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On April 6, 2018, Piper Jaffray Companies (the Company) filed a definitive proxy statement (the Proxy Statement) in connection with its 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on May 17, 2018. The Company is filing the following information solely to update the biography of William R. Fitzgerald, a director nominee at the Annual Meeting, to reflect a change in his position at Ascent Capital Group, Inc. (Ascent). The following information amends and supplements our Proxy Statement and should be read in conjunction with the Proxy Statement.

On April 5, 2018, Ascent announced that Mr. Fitzgerald stepped down as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Fitzgerald will continue to serve as the Chairman of Ascent s Board of Directors.

Except as expressly described herein, Mr. Fitzgerald s biography included in the Proxy Statement remains unchanged as of the date hereof.