2024.

In connection with the expiration of John R. Treace's current term at the Annual Meeting and in order to achieve an equal balance of directors among the three classes on the Board, the Board approved the reclassification of James T. Treace to be a Class I director, effective upon the expiration of John R. Treace's term. Accordingly, James T. Treace will stand for election as a Class I director at the Annual Meeting.

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that the authorized number of directors may be changed only by resolution of the Board. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the directors. The division of our Board into three classes with staggered three-year terms, together with the requirement that stockholders may remove our directors only for cause with a two-thirds vote and the inability of stockholders to call special meetings, may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control or management of the Company.

#### MEETINGS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Our Board held six meetings during 2021 and acted by written consent 11 times. In 2021, the Audit Committee met six times and acted by unanimous written consent once; the Compensation Committee met eight times and acted by unanimous written consent nine times; and Nominating, Compliance and Governance Committee (the "NCG Committee") met four times and acted by unanimous written consent once.

Each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate total number of meetings of the Board and the committees on which he or she served, held during the portion of 2021 for which he or she was a director or committee member. We encourage our directors to attend our annual meetings of stockholders.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

Our Board has established a standing Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and NCG Committee. Our Board may establish other committees to facilitate the management of our business. The composition and functions of each committee are described below. Members serve on these committees until their resignation or until otherwise determined by our Board. Each committee has adopted a written charter that satisfies applicable requirements of the Listing Rules and SEC regulations. The charters are posted in the "investors" area of our website under the "Corporate Governance" topic with the heading "Documents and Charters" at <a href="https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters">https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters</a>.

This reference to our website address and all other references to our website in this proxy statement do not incorporate by reference into this proxy statement the information contained at or available through our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this proxy statement. The inclusion of our website address in this prospectus is an inactive textual reference only.

#### **Audit Committee**

The members of our Audit Committee are John K. Bakewell, Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and Thomas E. Timbie, and Mr. Bakewell serves as the chair of the Audit Committee. Our Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the heightened independence and experience requirements applicable to Audit Committee members under the Listing Rules and SEC regulations and that Mr. Bakewell and Mr. Timbie is each an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under applicable rules of the SEC. Our Board has assessed whether all members of the Audit Committee meet the composition requirements of the Listing Rules, including the requirements regarding financial literacy and financial sophistication. Our Board found that each of the members of the Audit Committee has met the financial literacy and financial sophistication requirements under SEC regulations and the Listing Rules.

Our Audit Committee oversees our corporate accounting and financial reporting process and, as set forth in its charter, its primary responsibilities include:

- appointing, determining the engagement, approving the compensation of and assessing the qualifications and independence of our independent auditor;
- determining that the independent auditor has processes in place to address the rotation of partners serving our account as required by SEC auditor independence rules;
- reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor our annual and quarterly financial statements and related disclosures;
- preapproving the audit and non-audit fees due to and services to be performed by our independent auditor;
- reviewing our financial statements and our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations to be included in our annual and quarterly reports to be filed with the SEC;
- discussing with management and the independent auditor management's process for assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls;
- discussing our policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including investment policies, insurance programs and cybersecurity;
- setting clear hiring policies for employees from our independent auditors;
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting
  controls or auditing matters and for the confidential and anonymous submission of complaints regarding questionable accounting or auditing
  matters;
- reviewing and approving all related party transactions on an ongoing basis;
- overseeing and discussing with management the Company's policies and controls relating to information technology, management information systems and cybersecurity;
- reviewing and discussing with management, the independent auditor, and the senior internal auditor the scope of and plans for internal audits;
- meeting separately with management, with the senior internal auditor, and with the independent auditor;
- being made aware of reports received through our ethics hotline related to accounting, internal accounting controls, fraud or auditing matters and having authority to investigate each matter as the Audit Committee deems appropriate;
- regularly reporting to the Board regarding the Audit Committee's activities; and
- evaluating, on an annual basis, the Audit Committee charter and the Audit Committee's performance.

#### Report of the Audit Committee

The material in the report below is not "soliciting material," is not deemed "filed" with the SEC, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of TMCI under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

#### **Audit Committee Report to Stockholders**

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 with management of the Company. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the accounting firm's independence from the Company and its management.

Based upon the Audit Committee's discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, and the Audit Committee's review of the representations of management and the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee has recommended that the Board include the audited consolidated financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the SEC.

Respectfully submitted,

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

John K. Bakewell, Chair Lawrence W. Hamilton Deepti Jain Thomas E. Timbie

#### **Compensation Committee**

The members of our Compensation Committee are Lawrence W. Hamilton, F. Barry Bays, Elizabeth S. Hanna, and Richard W. Mott. Mr. Hamilton serves as chair of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Timbie served on the Compensation Committee until February 2022, and Mr. Mott joined the Compensation Committee in February 2022. The Compensation Committee met eight times and acted by unanimous written consent nine times in 2021. Each of the members of our Compensation Committee is independent as defined in the Listing Rules, is a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and is an "outside director" as that term is defined in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Under its charter, the Compensation Committee's responsibilities include:

- annually reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of our chief executive officer and our other executive officers;
- annually reviewing and making recommendations to our Board with respect to the compensation of our chief executive officer and determining the compensation for our other executive officers;
- · reviewing and making recommendations to our Board with respect to director compensation; and
- overseeing and administering our equity incentive plans.

The Compensation Committee reviews and evaluates, at least annually, the performance of the Compensation Committee and its members, including compliance by the Compensation Committee with its charter.

From time to time, our Compensation Committee may use outside compensation consultants to assist it in analyzing our compensation programs and in determining appropriate levels of compensation and benefits. We have engaged Compensia, Inc., a compensation consulting firm to compensation committees ("Compensia"), to advise us

on compensation philosophy when we became a publicly-traded company, the selection of a group of peer companies to use for compensation benchmarking purposes, and cash and equity compensation levels for our directors, executives and other employees based on current market practices. Compensia reports directly to the Compensation Committee and does not provide any non-compensation related services to us. In compliance with the disclosure requirements of the SEC regarding the independence of compensation consultants, Compensia addressed each of the six independence factors established by the SEC with the Compensation Committee. Its responses affirmed the independence of Compensia on executive compensation matters. Based on this assessment, the Compensation Committee determined that the engagement of Compensia does not raise any conflicts of interest or similar concerns. In addition, the Compensation Committee evaluated the independence of its other outside advisors to the Compensation Committee, including outside legal counsel, considering the same independence factors and concluded their work for the Compensation Committee does not raise any conflicts of interest.

#### Nominating, Compliance and Governance Committee

The members of our NCG Committee are John K. Bakewell, Elizabeth S. Hanna, Deepti Jain, and James T. Treace. Mr. Mott served as the chair and a member of this committee from March 2021 until February 2022 when Ms. Jain assumed the role of chair. The NCG Committee met four times and acted by unanimous written consent once in 2021. John K. Bakewell, Elizabeth S. Hanna, Deepti Jain, and Richard W. Mott each meet the independence requirements of the Listing Rules relating to NCG Committee independence.

Under its charter, the NCG Committee's responsibilities include:

- identifying individuals qualified to become Board members and recommending to the Board the nominees for election to the Board at the next annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, for so long as the NCG Committee is not composed of all independent members, the independent members of the Board approve the nomination of directors;
- recommending to the Board for its approval directors to serve as members of each committee and the Chairperson of each committee;
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics;
- overseeing our policies and programs related to compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing hotline reports and compliance investigations (other than reports related to accounting, internal accounting controls, fraud or auditing matters), "whistleblower" reporting and non-retaliation policies;
- receiving information about current and emerging risks and regulatory and enforcement trends, governmental inquiries or third-party claims;
- developing and recommending to our Board corporate governance guidelines; and
- overseeing the evaluation of our Board and its committees and management.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

While our Bylaws provide our Board with the flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, our Board believes that separating these positions is the appropriate leadership structure for us at this time. As such, John T. Treace currently serves as our Chief Executive Officer, and James T. Treace serves as Chairman of the Board. Our Board believes that separating these positions provides additional support and perspective to our Chief Executive Officer and enhances the effectiveness of our Board as a whole. The Chairman of the Board (1) serves as the primary sounding board for the Chief Executive Officer, thereby fostering constructive and efficient communications between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, (2) acts as a focal point for director communications, thereby helping to identify significant issues for Board consideration and gathering input from the other directors, and (3) communicates with and builds consensus among the independent directors, thereby reducing some of the demands on the Chief Executive Officer's time.

Our Board also recognizes that, depending on the circumstances, other leadership models, such as combining the role of Chairperson of the Board with the role of Chief Executive Officer and/or implementing a lead director position (as permitted by our Bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines), could be appropriate. Accordingly, our NCG Committee is charged with periodically reviewing the leadership structure of our Board.

#### Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

While our Board does not have a standing risk management committee, our Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing our risk management and risk assessment processes on behalf of our Board, and our NCG Committee is responsible for overseeing compliance programs related to legal and regulatory risks. The Audit Committee receives reports from management on a regular basis regarding our assessment of risks and risk management policies, including investment policies, insurance programs and cybersecurity. The NCG Committee receives reports on a regular basis from management about current and emerging risks and regulatory and enforcement trends, governmental inquiries and third-party claims. In addition, the Audit Committee and NCG Committee both report regularly to the Board, which also considers our risk profile. Our Audit Committee, NCG Committee and Board focus on the most significant risks we face and our general risk management strategies. While our Board oversees our risk management, management is responsible for day-to-day risk management processes. Our Board expects management to consider risk and risk management in each business decision, to proactively develop and monitor risk management strategies and processes for day-to-day activities and to effectively implement risk management strategies adopted by the Audit Committee, NCG Committee and the Board. We believe this division of responsibilities is the most effective approach for addressing the risks we face and that our Board's leadership structure, which also emphasizes the independence of the Board in its oversight of its business and affairs, supports this approach.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Our Board has adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including those officers responsible for financial reporting. Our code of business conduct and ethics is available in the "investors" area of our website under the "Corporate Governance" topic with the heading "Documents and Charters" at <a href="https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters">https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters</a>. We will disclose any amendments to the code, or any waivers of its requirements, on our website to the extent required by the applicable rules and exchange requirements.

#### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

We have adopted written corporate governance guidelines which provide the framework for our corporate governance, along with our Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, committee charters and other key governance practices and policies. Our corporate governance guidelines cover a range of topics including, but not limited to, independence of the Board, executive sessions, director qualification standards, board access to senior management and independent advisors, meeting attendance, service on other boards, board and committee self-evaluation, compensation and succession planning. The NCG Committee is responsible for reviewing and reassessing, from time to time as it deems appropriate, the adequacy of our corporate governance guidelines and recommending any proposed changes to the Board for approval. A copy of our corporate governance guidelines is available in the "investors" area of our website under the "Corporate Governance" topic with the heading "Documents and Charters" at https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters.

#### **Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging Policy**

Our insider trading compliance policy prohibits our directors, executive officers and other employees from engaging in hedging transactions, such as zero-cost collars and forward sale contracts, or other inherently speculative transactions with respect to Company securities, such as short sales or transactions in publicly-traded put or call options. Our directors, executive officers and other employees are also prohibited from holding Company securities in a margin account or pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan.

#### **Limitation on Liability and Indemnification Matters**

Our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws contain provisions that limit the liability of our directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"). The

DGCL provides that directors of a corporation will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duties as directors, except liability for any:

- transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit;
- act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payment of dividends or redemption of shares; or
- breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders.

These limitations of liability do not apply to liabilities arising under federal securities laws and do not affect the availability of equitable remedies such as injunctive relief or rescission.

Our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and officers, in each case to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Our Bylaws also provide that we are obligated to advance expenses (including attorney's fees and disbursements) incurred by any indemnified person in advance of the final disposition of any action or proceeding, and permits us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director, employee or other agent for any liability arising out of his or her actions in that capacity regardless of whether we would otherwise be permitted to indemnify him or her under Delaware law.

We have entered, and expect to continue to enter, into separate agreements to indemnify our directors, executive officers and other employees as determined by our Board. With specified exceptions, these agreements provide for indemnification for related expenses including, among other things, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any of these individuals in any action or proceeding. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons under the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. We believe that these bylaw provisions and indemnification agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers. We also maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures our directors and officers against liability for actions taken in their capacities as directors and officers.

We believe that these provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and these indemnification agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers. However, the limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and officers for breach of their fiduciary duty. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and our stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damages.

There is no pending litigation or proceeding naming any of our directors or officers as to which indemnification is being sought, nor are we aware of any pending or threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any director or officer.

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

None of our executive officers serve as a member of the boards of director or as a member of the Compensation Committee, or other committee serving an equivalent function, of any other entity that has one or more of its executive officers serving as a member of our Board or our Compensation Committee. None of the current members of the Compensation Committee of our Board has been one of our employees within the past five years.

#### **Board Diversity**

Our NCG Committee is responsible for reviewing with our Board, on an annual basis, the appropriate characteristics, skills and experience required for our Board as a whole and its individual members. In evaluating the suitability of individual candidates (both new candidates and current members), the NCG Committee, in recommending candidates for election, and our Board, in approving (and, in the case of vacancies, appointing) such candidates, may take into account many factors, including but not limited to the following:

- personal and professional integrity;
- ethics and values;
- ability to make mature business judgments;
- experience in corporate management, such as serving as an officer or former officer of a publicly-held company;
- experience as a board member of another company;
- professional and academic experience relevant to our industry;
- strength of the candidate's leadership skills;
- experience in finance and accounting and/or executive compensation practices;
- time for preparation, participation and attendance at Board and Committee meetings;
- diversity of expertise and experience in substantive matters pertaining to our business relative to other board members; and
- conflicts of interest.

Currently, our Board evaluates each individual in the context of our Board as a whole, with the objective of assembling a group that can best maximize the success of the business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment using its diversity of experience in these various areas.

Director nominees John K. Bakewell and Lawrence W. Hamilton were recommended to join our Board by several of our existing directors in November 2020 based on their personal experience working with Messrs. Bakewell and Hamilton at other publicly-traded medical technology companies. In July 2021, the NCG Committee engaged a third party search firm to assist in identifying or evaluating potential nominees for director who were female and/or from a diverse cultural background. Elizabeth S. Hanna and Deepti Jain were identified through the third party search firm.

#### **Communications with the Board**

Our Board values the input and insights of the Company's stockholders, believes that effective communication between the Board and stockholders strengthens the Board's ability to effectively carry out its oversight function, and consequently, has adopted a stockholder communications policy. Stockholders may communicate with the independent members of our Board, the Chairperson of the Board, and any chairperson of a Board committee, about corporate governance, corporate strategy, board-related matters or other substantive matters that our Corporate Secretary and Chairperson of the Board consider to be important for the director(s) to know, by addressing any communications to the intended recipient by name or position in care of: Corporate Secretary, Jaime A. Frias, 203 Fort Wade Rd., Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081 or legal@treace.net. The communication must include the stockholder's name, address, telephone number and email address and a statement of the type and amount of Company securities that the stockholder holds. The Corporate Secretary will review any communications received from stockholders and will forward communications deemed appropriate to the Board or the relevant director(s). Communications that are deemed inappropriate (such as communications involving individual grievances, regarding ordinary business operations, or containing offensive, obscene or abusive content) will not be forwarded. A copy of our stockholder communications policy is available on the "Documents & Charters" page in the "Corporate Governance" topic of the "Investors" section of our website at https://investors.treace.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters.

#### **Stockholder Recommendations of Director Candidates**

Stockholders who wish to recommend individuals to the NCG Committee for consideration as potential director candidates may submit the names of the recommended individuals, together with appropriate biographical information and background materials, to the NCG Committee, c/o Corporate Secretary, Jaime A. Frias, 203 Fort Wade Rd., Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081. In the event there is a vacancy, and assuming that appropriate biographical and background material has been provided on a timely basis, the NCG Committee will evaluate stockholder-recommended candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as it follows for candidates submitted by others.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

#### **Outside Director Compensation Policy**

In preparation for our IPO, our Board adopted a non-employee director compensation policy, as summarized below, which became effective with respect to Messrs. Bakewell and Hamilton when they joined the Board in November 2020 and for the other directors in the second quarter of 2021 after our IPO. The non-employee director compensation policy was determined after consultation with Compensia, an independent compensation consultant.

Cash Compensation. All non-employee directors are entitled to receive the following cash compensation for their services:

- \$40,000 per year for services as a Board member;
- \$35,000 per year additionally for service as chairperson of the Board;
- \$20,000 per year additionally for service as chairperson of the Audit Committee;
- \$10,000 per year additionally for service as an Audit Committee member;
- \$15,000 per year additionally for service as chairperson of the Compensation Committee;
- \$7,000 per year additionally for service as a Compensation Committee member;
- \$10,000 per year additionally for service as chairperson of the NCG Committee; and
- \$5,000 per year additionally for service as a NCG Committee member.

Each annual cash retainer and additional annual fee is paid quarterly in arrears on a prorated basis.

Equity Compensation. Non-employee directors are entitled to receive all types of awards (except incentive stock options) under the 2021 Incentive Award Plan (the "2021 Plan") (or the applicable equity plan in place at the time of grant), including discretionary awards not covered under the outside director compensation policy. Under the outside director compensation policy, nondiscretionary, automatic grants of stock options are made to our non-employee directors as follows:

- *Initial option grant*: Each person who first becomes a non-employee director after the completion of our IPO will be granted an award of stock options with a "Black-Scholes" value of \$175,000.
- Annual option grant: Each non-employee director will be granted an award of stock options with a "Black-Scholes" value of \$120,000 on the
  date of each annual meeting of stockholders, beginning with the 2022 annual meeting.
- *IPO option grants*: Each non-employee director serving on or before the IPO effective date was automatically granted immediately after the IPO an award of stock options with a "Black-Scholes" value of \$120,000 and an exercise price equal to the IPO offering price.

For purposes hereof, "Black Scholes" value means the fair value of an option determined using the Black-Scholes pricing model based on the fair market value of our common stock and the volatility, risk-free rate and life expectancy assumptions in our financial statements disclosing those assumptions. The term of each option described above will be ten years from the date of grant, subject to earlier termination as provided in the 2021 Plan. The exercise price per share of each option is equal 100% of the fair market value of one share of our common stock on the date of grant.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the 2021 Plan, (1) each initial option grant will be scheduled to vest over a three year period from the date of grant with one-36th of the shares subject to such option grant vesting each month, (2) the annual option grant will be scheduled to vest over a twelve month period from the date of grant with one-12th of the shares subject to such option grant vesting each month, and (3) the IPO option grant vests over a twelve month period from the date of grant with one-12th of the shares subject to such option grant vesting each month. In each case, vesting is subject to the non-employee director continuing to provide services to our Company on the applicable vesting date. Under the outside director compensation policy, all options granted to members of our Board will fully vest if the Company experiences a merger or change in control, subject to the applicable Board member's continued service through the vesting date.

In January 2022, the Compensation Committee reviewed the outside director compensation policy in consultation with Compensia with reference to Compensia's annual benchmarking review. After this review, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the initial option grant be adjusted to \$250,000 in value and the annual equity award be adjusted to \$145,000 in value. In February 2022, the Board approved the increase in the annual equity award value as well as an increase in the cash retainer to the Chairperson of the Board to \$45,000 per year.

#### 2021 Director Compensation

The following table sets forth information for 2021 regarding the compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our non-employee directors. Certain directors have elected to decline to receive certain types of director compensation. Directors who are also our employees receive no additional compensation for their service as directors. During 2021, John T. Treace, who is one of our directors, served as our Chief Executive Officer and, accordingly, did not receive any additional compensation for service as director. See "Executive Compensation—Summary Compensation Table" for additional information about the compensation for Mr. John T. Treace for his service as an employee.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(2)(3)	Total (\$)
John K. Bakewell (4)	65,000	120,000	185,000
F. Barry Bays (5)	_	_	_
Lawrence W. Hamilton (4)	65,000	120,000	185,000
Elizabeth S. Hanna (6)	13,000	175,000	188,000
Deepti Jain (6)	13,750	175,000	188,750
Richard W. Mott	34,315	120,000	154,315
Thomas E. Timbie	39,119	120,000	159,119
James T. Treace (7)	54,904	_	54,904
John R. Treace (8)	27,452	<u> </u>	27,452

- (1) The amounts reported represent the aggregate dollar amount of all fees earned or paid in cash to each non-employee director for their service as a director during 2021, including any annual retainer fees, committee and/or chairmanship fees. Cash fees are paid quarterly in arrears.
- (2) Amounts shown represents the grant date fair value of options granted during fiscal year 2021 as calculated in accordance with FASB ASC 718, Compensation —Stock Compensation (ASC Topic 718) and the assumptions outlined in Note 10 of our financial statements included in our 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K. These amounts do not correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by the director upon exercise of the applicable awards or sale of the underlying shares of stock.
- (3) Options with a \$120,000 value represent the IPO option grant, were granted under the 2021 Plan, have an exercise price equal to the IPO offering price of \$17.00 per share, and vest over a twelve month period from the date of grant with one-12th of the shares subject to such option grant vesting each month, in each case vesting is subject to the non-employee director continuing to provide services to our Company on the applicable vesting date. Options with a \$175,000 value represent the initial option grant to directors when they first join the Board, were granted under the 2021 Plan, have an exercise price equal to the closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq stock market on the grant date, and vest over a three year period from the date of grant with one-36th of the shares subject to such option grant vesting each month.
- (4) In appointing Messrs. Bakewell and Hamilton to the Board in November 2020 and preparing for our IPO, the Board adopted the outside director compensation policies described above and began paying cash compensation to Messrs. Bakewell and Hamilton. The Company began paying the other directors consistent with the outside director compensation policy after closing of our IPO. Accordingly, the cash fees paid to Messrs. Bakewell and Hamilton reflect a full year of cash fees earned for the annual retainer, committee service and chairperson roles.
- (5) Mr. Bays has elected to decline any cash compensation or equity grants that would be payable under the outside director compensation policy.
- (6) Mses. Hanna and Jain joined the Board effective as of October 1, 2021.

- (7) James T. Treace has elected to decline the option grants that would be awarded under the outside director compensation policy.
- (8) John R. Treace has elected to decline the option grants and any fees for serving as Board or Committee chairperson that would be awarded under the outside director compensation policy.

The table below shows the aggregate numbers of option awards (exercisable and unexercisable) and unvested stock awards held as of December 31, 2021 by each non-employee director who was serving as of December 31, 2021.

Name	Options Outstanding at Fiscal Year End	Unvested Outstanding Stock Awards at Fiscal Year End
John K. Bakewell	135,417	_
F. Barry Bays	_	_
Lawrence W. Hamilton	135,417	_
Elizabeth S. Hanna	17,750	_
Deepti Jain	17,750	_
Richard W. Mott	21,240	_
Thomas E. Timbie	21,240	_
James T. Treace	_	_
John R. Treace	_	_

#### MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING

#### PROPOSAL NO. 1:

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As noted above, John R. Treace notified the Board that he intends not to stand for reelection. The Board has decided to reduce the size of the Board from ten directors to nine directors. In addition, to make the classes as nearly equal in number as possible, the Board has approved the reclassification of James T. Treace, concurrent with the end of John R. Treace's term of service, from a Class II director to a Class I director, and James T. Treace is thereby a nominee for director at the Annual Meeting. Immediately before the Annual Meeting, Class I had three members (Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain, and John R. Treace), Class II had four members (F. Barry Bays, Elizabeth S. Hanna, Thomas E. Timbie, and James T. Treace) and Class III had three members (John K. Bakewell, Richard W. Mott, and John T. Treace).

#### Nominees

Our NCG Committee has recommended, and our Board has approved, Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and James T. Treace, as nominees for election as Class I directors at the Annual Meeting. If elected, each of Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and James T. Treace will serve as Class I directors until our 2025 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Each of the nominees is currently a director of our Company. For information concerning the nominees, please see the section entitled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance."

If you are a stockholder of record and you sign your proxy card or vote by telephone or over the internet but do not give instructions with respect to the voting of directors, your shares will be voted "FOR" the election of Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and James T. Treace. We expect that each of Lawrence W. Hamilton, Deepti Jain and James T. Treace will accept such nomination; however, in the event that a director nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee designated by our Board to fill such vacancy. If you are a street name stockholder and you do not give voting instructions to your broker or nominee, your broker will leave your shares unyoted on this matter.

#### Required Vote

The election of directors requires a plurality vote of the shares of our common stock present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote thereon to be approved. Broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on this proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE  $\underline{FOR}$  THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE UNDER PROPOSAL NO. 1.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2:

#### RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our Audit Committee has appointed Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, to audit our financial statements for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Neither our Bylaws nor other governing documents or law require stockholder ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. However, as a matter of good corporate governance, the Board is requesting that our stockholders ratify the Audit Committee's and the Board's selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Grant Thornton LLP has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since 2018. The Audit Committee and the Board believe that the continued retention of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent auditor is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Audit Committee carefully considered the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent auditor. In connection with this selection, the Audit Committee considered whether there should be a rotation of the independent audit firm. The Audit Committee charter requires the Audit Committee to periodically consider whether the independent audit firm should be rotated. In addition to evaluating rotation of the independent auditor, the Audit Committee oversees the selection of the new lead audit partner and the Audit Committee chairperson participates directly in the selection of the new lead audit partner.

If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

Representatives from Grant Thornton LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement at the Annual Meeting if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions at the Annual Meeting.

#### Required Vote

Approval by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present virtually, or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting will be required to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT
STOCKHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AS OUR
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

#### **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The following table represents aggregate fees billed to the Company for 2020 and 2021 by Grant Thornton LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

	Fiscal Year Ended				
	2021		2020		
	(in thou	ısands)			
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 310	\$	159		
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 328	\$	_		
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 43	\$	11		
All Other Fees	_	\$	_		
Total Fees	\$ 681	\$	170		

- (1) Audit Fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services for the audit of our annual financial statements, including updates of the 2020 audit to meet PCAOB audit standards and the review of our quarterly unaudited financial statements on Form 10-Q.
- (2) Audit-Related Fees consist of the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for providing assurance services related to the comfort letter for the registration statement for our IPO and updates of the 2019 audit to meet PCAOB audit standards.
- (3) Tax Fees consist of fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning. All fees incurred subsequent to our IPO were pre-approved by our Audit Committee.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has procedures in place for the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services rendered by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLP. The Audit Committee generally pre-approves specified services in the defined categories of audit services, audit-related services, and tax services up to specified amounts. Pre-approval may also be given as part of the Audit Committee's approval of the scope of the engagement of the independent auditor or on an individual, explicit, case-by-case basis before the independent auditor is engaged to provide each service. The pre-approval of services may be delegated to one or more of the Audit Committee's members, but the decision must be reported to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

The Audit Committee has determined that the rendering of services other than audit services by Grant Thornton LLP is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Name	Age	Title
John T. Treace	50	Chief Executive Officer, Founder and Director
Mark L. Hair	52	Chief Financial Officer
Aaron J. Berutti	43	Senior Vice President, Sales
Scot M. Elder	47	Chief Compliance Officer
Jaime A. Frias	60	Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary
Terry W. Lubben	57	Senior Vice President, Operations
Daniel E. Owens	50	Chief Human Resources Officer
Sean F. Scanlan	40	Senior Vice President, Marketing

*John T. Treace's* biographical information is set forth above in the section entitled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance - Directors and Nominees" in this proxy statement.

Mark L. Hair has served as our Chief Financial Officer since September 2020. From January 2018 to February 2020, Mr. Hair served as the Chief Financial Officer of Restoration Robotics, Inc., a medical device company. From May 2016 to August 2017, Mr. Hair served as the Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Zeltiq Aesthetics, Inc., a medical device company, including through its acquisition by Allergan plc in April 2017. From January 2016 to May 2016, he served as Vice President of Finance for Accuray Inc., a medical technology company. From September 2014 to January 2016, Mr. Hair served as the Vice President and Corporate Controller of Thoratec Corporation, a medical device company, including through its acquisition by St. Jude Medical in October 2015. Mr. Hair has also served as Senior Vice President, Finance and Corporate Controller at Diamond Foods, Inc., and also held positions at StoneTurn Group, LLP, and Deloitte, LLP. Mr. Hair holds a BS in Accounting and a Masters of Accountancy from Brigham Young University.

*Aaron J. Berutti* has served as our Senior Vice President, Sales since August 2021. From November 2018 to July 2021, Mr. Berutti held various positions at Orthofix Medical Inc. (NASDAQ: OFIX), including most recently as the Vice President Sales & Marketing, Extremities-U.S. and Canada. From February 2018 to October 2018, Mr. Berutti served as the Vice President of Business Development at Cartiva, Inc. From 2003 to 2017, Mr. Berutti held various positions at Wright Medical Group, Inc., which was acquired by Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) in November 2020, including most recently as the Vice President Sales, Lower Extremity & Biologics, from September 2016 to November 2017. Mr. Berutti holds a BE in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University and an MS and MBA from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

**Scot M. Elder** has served as our Chief Compliance Officer since October 2021. From May 2019 until October 2021, Mr. Elder served as the Vice President and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of Medtronic. He spent over 12 years at Medtronic in roles of progressively increasing responsibility at Medtronic, including as Vice President, General Counsel for Medtronic's Restorative Therapies group and as Vice President, Chief Counsel, Compliance & Privacy Officer for Medtronic's Surgical Technologies business. In addition, he serves on the AdvaMed Steering Committee. Mr. Elder holds a BA in History and Japanese from the University of Utah and a JD from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Law School.

Jaime A. Frias has served as our Chief Legal Officer since October 2021, as our Chief Legal & Compliance Officer from March 2021 to October 2021, and as our Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer from July 2017 to March 2021. Mr. Frias has also served as our Corporate Secretary since July 2017. From November 2013 to July 2017, Mr. Frias served as the managing partner of Frias Legal PA, where he provided us with legal services starting in 2014. From November 1999 to October 2013, Mr. Frias served in various roles at Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT), most recently as the Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel for the Surgical Technologies division. From October 1998 until its acquisition of Medtronic plc in November 1999, Mr. Frias served as in-house counsel for Xomed Surgical Products, Inc. Mr. Frias holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Florida and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School.

*Terry W. Lubben* has served as our Senior Vice President, Operations since September 2021. From August 2019 to September 2021, Mr. Lubben served as Senior Vice President, Operations and Global Supply Chain at Cantel Medical Corporation. From August 2017 to August 2019, Mr. Lubben served as Vice President, Global Sourcing for Smiths Medical, Inc. From 2012 to August 2017, Mr. Lubben held various positions at Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT), including most recently as Vice President, Senior Director of Operations. Mr. Lubben holds a BA in Business Administration from Calvin University and an MBA from Grand Valley State University.

*Daniel E. Owens* has served as our Chief Human Resources Officer since February 2021. From February 2019 to May 2020, Mr. Owens served as Vice President of Human Resources at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc. From August 2012 to February 2019, Mr. Owens served in various human resources roles at HSN, Inc., a direct-to-consumer retail business, which was acquired by Qurate Retail, Inc. (NASDAQ: QRTEA, QRTEB, QRTEP) in December 2017, most recently as Vice President, People Lead. Mr. Owens has also served in human resources roles at Nomura Securities (NYSE: NMR), Hartford Life Insurance (NYSE: HIG) and General Electric (NYSE: GE). Mr. Owens holds a BA in Economics from Michigan State University.

Sean F. Scanlan, Ph.D. has served as our Senior Vice President, Marketing since September 2021, after having previously served as our Senior Vice President, Marketing & Medical Education from March 2021. From January 2018 to March 2021, Dr. Scanlan served as our Vice President, Marketing & Medical Education, after serving in various marketing roles of increasing responsibility since December 2014. From June 2011 to April 2014, Dr. Scanlan served as Product Development Engineer Advanced Surgical Devices at Smith & Nephew (NYSE: SNN), focusing on product development and early-stage technology assessment. From January 2006 to May 2011, Dr. Scanlan led an interdisciplinary clinical research study at Stanford University, focusing on orthopaedic surgery and engineering and, from October 2009 to May 2011, served as a consultant for Moximed Inc., an early-stage orthopaedics start-up company. Dr. Scanlan holds a BS in Engineering Science (Biomechanics) from the University of Florida and an MS and PhD in Mechanical Engineering (Biomechanical Engineering division) from Stanford University.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

As noted above, since we are an emerging growth company, we are not required to make certain disclosures related to executive compensation, such as providing a Compensation Discussion and Analysis section or holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation, and we have elected to comply with the scaled disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies.

We seek to ensure that the total compensation paid to our executive officers is reasonable and competitive. Compensation of our executives is structured around the achievement of individual performance and near-term corporate targets as well as long-term business objectives.

Our named executive officers ("NEOs") for fiscal year 2021 were as follows:

- John T. Treace, our Chief Executive Officer, Director and Founder;
- · Mark L. Hair, our Chief Financial Officer; and
- Aaron J. Berutti, our Senior Vice President, Sales.

The following table sets forth total compensation paid to our NEOs for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2021.

#### **2021 Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
John T. Treace	2021	410,141 (4)			267,900	10,104 <sup>(5)</sup>	688,145
Chief Executive Officer, Director and Founder	2020	316,153	_	_	76,246	_	392,399
Mark L. Hair	2021	314,389	150,000	615,261	154,000	69,827 <sup>(6)</sup>	1,303,477
Chief Financial Officer	2020	75,000	10,000	1,310,461	19,410	_	1,414,871
Aaron J. Berutti	2021	116,538	10,000	1,607,550	55,000	142,085 <sup>(8)</sup>	1,931,173
Senior Vice President Sales <sup>(7)</sup>							

(1) Amounts reflect (i) for Mr. Hair, a one-time discretionary bonus paid to him in connection with his contributions to the Company's IPO, and (ii) for Mr. Berutti a signing bonus paid in August 2021 when he joined our Company.

(2) The amounts reported represent the aggregate grant-date fair value of the stock options awarded to the NEOs, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718.

Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 10 to our financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. The NEOs will only realize compensation to the extent the trading price of our common stock is greater than the exercise price of such stock options.

(3) Annual cash incentive amounts for all NEOs were paid in March 2022, under our annual cash incentive plan for 2021, as described in the section below entitled "Executive Compensation—Non-Equity Incentive Plan and Bonus Payments for 2021." The amount for Mr. Berutti was pro-rated for his partial employment starting in August 2021.

(4) The amount reported for Mr. Treace includes base salary for 2021 and \$21,538 in base salary paid in 2021 as repayment of a voluntary base salary reduction that Mr. Treace took from April 2020 to June 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(5) The amount reported for Mr. Treace includes \$196 for life insurance premiums and \$9,908 for the Company's match of Mr. Treace's contributions to our 401(k) plan, which are available to the NEOs on the same terms as other full-time employees.

(6) The amount reported for Mr. Hair includes personal travel expense reimbursement of \$19,334, relocation expense reimbursement of \$43,667, life insurance premiums of \$163, and the Company's match of his contributions to our 401(k) plan of \$6,663.

(7) Mr. Berutti joined our Company in August 2021.

(8) The amount reported for Mr. Berutti includes personal travel expenses of \$8,096, relocation allowance/expense reimbursements of \$97,766, tax gross-up for such reimbursements of \$34,479, life insurance premiums of \$129 and Company's match of his contributions to our 401(k) plan of \$1,615. If Mr. Berutti resigns or otherwise voluntarily departs from the Company or his employment is terminated with cause within two years of his first day of employment, Mr. Berutti must repay the relocation allowance.

#### **Narrative to Summary Compensation Table**

#### 2021 Salaries

Our NEOs each receive a base salary to compensate them for services rendered to our Company. The base salary payable to each NEO is intended to provide a fixed component of compensation reflecting the executive's skill set, experience, role and responsibilities. Our Board and Compensation Committee may adjust base salaries from time to time in their discretion. For January 2021, Mr. Treace's base salary was \$320,000 and Mr. Hair's base salary was \$300,000. In February 2021, our Board approved increasing Messrs. Treace and Hair's base salaries to \$380,000 and \$303,000, respectively, with such increases being effective upon approval. In March 2021, our Board approved increasing Messrs. Treace and Hair's base salaries to \$400,000 and \$320,000, respectively, contingent and effective upon our IPO. Mr. Berutti's base salary was \$300,000, pro-rated for his partial employment commencing in August 2021. In addition, in February 2021, we paid to Mr. Treace \$21,538 in connection with the repayment of his voluntary base salary reduction that occurred from April 2020 to June 2020 in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Non-Equity Incentive and Bonus Payments for 2021

Each of our NEOs participates in our annual cash incentive plan. Our annual cash incentive plan for 2021 ("2021 Bonus Plan") provided for cash incentive compensation based upon achievement of our revenue and adjusted EBITDA performance goals for 2021. Under the 2021 Bonus Plan, the 2021 bonus was targeted at (1) 75% of base salary for Mr. Treace and (2) 50% of base salary for Messrs. Hair and Berutti. The percentage is paid based on the NEO's base salary paid (not earned) from the start of the plan year to the end of the plan year. After a review of our revenue and EBITDA goals against targets, based on the formula in the 2021 Bonus Plan, the Committee's assessment of the officer's individual contribution, and with a discretionary adjustment, we paid bonuses at 92.5% of the target amount for Mr. Treace, 98.2% for Mr. Hair and 94.4% for Mr. Berutti. Mr. Berutti's payment under the 2021 Bonus Plan was pro-rated for his partial service commencing in August 2021.

Mr. Hair also received an additional one-time cash bonus of \$150,000 in connection with completion of our IPO, and Mr. Berutti also received a one-time cash signing bonus of \$10,000 in connection with the commencement of employment with us in August 2021.

#### **Equity-Based Compensation**

#### Option Grants under the 2014 and 2021 Plans

In fiscal year 2021, we made equity award grants to each of our NEOs, except for Mr. Treace. In February 2021, we granted Mr. Hair an annual merit option grant to purchase 10,700 shares of our common stock. In addition, in April 2021 upon completion of our IPO, Mr. Hair received another option to purchase 93,625 shares of our common stock. In August 2021, upon his joining the Company, Mr. Berutti received an option to purchase 150,000 shares of our common stock. Each of Messrs. Hair and Berutti's options vests as to 25% of the shares on each anniversary of the grant date, subject to such officer's continuing to provide services to us through such vesting date.

In connection with our IPO, we adopted the 2021 Plan in order to facilitate the grant of cash and equity incentives to directors, employees (including our NEOs) and consultants of our Company and certain of its affiliates and to enable us to obtain and retain services of these individuals, which is essential to our long-term success. The 2021 Plan provides that the administrator may grant or issue stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, other stock- or cash-based awards and dividend equivalents, or any combination thereof. The 2021 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee. The 2021 Plan provides that the Board or Compensation Committee may delegate its authority to grant awards to employees other than our executive officers and certain senior executives to a committee consisting of one or more members of our Board or one or more of our officers, other than awards made to our non-employee directors, which must be approved by our full Board.

Before the effective date of our IPO, we granted options under the Treace Medical Concepts, Inc. 2014 Stock Plan (the "2014 Plan"), which was approved by stockholders in July 2014. Our 2014 Plan allowed for the grant of incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, to our employees and our parent and subsidiary corporations' employees, and for the grant of nonstatutory stock options and stock purchase rights to our employees, directors and consultants. After the effective date of our IPO, no additional awards may be made under the 2014 Plan, and awards outstanding under the 2014 Plan as of such effective date will remain outstanding and exercisable under the terms of the 2014 Plan and the applicable option award agreement.

#### 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

We adopted and obtained stockholder approval of the 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), designed to allow eligible employees to purchase shares of our common stock, at semi-annual intervals, with their accumulated payroll deductions. The ESPP is intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Code. We have not implemented the ESPP yet, and as a result, no NEO or other employee has purchased any common stock through the ESPP.

#### **Other Elements of Compensation**

#### Retirement Savings and Health and Welfare Benefits

Effective as of January 2021, we adopted a 401(k) profit sharing plan for our employees, including our NEOs, who satisfy certain eligibility requirements. Our NEOs are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan on the same terms as other full-time employees. We match employee contributions to the 401(k) plan at a rate equal to 100% of the first 3% of the employee's pre-tax salary contributed and 50% of any additional contributions, including and up to 5% of the employee's pre-tax salary, subject to a maximum Company contribution of 4% of the participant's pre-tax salary per year. Participants become vested in their Company matching contributions 100% immediately after meeting the eligibility requirements for participation and in any potential future nonelective contributions by us on a one to six year graded vesting schedule. We believe that providing a vehicle for tax-deferred retirement savings through our 401(k) plan adds to the overall desirability of our executive compensation package and further incentivizes our employees, including our NEOs, in accordance with our compensation policies. All of our full-time employees, including our NEOs, are eligible to participate in our health and welfare plans.

#### **Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits**

We determine perquisites on a case-by-case basis and will provide a perquisite to an NEO when we believe it is necessary to attract or retain the NEO. In connection with their commencement of employment with us and travel to our offices in the Jacksonville area, we agreed to reimburse Messrs. Hair and Berutti for their temporary housing and travel before their full-time relocation and related tax gross-up payment for the relocation, housing and commuting expenses. Such payments or reimbursements in 2021 for Messrs. Hair and Berutti were \$63,002 and \$139,548, respectively. If Mr. Berutti resigns or otherwise voluntarily departs from the Company or his employment is terminated with cause within two years of his first day of employment, Mr. Berutti must repay the relocation allowance.

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at 2021 Fiscal Year-End**

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding stock options and stock awards held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2021. Mr. Treace has not been granted any stock options.

	Option Awards								
	Vesting Commencement	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable	E	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration			
Name	Date	(#)	(#)		(\$)	Date			
Mark L. Hair	9/21/2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	80,251	240,748	\$	5.84	9/20/2030			
	10/20/2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	53,500	160,500	\$	5.84	10/19/2030			
	2/02/2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	_	10,700	\$	7.03	2/01/2031			
	4/22/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	_	93,625	\$	17.00	4/21/2031			
Aaron J. Berutti	8/3/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	_	150,000	\$	29.26	8/2/2031			

<sup>(1)</sup> Each of these outstanding equity awards was granted under our 2014 Stock Plan, and the individual option agreements provide that each option will accelerate upon a change in control (as defined in the 2014 Stock Plan), subject to Mr. Hair's continued service through immediately before such change in control. The options vest over four years in 25% annual installments on the first four anniversaries of the vesting commencement date, subject to Mr. Hair's continued service through each such vesting date. The vesting commencement date was the grant date for the September 2020 and February 2021 awards and September 21, 2020 for the October 2020 grant.

#### **Executive Compensation Arrangements**

#### **NEO Change in Control Severance Agreements**

**Pre-IPO Change in Control and Severance Agreement for Mr. Hair.** In October 2020, we entered into change of control severance agreement with Mr. Hair. Under this agreement, if either (1) on or before September 21, 2022 or (2) within the period 18 months after a "change of control" (such period, the change in control period) we terminate Mr. Hair's employment without "cause" (excluding by reason of the employee's death or "disability,") or he resigns for "good reason" (as defined in his change of control severance agreement) and he executes a separation agreement and release of claims that becomes effective and irrevocable within 60 days following his termination and provides a written attestation that his confidentiality, nonsolicitation and noncompetition agreement is in effect and enforceable, Mr. Hair is entitled to receive (i) continued payment of his annual base salary for 12 months, (ii) payment over a 12 month period equal to 100% of his annual target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, (iii) reimbursement of COBRA premiums for 18 months, and (iv) up to \$10,000 in outplacement services. We entered into similar agreements with other executive officers providing for the severance benefits upon termination of employment occurring within 18 months after a change in control.

**Post-IPO Change in Control Severance Agreements with NEOs.** In April 2021, we entered into a change in control severance agreement with each of Messrs. Hair and Treace and other executive officers, replacing in the case of Mr. Hair his existing change in control severance agreement. We also entered into a change in control severance agreement with Mr. Berutti when he joined the Company in August 2021. Under each of these agreements, if, within a period of three months before or 18 months after a "change of control" (the "change in control period"), we terminate the employment of the applicable NEO without "cause" (excluding by reason of the employee's death or

<sup>(2)</sup> These outstanding equity awards were granted under our 2021 Plan. The options vest over four years from the grant date in 25% annual installments on the first four anniversaries of the grant date, subject to the applicable NEO's continued service through each such vesting date. Options granted under the 2021 Plan do not automatically vest upon a change in control. See the paragraphs below under the headings "NEO Change in Control Severance Agreements" and "Effect of a Change in Control on Option Awards: Options Granted under the 2021 Plan" for information about the impact of a change of control on vesting of these options.

"disability,") or the NEO resigns for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the NEO's change of control severance agreement), the NEO is entitled to receive (i) continued payment of the NEO's annual base salary for 12 months (18 months in the case of the Chief Executive Officer), (ii) a payment equal to 100% (150% in the case of the Chief Executive Officer) of the NEO's annual target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, payable in a lump sum on the first payroll date after the NEO's release becomes effective, (iii) reimbursement of COBRA premiums for 18 months, and (iv) accelerated vesting of each outstanding and unvested equity award (excluding any such awards that vest in whole or in part based on the attainment of performance-vesting conditions) as set forth in the applicable equity plan. Mr. Hair's agreement also provides for these severance benefits to be payable if we terminate his employment without "cause" or he resigns for "good reason" before September 21, 2022.

The agreements also provide that if, outside of a change of control period, we terminate the employment of the applicable NEO without "cause" or the NEO resigns for "good reason," the NEO is entitled to receive (i) continued payment of the NEO's annual base salary for 12 months, (ii) payment equal to 100% of the NEO's annual target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, pro-rated based on the number of days that we employed the NEO during that year, payable at the same time annual bonuses are paid generally to our other executives, and (iii) reimbursement of COBRA premiums for 12 months. Additionally, in connection with any termination of employment without "cause" or by the executive with "good reason," the executive will be entitled to up to \$10,000 in outplacement services.

To be eligible for the severance benefits described above, the NEO must (i) execute a separation agreement and release of claims that becomes effective and irrevocable within 60 days following the NEO's termination and (ii) provide a written attestation that his confidentiality, nonsolicitation and noncompetition agreement is in effect and enforceable.

Under each of these agreements, in the event any payment to the applicable employee under his change of control severance agreement would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (as a result of a payment being classified as a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Code), the employee will receive a lump sum payment equal to 100% of such excise tax, plus an amount equal to the federal and state income tax, FICA, and Medicare taxes (based upon the NEO's projected marginal income tax rates) on such lump sum payment.

#### Effect of a Change in Control on Option Awards

Options Granted under the 2014 Stock Plan. Under individual option agreements under the 2014 Stock Plan, consistent with the treatment of all employees, Mr. Hair's outstanding stock options granted under the 2014 Stock Plan will accelerate in full upon a change in control (as defined in the 2014 Stock Plan), subject to his continued service through immediately before such change in control.

Options Granted under the 2021 Plan. As described above, under the change in control severance agreement, the vesting of Messrs. Hair's and Berutti's outstanding stock options granted under the 2021 Plan will accelerate upon the double trigger of (1) a termination of employment without "cause" or by the executive for "good reason" occurring (2) during a change in control period.

The 2021 Plan provides that in the event of a change in control, unless the plan administrator elects to terminate an award in exchange for cash, rights or other property, or cause an award to accelerate in full before the change in control, such award will continue in effect or be assumed or substituted by the acquirer, provided that any performance-based portion of the award will be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable award agreement. In the event the acquirer refuses to assume or replace awards granted, before the consummation of such transaction, awards issued under the 2021 Plan will be subject to accelerated vesting such that 100% of such awards will become vested and exercisable or payable, as applicable. The administrator may also make appropriate adjustments to awards under the 2021 Plan and is authorized to provide for the acceleration, cash-out, termination, assumption, substitution or conversion of such awards in the event of a change in control or certain other unusual or nonrecurring events or transactions.

#### Offer Letter Agreement for Mark Hair

In connection with Mr. Hair's commencement of employment with us in September 2020, we entered into an offer letter agreement under which he was entitled to an annual base salary, target annual bonus, eligibility to participate in our benefit plans and an option as described above. Mr. Hair's annual salary under the offer letter agreement is \$300,000. Mr. Hair was also eligible to receive a sign-on bonus of \$10,000, payable in connection with his commencement of employment with us in September 2020 and a stock option grant equal to 0.6% of our fully diluted shares. Accordingly, we granted him an option to purchase 240,000 shares, which shall vest with respect to 25% of the shares on each anniversary of September 21, 2020, subject to Mr. Hair's continued service through the applicable vesting date. We also agreed to pay Mr. Hair a special event bonus of \$150,000 at completion of the earlier of (i) the closing of a fully underwritten, firm commitment public offering with proceeds exceeding \$50 million, or (ii) the sale of our Company which results in a change of control. Mr. Hair was also eligible to receive an additional option grant equal to 0.4% of our fully diluted shares if by May 1, 2021, as no change of control or Company has occurred and Mr. Hair is still employed by us. We granted him this option in October 2020 to purchase 160,000 shares. The October 2020 option vests with respect to 25% of the shares on each anniversary of September 21, 2020, subject to Mr. Hair's continued service through the applicable vesting date. In connection with Mr. Hair's relocation to the Ponte Vedra area from California, the offer letter agreement and a subsequent understanding between Mr. Hair and us provide that he would receive (1) temporary housing reimbursements up to \$3,000 per month through August 2021, (2) reimbursement of reasonable round trip travel to our offices in Jacksonville from Mr. Hair's home office in California up to once every two weeks, and (3) a tax gross-up payment for any taxes owed by Mr. Hair relat

#### Offer Letter Agreement for Aaron J. Berutti

In connection with Mr. Berutti's commencement of employment with us in August 2021, we entered into an offer letter agreement under which he was entitled to an annual base salary, target annual bonus, eligibility to participate in our benefit plans, options, a change in control severance agreement, and relocation benefits. Mr. Berutti's annual salary under the offer letter agreement is \$300,000, and his annual cash bonus is targeted at 50% of base salary. Mr. Berutti was also eligible to receive a stock option for 150,000 shares, which vests with respect to 25% of the shares on each anniversary of the grant date, subject to Mr. Berutti's continued service through the applicable vesting date. In connection with Mr. Berutti's relocation to the Ponte Vedra area, the offer letter agreement provided for (1) reimbursement of relocation expenses, up to reasonable and budgeted amount, (2) up to \$2,500 per month of documented lodging or housing accommodation until he relocates, (3) reasonable round trip travel expenses between his residence in Atlanta, GA and Ponte Vedra, FL, and (4) a tax gross-up payment for any taxes owed by Mr. Berutti related to the reimbursements by us for the relocation, living and travel expenses.

## **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

As of December 31, 2021, our equity compensation plan information is as follows:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted- average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (1)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a) (2) (3)
Plan category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	7,474,580	\$ 6.89	\$ 4,270,965
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
Total	7,474,580	\$ 6.89	4,270,965

- (1) The weighted average exercise price does not take into account the shares issuable upon vesting of outstanding RSA and RSUs, which have no exercise price.
- (2) These shares are available under the 2021 Plan for future issuance share-based compensation awards, including stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards and other stock-based awards.
- (3) Includes 504,627 shares remaining available for future issuance under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2021.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Other than compensation arrangements, we describe below those transactions and series of similar transactions, since January 1, 2021, to which we were a party or will be a party, in which:

- the amounts involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000; and
- any of our directors, executive officers, or holders of more than 5% of our common stock, or any member of the immediate family of the foregoing persons, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Compensation arrangements for our directors and NEOs are described elsewhere in this proxy statement.

#### Stockholders Agreement

Certain of our stockholders, including James T. Treace, John T. Treace, John R. Treace, F. Barry Bays, Richard W. Mott and Thomas E. Timbie, were parties to an amended and restated stockholders agreement, which was terminated in connection with our IPO by an agreement among the parties thereto

#### **Employment of Immediate Family**

In October 2017, we hired Tori Dapas, the brother-in-law of John T. Treace and the son-in-law of John R. Treace, as a Regional Sales Manager. For 2021, Mr. Dapas received total compensation of \$0.3 million, including base salary, annual incentive pay, a car allowance and options to purchase 10,967 shares granted in 2021 that vest over 4 years, with such options' value based on the grant-date fair value.

#### Indemnification Agreements and Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. These agreements will require us to, among other things, indemnify each of our directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, including indemnification of expenses such as attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines and settlement amounts incurred by the director or executive officer in any action or proceeding, including any action or proceeding by or in right of us, arising out of the person's services as a director or executive officer. We also maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance pursuant to which our directors and officers are insured against liability for actions taken in their capacities as directors and officers.

#### **Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions**

Our Board has adopted a written related person transaction policy, which became effective upon the consummation of our IPO, setting forth the policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of related person transactions. This policy covers, with certain exceptions set forth in Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships in which we were or are to be a participant, a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, including without limitation purchases of goods or services by or from the related person or entities in which the related person has a material interest, indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness and employment by us of a related person. In reviewing and approving any such transactions, our Audit Committee is tasked to consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including but not limited to whether the transaction is on terms comparable to those that could be obtained in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated third party and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction. All of the transactions described in this section occurred before the adoption of this policy. However, all of the transactions described above were entered into after presentation, consideration and approval by our Board.

#### STOCK OWNERSHIP

The following table shows information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock for the following:

- Each stockholder known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock;
- Each of our directors;
- Each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table in "Executive Compensation;" and
- All directors and executive officers as a group.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each entity, person, director or executive officer is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares over which the individual has sole or shared voting power or investment power as well as any shares that the individual has the right to acquire within 60 days after March 25, 2022 through the exercise of any stock option, warrants or other rights. Except as otherwise indicated, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock held by that person.

Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, (i) the persons or entities named have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock shown as beneficially owned by them, and (ii) the address for each beneficial owner is c/o Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., 203 Fort Wade Rd., Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081.

All information is as of the Record Date, except as noted otherwise.

Name and Address of Beneficial Ownership	No. of Shares	Percentage of Total
5% Stockholders	Shares	or rotar
John T. Treace (1)	10,746,709	19.44%
John R. Treace <sup>(2)</sup>	3,410,043	6.17 %
Additional Directors and Named Executive Officers		
John K. Bakewell <sup>(3)</sup>	420,629	*
F. Barry Bays	1,728,292	3.13 %
Lawrence W. Hamilton <sup>(4)</sup>	78,329	*
Elizabeth S. Hanna <sup>(5)</sup>	3,451	*
Deepti Jain <sup>(5)</sup>	3,451	*
Richard. W. Mott <sup>(6)</sup>	1,613,945	2.92 %
Thomas E. Timbie <sup>(7)</sup>	2,175,309	3.93 %
James T. Treace <sup>(8)</sup>	1,942,624	3.51%
Aaron J. Berutti	_	*
Mark L. Hair <sup>(9)</sup>	173,433	*
All executive officers and directors as a group (17 persons) <sup>(10)</sup>	23,841,942	41.89 %

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent (1%)

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of (i) 5,422,580 shares of our common stock held directly, (ii) 1,839,063 shares of our common stock held by John T. Treace as trustee of a trust, (iii) 1,605,000 shares of our common stock held by his spouse, (iv) 1,471,250 shares of our common stock held by his spouse as co-trustee of a trust, and (v) 408,816 of our common stock shares held by John T. Treace as co-trustee of a trust. John T. Treace disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by his spouse directly or in trusts for which his spouse serves as trustee or co-trustee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consists of (i) 1,897,790 shares of our common stock, held jointly by John R. Treace and his spouse, (ii) 408,816 shares held by his spouse as cotrustee of a trust, (iii) 535,000 shares of our common stock held by John R. Treace as co-trustee of a trust, and (iv) 568,437 shares of our common stock held by John R. Treace as co-trustee of another trust. John R. Treace disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held in trusts for which he or his spouse is a co-trustee.

- (3) Consists of (i) 250,000 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Bakewell's spouse as trustee of a trust, (ii) 92,300 shares held by Mr. Bakewell as trustee of a trust, and (iii) 78,329 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (4) Consists of 78,329 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (5) Consists of 3,451 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (6) Consists of (i) 1,592,705 shares of our common stock held directly and (ii) 21,240 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (7) Consists of (i) 505,000 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Timbie as co-trustee of a trust, (ii) 1,649,069 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Timbie as co-trustee of another trust, and (iii) 21,240 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (8) Consists of (i) 1,386,441 shares of our common stock held directly and (ii) 556,183 shares of our common stock held by James T. Treace's spouse.
- (9) Consists of (i) 10,000 shares of our common stock held directly, (ii) 3,600 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Hair's dependent children, and (iii) 159,833 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.
- (10) Includes 1,639,263 shares of our common stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of stock options that are either currently exercisable or are scheduled to become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2022.

#### **Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership of our common stock on a Form 3 and reports of changes in such ownership on a Form 4 or Form 5. Executive officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of our common stock are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. We submit all applicable Section 16(a) filing requirements on behalf of our executive officers and directors. To our knowledge, based solely on the reports filed by us, copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations made by our executive officers and directors regarding their filing obligations, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers and directors were satisfied with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, except for one report for one transaction for John T. Treace where he became the beneficial owner of shares by being named as trustee for a family trust.

#### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### Submission of Stockholder Proposals for Inclusion in Next Year's Annual Meeting Proxy Statement

Stockholders wishing to include proposals in the proxy materials in relation to our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders must submit the proposal in writing so that it is received by the Company on or before December 5, 2022. Proposals should be addressed to Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Such proposals must also meet the other requirements and procedures prescribed by Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act relating to stockholders' proposals and with the procedures set forth in our Bylaws. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to require the Company to include in its proxy statement and proxy relating to the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders any stockholder proposal which may be omitted from the proxy materials according to applicable regulations of the SEC in effect at the time the proposal is received.

#### Other Stockholder Proposals for Presentation at Next Year's Annual Meeting

Stockholders who intend to present a proposal at the 2023 annual meeting, outside the processes of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and thereby without including such proposal in our proxy statement, must timely deliver a written notice in accordance with the requirements, including eligibility and information required in such notice, set forth in our Bylaws. To be timely, such written notice must be received by our Corporate Secretary at our executive offices (Treace Medical Concepts, Inc., 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081) between the close of business on January 17, 2023 and the close of business on February 16, 2023. However, if the date of the 2023 annual meeting is earlier than April 17, 2023 or later than July 16, 2023, notice by the stockholder (in order to be timely) must be received not later than the 90th day before the 2023 annual meeting or, if later, the 10th day following the day on which public disclosure of the date of the 2023 annual meeting was first made. In addition to satisfying the requirements under our Bylaws, to comply with the universal proxy rules under the Exchange Act, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees must provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act, no later than March 18, 2023.

If the stockholder does not also comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-4(c) under the Exchange Act, we may exercise discretionary voting authority under proxies we solicit to vote in accordance with our best judgment on any such stockholder proposal or nomination.

#### DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS TO STOCKHOLDERS SHARING AN ADDRESS

We have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called "householding." Under this procedure, we deliver a single copy of the Internet Notice and, if applicable, our proxy materials to stockholders of record who shares the same address, unless we have received contrary instructions from any stockholder at that address. This practice is designed to eliminate duplicate mailings, conserve natural resources and reduce our printing and mailing costs. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to be able to access and receive separate proxy cards.

If you share an address with another stockholder and receive only a single copy of the Internet Notice or, if applicable, our proxy materials, but would like to request a separate copy of these materials, please contact our mailing agent, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., by calling 1-866-540-7095 or writing to 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717, Attention: Householding Department and an additional copy of the materials will be promptly delivered to you. Similarly, if you receive multiple copies of the Internet Notice or, if applicable, the proxy materials but would prefer to receive a single copy in the future, you may also contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. at the above telephone number or address. Beneficial owners should contact their broker, bank or other nominee to request information about householding procedures.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Our Board does not know of any matter to be brought before the Annual Meeting other than the matters set forth in this Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and matters incident to the conduct of the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy card will have discretionary authority to vote all proxies on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Jaime A. Frias

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

April 4, 2022 Treace Medical Concepts, Inc. 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 150 Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081



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VOTE BY INTERNET
Before The Meeting - Go to www.proxyvote.com or scan the QR Barcode above

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 1159 p.m. Fastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Here your proxy card in hand when you access the eveb site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

During The Meeting - Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCl2022

You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

VOTE BY PHONE -1-800-690-6903
Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the out off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, HY 11717.

VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOW	/5:			D74138-P70376	KEEP THIS F	ORTION	FOR YO	UR RECORE
THIS PRO	XY C	ARD IS VA	ALID ONL	Y WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.	DETACH AND	RETURN	THIS PO	ORTION ON
TREACE MEDICAL CONCEPTS, INC.	For	Withhold	For All	To withhold authority to vote for any individua	al			
The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:	All	All	Except	nominee(s), mark "Fór All Except" and write th number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.	9		-	$\neg$
Vote on Directors			0		-			
1. Election of Directors								
Nominees:								
01) Lawrence W. Hamilton 02) Deepti Jain 03) James T. Treace								
Vote on Proposal								
The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the follows:	owing	proposal:				For	Against	Abstain
2. Proposal to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP	as inde	ependent a	uditor for t	he year ending December 31, 2022.		0	0	0
3. In their discretion, upon such other matters that may prop	erly co	ome before	the meetin	g or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.				
The shares represented by this proxy when properly executed wis made, this proxy will be voted FOR item 1 and item 2. If vote in their discretion.	II be vo	oted in the ther matter	manner dir s properly (	ected herein by the undersigned Stockholder(s). <b>If</b> come before the meeting, the person(s) named in	no direction this proxy will			
Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When sign administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Jo personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, or partnership name by authorized officer.	aning a int ow please	as attorney ners should e sign in full	, executor, d each sign d corporate					
Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date				Signature (Joint Owners)	Date			

#### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:

The Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Form 10-K are available at www.proxyvote.com.

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# TREACE MEDICAL CONCEPTS, INC. THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS MAY 17, 2022

The Stockholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Mark L. Hair and Jaime A. Frias, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorize(s) them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of common stock of Treace Medical Concepts, Inc. that the Stockholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time on May 17, 2022, by means of a virtual meeting via live webcast on the Internet at <a href="https://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022">www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TMCI2022</a>, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED BY THE STOCKHOLDER(S). IF NO SUCH DIRECTIONS ARE MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOR PROPOSAL 2.

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED REPLY ENVELOPE

CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE