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PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED JUNE 3, 2016

[], 2016

MERGER PROPOSAL YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Dear EMC Corporation Shareholders:

EMC Corporation, referred to as EMC, and Denali Holding Inc., referred to as Denali, have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 12, 2015, as amended by the First Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 16, 2016, referred to collectively as the merger agreement, under which a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali will be merged with and into EMC, and EMC will continue as a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali, which transaction is referred to as the merger. If the merger is completed, EMC shareholders will receive, in exchange for each share of EMC common stock owned immediately prior to the merger, (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) a number of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of common stock of Denali designated as Class V Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, equal to the quotient (rounded to the nearest five decimal points) obtained by dividing (A) 222,966,450 by (B) the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares. The approximately 223 million shares of Class V Common Stock issuable in the merger (assuming EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights) are intended to track and reflect the economic performance of the Class V Group, which would initially have attributed to it approximately 65% of EMC's current economic interest in the business of VMware, Inc., referred to as VMware, which currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. The Class V Common Stock is intended to track the performance of such economic interest in the VMware business following the completion of the merger, but there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such economic interest. The shares of EMC common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, referred to as the NYSE, under the trading symbol EMC. Denali will apply for listing of the Class V Common Stock on the NYSE under the symbol DVMT. The shares of Class V Common Stock will begin trading following the completion of the merger.

EMC will hold a special meeting of its shareholders to vote on certain matters in connection with the proposed merger. Attendance at the special meeting will be limited as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus.

EMC shareholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting of EMC shareholders. The special meeting will be held at [] (Eastern Time), on [], 2016, at EMC's facility at 176 South Street, Hopkinton,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus incorporates important business, financial and other information about EMC from documents that are not included in or delivered with the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. This information is available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus (other than certain exhibits or schedules to these documents) by requesting them in writing, via email or by telephone from EMC or Denali at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

Denali Holding Inc.	EMC Corporation
One Dell Way	176 South Street
Round Rock, Texas 78682	Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748
Attention: Investor Relations	Attention: Investor Relations
Email: investor_relations@dell.com	Email: emc_ir@emc.com
Telephone: (512) 728-7800	Telephone: (508) 435-1000

In addition, if you have questions about the merger or the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus or need to obtain proxy cards or other information related to the proxy solicitation, please contact Innisfree M&A Incorporated, EMC's proxy solicitor, toll-free at (888) 750-5834 or collect at (212) 750-5833. You will not be charged for any of these documents that you request.

If you would like to request documents, please do so no later than five business days before the date of the special meeting of shareholders (which is [], 2016) to receive them before the special meeting.

See *Where You Can Find More Information* for information on how you can obtain copies of the incorporated documents or view them via the Internet.

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EMC CORPORATION
176 South Street
Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON [], 2016

[], 2016

To the Shareholders of EMC Corporation:

A special meeting of shareholders of EMC Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, referred to as EMC, will be held at [] (Eastern Time), on [], 2016, at EMC's facility at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748. At the special meeting, shareholders will be asked to take the following actions:

to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 12, 2015, as amended by the First Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 16, 2016, referred to as the amendment, as so amended and as it may be amended from time to time, referred to collectively as the merger agreement, among Denali Holding Inc., a Delaware corporation, referred to as Denali, Dell Inc., a Delaware corporation, referred to as Dell, Universal Acquisition Co., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Denali, referred to as Merger Sub, and EMC, pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into EMC, and EMC will continue as a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali (which transaction is referred to as the merger) (a composite copy of the merger agreement incorporating the amendment into the text of the initial agreement is attached as *Annex A* to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus);

to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger; and

to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

EMC will transact no other business at the special meeting except such business as may properly be brought before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Please refer to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus for further information with respect to the business to be transacted at the special meeting.

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The EMC board of directors has fixed the close of business on [], 2016 as the record date for the special meeting. Only holders of record of EMC common stock as of the record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Attendance at the special meeting will be limited to EMC shareholders as of the record date and to guests of EMC, as more fully described under *Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders Date, Time and Location* beginning on page 153 of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. If you are a shareholder and plan to attend, you **MUST** pre-register for the special meeting no later than [], 2016, by visiting [www.emc.com/specialmeeting] and completing the registration form. Shareholders who come to the special meeting, but have not registered electronically, will also be required to present evidence of stock ownership as of [], 2016. You can obtain this evidence from your broker, bank, trust company or other nominee or intermediary, referred to as a nominee or intermediary, typically in the form of your most recent monthly statement. All shareholders who attend the meeting will be required to present valid government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and will be subject to security screenings.

Approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of EMC common stock entitled to vote as of the record date for the special meeting. The approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid

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by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger requires the affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the shares of EMC common stock represented at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon.

Under the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act, referred to as the MBCA, EMC is required to state whether it has concluded that EMC shareholders are, are not or may be entitled to assert appraisal rights, which are generally available to shareholders of a merging Massachusetts corporation under Section 13.02(a)(1) of the MBCA subject to certain exceptions. For the reasons described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, EMC has concluded that EMC shareholders may be entitled to appraisal rights. The relevant provisions of the MBCA have not been the subject of judicial interpretation and EMC and Denali reserve the right to contest the validity and availability of any purported demand for appraisal rights in connection with the merger. In this regard, Denali has indicated that in any appraisal proceeding it will assert, and will cause EMC as its wholly owned subsidiary following completion of the merger to assert, that an exception to appraisal rights is applicable to the merger. Any shareholder seeking to assert appraisal rights should carefully review the procedures described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. A copy of the applicable provisions of the MBCA is attached as *Annex E* to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus.

The EMC board of directors unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you expect to attend the special meeting in person, we urge you to submit a proxy as promptly as possible by (1) accessing the Internet website specified on your proxy card, (2) calling the toll-free number specified on your proxy card or (3) marking, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided, so that your shares may be represented and voted at the special meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a nominee or intermediary, please follow the instructions on the voting instruction card furnished by the record holder.

We urge you to read the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, and its annexes carefully and in their entirety. In particular, see *Risk Factors* beginning on page 43 of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. If you have any questions concerning the merger, the merger agreement, the non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger, the special meeting or the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus or need help submitting a proxy to have your shares of EMC common stock voted, please contact EMC's proxy solicitor:

Innisfree M&A Incorporated

501 Madison Avenue, 20th floor

New York, New York 10022

Shareholders may call toll free: (888) 750-5834

Banks and Brokers may call collect: (212) 750-5833

By Order of the Board of Directors,

[/s/ Paul T. Dacier]

Paul T. Dacier

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and

Assistant Secretary

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ABOUT THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

This proxy statement/prospectus, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed by Denali with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, constitutes a prospectus of Denali under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued to EMC shareholders as consideration in the merger. This proxy statement/prospectus also constitutes a proxy statement for EMC under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In addition, it constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of EMC shareholders.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus is dated [], 2016. You should not assume that the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of such information. The mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus to EMC shareholders will not create any implication to the contrary.

This proxy statement/prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation. Information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus regarding Denali has been provided by Denali and information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus regarding EMC has been provided by EMC.

Unless otherwise indicated or as the context otherwise requires, a reference in this proxy statement/prospectus to:

amendment refers to the First Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 16, 2016, among Denali, Dell, Merger Sub and EMC;

Class V Common Stock refers to the series of Denali common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, designated as Class V Common Stock;

Dell refers to Dell Inc., a Delaware corporation, or, as the context requires, to Dell Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries;

Dell International refers to Dell International LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Dell;

Denali refers to Denali Holding Inc., a Delaware corporation, before the closing on October 29, 2013 of the going-private transaction referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus, and Denali Holding Inc. or, as the context requires, to Denali Holding Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries from and after such closing;

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Denali bylaws refers to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Denali Holding Inc., which will be amended and restated prior to the effective time of the merger, a copy of which is attached as *Annex C* to this proxy statement/prospectus;

Denali certificate refers to the Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Denali Holding Inc., which will be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware prior to the effective time of the merger, a copy of which is attached as *Annex B* to this proxy statement/prospectus;

Denali Intermediate refers to Denali Intermediate, Inc., a Delaware corporation;

Denali Tracking Stock Policy refers to the Tracking Stock Policy Statement regarding DHI Group and Class V Group Matters, a copy of which is attached as *Annex D* to this proxy statement/prospectus;

DGCL refers to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended;

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DHI Group common stock refers collectively to the series of Denali common stock, each with a par value \$0.01 per share, designated as Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock, Class C Common Stock and Class D Common Stock;

DOJ refers to the U.S. Department of Justice;

EMC refers to EMC Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation;

EMC articles refers to the Restated Articles of Organization of EMC;

EMC bylaws refers to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of EMC;

EMC common stock refers to EMC common stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

Evercore refers to Evercore Group L.L.C.;

Exchange Act refers to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;

exchange agent refers to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC;

FTC refers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission;

GAAP refers to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;

going-private agreement refers to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 5, 2013, as amended, pursuant to which the going-private transaction of Dell was effected;

going-private consideration refers to the consideration paid to the public stockholders of Dell in connection with the going-private transaction of Dell;

going-private transaction refers to the acquisition of Dell by Denali on October 29, 2013 in which the public stockholders of Dell received cash for their shares of Dell common stock;

HSR Act refers to the U.S. Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended;

Internal Revenue Code refers to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

MBCA refers to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act;

MD stockholders refers to Michael S. Dell and the Susan Lieberman Dell Separate Property Trust and any person to whom either of them would be permitted to transfer any equity securities of Denali under the Denali certificate;

merger refers to the merger of Merger Sub with and into EMC, as a result of which the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub will cease, and EMC will continue as a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali;

merger agreement refers to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 12, 2015, as amended by the amendment and as it may be amended from time to time, among Denali, Dell, Merger Sub and EMC, a composite copy of which, incorporating the text of the amendment into the initial agreement, is attached as *Annex A* to this proxy statement/prospectus;

merger consideration refers to the consideration, per share of EMC common stock, to be received by EMC shareholders in the merger, consisting of:

\$24.05 in cash, without interest, and

a number of shares of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of Class V Common Stock equal to the quotient (rounded to the nearest five decimal points) obtained by dividing (1) 222,966,450 by (2) the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares;

Merger Sub refers to Universal Acquisition Co., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Denali;

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Morgan Stanley refers to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC;

MSD Partners means MSD Partners, L.P. and its affiliates (other than Michael S. Dell for so long as Michael S. Dell serves as the chief executive officer of Denali);

MSD Partners stockholders refers to MSDC Denali Investors, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and MSDC Denali EIV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and any person to whom either of them would be permitted to transfer any equity securities of Denali under the Denali certificate;

Nasdaq refers to the Nasdaq Stock Market;

Number of Retained Interest Shares refers to the proportionate undivided interest, if any, that the DHI Group may be deemed to hold in the assets, liabilities and businesses of the Class V Group in accordance with the Denali certificate, as described in this proxy statement/prospectus;

NYSE refers to the New York Stock Exchange;

Pivotal refers to Pivotal Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation;

record date refers, as to the EMC shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting of EMC shareholders, to the close of business on [], 2016;

retained interest, or inter-group interest in the Class V Group, refers to the economic interest in the Class V Group that is attributed to the holders of the DHI Group common stock and not to the holders of the Class V Common Stock, which retained interest is expressed in terms of the Number of Retained Interest Shares;

SEC refers to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;

Securities Act refers to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

Silver Lake Partners refers to Silver Lake Management Company III, L.L.C., Silver Lake Management Company IV, L.L.C. and their respective affiliated management companies and investment vehicles;

SLP stockholders refers to Silver Lake Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Silver Lake Technology Investors III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Silver Lake Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Silver Lake Technology Investors IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and SLP

Denali Co-Invest, L.P. and any person to whom any of them would be permitted to transfer any equity securities of Denali under the Denali certificate;

Temasek refers to Venezia Investments Pte. Ltd., an affiliate of Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited;

VMware refers to VMware, Inc., a Delaware corporation;

VMware common stock refers to Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of VMware;

VMware intercompany notes refers to (1) the \$680,000,000 Promissory Note due May 1, 2018, issued by VMware in favor of EMC, (2) the \$550,000,000 Promissory Note, due May 1, 2020, issued by VMware in favor of EMC and (3) the \$270,000,000 Promissory Note due December 1, 2022, issued by VMware in favor of EMC; and

we, our or us refers to Denali, Dell or EMC, as the context requires.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers are intended to address briefly some commonly asked questions regarding the merger and matters to be addressed at the special meeting. The questions and answers below are preceded by a brief summary of some of the material terms of the merger transaction and the Class V Common Stock that will be issued to EMC shareholders if the merger is completed. These questions and answers may not address all of the questions that may be important to EMC shareholders. To better understand these matters, and for a description of the legal terms governing the merger, you should carefully read this entire proxy statement/prospectus, including the attached annexes, as well as the documents that have been incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See

Where You Can Find More Information for information on how you can obtain copies of the incorporated documents or view them via the Internet.

Summary of Certain Material Terms of the Merger and the Class V Common Stock

On October 12, 2015, EMC entered into the merger agreement with Denali and two subsidiaries of Denali. The merger agreement provides that, subject to its terms and conditions, a subsidiary of Denali will be merged with and into EMC.

If the merger is completed, EMC shareholders will receive in exchange for each share of EMC common stock owned immediately prior to the merger (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) approximately 0.111 shares of Denali Class V Common Stock based on Denali's current estimates. The specific number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be received in the merger will be determined pursuant to a formula that is described elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. While the cash portion of the merger consideration is known, the value of the Class V Common Stock merger consideration that EMC shareholders will receive is uncertain. See *The Merger Agreement Merger Consideration, Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to the Merger Because there is no established trading market or market price of Class V Common Stock, the value of the merger consideration that EMC shareholders will receive in the merger is uncertain and Between the date the merger agreement was entered into and the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, the market value of the VMware Class A common stock has declined, thereby reducing the implied value of the stock portion of the merger consideration. Changes in the market value of the VMware Class A common stock also will impact the amount of cash that holders of EMC common stock will receive in the merger in lieu of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock.*

The Class V Common Stock is a type of common stock that is commonly referred to as a tracking stock. The approximately 223 million shares of Class V Common Stock issuable in the merger are intended to track the economic performance of approximately 65% of Denali's economic interest in the Class V Group (described in the next bullet) following the completion of the merger (the remaining approximately 35% economic interest in the Class V Group is initially intended to be tracked by the DHI Group common stock as a result of the DHI Group's retained interest in the Class V Group).

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The Class V Group will initially consist of EMC's economic interest in the VMware business, which currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. See *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger*. Below is a diagram identifying the Denali businesses that will initially be attributed to the DHI Group and the Class V Group:

The number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued initially will have a one-to-one relationship to approximately 65% of the number of shares of VMware common stock currently owned by EMC. However, the VMware Class A common stock and the Class V Common Stock have different characteristics and Denali expects there may not be a direct correlation in the potential market price of Class V Common Stock to the market price of VMware Class A common stock, and EMC shareholders should not rely on the market price of the VMware Class A common stock to value the Class V Common Stock. These characteristics include (among others):

Although the Class V Group is initially intended to track Denali's economic interest in the shares of VMware common stock attributed to it, the Class V Group may in the future have different assets and liabilities attributed to it. Denali will have the ability to attribute other assets or liabilities to the Class V Group in exchange for assets and liabilities having an equivalent fair market value, in each case as authorized and determined by the Denali board of directors with the

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consent of its Capital Stock Committee. See *Description of Denali Tracking Stock Policy Relationship between the DHI Group and the Class V Group*. Any such alteration of assets and liabilities attributed to the Class V Group may result in Denali's economic interest in all or part of the shares of VMware common stock initially attributed to the Class V Group being attributed to the DHI Group and may also result in a change to the amount of the DHI Group's retained interest in the Class V Group. See *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Denali Common Stock Certain Adjustments to the Number of Retained Interest Shares*.

The Class V Common Stock is subject to the credit risk of Denali. The DHI Group and the Class V Group are not separate legal entities and cannot own assets, and as a result, holders of Class V Common Stock will not have a direct claim to, or any special legal rights related to, specific assets attributed to the Class V Group and Denali's tracking stock capitalization will not limit Denali's legal responsibility, or that of Denali's subsidiaries, for their respective debts and liabilities. See *Questions and Answers Will the Class V Common Stock have exposure to credit risk at Denali?* and *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure Holders of Class V Common Stock will be common stockholders of Denali and will be, therefore, subject to risks associated with an investment in Denali as a whole*.

The Class V Common Stock is common stock of Denali and the holders of Class V Common Stock will not have voting rights at the VMware level. See *Questions and Answers What will be the voting rights of the series of stock of Denali after the merger?*

The Denali board of directors may in certain circumstances elect to (1) convert all of the Class V Common Stock into publicly-traded Class C Common Stock of Denali or (2) redeem the Class V Common Stock in exchange for shares of common stock of VMware, publicly-traded shares of common stock of a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali owning the assets attributed to the Class V Group, cash or a combination thereof. The rights of any securities that may be received in a conversion or in redemption may be significantly different from the Class V Common Stock. See *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Denali Common Stock Redemption for VMware Common Stock, Redemption for Securities of Class V Group Subsidiary, Dividend, Redemption or Conversion in Case of Class V Group Disposition* and *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Conversion*.

The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, which the NYSE refers to as an Equity Investment Tracking Stock, that tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the NYSE, such as VMware. The NYSE listing standards as so proposed would allow for the listing of the Class V Common Stock, but no assurances can be given that such listing standards will be adopted in the proposed form. Under the proposed new listing standards, the Class V Common Stock could be delisted in certain circumstances, which delisting would materially adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock. For example, any alteration of assets and liabilities attributed to the Class V Group that results in the Class V Common Stock ceasing to track the performance of VMware Class A common stock could result in the delisting of the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, such as the Class V Common Stock, which tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the NYSE, such as VMware* and *The new listing standards proposed by the NYSE include certain requirements to maintain the listing of an Equity Investment Tracking Stock. If the Class V Common Stock were delisted because of the*

failure to meet any of such requirements, the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock would be materially adversely affected and Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Listing of Shares of Class V Common Stock and Delisting and Deregistration of EMC Common Stock.

In addition, tracking stocks have often historically traded at a discount to the estimated value of the underlying business they are intended to track. Accordingly, although the Class V Common Stock is

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intended to track the performance of a portion of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business following the completion of the merger, there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such interest. Tracking stocks are relatively uncommon financing structures, and we are not aware of any current or historical examples of a tracking stock that is intended to track solely an interest in another publicly-traded company (other than the proposed Class V Common Stock).

Immediately following the completion of the merger, it is expected that, for matters on which all holders of Denali common stock are entitled to vote, the number of votes to which holders of Class V Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 4% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock will be entitled. The members of the Denali board of directors will be divided into three groups and holders of Class V Common Stock will have voting rights with respect to the election of only one of the three groups. Following the completion of the merger, Denali will qualify as a controlled company under NYSE rules and will qualify for exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. As a result, holders of Class V Common Stock will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE. Denali expects that a majority of its directors will not be independent under NYSE rules and that it will not establish fully independent compensation and nominating committees. Even though Denali will be a controlled company, it will be required to comply with the rules of the SEC and the NYSE relating to the membership, qualifications and operations of the audit committee of the board of directors. Denali expects that each of the three directors who will serve on Denali's audit committee will qualify as an independent director. Denali is also required to maintain a Capital Stock Committee, a majority of whose members must be independent. See *Management of Denali after the Merger Board of Directors* and *Committees of the Board of Directors* and *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to the Combined Company Upon the listing of the shares of Class V Common Stock on the NYSE, Denali will be a controlled company within the meaning of NYSE rules and, as a result, will qualify for, and intends to rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. Holders of Class V Common Stock will therefore not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to such requirements.*

Questions and Answers Regarding the Merger and the Special Meeting***Q: Why am I receiving this proxy statement/prospectus?***

A: This proxy statement/prospectus serves as both a proxy statement of EMC for the special meeting of EMC shareholders to be held to obtain shareholder approval of the merger agreement and take the other actions described in this document, and as a prospectus of Denali relating to its offering of the Class V Common Stock to be issued to EMC shareholders as merger consideration pursuant to the merger agreement.

Denali and EMC have agreed to a merger, pursuant to which EMC shareholders will receive the merger consideration described in this proxy statement/prospectus and EMC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali and will no longer be a publicly held corporation. In order for Denali and EMC to complete the merger, EMC shareholders must approve the merger agreement.

EMC is holding a special meeting of shareholders to obtain the shareholder approval necessary to approve the merger agreement. In addition, EMC shareholders will also be asked to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the

merger and to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement. EMC's named executive officers are identified under *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Interests of Certain EMC Directors and Officers*.

Your vote is very important. We encourage you to submit a proxy as soon as possible to have your shares of EMC common stock voted.

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A: If the merger is completed, each share of EMC common stock (other than shares owned by Denali, Merger Sub, EMC or any of its wholly owned subsidiaries, and other than shares with respect to which EMC shareholders are entitled to and properly exercise appraisal rights) automatically will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration, consisting of (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) a number of shares of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable Class V Common Stock equal to the quotient (rounded to the nearest five decimal points) obtained by dividing (A) 222,966,450 by (B) the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares. Based on the number of shares of EMC common stock we currently expect will be issued and outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger, we estimate that EMC shareholders will receive in the merger approximately 0.111 shares of Class V Common Stock for each share of EMC common stock.

Q: What is the Class V Common Stock?

A: The Class V Common Stock is a type of common stock commonly referred to as a tracking stock (as described below) and is intended to track the performance of a portion of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business following the completion of the merger. However, there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such economic interest. The approximately 223 million shares of Class V Common Stock issuable in the merger (assuming EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights) are intended to track and reflect the economic performance of approximately 65% of EMC's current economic interest in the VMware business, which currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. The number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued initially will have a one-to-one relationship to approximately 65% of the number of shares of VMware common stock currently owned by EMC.

Q: What are your expectations about how the market price of the Class V Common Stock will correlate with the performance of the economic interest in the VMware business it is intended to track or with the market price of the VMware Class A common stock?

A: The Class V Common Stock is intended to track the performance of a portion of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business, but there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such economic interest. Further, while investors may view the market price of the VMware Class A common stock as relevant to a valuation of the VMware business, because the Class V Common Stock and the VMware Class A common stock have different characteristics, as discussed above, which we expect may affect their respective market prices in distinct ways, the market prices of the two stocks may not be directly correlated. Tracking stocks often trade at a discount to the estimated value of the assets or businesses they are intended to track.

Q: What happens if the merger is not completed?

A: If the merger is not completed for any reason, EMC shareholders will not receive any consideration for their shares of EMC common stock, EMC will remain an independent public company and EMC common stock will continue to be traded on the NYSE. In addition, in certain circumstances, EMC or Denali may be required to pay a termination fee to the other party following the termination of the merger agreement. See *The Merger Agreement Termination Fees*.

Q: If I am an EMC shareholder, how will I receive the merger consideration to which I am entitled?

A: After receiving proper documentation from you, following the effective time of the merger, the exchange agent will forward to you Class V Common Stock, the cash portion of the merger consideration and any cash in lieu of fractional shares to which you are entitled. For additional information about the exchange of shares of EMC common stock for shares of Class V Common Stock and cash, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Exchange of Shares in the Merger*.

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Q: When and where will the special meeting be held?

A: The special meeting will be held at [] (Eastern Time), on [], 2016, at EMC's facility at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748.

Q: Who is entitled to vote at the special meeting?

A: Only holders of record of EMC common stock as of the record date, the close of business on [], 2016, are entitled to vote at the special meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. As of the record date, there were [] shares of EMC common stock outstanding. Each outstanding share of EMC common stock is entitled to one vote.

Q: Who may attend the special meeting?

A: Attendance at the special meeting will be limited to EMC shareholders as of the record date and to pre-approved guests of EMC. ***All shareholder guests must be pre-approved by EMC and will be limited to spouses, persons required for medical assistance and properly authorized representatives of EMC shareholders as of the record date.*** If you are a shareholder and plan to attend, you **MUST** pre-register for the special meeting no later than [], 2016, by visiting [www.emc.com/specialmeeting] and completing the registration form. Shareholders who come to the special meeting, but have not registered electronically, will also be required to present evidence of stock ownership as of [], 2016. You can obtain this evidence from your broker, bank, trust company or other nominee or intermediary, typically in the form of your most recent monthly statement. All shareholders who attend the meeting will be required to present valid government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and will be subject to security screenings.

The special meeting is a private business meeting. In accordance with the EMC bylaws, EMC's chairman of the board of directors or other presiding officer has the right and authority to adjourn the special meeting and to determine and maintain the rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of the special meeting, including, but not limited to, maintaining order and the safety of those in attendance, dismissing business not properly submitted, opening and closing the polls for voting and limiting time allowed for discussion of the business at the special meeting. Failure to abide by the special meeting rules will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the special meeting. A copy of the special meeting rules will be provided to all properly pre-registered shareholders and guests. Cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted at the special meeting.

If you have a disability, EMC can provide reasonable assistance to help you participate in the special meeting. If you plan to attend the special meeting and require assistance, please write or call EMC's Office of the Secretary no later than [], 2016, at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748, telephone number (508) 435-1000.

Q: What are EMC shareholders being asked to vote on?

A: EMC shareholders are being asked to vote on the following proposals:

to approve the merger agreement, pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into EMC, and as a result of which the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub will cease and EMC will continue as a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali;

to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger; and

to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

The approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders is a condition to the obligations of Denali and EMC to complete the merger. Approval of the other proposals is not a condition to the completion of the merger.

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Q: Are there any important risks about the merger or Denali's business of which I should be aware?

A: Yes, there are important risks involved. Before making any decision on how to vote, you are urged to read the section *Risk Factors* carefully and in its entirety.

Q: How does the EMC board of directors recommend that EMC shareholders vote?

A: The EMC board of directors unanimously determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the proposed merger, are advisable and in the best interests of EMC and its shareholders, and unanimously resolved to approve and adopt the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the proposed merger.

The EMC board of directors unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement.

The EMC board of directors also unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement. For information about these proposals, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement EMC's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the EMC Board of Directors*, *Proposal 2: Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Compensation of Named Executive Officers* and *Proposal 3: Adjournment of Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders*.

Q: How do I vote?

A: You may vote in person at the special meeting or you may designate another person your proxy to vote your shares of EMC common stock. The written document used to designate someone as your proxy also is called a proxy or proxy card. We urge you to submit a proxy to have your shares voted even if you plan to attend the special meeting. You may always change your vote at the special meeting.

If you are a shareholder of record for the special meeting, then you may have your shares voted at the special meeting in person or by submitting a proxy over the Internet, by mail or by telephone by following the instructions on your proxy card. The deadline for voting by proxy over the Internet or by telephone for the special meeting is [] (Eastern Time) on [], 2016.

If you are a beneficial owner and hold your shares in street name, or through a nominee or intermediary, such as a bank or broker, you will receive separate instructions from your nominee or intermediary describing how to vote your shares. The availability of Internet or telephonic voting will depend on the intermediary's voting process. Please check with your nominee or intermediary and follow the voting instructions provided by your nominee or intermediary with these materials.

If you hold shares of EMC common stock through your participation in the EMC Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, the EMC Corporation Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan or the VMware Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan, your voting instructions must be received by the plan trustee by [] (Eastern Time) on [], 2016, for the trustee to

vote your shares. You may not vote these shares in person at the special meeting.

Q: What is a broker non-vote ?

A: Under NYSE rules, brokers and other nominees may use their discretion to vote uninstructed shares with respect to matters that are considered to be routine, but not with respect to non-routine matters. Non-routine matters are matters that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of shareholders, such as mergers, shareholder proposals, elections of directors (even if not contested), executive compensation (including any advisory shareholder votes on executive compensation) and certain corporate governance proposals, even if management-supported. A broker non-vote occurs on an item when a nominee or intermediary has discretionary authority to vote on one or more proposals to be voted on at a meeting of

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shareholders but is not permitted to vote on other proposals without instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares and the beneficial owner fails to provide the nominee or intermediary with such instructions. Because none of the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting are routine matters for which brokers may have discretionary authority to vote, EMC does not expect any broker non-votes at the special meeting.

Q: What EMC shareholder vote is required for (1) the approval of the merger agreement, (2) the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and (3) the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement, and what happens if I abstain or fail to vote?

A: The following are the vote requirements:

Approval of the Merger Agreement: The affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of EMC common stock entitled to vote as of the record date for the special meeting is required to approve the merger agreement. Accordingly, an abstention or failure to vote or a broker non-vote will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the approval of the merger agreement.

Non-Binding, Advisory Approval of Compensation Payments: The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, at the special meeting is required to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast and, therefore, will have no effect on the proposal.

Approval of Adjournment of Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders: The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, at the special meeting is required to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast and, therefore, will have no effect on the proposal.

Because none of the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting are routine matters for which brokers may have discretionary authority to vote, EMC does not expect any broker non-votes at the special meeting.

Q: What constitutes a quorum for the special meeting?

A: A majority of the shares of EMC common stock outstanding on the record date entitled to vote must be present, in person or represented by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the special meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present in determining the existence of a quorum. Because none of the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting are routine matters for which brokers may have discretionary authority to vote, EMC does not expect any broker non-votes at the special meeting.

Q: If my shares are held in street name by my bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee, will my bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. Your bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee will not vote your shares if you do not provide your bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee with a signed voting instruction form with respect to your EMC common stock. Therefore, you should instruct your bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee to vote your EMC common stock by following the directions your bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee provides.

Because banks, brokerage firms, dealers, trust companies and other nominees do not have discretionary voting authority with respect to any of the proposals at the special meeting, if a beneficial owner of EMC common stock held in street name does not give voting instructions to the bank, brokerage firm, dealer, trust company or other nominee for any proposals, then those shares will not be counted as votes cast for or

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against any of the proposals and will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the special meeting.

If you hold shares of EMC common stock through your participation in the EMC Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan and you do not give instructions about how your shares are to be voted, the plan trustee will vote your shares in the same manner, proportionally, as it votes the other shares of EMC for which proper and timely instructions of other plan participants have been received by the plan trustee. If you hold shares of EMC common stock through your participation in the EMC Corporation Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan or the VMware Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan and do you not give instructions about how your shares are to be voted, the plan trustee may not vote your shares at all.

Q: What will happen if I return my proxy card without indicating how to vote?

A: If you return your signed and dated proxy card without indicating how to vote your shares on any particular proposal, the EMC common stock represented by your proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the board of directors. The EMC board of directors has recommended that such proxy cards be voted **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

Q: Is my vote important?

A: Yes, your vote is very important. The merger cannot be completed without the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders.

The EMC board of directors unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement.

Q: May I revoke my proxy or change my voting instructions?

A: Yes. You may revoke your proxy or change your voting instructions at any time before your shares are voted at the special meeting.

If you are a holder of record as of the record date, you may revoke your proxy by:

 sending a signed, written notice stating that you revoke your proxy to the Corporate Secretary, at EMC's offices at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748, Attention: Office of the Secretary, that bears a date later than the date of the proxy you want to revoke and is received by the EMC Office of the Secretary prior to the special meeting;

submitting a valid, later-dated proxy via the Internet or by telephone before 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on [], 2016, or by mailing a later-dated, new proxy card that is received by [] prior to the special meeting; or

attending the special meeting (or, if the special meeting is adjourned or postponed, attending the adjourned or postponed meeting) and voting in person, which will automatically cancel any proxy previously given, or revoking your proxy in person, but your attendance alone will not constitute a vote or revoke any proxy previously given.

If you hold your shares in street name, you must contact your nominee or intermediary to change your voting instructions or obtain a legal proxy to vote your shares if you wish to cast your vote in person at the special meeting.

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Q: What happens if I transfer my shares of EMC common stock before the special meeting?

A: The record date is earlier than the date of the special meeting and the date that the merger is expected to be completed. If you transfer your shares of EMC common stock after the record date but before the special meeting, you will, unless the transferee requests a proxy from you, retain your right to vote at the special meeting. However, if you are an EMC shareholder, you will have transferred the right to receive the merger consideration in the merger. In order to receive the merger consideration, you must hold your shares of EMC common stock through the effective time of the merger.

Q: What do I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials?

A: You may receive more than one set of voting materials, including multiple copies of this proxy statement/prospectus, the proxy card or the voting instruction form sent to you by your nominee or intermediary. This can occur if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, if you hold shares directly as a holder of record and also in street name, or otherwise through another holder of record, and in certain other circumstances. If you receive more than one set of voting materials, please sign and return each set separately in order to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Q: How do I obtain the voting results from the special meeting?

A: Preliminary voting results will be announced at the special meeting, and will be set forth in a press release that EMC intends to issue after the special meeting. The press release will be available on the EMC website at www.emc.com. Final voting results for the special meeting will be published in a current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC within four business days after the special meeting. A copy of this current report on Form 8-K will be available after filing with the SEC on the EMC website and at www.sec.gov.

Q: What will happen if any or all of the proposals to be considered at the special meeting are not approved?

A: As a condition to the completion of the merger, EMC shareholders must approve the merger agreement. The completion of the merger is not conditioned or dependent upon the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger. Nor is the completion of the merger conditioned upon the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement. Additionally, if the merger agreement is terminated by EMC or Denali in the event the EMC shareholders have voted on and failed to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting, EMC will be obligated to reimburse Denali for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Denali, Merger Sub or their respective affiliates in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$50 million.

Q:

May EMC shareholders exercise appraisal rights instead of receiving the per share merger consideration for shares of EMC common stock?

A: Under the MBCA, EMC is required to state whether it has concluded that EMC shareholders are, are not or may be entitled to assert appraisal rights, which are generally available to shareholders of a merging Massachusetts corporation under Section 13.02(a)(1) of the MBCA, subject to certain exceptions. For the reasons described under *Appraisal Rights of EMC Shareholders*, EMC has concluded that EMC shareholders may be entitled to appraisal rights. The relevant provisions of the MBCA have not been the subject of judicial interpretation and EMC and Denali reserve the right to contest the validity and availability of any purported demand for appraisal rights in connection with the merger. In this regard, Denali has indicated that in any appraisal proceeding it will assert, and will cause EMC as its wholly owned subsidiary following completion of the merger to assert, that an exception to appraisal rights is applicable to the merger.

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Under Part 13 of the MBCA, EMC shareholders who believe they are or may be entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger must, in order to exercise those rights:

prior to the special meeting, deliver to EMC a written notice of intent to demand payment for such shares of EMC common stock if the merger is effectuated;

NOT vote for the proposal to approve the merger agreement; and

comply with other procedures under Part 13 of the MBCA.

These procedures are summarized under *Appraisal Rights of EMC Shareholders*. In addition, the text of Part 13 of the MBCA is reproduced in its entirety as *Annex E* to this proxy statement/prospectus.

Q: Why are EMC shareholders being asked to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger?

A: The SEC has adopted rules that require EMC to seek a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger.

Q: What happens if EMC shareholders do not approve the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger?

A: Approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger is not a condition to the completion of the merger. The vote is a non-binding, advisory vote. If EMC shareholders approve the merger agreement and the merger is completed, EMC will be obligated to pay all or a portion of this compensation to its named executive officers in connection with the completion of the merger or certain terminations of employment following the merger, even if EMC shareholders do not approve this proposal.

Q: What are the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to EMC shareholders?

A: It is anticipated that the merger should generally be treated as an exchange by EMC shareholders of shares of EMC common stock for common stock of Denali and cash in a transaction described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code (except to the extent treated as a redemption, as described below). However, there is a lack of certainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to the Merger There is a lack of certainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock* and *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger*

Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of Alternative Treatment of the Merger or the Class V Common Stock.

The completion of the merger is conditioned upon the receipt by each of EMC and Denali, respectively, of an opinion from its tax counsel that (1) the merger, taken together with related transactions, should qualify as an exchange described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code and (2) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Class V Common Stock should be considered common stock of Denali. Neither Denali nor EMC currently intends to waive the opinion condition to its obligation to complete the merger. If either Denali or EMC waives the opinion condition after the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part is declared effective by the SEC, and if the tax consequences of the merger to EMC shareholders have materially changed, Denali and EMC will recirculate appropriate soliciting materials to resolicit the votes of EMC shareholders.

To the extent the exchange of shares of EMC common stock for common stock of Denali and cash qualifies as an exchange described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code, and subject to the discussion below regarding cash provided by EMC, U.S. holders of EMC common stock who receive cash and Class V Common Stock in the merger should recognize gain (but not loss) in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the

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amount by which the sum of the fair market value of the Class V Common Stock and the amount of cash (other than cash received instead of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock) received by such holder in the exchange for shares of EMC common stock exceeds the holder's adjusted basis in such shares of EMC common stock, and (2) the amount of cash (other than cash received instead of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock) received by such holder in such exchange for shares of EMC common stock. However, to the extent that cash in the merger is considered to be provided by EMC, (1) the exchange of such cash for EMC common stock should be treated as a redemption of EMC common stock for the cash provided by EMC and (2) to the extent so treated, a U.S. holder of EMC common stock would recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received in such redemption and such holder's tax basis in the portion of such holder's EMC common stock deemed to have been redeemed in such redemption.

The treatment of any cash received instead of a fractional share interest in Class V Common Stock is discussed in *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders of EMC Common Stock Cash in Lieu of Fractional Shares*.

While we believe that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Class V Common Stock should be treated as common stock of Denali, there are currently no Internal Revenue Code provisions, U.S. federal income tax regulations, court decisions or published rulings of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, referred to as the IRS, directly addressing the characterization of stock with characteristics similar to the Class V Common Stock. In addition, the IRS has announced that it will not issue advance rulings on the characterization of an instrument with characteristics similar to those of the Class V Common Stock. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the treatment of the Class V Common Stock as common stock of Denali, if contested, would be sustained by a court.

If the Class V Common Stock were not treated as common stock of Denali, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to U.S. holders of EMC common stock would differ from those described above. For a more detailed discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger and the Class V Common Stock, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders*.

EMC shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors to determine the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to them in light of their particular circumstances, as well as estate, gift, state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

Q: When do you expect to complete the merger?

A: As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, it is not possible to estimate accurately the completion date for the merger because the merger is subject to the satisfaction (or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver) of the conditions to Denali's and EMC's obligations to complete the merger. Denali and EMC, however, expect the merger to close during the second or third quarter of Denali's fiscal year ending February 3, 2017. Because the completion of the merger is conditioned on receipt of governmental approvals and the satisfaction of other conditions to the merger, no assurance can be given as to when, or if, the merger will be completed. The merger agreement provides for an outside date of December 16, 2016 for the completion of the merger. For more information regarding the conditions that must be satisfied (or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waived) prior to the completion of the merger, see *The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Merger*.

Q: What will happen to outstanding EMC equity awards in the merger?

A: Each currently outstanding EMC stock option will become vested and fully exercisable for a reasonable period of time prior to 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the last trading day prior to the effective time of the merger, referred to as the vesting effective time of the merger. Each EMC stock option that remains outstanding immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger will be automatically exercised

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immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger on a net exercise basis, such that shares of EMC common stock with a value equal to the aggregate exercise price and applicable tax withholding will reduce the number of shares of EMC common stock otherwise issuable. Each such holder of a net exercised EMC stock option will thereafter be entitled to receive the merger consideration with respect to the whole net number of shares of EMC common stock issued upon such net exercise, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of EMC common stock. Except for a limited number of restricted stock units that may be granted following the date of the merger agreement and that will continue in effect as cash awards following the effective time of the merger, each EMC restricted stock unit outstanding immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger will become fully vested immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger (with performance vesting units vesting at the target level of performance) and the holder will become entitled to receive the merger consideration with respect to the whole net number of shares of EMC common stock subject to the award (which will be calculated net of the number of shares withheld in respect of taxes upon the vesting of the award), together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of EMC common stock. The merger agreement provides that Denali may agree with individual award recipients to different treatment with respect to equity awards made prior to the execution of the merger agreement; no such agreements were in effect as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. A portion of the merger consideration related to outstanding EMC equity awards will be recorded as day one post-acquisition stock compensation expense. Based on current estimates, we expect the day one post-acquisition stock compensation expense to be approximately \$0.8 billion to \$1.0 billion. See *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Treatment of EMC Equity Awards* for additional information about the treatment of EMC equity awards under the merger agreement.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After carefully reading and considering the information contained in and incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, including its annexes, please submit your proxy as promptly as possible, so that your shares may be represented and voted at the special meeting. To submit a proxy or to vote your shares of EMC common stock, do so by:

signing, dating, marking and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying postage-paid return envelope;

submitting your proxy via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions included on your proxy card; or

attending the special meeting and voting by ballot in person.

If you hold shares in street name, please instruct your nominee or intermediary to vote your shares by following the instructions that the nominee or intermediary provides to you with these materials. Your nominee or intermediary will vote your shares of EMC common stock for you only if you provide instructions to it on how to vote. Please refer to the voting instruction card used by your nominee or intermediary to see if you may submit voting instructions using the telephone or Internet.

Q: Should I send in my EMC stock certificates now?

A: No. EMC shareholders should not send in their stock certificates at this time. After the completion of the merger, Denali's exchange agent will send you a letter of transmittal and instructions for exchanging your shares of EMC common stock for the merger consideration. The shares of Class V Common Stock you receive in the merger will be issued in book-entry form and physical certificates will not be issued. See *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Exchange of Shares in the Merger*.

Q: How will the merger be financed?

A: The merger will be financed with a combination of equity and debt financing and cash on hand. Denali has obtained committed equity financing for up to \$4.25 billion in the aggregate (from Michael S. Dell and a separate property trust for the benefit of Mr. Dell's wife, MSDC Denali Investors, L.P., MSDC Denali EIV,

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LLC, funds affiliated with Silver Lake Partners, and Temasek) and debt financing commitments for up to \$49.5 billion in the aggregate from, among others, Credit Suisse, J.P. Morgan, Barclays, BofA Merrill Lynch, Citi, Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and RBC Capital Markets for the purpose of financing the merger and refinancing certain existing indebtedness of Denali and EMC. The obligations of the lenders under Denali's debt financing commitments are subject to a number of customary conditions. Denali's debt financing commitments will terminate upon the earlier of the termination of the merger agreement in accordance with its terms and December 16, 2016. See *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Financing of the Merger*. In addition, each of Denali and EMC has agreed to make available a certain amount of cash on hand (at least \$2.95 billion, in the case of Denali, and \$4.75 billion, in the case of EMC) at the completion of the merger for the purpose of financing the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Q: Does Denali expect to use any of VMware's cash flows and debt capacity to repay indebtedness incurred by Denali in connection with the merger?

A: No. The credit structure and plans for servicing the indebtedness of Denali and its subsidiaries after the completion of the merger are based entirely on anticipated proceeds from sales of non-core businesses attributable to the DHI Group, operating cash flows attributable to the DHI Group and working capital improvements by the DHI Group and do not rely on VMware's cash flows or debt capacity.

Q: Will VMware be liable for the debt financing incurred by Denali to consummate the merger or be subject to contractual restrictions on its business?

A: No. VMware will not have any liability for the debt financing incurred by Denali to consummate the merger and Denali's debt will not impose any contractual restrictions on VMware's business.

Q: Will the Class V Common Stock issued to EMC shareholders at the time of the completion of the merger be traded on an exchange?

A: Yes. It is a condition to the completion of the merger that the shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued to EMC shareholders in the merger be approved for listing on the NYSE or Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance. Denali will apply for listing of the Class V Common Stock on the NYSE under the symbol DVMT. Assuming the proposed listing standards described below are adopted in the proposed form, the Class V Common Stock will be freely transferable and will trade just like other publicly listed common stocks.

The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, which the NYSE refers to as an Equity Investment Tracking Stock, that tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the NYSE, such as VMware. The NYSE listing standards as so proposed would allow for the listing of the Class V Common Stock, but no assurances can be given that such listing standards will be adopted in the proposed form. Under the proposed new listing standards, the Class V Common Stock could be delisted in certain circumstances, which delisting would materially adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock. For example, any alteration of assets and liabilities attributed to the Class V Group that results in the Class V Common Stock ceasing to track the performance of VMware Class A common stock could result in the delisting of the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock*

Structure The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, such as the Class V Common Stock, which tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the NYSE, such as VMware and . The new listing standards proposed by the NYSE include certain requirements to maintain the listing of an Equity Investment Tracking Stock. If the Class V Common Stock were delisted because of the failure to meet any of such requirements, the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock would be materially adversely affected and .

Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Listing of Shares of Class V Common Stock and Delisting and Deregistration of EMC Common Stock.

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Q: If I am an EMC shareholder, whom should I call with questions?

A: If you have any questions about the merger or the special meeting, or wish to obtain additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus, proxy cards or voting instruction forms, you should contact:

Innisfree M&A Incorporated

501 Madison Avenue, 20th floor

New York, New York 10022

Shareholders may call toll free: (888) 750-5834

Banks and Brokers may call collect: (212) 750-5833

or

EMC Corporation

176 South Street

Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748

Attention: Investor Relations

Email: emc_ir@emc.com

Telephone: (508) 435-1000

Q: Where can I find more information about Denali and EMC?

A: You can find more information about Denali and EMC from the sources described under *Where You Can Find More Information*.

Questions and Answers Regarding Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure

Q: What is a tracking stock?

A: A tracking stock is a separate class or series of a company's common stock that is intended to reflect the economic performance of a defined set of assets and liabilities, usually consisting of a specific business or subsidiary.

Q: What will be the series of common stock of Denali?

A: The series of common stock of Denali will be the Class V Common Stock and the DHI Group common stock.

EMC's interest in the VMware business currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. The approximately 223 million shares of Class V Common Stock issuable to EMC shareholders as merger consideration (assuming EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights) will represent approximately 65% of the shares of Class V Common Stock authorized to be issued under the Denali certificate and, as a result, are intended to track and reflect the economic performance of approximately 65% of EMC's current economic interest in the VMware business. The Class V Common Stock is initially intended to track the performance of such economic interest in the VMware business after the merger, but we cannot assure you that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect such performance. The number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued initially will have a one-to-one relationship to approximately 65% of the number of shares of VMware common stock currently owned by EMC.

The DHI Group common stock, which is comprised of four series of common stock, is intended to track the performance of Denali as a whole excluding the interest in the Class V Group to be represented by outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock. Following the merger, we expect that the DHI Group common stock initially will track and reflect the economic performance of approximately 35% of EMC's current economic interest in the VMware business.

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The assets and liabilities of Denali that are intended to be tracked by the authorized Class V Common Stock, which initially will consist solely of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business as of the completion of the merger, are referred to as the Class V Group, and the remaining assets and liabilities of Denali that are intended to be tracked by the DHI Group common stock (including a retained interest in the Class V Group) are referred to as the DHI Group.

Q: How are Denali's interests aligned with the interests of the holders of the Class V Common Stock?

A: After the completion of the merger, Denali will be the largest stockholder of VMware. The owners of the DHI Group common stock, which includes Michael S. Dell and the SLP stockholders, will have an indirect economic interest in the approximately 35% of the VMware common stock owned by Denali at the completion of the merger that are not attributed to the holders of the Class V Common Stock. As a result, at the completion of the merger, the owners of the DHI Group common stock will have an indirect economic interest in approximately 28% of the VMware business. We believe this significant ownership interest by Denali in VMware provides a significant incentive for Denali to promote success at VMware and aligns Denali's interests with the interests of the holders of the Class V Common Stock.

After the completion of the merger and assuming no change in the number of outstanding shares of VMware common stock before the completion of the merger, Denali is expected to beneficially own 300 million shares of VMware Class B common stock, representing 100% of the outstanding shares of VMware Class B common stock, and approximately 43 million shares of VMware Class A common stock, representing approximately 35.5% of the outstanding shares of VMware Class A common stock. Each share of VMware Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share and each share of VMware Class B common stock is entitled to ten votes per share. Such beneficial ownership by Denali is expected to represent approximately 97.5% of the total voting power of the outstanding VMware common stock.

Q: What is the Capital Stock Committee and what function will it serve in our tracking stock structure?

A: The Denali board of directors will create a standing committee known as the Capital Stock Committee. The Denali board of directors will not be permitted to take certain actions with respect to the Class V Common Stock without the approval of the Capital Stock Committee, including any actions that would result in any changes to the policies governing the relationship between the Class V Group and the DHI Group or in any reallocation of assets and liabilities between the Class V Group and the DHI Group. The Capital Stock Committee will consist of at least three members, the majority of whom must qualify as independent directors under the rules of the NYSE. Under the Denali board policies, if such independent directors are granted equity compensation by Denali, approximately half of the value at grant of all such compensation will consist of Class V Common Stock or options to purchase Class V Common Stock.

Q: What will be the voting rights of the series of stock of Denali after the merger?

A: Holders of Class V Common Stock will vote together with the DHI Group common stock as a single class except in certain limited circumstances under which the holders of Class V Common Stock will have the right to vote as

a separate class and except in the election of Denali's Group II Directors and Group III Directors, as described under *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Denali Common Stock Voting Rights*. Each holder of record of Class V Common Stock and Class C Common Stock will be entitled to one vote per share of Class V Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable. Holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock will be entitled to 10 votes per share of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as applicable. Class D Common Stock will not vote on any matters except to the extent required under Delaware law. Immediately following the completion of the merger, it is expected that the number of votes to which holders of Class V Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately

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4% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, the number of votes to which holders of Class A Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 73% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, the number of votes to which holders of Class B Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 23% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, and the number of votes to which holders of Class C Common Stock would be entitled will represent less than 1% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled.

The Class V Common Stock is common stock of Denali and will not vote on matters brought before the shareholders of VMware.

Q: Who will control Denali following the merger?

A: After the completion of the merger, by reason of their ownership of substantially all of the Class A Common Stock, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will have the ability to elect all of the Group I Directors, who will have an aggregate of 3 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors, and all of the Group II Directors, who will have an aggregate of 7 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors. By reason of their ownership of all of the Class B Common Stock, the SLP stockholders will have the ability to elect all of the Group III Directors, who will have an aggregate of 3 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors. Immediately following the completion of the merger, Michael S. Dell is expected to be the sole Group II Director and will therefore be entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by all Denali directors and thereby approve any matter submitted to the Denali board of directors other than any matter that also requires approval of the Capital Stock Committee or the audit committee. Immediately following the completion of the merger, Egon Durban and Simon Patterson are expected to be the sole Group III Directors. By reason of their ownership of Class A Common Stock possessing a majority of the aggregate votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the Class A Common Stock, the Class B Common Stock, the Class C Common Stock and the Class V Common Stock, voting together as a single class, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will have the ability to approve any matter submitted to the vote of all of the outstanding shares of Denali common stock voting together as a single class. Through their control of Denali, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will, subject to limited exceptions and certain consent rights of the SLP stockholders and to any required approval of the audit committee or the Capital Stock Committee, be able to control actions to be taken by Denali, including the election of directors of VMware and Denali's other subsidiaries, and, subject to certain exceptions requiring separate class votes, amendments to Denali's organizational documents and the approval of significant corporate transactions. Denali's directors will owe fiduciary duties to Denali as a whole and all of Denali's stockholders and not just to holders of a particular series of shares. Denali intends to form an executive committee of its board of directors consisting entirely of Group II Directors and Group III Directors (none of whom are expected to be independent directors) and expects that a substantial portion of the power and authority of the Denali board of directors will be delegated to the executive committee. See *Management of Denali After the Merger*.

Denali does not expect to identify all of the initial Group I Directors before the special meeting. However, Denali is obligated under the merger agreement to appoint all of the initial Group I Directors as of the completion of the merger. Denali will disclose the identities of the Group I Directors in the public filings it makes with the SEC when they are determined but in any event before the completion of the merger.

Q: What kind of financial information will be publicly available in the future?

A: Upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, Denali will be required to file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q that, following the completion of the merger, will include consolidated financial statements for Denali as a whole. In addition, Denali will include unaudited financial information that will show the attribution of its assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses to the Class V Group in accordance with its tracking stock policy. In addition, VMware will

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remain a public company and will continue to file annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q with the SEC and issue periodic press releases and updates just as it does currently.

Q: Will the Class V Common Stock pay a dividend?

A: VMware does not currently pay dividends on its common stock, and any decisions regarding dividends on the VMware common stock would be a decision of VMware's board of directors. Denali does not presently intend to pay cash dividends on the Class V Common Stock. If VMware were to pay a dividend on the VMware common stock owned by Denali that is attributable to the Class V Group, Denali could, but would not be required to, distribute some or all of that amount to the holders of Class V Common Stock. The after-tax amount of any dividends paid on the VMware common stock owned by Denali that is attributable to the Class V Group, but not thereafter distributed by Denali to the holders of Class V Common Stock, would be allocated to the assets tracked by the Class V Common Stock. Any determination to reallocate or use such amounts for any purpose other than to pay dividends on the Class V Common Stock may be made only upon approval of the Capital Stock Committee. For as long as Denali files consolidated U.S. federal income tax returns with VMware, Denali would not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on dividends received on the VMware common stock.

Q: Will VMware become part of Denali's consolidated group for U.S. federal income tax purposes?

A: Denali intends to seek to maintain a sufficient direct or indirect ownership interest in VMware to enable Denali to consolidate with VMware for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, consistent with the practice of EMC, Denali may from time to time acquire, directly or indirectly, additional shares of VMware to the extent necessary to maintain U.S. federal income tax consolidation.

Q: Does Denali intend to repurchase Class V Common Stock after the completion of the merger?

A: Following the completion of the merger, Denali intends to consider opportunities to repurchase shares of Class V Common Stock from time to time. Any such repurchases will be subject to Denali's ability to generate free cash flow (through operations, assets sales or otherwise), to Denali's objective of reducing its indebtedness in the first 18-24 months after the completion of the merger and achieving an investment-grade rating for such indebtedness, to restrictions in Denali's debt instruments, to the existence of sufficient lawfully available funds for such repurchases and to market conditions and other factors. Denali's debt facilities are expected initially to permit up to \$3 billion of such repurchases and other types of restricted payments, which amount may increase over time based on Denali's net income and other factors.

Q: What happens if VMware issues additional shares of common stock?

A: An issuance of additional common stock by VMware would dilute the ownership of all existing VMware common stockholders, including Denali. Similarly, the economic interest in the VMware business tracked by the Denali Class V Common Stock would be diluted on a pro rata basis. Any issuance of additional common stock by

VMware that would dilute the ownership of Denali to the extent that Denali ceases to own at least 50% of either the economic interest or the voting power of all of the outstanding classes of common equity of VMware could result in the delisting of the Class V Common Stock, which would materially adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure* The new listing standards proposed by the NYSE include certain requirements to maintain the listing of an Equity Investment Tracking Stock. If the Class V Common Stock were delisted because of the failure to meet any of such requirements, the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock would be materially adversely affected.

Table of Contents***Q: Will the Class V Common Stock have exposure to credit risk at Denali?***

A: Yes. Holders of DHI Group common stock and Class V Common Stock will be stockholders of a single company and subject to all risks associated with an investment in Denali and all of our businesses, assets and liabilities. The DHI Group common stock and the Class V Common Stock will not have ownership interests in either group and will not entitle their holders to any special rights to receive specific assets of either group. Denali believes that the merger will have a neutral or positive impact on Dell's current corporate debt ratings. Since the completion of its going-private transaction in October 2013, Dell has generated significant free cash flow (defined as cash flows from operations minus capital expenditures), reduced its aggregate indebtedness by approximately \$3.1 billion (with Denali reducing its aggregate indebtedness by \$5.1 billion as of April 29, 2016) and improved its corporate debt ratings.

Q: May Denali allocate assets and liabilities to the Class V Group that would not initially be part of the Class V Group?

A: Yes. However, pursuant to the Denali certificate and Denali's tracking stock policy, any allocation or reallocation of assets or liabilities to the Class V Group would need to be in exchange for assets and liabilities having an equivalent fair value, as determined by the Denali board of directors with the approval of the Capital Stock Committee, a majority of whom will be independent directors. Any such allocation or reallocation of assets and/or liabilities between the two groups, and the impact thereof, would be reflected in the unaudited financial information that Denali will provide in its periodic filings with the SEC, which will show the attribution of Denali's assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses to the Class V Group in accordance with its tracking stock policy. Although any such allocation or reallocation would change the nature of assets and liabilities that would be attributed to the Class V Group, it would not change the relative economic interests of the holders of Class V Common Stock and the holders of DHI Group common stock in the Class V Group (initially approximately 65% and 35%, respectively), unless such an allocation or reallocation involved a transfer of assets or liabilities from one group to the other in return for an increase or decrease, as the case may be, of the DHI Group's retained interest in the Class V Group. See *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger*, *Denali Common Stock - Certain Adjustments to the Number of Retained Interest Shares* and *Description of Denali Tracking Stock Policy - Relationship between the DHI Group and the Class V Group*.

Any allocation or reallocation of assets and liabilities to the Class V Group that results in the Class V Common Stock ceasing to track the performance of VMware Class A common stock could result in the delisting of the Class V Common Stock, which would materially adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors - Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure*. *The new listing standards proposed by the NYSE include certain requirements to maintain the listing of an Equity Investment Tracking Stock. If the Class V Common Stock were delisted because of the failure to meet any of such requirements, the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock would be materially adversely affected.*

Q: How can the relative economic interests of the holders of Class V Common Stock and the holders of DHI Group common stock in the Class V Group change?

A:

In addition to the reallocation of assets or liabilities from one group to the other in return for an increase or decrease of the DHI Group's retained interest in the Class V Group as referred to in the previous question, the relative economic interests of the holders of the Class V Common Stock and the holders of the DHI Group common stock in the Class V Group could also change when Denali issues or repurchases shares of Class V Common Stock, as described under *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Denali Common Stock Certain Adjustments to the Number of Retained Interest Shares*.

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Q: Why is a tracking stock being used to finance the acquisition of EMC?

A: The Class V Common Stock will afford EMC shareholders the opportunity to benefit from any value creation that may result from any revenue synergies of the Class V Group with Dell. Collectively, EMC shareholders indirectly own approximately 81% of VMware as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. Upon the completion of the merger, EMC shareholders will receive shares of Class V Common Stock that will be publicly traded and that are intended to track, in the aggregate, an approximately 53% economic interest in the VMware business (assuming no change to the percentage economic interest of EMC in the VMware business prior to the completion of the merger and that EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights).

Owning EMC's interest in the VMware business is a fundamental part of Denali's strategic rationale for this transaction. VMware's success is important to the business strategy of a merger combining Dell and EMC, and Denali believes it will be in the best interests of its common stockholders after the merger to retain a large economic interest in the VMware business. Additionally, given constraints on the amount of cash financing available for the transaction, the issuance of the Class V Common Stock enables Denali to pay a higher purchase price for EMC than it could in a transaction consisting entirely of 100% cash consideration.

Q: How common is tracking stock? Do other tracking stocks exist? When was the last time a tracking stock was issued?

A: Tracking stocks are relatively uncommon financing structures, and tracking stocks that track an economic interest in another publicly traded company are even less common. Tracking stocks have been utilized in the past by such blue chip companies as The Walt Disney Company, General Motors, Liberty Media, AT&T and Georgia Pacific, but they have been used infrequently since 2001. Tracking stocks have been used most recently by Fidelity National Financial, Inc. in June 2014 and on April 18, 2016, Liberty Media's common stock was reclassified into three new tracking stocks.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement/prospectus. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You are urged to read this entire proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents referred to or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus in order to fully understand the merger, the merger agreement and the other related transactions and agreements. See *Where You Can Find More Information* for information on how you can obtain copies of the incorporated documents or view them via the Internet. Each item in this summary refers to the beginning page of this proxy statement/prospectus on which that subject is discussed in more detail.

The Companies (See page 84)

Denali Holding Inc.

Denali Holding Inc., referred to as Denali, is a holding company that conducts its business operations through Dell Inc., referred to as Dell, and Dell's direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries.

Denali was incorporated in the state of Delaware on January 31, 2013 in connection with the going-private transaction of Dell, which was completed in October 2013. Denali is owned by Michael S. Dell, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Dell, a separate property trust for the benefit of Mr. Dell's wife, investment funds affiliated with Silver Lake Partners (a global private equity firm), investment funds affiliated with MSD Partners, L.P. (an investment firm that was formed by the principals of MSD Capital, L.P., the investment firm that exclusively manages the capital of Mr. Dell and his family), members of Dell's management and other investors. As of May 15, 2016, Mr. Dell and his wife's trust beneficially owned approximately 70% of Denali's voting securities, the investment funds associated with Silver Lake Partners beneficially owned approximately 24% of Denali's voting securities, and the other stockholders beneficially owned approximately 6% of Denali's voting securities.

Upon the listing of the shares of Class V Common Stock on the NYSE, Denali will be a controlled company within the meaning of NYSE rules and, as a result, will qualify for exemptions from, and may elect not to comply with, certain corporate governance requirements, including the requirements that, within one year of the date of the listing of the Class V Common Stock:

Denali have a board that is composed of a majority of independent directors, as defined under the rules of the NYSE;

Denali have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors; and

Denali have a corporate governance and nominating committee that is composed entirely of independent directors.

Following the completion of the merger, Denali intends to utilize these exemptions. Accordingly, holders of Class V Common Stock will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies such as EMC that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE.

Denali's principal executive offices are located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682, and its telephone number is (512) 728-7800. Denali's website address is *www.dell.com*. The information contained in, or that may be accessed through, Denali's website is not intended to be incorporated into this proxy statement/prospectus.

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Dell Inc.

Dell is a leading global information technology company that designs, develops, manufactures, markets, sells and supports a wide range of products and services. Dell was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1984 and is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Denali.

Dell's principal executive offices are located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682, and its telephone number is (512) 728-7800. Dell's website address is www.dell.com. The information contained in, or that may be accessed through, Dell's website is not intended to be incorporated into this proxy statement/prospectus.

Universal Acquisition Co.

Universal Acquisition Co., referred to as Merger Sub, is a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Denali. Merger Sub was incorporated on October 8, 2015, solely for the purpose of effecting the merger. It has not carried on any activities to date, except for activities incidental to its formation and activities undertaken in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Merger Sub's principal executive offices are located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682, and its telephone number is (512) 728-7800.

EMC Corporation

EMC Corporation, referred to as EMC, including its subsidiaries and affiliates, is a company that manages a federation of businesses, each of which plays a vital role in the transformation of IT. These businesses enable customers to build cloud-based infrastructures for existing applications while at the same time helping customers build and run new applications. EMC was incorporated in Massachusetts in 1979.

EMC common stock is listed on the NYSE under the trading symbol EMC. EMC's principal executive offices are located at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748, its telephone number is (508) 435-1000, and its website is www.emc.com. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, EMC's website is not intended to be incorporated into this proxy statement/prospectus.

Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders (See page 156)

General

The special meeting will be held at [] (Eastern Time), on [], 2016, at EMC's facility at 176 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748. At the special meeting, EMC shareholders will vote on:

the approval of the merger agreement;

the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger; and

the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

The approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders is a condition to the obligations of Denali and EMC to complete the merger.

Record Date

The EMC board of directors has fixed the close of business on [], 2016 as the record date for determination of the EMC shareholders entitled to vote at the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Only EMC shareholders of record on the record date are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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As of the record date, there were [] shares of EMC common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting, held by approximately [] holders of record. Each outstanding share of EMC common stock is entitled to one vote. The number of shares you own is reflected on your proxy card.

Quorum

A majority of the outstanding shares of EMC common stock entitled to vote must be present, in person or represented by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the special meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present in determining the existence of a quorum. Because none of the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting are routine matters for which brokers may have discretionary authority to vote, EMC does not expect any broker non-votes at the special meeting.

Required Vote

The required number of votes for the matters to be voted upon at the special meeting depends on the particular proposal to be voted upon:

Proposal		Vote Necessary*
Proposal 1	Approval of the Merger Agreement	Approval requires the affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of EMC common stock entitled to vote as of the record date
Proposal 2	Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Compensation of Named Executive Officers	Approval requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, at the special meeting
Proposal 3	Adjournment of Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders	Approval requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, at the special meeting

* Under the rules of the NYSE, if you hold your shares of EMC common stock in street name, your nominee or intermediary may not vote your shares without instructions from you on non-routine matters. Therefore, without your voting instructions, your broker may not vote your shares on Proposal 1, Proposal 2 or Proposal 3. Abstentions from voting will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** Proposal 1, and will have no effect on Proposal 2 or Proposal 3. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** Proposal 1 and will have no effect on Proposal 2 or Proposal 3. Because none of the proposals to be voted on at the special meeting are routine matters for which brokers may have discretionary authority to vote, EMC does not expect any broker non-votes at the special meeting. If you return your signed and dated proxy card without indicating how to vote your shares on any particular proposal, the EMC common stock represented by your proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the board of directors. The EMC board of directors has recommended that such proxy cards be voted **FOR** Proposal 1, Proposal 2 and Proposal 3.

Share Ownership of and Voting by EMC Directors and Executive Officers

At the record date, EMC's directors and executive officers and their affiliates beneficially owned and had the right to vote [] shares of EMC common stock at the special meeting, which represents []% of the shares of

EMC common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting.

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It is expected that EMC's directors and executive officers will vote their shares **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement.

The Merger and the Merger Agreement (See pages 162 and 252)

The merger agreement provides that, on the terms and subject to the conditions in the merger agreement, and in accordance with the MBCA and the DGCL, at the effective time of the merger, Merger Sub will merge with and into EMC. As a result of the merger, the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub will cease and EMC will continue as a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali. The merger may not be completed without the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders.

A copy of the merger agreement is attached as *Annex A* to this proxy statement/prospectus. **You are urged to read the merger agreement in its entirety because it is the legal document that governs the merger.** For more information on the merger and the merger agreement, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement* and *The Merger Agreement*.

As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, it is not possible to estimate accurately the completion date for the merger because the merger is subject to the satisfaction (or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver) of the conditions to Denali's and EMC's obligations to complete the merger. Denali and EMC, however, expect the merger to close during the second or third quarter of Denali's fiscal year ending February 3, 2017. Because the completion of the merger is conditioned on receipt of governmental approvals and the satisfaction of other conditions to the merger, no assurance can be given as to when, or if, the merger will be completed. The merger agreement provides for an outside date of December 16, 2016 for the completion of the merger.

What EMC Shareholders Will Receive in the Merger (See page 162)

If the merger is completed, each share of EMC common stock (other than shares owned by Denali, Merger Sub, EMC or any of EMC's wholly owned subsidiaries, and other than shares with respect to which EMC shareholders are entitled to and properly exercise appraisal rights) automatically will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration, consisting of (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) a number of shares of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable Class V Common Stock equal to the quotient (rounded to the nearest five decimal points) obtained by dividing (A) 222,966,450 by (B) the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares. Based on the number of shares of EMC common stock we currently expect will be issued and outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger, we estimate that EMC shareholders will receive in the merger approximately 0.111 shares of Class V Common Stock for each share of EMC common stock.

The approximately 223 million shares of Class V Common Stock issuable in the merger (assuming EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights) are intended to track and reflect the economic performance of approximately 65% of EMC's current interest in the VMware business, which currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. The Class V Common Stock is intended to track the performance of such portion of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business following the completion of the merger, but there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such economic interest. The number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued initially will have a one-to-one relationship to approximately 65% of the number of shares of VMware common stock currently

owned by EMC.

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EMC's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the EMC Board of Directors (See page 183)

After consideration and consultation with its advisors, the EMC board of directors unanimously determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the proposed merger, are advisable and in the best interests of, EMC and its shareholders, and unanimously resolved to approve and adopt the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the proposed merger.

The EMC board of directors unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement. For the factors considered by the EMC board of directors in reaching this decision, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement EMC's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the EMC Board of Directors*.

In addition, the EMC board of directors unanimously recommends that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement. See *Proposal 2: Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Compensation of Named Executive Officers* and *Proposal 3: Adjournment of Special Meeting of EMC Shareholders* for a more detailed discussion of the recommendation.

Opinions of EMC's Financial Advisors (See page 189)

Opinion of Morgan Stanley

At the meeting of the board of directors of EMC on October 11, 2015, Morgan Stanley rendered its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing as of the same date, that, as of such date and based upon and subject to the factors, procedures, assumptions, qualifications, limitations and other matters set forth in its written opinion, the merger consideration to be received by the holders of shares of EMC common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders of shares of EMC common stock.

The full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion, dated as of October 11, 2015, which sets forth, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, qualifications and limitations upon the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion, is attached as *Annex F* to this proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. The summary of Morgan Stanley's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus under the caption *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Opinions of EMC's Financial Advisors Opinion of Morgan Stanley* is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion.

The full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion should be read carefully in its entirety for a description of the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, qualifications and limitations upon the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion.

Opinion of Evercore

At a meeting of the board of directors of EMC held to evaluate the merger on October 11, 2015, Evercore rendered its oral opinion to the board of directors of EMC, subsequently confirmed by delivery of a written opinion, that, as of October 11, 2015, and based upon and subject to the factors, procedures, assumptions, qualifications, limitations and other matters set forth in its written opinion, the merger consideration to be received by the holders of EMC common stock that are entitled to receive such consideration in the merger is fair, from a financial point of view, to such

holders of EMC common stock.

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The full text of Evercore's written opinion, dated as of October 11, 2015, which sets forth, among other things, the factors considered, procedures followed, assumptions made, and qualifications and limitations on the scope of review undertaken by Evercore in connection with its opinion, is attached as *Annex G* to this proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

The full text of Evercore's written opinion should be read carefully in its entirety for a description of the factors considered, procedures followed, assumptions made, and qualifications and limitations on the scope of review undertaken by Evercore in connection with its opinion. Evercore's opinion was addressed to, and provided for the information and benefit of, the EMC board of directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger consideration from a financial point of view and did not address any other aspects or implications of the merger. The opinion does not constitute a recommendation to the EMC board of directors or to any other persons in respect of the merger, including as to how any holder of EMC common stock should vote or act in respect of the merger. Evercore's opinion does not address the relative merits of the merger as compared to any other transaction or business strategy in which EMC might engage or the merits of the underlying decision by EMC to engage in the merger. The summary of Evercore's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus under the caption *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Opinions of EMC's Financial Advisors Opinion of Evercore* is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Evercore's written opinion.

Financing of the Merger (See page 224)

The merger will be financed with a combination of equity and debt financing and cash on hand. Denali has obtained committed equity financing for up to \$4.25 billion in the aggregate (from Michael S. Dell and a separate property trust for the benefit of Mr. Dell's wife, MSDC Denali Investors, L.P., MSDC Denali EIV, LLC, funds affiliated with Silver Lake Partners, and Temasek) and debt financing commitments for up to \$49.5 billion in the aggregate from, among others, Credit Suisse, J.P. Morgan, Barclays, BofA Merrill Lynch, Citi, Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and RBC Capital Markets for the purpose of financing the merger and refinancing certain existing indebtedness. The obligations of the lenders under Denali's debt financing commitments are subject to a number of customary conditions. Denali's debt financing commitments will terminate upon the earlier of the termination of the merger agreement in accordance with its terms and December 16, 2016. In addition, each of Denali and EMC has agreed to make available a certain amount of cash on hand (at least \$2.95 billion, in the case of Denali, and \$4.75 billion, in the case of EMC) at the completion of the merger for the purpose of financing the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

For more information on the financing of the merger, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Financing of the Merger*, *The Merger Agreement Denali Cash on Hand*, *The Merger Agreement Liquidation of Investments; Cash Transfers* and *The Merger Agreement Common Stock Purchase Agreements*.

Interests of Certain EMC Directors and Officers (See page 232)

The EMC board of directors and its compensation committee have designed the director and executive compensation programs of EMC, in consultation with independent outside compensation experts, with a view towards attracting and retaining qualified candidates and taking into account, among other things, the compensation practices of EMC peers and competitors for such qualified candidates and market compensation practices generally. However, in considering the recommendation of the EMC board of directors with respect to the approval of the merger agreement, you should be aware that the executive officers and directors of EMC have certain interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of EMC shareholders generally. The EMC board of directors was aware of these interests during its deliberations on the merits of the merger and in deciding to recommend that EMC shareholders vote to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting. These interests include, among others:

Restricted stock units held by officers will vest immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger (with performance restricted stock units vesting at the target level of performance) and the

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shares subject to those awards will receive Class V Common Stock, the cash portion of the merger consideration and any cash in lieu of fractional shares in the same manner as other outstanding shares of EMC common stock; and

Unvested EMC stock options held by EMC officers will vest and become fully exercisable prior to the vesting effective time of the merger and options held by officers and directors that are outstanding immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger will be automatically exercised on a net exercise basis, such that shares of EMC common stock otherwise issuable pursuant to the stock options with a value equal to the aggregate exercise price and applicable tax withholding are used to satisfy those obligations; and the shares of EMC common stock issuable upon the exercise of such stock options will receive Class V Common Stock, the cash portion of the merger consideration and any cash in lieu of fractional shares in the same manner as other outstanding shares.

The treatment of EMC equity awards described above is in accordance with the terms of EMC's governing equity compensation plans.

In addition, certain of the executive officers of EMC are parties to change in control severance agreements that provide severance benefits if both (1) there is a change in control of EMC (which will occur upon the completion of the merger) and (2) the executive's employment is terminated by EMC without cause or the executive terminates his or her employment for good reason, in each case within 24 months following a change in control. In the case of such a qualifying termination following the completion of the merger, the executive would receive cash severance equal to a specified multiple (between 2 and 2.99) times the sum of the executive's annual base salary and target annual bonus, a lump sum cash severance payment equal to the executive's prorated annual bonus for the year of termination assuming target performance and certain other benefits.

We estimate that the aggregate amount of shares of Class V Common Stock and cash, respectively, that would become payable to EMC's executive officers in settlement of their unvested EMC stock options and unvested time- and performance-vesting restricted stock units (in each case as of May 11, 2016) are as follows: Joseph Tucci, 64,394 shares and \$13,912,011; William J. Teuber Jr., 25,507 shares and \$5,510,577; David I. Goulden, 63,061 shares and \$13,623,844; Howard D. Elias, 48,201 shares and \$10,413,458; Jeremy Burton, 50,570 shares and \$10,925,386; William F. Scannell, 48,201 shares and \$10,413,458; Paul T. Dacier, 32,515 shares and \$7,024,644; Erin McSweeney, 15,868 shares and \$3,428,111; Harry L. You, 15,817 shares and \$3,417,120; Amit Yoran, 23,140 shares and \$4,999,298; and Denis G. Cashman, 26,790 shares and \$5,787,825. See the section of this proxy statement/prospectus titled *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Interests of Certain EMC Directors and Officers* for a more detailed description of the interests of EMC's executive officers and directors.

Management of Denali After the Merger (See page 130)

Denali's business and affairs will be managed under the direction of the Denali board of directors. Pursuant to the Denali certificate, as described under *Comparison of Rights of Denali Stockholders and EMC Shareholders Board of Directors Number, Election and Removal of Directors and Filling Vacancies*, and the Denali stockholders agreement, as described under *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Denali Stockholders Agreement*, the Denali board of directors will consist of three classes, the Group I directors, referred to as the Group I Directors, the Group II directors, referred to as the Group II Directors, and the Group III directors, referred to as the Group III Directors.

After the completion of the merger, by reason of their ownership of substantially all of the Class A Common Stock, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will have the ability to elect all of the Group I Directors, who will have an aggregate of 3 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors, and all of the

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Group II Directors, who will have an aggregate of 7 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors. By reason of their ownership of all of the Class B Common Stock, the SLP stockholders will have the ability to elect all of the Group III Directors, who will have an aggregate of 3 of the 13 total votes on the Denali board of directors. Immediately following the completion of the merger, Michael S. Dell is expected to be the sole Group II Director and will therefore be entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by all Denali directors and thereby approve any matter submitted to the Denali board of directors other than any matter that also requires approval of the Capital Stock Committee or the audit committee. Immediately following the completion of the merger, Egon Durban and Simon Patterson are expected to be the sole Group III Directors. Denali's directors will owe fiduciary duties to Denali as a whole and all of Denali's stockholders and not just to holders of a particular series of shares. Denali intends to form an executive committee of its board of directors consisting entirely of Group II Directors and Group III Directors (none of whom are expected to be independent directors) and expects that a substantial portion of the power and authority of the Denali board of directors will be delegated to the executive committee.

Denali does not expect to identify all of the initial Group I Directors before the special meeting. However, Denali is obligated under the merger agreement to appoint all of the initial Group I Directors as of the completion of the merger. Denali will disclose the identities of the Group I Directors in the public filings it makes with the SEC when they are determined but in any event before the completion of the merger.

By reason of their ownership of Class A Common Stock possessing a majority of the aggregate votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock, Class C Common Stock and Class V Common Stock, voting together as a single class, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will have the ability to approve any matter submitted to the vote of all of the outstanding shares of Denali common stock voting together as a single class. Through their control of Denali, the MD stockholders and the MSD Partners stockholders will, subject to any required approval of the audit committee or the Capital Stock Committee, certain special voting rights of the Class V Common Stock over actions that affect the Class V Common Stock and certain consent rights of the Denali stockholders described under *Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger Denali Common Stock Voting Rights Special Voting Rights of the Class V Common Stock* and *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Denali Stockholders Agreement MD Stockholder and SLP Stockholder Approvals*, be able to control actions to be taken by Denali, including the election of directors of Denali's subsidiaries, including VMware, amendments to Denali's organizational documents and the approval of significant corporate transactions, including mergers, sales of substantially all of Denali's assets, distributions of Denali's assets, the incurrence of indebtedness and any incurrence of liens on Denali's assets.

Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger (See page 240)

Under the merger agreement, unless waived by the parties (subject to applicable law), the merger may not be completed until (1) the parties have filed a Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions with the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the DOJ under the HSR Act and the applicable waiting period has expired or been terminated; and (2) the approval or clearance of the merger has been granted by relevant antitrust authorities in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan and Turkey. As of June 2, 2016, the waiting period under the HSR Act had expired, and approval or clearance of the merger had been granted in the European Union, Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan and Turkey.

If the merger is not completed by December 16, 2016 or if a governmental authority in the United States or a jurisdiction in which Denali, EMC or any of their respective subsidiaries has material operations has adopted any law or regulation prohibiting or rendering the completion of the merger permanently illegal or has issued an

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order, decree or ruling or taken any other action permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the merger, and such order, decree or ruling has become final and nonappealable, either party has the right to terminate the merger agreement as described under *The Merger Agreement Termination*.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (See page 242)

It is anticipated that the merger should generally be treated as an exchange by EMC shareholders of shares of EMC common stock for common stock of Denali and cash in a transaction described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code (except to the extent treated as a redemption, as described below). However, there is a lack of certainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors There is a lack of certainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock* and *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of Alternative Treatment of the Merger or the Class V Common Stock*.

The completion of the merger is conditioned upon the receipt by each of EMC and Denali, respectively, of an opinion from its tax counsel that (1) the merger, taken together with related transactions, should qualify as an exchange described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code and (2) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Class V Common Stock should be considered common stock of Denali. Neither Denali nor EMC currently intends to waive the opinion condition to its obligation to complete the merger. If either Denali or EMC waives the opinion condition after the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part is declared effective by the SEC, and if the tax consequences of the merger to EMC shareholders have materially changed, Denali and EMC will recirculate appropriate soliciting materials to resolicit the votes of EMC shareholders.

To the extent the exchange of shares of EMC common stock for common stock of Denali and cash qualifies as an exchange described in Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code, and subject to the discussion below regarding cash provided by EMC, U.S. holders of EMC common stock who receive cash and Class V Common Stock in the merger should recognize gain (but not loss) in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the amount by which the sum of the fair market value of the Class V Common Stock and the amount of cash (other than cash received instead of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock) received by such holder in the exchange for shares of EMC common stock exceeds the holder's adjusted basis in such shares of EMC common stock, and (2) the amount of cash (other than cash received instead of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock) received by such holder in such exchange for shares of EMC common stock. However, to the extent that cash in the merger is considered to be provided by EMC, (i) the exchange of such cash for EMC common stock should be treated as a redemption of EMC common stock for the cash provided by EMC and (ii) to the extent so treated, a U.S. holder of EMC common stock would recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received in such redemption and such holder's tax basis in the portion of such holder's EMC common stock deemed to have been redeemed in such redemption.

The treatment of any cash received instead of a fractional share interest in Class V Common Stock is discussed in *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders of EMC Common Stock Cash in Lieu of Fractional Shares*.

While we believe that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Class V Common Stock should be treated as common stock of Denali, there are currently no Internal Revenue Code provisions, U.S. federal income tax regulations, court decisions or published IRS rulings directly addressing the characterization of stock with characteristics similar to the Class V Common Stock. In addition, the IRS has announced that it will not issue advance rulings on the characterization of an instrument with characteristics similar to those of the Class V

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Common Stock. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the treatment of the Class V Common Stock as common stock of Denali, if contested, would be sustained by a court. If the Class V Common Stock were not treated as common stock of Denali, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to U.S. holders of EMC common stock would differ from those described above.

For a more detailed discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger and the Class V Common Stock, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger to U.S. Holders*.

EMC shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors to determine the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to them in light of their particular circumstances, as well as estate, gift, state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

Accounting Treatment (See page 246)

The merger will be accounted for using the purchase method of accounting under GAAP. Under this method of accounting, Denali will record the assets acquired and liabilities assumed of EMC as of the effective time of the merger at their fair market values. Any difference between the purchase price and the fair market value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill which will not be amortized for financial accounting purposes, but will be evaluated annually for impairment. Financial statements of Denali issued after the merger will reflect such values and will not be restated retroactively to reflect the historical financial position or results of operations of EMC. See *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Accounting Treatment*.

Listing of Shares of Class V Common Stock and Delisting and Deregistration of EMC Common Stock (See page 247)

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Denali is required to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued in the merger to be approved for listing on the NYSE or Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance, prior to the closing of the merger. Such approval for listing is a condition to EMC's obligations to complete the merger, subject to official notice of issuance. Accordingly, application will be made to have the shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued in the merger approved for listing on the NYSE under the symbol DVMT.

If the merger is completed, there will no longer be any publicly held shares of EMC common stock. Accordingly, EMC common stock will no longer be listed on the NYSE and will be deregistered under the Exchange Act.

Litigation Relating to the Merger (See page 249)

In connection with the merger, purported stockholders of EMC and VMware have to date filed fifteen putative shareholder class action lawsuits against various combinations of EMC, its current and former directors, VMware, certain of VMware's directors, Denali, Dell and Merger Sub, among other defendants. The Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court consolidated nine of those lawsuits, which generally allege, among other things, that the directors of EMC breached their fiduciary duties to EMC shareholders in connection with the merger, by, among other things, failing to maximize shareholder value, agreeing to provisions in the merger agreement that favor Dell and discourage competing bids, and that there were various conflicts of interest in the proposed transaction. These lawsuits further allege that various combinations of defendants aided and abetted the EMC directors in the alleged breach of their fiduciary duties. The Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court granted EMC and its directors' motion to dismiss the nine

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consolidated lawsuits. Three plaintiffs have appealed the dismissal. The operative complaints in two other lawsuits generally allege that EMC, in its capacity as the majority shareholder of VMware, and individual defendants who are directors of EMC, VMware, or both, breached their fiduciary duties to minority shareholders of VMware in connection with the merger by, among other things, entering into and/or approving a merger that favors the interests of EMC and Dell at the expense of the minority shareholders. These two complaints further allege that certain defendants aided and abetted these alleged breaches of fiduciary duties. Finally, the operative complaints in four other lawsuits generally allege that the preliminary proxy statement omits and/or misrepresents material information and that such failure to disclose constitutes violations of Section 14(a) of, and Rule 14a-9 under, the Exchange Act. These four complaints further allege that various combinations of defendants are liable for violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The fifteen lawsuits seek, among other things, injunctive relief enjoining the merger, rescission of the merger if consummated, an award of fees and costs, and/or an award of damages. Additional lawsuits arising out of or relating to the merger agreement or the merger may be filed in the future. See the section *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Litigation Relating to the Merger* for more information about the lawsuits related to the merger that have been filed prior to the date of this proxy statement/prospectus.

Solicitation of Acquisition Proposals (See page 262)

Until 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on December 11, 2015, EMC was permitted to solicit proposals relating to alternative transactions, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in the merger agreement. Such solicitation did not result in any offers to enter into an alternative transaction.

Except as expressly permitted in the merger agreement, after December 11, 2015, EMC and its subsidiaries are not permitted to solicit alternative transactions, engage in discussions or negotiations with respect to, or provide nonpublic information to any person in connection with, any alternative transaction proposal. However, prior to the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders, in response to a bona fide written acquisition proposal from a person that is not an affiliate of EMC that the EMC board of directors determines in good faith (after consultation with its outside legal advisors and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation) constitutes or would reasonably be expected to lead to a superior proposal, EMC may, subject to compliance with the merger agreement, (1) furnish information or data with respect to EMC and its subsidiaries to the person that is not an affiliate of EMC making such acquisition proposal and (2) participate in discussions or negotiations with the person making such acquisition proposal (and its representatives) regarding such acquisition proposal.

If the EMC board of directors concludes in good faith (after consultation with its outside legal advisors and a financial advisor of nationally recognized recognition) that such an acquisition proposal constitutes a superior proposal, the EMC board of directors would be permitted to make a change of recommendation with respect to the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders or terminate the merger agreement to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement in response to an acquisition proposal. However, the EMC board of directors would not be permitted to take such action unless EMC has complied with the conditions and limitations in the merger agreement with respect to the solicitation of alternative acquisition proposals (which include an obligation to negotiate in good faith with Denali to amend the terms and conditions of the merger agreement in such a manner as would permit the EMC board of directors or EMC to not take such action).

Completion of the Merger is Subject to Certain Conditions (See page 272)

The obligations of each of Denali and EMC to effect the merger are subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by law) waiver of the following conditions:

the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders;

the absence of any law, order, judgment or other legal restraint by a court or other governmental entity that makes illegal or prohibits the completion of the merger;

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the termination or expiration of any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act and any other antitrust law of certain other jurisdictions, and all consents under any such other antitrust law having been obtained; and

the SEC having declared effective the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part.

The obligation of Denali to effect the merger is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

the representations and warranties of EMC being true and correct to the extent required by, and subject to the applicable materiality standards set forth in, the merger agreement, together with the receipt by Denali of a certificate executed by EMC's chief executive officer or chief financial officer to such effect;

EMC having performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing, and having performed in all respects the obligation to make available a certain amount of cash prior to the closing, together with the receipt by Denali of a certificate executed by EMC's chief executive officer or chief financial officer to such effect;

the absence of a material adverse effect on EMC since the date of the merger agreement, together with the receipt by Denali of a certificate executed by EMC's chief executive officer or chief financial officer to such effect; and

Denali having received a tax opinion from Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock and a copy of the tax opinion delivered to EMC referred to below.

The obligation of EMC to effect the merger is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

the representations and warranties of Denali, Dell and Merger Sub being true and correct to the extent required by, and subject to the applicable materiality standards set forth in, the merger agreement, together with the receipt by EMC of a certificate executed by Denali's chief executive officer or chief financial officer to such effect;

Denali having performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing, and having performed in all respects the obligation to make available a certain amount of cash prior to the closing, together with the receipt by EMC of a certificate executed by Denali's chief executive officer or chief financial officer to such effect;

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EMC having received a tax opinion from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the merger and the Class V Common Stock and a copy of the tax opinion delivered to Denali referred to above; and

the approval for listing by the NYSE or Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance, of the Class V Common Stock.

For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to the completion of the merger, see *The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Merger*.

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Termination of the Merger Agreement (See page 273)

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time by Denali or EMC prior to the effective time of the merger, whether before or after the receipt of the EMC shareholder approval, under the following circumstances:

by mutual written consent;

if the merger is not completed on or before December 16, 2016;

if any governmental entity of competent jurisdiction located in the United States or certain other jurisdictions has deemed applicable to the merger any law that prohibits or makes permanently illegal the completion of the merger or issued a final and nonappealable order permanently enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the merger;

if EMC shareholders vote on and fail to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting; and

subject to cure rights, if there shall have been a breach of any of the covenants or agreements or any inaccuracy of any of the representations or warranties of the other party such that the conditions to the terminating party's obligations to complete the merger would not be satisfied.

The merger agreement may also be terminated at any time by Denali prior to the effective time of the merger if EMC has materially breached the shareholder recommendation or non-solicitation provisions of the merger agreement.

The merger agreement may also be terminated at any time by EMC prior to the effective time of the merger:

if prior to obtaining the EMC shareholder approval of the merger agreement, as permitted by and in compliance with the terms of the merger agreement, EMC enters into a binding agreement providing for a superior proposal; or

if all of the conditions to Denali's obligation to complete the merger have been satisfied or (to the extent permitted by law) waived (other than those conditions that, by their nature, cannot be satisfied until the closing so long as such conditions would be satisfied if the closing date were the date of termination of the merger agreement) at the time the closing is required to occur pursuant to the merger agreement, and, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the merger agreement regarding such termination, Denali and Merger Sub fail to complete the closing as required by the merger agreement.

If the merger agreement is validly terminated, the agreement will become void and have no effect, without any liability or obligation on the part of any party, except that (1) no such termination will relieve EMC from any liability for damages for fraud or willful and material breach by EMC of the merger agreement, up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$4 billion, suffered by Denali, Dell or Merger Sub and (2) certain provisions of the merger agreement, including those relating to fees and expenses, effects of termination, governing law, jurisdiction, waiver of jury trial

and specific performance, will continue in effect notwithstanding termination of the merger agreement.

Termination Fees Under the Merger Agreement (See page 275)

Except as expressly provided in the merger agreement, each party will pay all fees and expenses incurred by it in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. However, upon a termination of the merger agreement, a party may become obligated to pay to the other party a termination fee, in the following circumstances:

EMC will be obligated to pay a termination fee, referred to as the EMC termination fee, of \$2.5 billion to Denali if:

the merger agreement is terminated by Denali, at a time when (1) the EMC board of directors or any committee thereof shall have made a change of recommendation, (2) EMC shall have willfully and

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materially breached or willfully and materially failed to perform in any material respect its obligations or agreements with respect to the solicitation of alternative acquisition proposals or its obligation to convene the EMC shareholder meeting, (3) EMC shall have failed to include its recommendation that EMC shareholders vote for the approval of the merger agreement in this proxy statement/prospectus, (4) an alternative acquisition proposal shall have been publicly announced and the EMC board of directors shall have failed to issue a press release that expressly reaffirms its recommendation that EMC shareholders vote for the approval of the merger agreement within ten business days of receipt of a written request by Denali to provide such reaffirmation, (5) any tender offer or exchange offer shall have been commenced with respect to the outstanding shares of EMC common stock, and the EMC board of directors shall not have recommended that EMC's shareholders reject such tender offer or exchange offer and not tender their EMC common stock into such tender offer or exchange offer within ten business days after commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer, or (6) EMC or the EMC board of directors (or any committee thereof) shall have resolved to, or publicly announced its intention to, take any of the foregoing actions;

the merger agreement is terminated by EMC if permitted by and in compliance with the terms of the merger agreement, prior to obtaining its shareholder approval, to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement with respect to a superior proposal, except that, if such alternative acquisition agreement was entered into prior to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on December 11, 2015, then the EMC termination fee shall instead be \$2 billion; or

an alternative acquisition proposal shall have been made to EMC or directly to the EMC shareholders or shall have become publicly known or any person shall have publicly announced an intention to make an acquisition proposal and the merger agreement is terminated by Denali or EMC because the EMC shareholders vote on and fail to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting or by Denali because of EMC's breach or failure to perform any of its covenants or agreements in the merger agreement or the failure of any of EMC's representations and warranties to be true and correct, and, within 12 months of such termination, EMC enters into a definitive agreement for an alternative acquisition proposal or consummates the transactions contemplated by an alternative transaction proposal, except that references to 20% in the definition of alternative acquisition proposal will be deemed to be references to 50% and references to or any significant subsidiary of EMC and or any of its significant subsidiaries shall be deemed to refer only to VMware.

If the merger agreement is terminated by (1) EMC or Denali where the EMC shareholders have voted on and failed to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting or (2) Denali where EMC breached or failed to perform any of its covenants or agreements in the merger agreement or any inaccuracy of any of the representations or warranties of EMC, such that (subject to cure provisions) the conditions to Denali's obligations to complete the merger would not be satisfied, then EMC will be obligated to reimburse Denali for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including all fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, investment banks, advisors and consultants to Denali, Merger Sub or their respective affiliates, and all out-of-pocket fees and expenses of financing sources for which Denali, Merger Sub or their affiliates may be responsible) incurred by Denali, Merger Sub or their respective affiliates in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$50 million.

Denali and Dell will be obligated to pay a termination fee, referred to as the reverse termination fee, of \$4 billion to EMC if:

the merger agreement is terminated by EMC due to Denali's, Dell's or Merger Sub's breach or failure to perform any of its covenants or agreements in the merger agreement (subject to any cure provisions) or the inaccuracy of the representations and warranties of any of them related to the financing of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or the Class V Common Stock (subject to any cure provisions);

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the merger agreement is terminated by EMC in a circumstance where all of the conditions to Denali's obligation to complete the merger have been satisfied or (to the extent permitted by law) waived (other than those conditions that, by their nature, cannot be satisfied until the closing of the merger so long as such conditions would be satisfied if the closing date of the merger were the date of termination of the merger agreement) at the time the closing of the merger is required to occur pursuant to the merger agreement, and, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the merger agreement regarding such termination, Denali and Merger Sub fail to complete the closing as required by the merger agreement, except that if the merger agreement is terminated by EMC as described in this paragraph and at such time (1) EMC has made available the target amount of cash on hand that EMC is required to make available under the merger agreement and has otherwise complied with its obligations relating to making such cash available (see *The Merger Agreement Liquidation of Investments; Cash Transfers*), (2) the financing sources for Denali's debt financing have confirmed that the debt financing will be funded in accordance with the terms thereof at the closing of the merger (assuming the substantially concurrent funding of the equity financing under the common stock purchase agreements with the existing Denali stockholder investors and the availability of the target amount of cash on hand to be made available by each of EMC and Denali), and (3) Denali and Dell do not make available the amount of cash on hand to be made available by Denali for the purpose of financing the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (see *The Merger Agreement Denali Cash on Hand*), then the reverse termination fee payable by Dell shall instead be \$6 billion; or

the merger agreement is terminated by Denali where the merger was not completed by the outside date in circumstances where EMC could have terminated the agreement due to a breach of covenants by Denali, Dell or Merger Sub or due to a breach of the representations and warranties of Denali, Dell or Merger Sub related to the financing of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or the Class V Common Stock.

For example, Denali would be obligated to pay the reverse termination fee to EMC as required by the second bullet immediately above if the merger agreement is terminated by EMC because Denali and Merger Sub fail to complete the closing as required by the merger agreement solely as a result of Denali's failure to obtain its debt financing.

Common Stock Purchase Agreements (See page 278)

Concurrently with the execution of the merger agreement, Denali entered into common stock purchase agreements, referred to as the common stock purchase agreements, with (1) Silver Lake Partners III, L.P. and Silver Lake Partners IV, L.P., referred to as the SLP investors, (2) Michael S. Dell and the Susan Lieberman Dell Separate Property Trust, referred to as the MD investors, (3) MSDC Denali Investors, L.P. and MSDC Denali EIV, LLC, referred to as the MSD Partners investors and, together with the MD investors and the SLP investors, the existing Denali stockholder investors, and (4) Temasek and, together with the existing Denali stockholder investors, the common stock investors, pursuant to which the common stock investors agreed to purchase common stock of Denali on the closing date of the merger for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$4.25 billion. See *The Merger Agreement Common Stock Purchase Agreements* for more information about these agreements.

Description of Denali Capital Stock Following the Merger (See pages 302 and 324)***Class V Group and DHI Group***

Following the merger, Denali will have five authorized series of common stock: Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock, Class C Common Stock and Class D Common Stock, collectively referred to as the DHI

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Group common stock, and the Class V Common Stock. For purposes of the DHI Group common stock and the Class V Common Stock, Denali's assets, liabilities and businesses will be divided into two groups:

the Class V Group, which initially will be comprised of Denali's post-closing economic interest in the VMware business; and

the DHI Group, which will be comprised of the remainder of Denali's businesses, as well as a retained interest in a portion of the Class V Group, which we refer to as the inter-group interest in the Class V Group. The shares of Class V Common Stock issued in the merger will represent a percentage interest in the Class V Group equal to the Outstanding Interest Fraction as of such date, which Denali expects will initially be equal to approximately 65%, and the DHI Group initially will have a retained interest in the remainder of the Class V Group, which Denali expects will initially be the remaining approximately 35%.

Holders of the Class V Common Stock and the DHI Group common stock will be subject to the credit risk of Denali, Denali will retain legal title to all of its assets, and Denali's tracking stock capitalization will not limit the legal responsibility of Denali or Denali's subsidiaries for their respective debts and liabilities. The DHI Group and the Class V Group are not separate legal entities and cannot own assets, and as a result, holders of the Class V Common Stock and the DHI Group common stock will not have any direct claim to, or any special legal rights related to, specific assets attributed to the Class V Group or the DHI Group, respectively.

Dividends

VMware does not currently pay dividends on its common stock, and any decisions regarding dividends on the VMware common stock would be a decision of VMware's board of directors. Denali does not presently intend to pay dividends on shares of Class V Common Stock or DHI Group common stock. If VMware were to pay a dividend on the VMware common stock owned by Denali that is attributable to the Class V Group, Denali could, but would not be required to, distribute some or all of that amount to the holders of Class V Common Stock. Should the Denali board of directors decide to declare any dividends, funds available for dividends on the DHI Group common stock and the Class V Common Stock will be limited to the lesser of the amount that would be legally available under Delaware law for the payment of dividends on the stock of such group if the group were a separate corporation and an amount equal to the funds legally available for the payment of dividends for Denali as a whole.

The Denali board of directors will have the authority and discretion to declare and pay (or to refrain from declaring and paying) dividends on outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock and dividends on outstanding shares of DHI Group common stock, in equal or unequal amounts, or only on the DHI Group common stock or the Class V Common Stock, irrespective of the amounts (if any) of prior dividends declared on, or the respective liquidation rights of, the DHI Group common stock or the Class V Common Stock, prior dividends received on the VMware common stock owned by Denali, or any other factor.

Voting Rights

The holders of the Class V Common Stock will be entitled to one vote per share of Class V Common Stock. The holders of Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock will be entitled to 10 votes per share of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as applicable, and the holders of the Class C Common Stock will be entitled to one vote per share of Class C Common Stock. The holders of the Class D Common Stock will not have any

voting rights except to the extent required under Delaware law. Immediately following the completion of the merger, it is expected that the aggregate number of votes to which the holders of shares of Class V Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 4% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, the number of votes to which the holders of shares of

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Class A Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 73% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, the number of votes to which the holders of shares of Class B Common Stock would be entitled will represent approximately 23% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled, and the number of votes to which the holders of shares of Class C Common Stock would be entitled will represent less than 1% of the total number of votes to which all holders of Denali common stock would be entitled.

On matters for which holders of Class V Common Stock are entitled to vote, such holders will vote together with holders of DHI Group common stock as a single class except that, under certain limited circumstances, holders of Class V Common Stock will have the right to vote as a separate class, including (1) to approve certain changes to the Denali certificate that (i) would adversely alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the shares of Class V Common Stock or (ii) would change or alter certain restrictions on corporate actions, (2) to approve any merger or business combination pursuant to which (i) the holders of Denali common stock would not own at least 50% of the voting power of the surviving corporation and (ii) the holders of Class V Common Stock would not receive the same type of consideration as the other series of common stock in an aggregate amount equal to or greater in value than the proportion of the aggregate fair market value of the outstanding Class V Common Stock to the aggregate fair market value of the other outstanding series of Denali common stock and (3) to amend or repeal the provisions in the Denali bylaws that establish the Capital Stock Committee of the Denali board of directors.

The Group II Directors of Denali will be elected solely by the holders of Class A Common Stock voting as a separate class and the Group III Directors of Denali will be elected solely by the holders of Class B Common Stock voting as a separate class.

Capital Stock Committee

The Denali board of directors will create a standing committee known as the Capital Stock Committee. The Denali board of directors will not be permitted to take certain actions with respect to the Class V Common Stock without the approval of the Capital Stock Committee, including any actions that would result in any changes to the policies governing the relationship between the Class V Group and the DHI Group or in any reallocation of assets and liabilities between the Class V Group and the DHI Group. The Capital Stock Committee will consist of at least three members, the majority of whom must qualify as independent directors under the rules of the NYSE. Under the Denali board policies, if such independent directors are granted equity compensation by Denali, approximately half of the value at grant of all such compensation will consist of Class V Common Stock or options to purchase Class V Common Stock.

Listing Standards for Class V Common Stock

The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, which the NYSE refers to as an Equity Investment Tracking Stock, that tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the NYSE, such as VMware. The NYSE listing standards as so proposed would allow for the listing of the Class V Common Stock, but no assurances can be given that such listing standards will be adopted in the proposed form. Under the proposed new listing standards, the Class V Common Stock could be delisted in certain circumstances, which delisting would materially adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock. For example, any alteration of assets and liabilities attributed to the Class V Group that results in the Class V Common Stock ceasing to track the performance of VMware Class A common stock could result in the delisting of the Class V Common Stock. See *Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Denali's Proposed Tracking Stock Structure The NYSE has proposed new listing standards for a tracking stock, such as the Class V Common Stock, which tracks the performance of an investment by the issuer in the common equity of another company listed on the*

NYSE, such as VMware and The new listing standards proposed by the NYSE

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include certain requirements to maintain the listing of an Equity Investment Tracking Stock. If the Class V Common Stock were delisted because of the failure to meet any of such requirements, the liquidity and value of the Class V Common Stock would be materially adversely affected and Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Listing of Shares of Class V Common Stock and Delisting and Deregistration of EMC Common Stock.

Provisions Relating to Unwinding of Tracking Stock Structure and Certain Corporate Transactions

The conversion, redemption and dividend provisions of the Class V Common Stock described below are triggered upon a decision by the Denali board of directors to (1) unwind the tracking stock structure, in the case of the first provision described below, (2) redeem the Class V Common Stock, in the case of the second and third provisions described below, or (3) sell substantially all of the assets attributed to the Class V Group, in the case of the last provision described below.

Optional Conversion. At any time at which shares of Class C Common Stock are traded on a U.S. securities exchange, the Denali board of directors may convert all, but not less than all, of the shares of the Class V Common Stock into shares of Class C Common Stock at a premium to the weighted average market value of both series of shares, subject to the applicable provisions of the Denali certificate. Upon the occurrence of specified tax-related events, the Denali board of directors may convert shares of the Class V Common Stock into shares of Class C Common Stock without such a premium, so long as such shares of Class C Common Stock are registered under all applicable U.S. securities laws and are listed for trading on a U.S. securities exchange. The Class C Common Stock is not currently listed on a U.S. securities exchange and Denali does not currently have any plans to effect such a listing.

Redemption for VMware Common Stock. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Denali certificate, at any time at which shares of common stock of VMware comprise all of the assets of the Class V Group, Denali may redeem all, but not less than all, of the outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock for a number of shares of common stock of VMware that is equal to the product of the Outstanding Interest Fraction and the number of shares of common stock of VMware attributed to the Class V Group.

Redemption for Securities of Class V Group Subsidiary. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Denali certificate, at any time at which shares of common stock of VMware do not comprise all of the assets of the Class V Group, Denali may redeem all, but not less than all, of the outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock for a number of shares of common stock of a Class V Group Subsidiary that is equal to the product of the Outstanding Interest Fraction and the number of outstanding shares of common stock of such subsidiary. A Class V Group Subsidiary is a wholly owned subsidiary of Denali that holds all of the assets and liabilities attributed to the Class V Group (which subsidiary may or may not be formed specifically for the purpose of such redemption). Any shares of a Class V Group Subsidiary to be so issued must be registered under all applicable U.S. securities laws and listed for trading on a U.S. securities exchange.

Dividend, Redemption or Conversion in Case of Class V Group Disposition. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Denali certificate, upon a disposition by Denali of all or substantially all of the assets attributed to the Class V Group (which means, for this purpose, assets representing at least 80% of the fair value of the total assets of the Class V Group), Denali will be required to:

pay a dividend to the holders of the outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock with a fair value equal to the net proceeds (as defined) of such a disposition;

redeem a number of outstanding shares of the Class V Common Stock with an aggregate weighted average market value equal to the net proceeds of such a disposition for cash or publicly traded

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securities with a fair value equal to such net proceeds, except that if such a disposition involves all of the assets attributed to the Class V Group, then all of the outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock may be redeemed for cash or publicly traded securities with such fair value;

convert such number of outstanding shares of Class V Common Stock into a number of shares of Class C Common Stock (if such stock is publicly traded) based on the relative weighted average market values of both series of shares; or

effect any combination of such dividend, redemption or conversion.

Liquidation

In the event of a dissolution or liquidation and winding-up of Denali, after payment or provision for payment of the debts and liabilities of Denali and payment or provision for payment of any preferential amounts due to the holders of any other class or series of stock, the holders of the DHI Group common stock and the Class V Common Stock will be entitled to receive a proportionate interest in all of Denali's assets, if any, remaining for distribution to holders of common stock in proportion to their respective number of liquidation units per share, subject to the applicable provisions of the Denali certificate.

The liquidation rights of the holders of the respective classes may not bear any relationship to the value of the assets attributed to the Class V Group or to changes in the relative value of the DHI Group common stock and the Class V Common Stock over time.

Comparison of Rights of Denali Stockholders and EMC Shareholders (See page 330)

EMC shareholders will have different rights once they become Denali stockholders due to their receipt of a tracking stock as well as due to differences between the organizational documents of Denali and EMC and differences between Delaware law, where Denali is incorporated, and Massachusetts law, where EMC is incorporated. See *Comparison of Rights of Denali Stockholders and EMC Shareholders* for a description of the differences.

Appraisal Rights of EMC Shareholders (See page 346)

Under the MBCA, EMC is required to state whether it has concluded that EMC shareholders are, are not or may be entitled to assert appraisal rights, which are generally available to shareholders of a merging Massachusetts corporation under Section 13.02(a)(1) of the MBCA, subject to certain exceptions. For the reasons described under *Appraisal Rights of EMC Shareholders*, EMC has concluded that EMC shareholders may be entitled to appraisal rights. The relevant provisions of the MBCA have not been the subject of judicial interpretation and EMC and Denali reserve the right to contest the validity and availability of any purported demand for appraisal rights in connection with the merger. In this regard, Denali has indicated that in any appraisal proceeding it will assert, and will cause EMC as its wholly owned subsidiary following completion of the merger to assert, that an exception to appraisal rights is applicable to the merger.

Under Part 13 of the MBCA, EMC shareholders who believe they are or may be entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger must, in order to exercise those rights:

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prior to the special meeting, deliver to EMC a written notice of intent to demand payment for such shareholders' shares of EMC common stock if the merger is effectuated;

NOT vote for the proposal to approve the merger agreement; and

comply with other procedures under Part 13 of the MBCA.

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Your failure to follow exactly the procedures specified under the MBCA will result in the loss of any appraisal rights. If you hold your shares of EMC common stock through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you wish to exercise appraisal rights, you should consult with your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to determine the appropriate procedures for the making of a demand for appraisal by your bank, brokerage firm or nominee. See the section entitled *Appraisal Rights of EMC Shareholders* and the text of Part 13 of the MBCA reproduced in its entirety as *Annex E* to this proxy statement/prospectus for further information.

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CAUTIONARY INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this proxy statement/prospectus that are not historical in nature are forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. When used in this proxy statement/prospectus and in documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding financial estimates, regulatory approvals and the expected timing, completion and effects of the merger, future financial and operating results, the combined company's plans, expectations, beliefs, intentions and future strategies, and other statements that are not historical facts that are signified by the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, objective, outlook, plan, project, possible, similar expressions.

These statements regarding future events or the future performance or results of the combined company inherently are subject to a variety of risks, contingencies and other uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those described in or implied by the forward-looking statements. The risks, contingencies and other uncertainties that could result in the failure of the merger to be completed or, if completed, that could have an adverse effect on the results of operations, cash flows and financial position of the combined company and any anticipated benefits of the merger to Denali and EMC shareholders, include:

the failure to obtain necessary regulatory or other approvals for the merger or, if such approvals are obtained, the possibility that they may be subject to conditions that could reduce the expected benefits of the merger, result in a material delay in, or the abandonment of, the merger or otherwise have an adverse effect on Denali;

the failure to obtain the necessary financing arrangements as set forth in the debt commitment letter and the common stock purchase agreements with the MD stockholders, the MSD Partners stockholders, the SLP stockholders, or the failure of the merger to close for any other reason;

the failure to satisfy required closing conditions or complete the merger in a timely manner;

the failure to obtain necessary EMC shareholder approval of the merger agreement;

the effect of the announcement of the merger on the ability to retain and hire key personnel and maintain business relationships, and on operating results and businesses generally;

the effect of restrictions placed on EMC's or its subsidiaries' business activities and the limitations put on EMC's ability to pursue alternatives to the merger pursuant to the merger agreement;

the possibility of delay or prevention of the merger by lawsuits challenging the merger filed against Denali, EMC and the members of the EMC board of directors;

the uncertainty of the market price of the Class V Common Stock EMC shareholders will receive in the merger following the merger and differences in the market price of the Class V Common Stock relative to the market price of the VMware Class A common stock;

the existence of interests of directors and executive officers of EMC in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of EMC shareholders generally;

the effect of the substantial additional indebtedness that Denali will incur in connection with the merger;

the likelihood that Denali's actual results of operations and financial position after the merger will be materially different from those reflected in the Denali unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements included in this proxy statement/prospectus;

the difference in rights provided to EMC shareholders under Massachusetts law, the EMC articles and the EMC bylaws, as compared to the rights EMC shareholders will obtain as Denali stockholders under Delaware law, the Denali certificate and the Denali bylaws;

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the failure or delay in realizing expected synergies and other benefits from the merger;

risks related to diversion of management's attention from Denali's and EMC's ongoing business operations due to the transaction;

the incurrence of significant pre- and post-transaction related costs in connection with the merger; and

the occurrence of any event giving rise to the right of a party to terminate the merger.

For a further discussion of these and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties applicable to Denali and EMC, see *Risk Factors* and EMC's filings with the SEC incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.

Due to these risks, contingencies and other uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. Except as provided by federal securities laws, neither Denali nor EMC is required to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to Denali or EMC or any person acting on behalf of either company are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Denali and EMC do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this proxy statement/prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as may be required under applicable federal securities laws.

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*In deciding whether to vote for the approval of the merger agreement, EMC shareholders should carefully consider the following risk factors and all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, including but not limited to the matters addressed in *Cautionary Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* and the matters discussed under *Item 1A. Risk Factors* of EMC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as updated from time to time in EMC's subsequent filings with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See *Where You Can Find More Information* for information on how to obtain copies of the incorporated documents or view them via the Internet.*

Risk Factors Relating to the Merger

The merger is subject to the receipt of consents and clearances from certain regulatory authorities that may impose conditions that could reduce the expected synergies and other benefits of the merger, result in a material delay in, or the abandonment of, the merger or otherwise have an adverse effect on Denali.

Before the merger can be completed, waiting periods must expire or terminate and applicable clearances must be obtained under applicable antitrust laws, including the HSR Act and the competition laws of the European Union and China, among others. In deciding whether to grant antitrust clearances, the relevant authorities will consider the effect of the merger on competition within their relevant jurisdictions. Although Denali and EMC have agreed in the merger agreement to use their reasonable best efforts to make certain governmental filings and, subject to certain limitations, obtain the required governmental authorizations, there can be no assurance that the relevant authorizations will be obtained.

The governmental authorities from which these authorizations are required have broad discretion in administering the governing regulations. The terms and conditions of approvals that are granted may impose requirements, limitations, costs or restrictions on the conduct of Denali's and its subsidiaries' businesses following the closing of the merger. Under the terms of the merger agreement, subject to certain conditions, Denali or its subsidiaries could be required to divest, hold separate or otherwise take actions that would limit their ownership or control, or their ability to retain or hold, directly or indirectly, businesses, assets, equity interests, product lines, properties or services (including those of EMC and its subsidiaries). Moreover, governmental authorities could seek to prevent or enjoin the completion of the merger, and under the terms of the merger agreement, subject to certain conditions, Denali and EMC have agreed to litigate or defend against any such proceeding involving governmental authorities. Additional information about each party's commitments to take certain specified actions, subject to certain exceptions and limitations, in connection with obtaining regulatory approvals are described under *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger* and *The Merger Agreement Governmental Approvals*.

There can be no assurance that regulators will not impose terms, conditions, requirements, limitations, costs or restrictions that would delay the closing of the merger, impose additional material costs on or limit the revenues of Denali, or limit some of the synergies and other benefits that Denali and EMC expect following the closing of the merger. In addition, neither Denali nor EMC can provide any assurance that any such terms, conditions, requirements, limitations, costs or restrictions will not result in a material delay in, or the abandonment of, the merger. Any delay in completing the merger or any modification to the transactions currently contemplated may adversely affect the synergies and other benefits that Denali expects to achieve if the merger and the integration of the companies' respective businesses are completed within the expected timeframe.

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The merger is subject to a number of conditions to the obligations of both Denali and EMC to complete the merger, which, if not fulfilled, or not fulfilled in a timely manner, may result in termination of the merger agreement.

The merger agreement contains a number of conditions to the completion of the merger, including, among others:

approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders;

the termination or expiration of any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act;

the approval for listing by the NYSE or Nasdaq of the Class V Common Stock issuable to EMC shareholders in the merger;

the absence of any law, order, judgment or other legal restraint issued or imposed by a court or other governmental entity that makes illegal or prohibits the closing of the merger;

the accuracy of the representations and warranties made in the merger agreement by the other party, subject to certain qualifications;

performance by the other party of the obligations required to be performed by it at or prior to the completion of the merger, including with respect to the delivery of a certain amount of cash on hand required to be delivered at the closing of the merger; and

the absence of a material adverse effect (as defined in *The Merger Agreement Representations and Warranties*) since the date of the merger agreement.

For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to the completion of the merger, see *The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Merger*.

Many of the conditions to the closing of the merger are not within either Denali's or EMC's control, and neither company can predict when or if these conditions will be satisfied. The merger agreement provides for an outside date of December 16, 2016 for the completion of the merger, beyond which the merger agreement may be terminated by either party. Although Denali and EMC have agreed in the merger agreement to use their reasonable best efforts, subject to certain limitations, to complete the merger as promptly as practicable, these and other conditions to the completion of the merger may fail to be satisfied. In addition, satisfying the conditions to and completion of the merger may take longer, and could cost more, than Denali and EMC expect. Any delay in completing the merger may adversely affect the synergies and other benefits that Denali expects to achieve if the merger and the integration of the companies' respective businesses are completed within the expected timeframe. See the sections entitled *The Merger Agreement Termination* for a discussion of the rights of each of Denali and EMC to terminate the merger agreement, and *The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Merger* for a discussion of the conditions to the closing of the merger.

Because the merger is subject to the approval of the merger agreement by EMC shareholders, failure to obtain this approval would prevent the closing of the merger.

Before the merger can be completed, EMC shareholders must approve the merger agreement. There can be no assurance that this approval will be obtained. Failure to obtain the required approval within the expected time- frame, or having to make significant changes to the structure, terms or conditions of the merger to obtain such approval, may result in a material delay in, or the abandonment of, the merger. Any delay in completing the merger may adversely affect the synergies and other benefits that Denali expects to achieve if the merger and the integration of the companies' respective businesses are completed within the expected time period.

Uncertainties associated with the merger may cause a loss of Denali's, EMC's and VMware's senior management personnel and other key employees, which could have an adverse effect on the results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Denali and EMC.

Denali and EMC and their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) are dependent on the continued availability and service of senior management personnel. Denali's success after the merger will depend in part

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upon its ability and the abilities of its subsidiaries to retain and hire executive officers, other key senior management personnel and other key employees. The employees of Denali and EMC and their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) may experience uncertainty about their roles within Denali or EMC following the merger. This uncertainty may inhibit each company's ability to retain those executive officers, other key senior management personnel and other key employees following the merger. There can be no assurance that executive officers, other key senior management personnel and other key employees can be retained either prior to or following the closing of the merger to the same extent that Denali and EMC and their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) have previously been able to attract and retain their own employees. Any loss of such employees could have an adverse effect on the results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Denali and EMC.

The business relationships of Denali and EMC and their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) may be subject to disruption due to uncertainty associated with the merger, which could have an adverse effect on the results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Denali and EMC.

Parties with which Denali or EMC, or their respective subsidiaries (including VMware), do business may experience uncertainty associated with the merger and related transactions, including with respect to current or future business relationships with Denali, EMC, their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) or the combined business of Dell and EMC. The business relationships of Denali and EMC and their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) may be subject to disruption as customers, distributors, suppliers, vendors and others may attempt to negotiate changes in existing business relationships or consider entering into business relationships with parties other than Denali, EMC, their respective subsidiaries (including VMware) or the combined business of Dell and EMC. These disruptions could have an adverse effect on the results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Denali following the closing of the merger, including an adverse effect on Denali's ability to realize the expected synergies and other benefits of the merger. The risk, and adverse effect, of any disruption could be exacerbated by a delay in the completion of the merger or a termination of the merger agreement.

The merger agreement subjects EMC to restrictions on its business activities.

The merger agreement subjects EMC to restrictions on its business activities and obligates EMC generally to use commercially reasonable efforts to carry on its business in the ordinary course consistent with past practice. These restrictions could prevent EMC from pursuing attractive business opportunities that arise prior to the completion of the merger, and could otherwise have an adverse effect on EMC's (or, following the completion of the merger, Denali's) results of operations, cash flows and financial position. Such restrictions generally include restrictions on:

payment of dividends;

stock splits, issuances of stock or similar transactions;

repurchases or redemptions of stock or securities;

amendments of organizational documents;

acquisitions and sales of assets, and merger and acquisition activity;

incurrences or repayments of indebtedness;

loans or advances by EMC;

capital expenditures;

settlements of claims or litigation matters;

amendments of material contracts;

certain actions with respect to benefit plans or hiring or compensation of employees;

recognition of labor organizations;

revaluation of assets or changes in accounting policies;

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plant closings or mass layoffs;

actions in connection with the complete or partial liquidation of EMC or any of its subsidiaries;

changes in methods of tax accounting or tax elections, or settlements of tax audits or proceedings, or the filing of amendments to tax returns;

failure to acquire additional shares of VMware common stock if such failure would cause VMware to cease to be a member of the affiliated group of corporations filing a consolidated tax return with EMC; and

authorizing, committing, resolving or agreeing to do any of the foregoing.

These restrictions do not apply to actions taken by VMware or Pivotal Software, Inc., referred to as Pivotal, a majority owned subsidiary of EMC in which VMware has an interest, although the merger agreement includes restrictions on the taking of certain actions by EMC in its capacity as a stockholder of VMware and Pivotal. See *The Merger Agreement Conduct of Business* for a more complete description of the restrictions on EMC's business activities.

Lawsuits have been filed and other lawsuits may be filed challenging the merger. An adverse ruling in any such lawsuit may delay the merger or prevent the merger from being completed.

Fifteen putative shareholder class action lawsuits have been filed against various combinations of EMC, its current and former directors, VMware, certain of VMware's directors, Denali, Dell and Merger Sub, among other defendants. The Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court consolidated nine of those lawsuits, which generally allege, among other things, that the directors of EMC breached their fiduciary duties to EMC shareholders in connection with the merger, by, among other things, failing to maximize shareholder value, agreeing to provisions in the merger agreement that favor Dell and discourage competing bids, and that there were various conflicts of interest in the proposed transaction. These lawsuits further allege that various combinations of defendants aided and abetted the EMC directors in the alleged breach of their fiduciary duties. The Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court granted EMC and its directors' motion to dismiss the nine consolidated lawsuits. Three plaintiffs have appealed the dismissal. The operative complaints in two other lawsuits generally allege that EMC, in its capacity as the majority shareholder of VMware, and individual defendants who are directors of EMC, VMware, or both, breached their fiduciary duties to minority shareholders of VMware in connection with the merger by, among other things, entering into and/or approving a merger that favors the interests of EMC and Dell at the expense of the minority shareholders. These two complaints further allege that certain defendants aided and abetted these alleged breaches of fiduciary duties. Finally, the operative complaints in four other lawsuits generally allege that the preliminary proxy statement omits and/or misrepresents material information and that such failure to disclose constitutes violations of Section 14(a) of, and Rule 14a-9 under, the Exchange Act. These four complaints further allege that various combinations of defendants are liable for violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The fifteen lawsuits seek, among other things, injunctive relief enjoining the merger, rescission of the merger if consummated, an award of fees and costs, and/or an award of damages. Additional lawsuits arising out of or relating to the merger agreement or the merger may be filed in the future.

See the section *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Litigation Relating to the Merger* for more information about the lawsuits related to the merger that have been filed prior to the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. Lawsuits challenging the merger could prevent the merger from being completed, or could

result in a material delay in, or the abandonment of, the merger.

One of the conditions to completion of the merger is the absence of any applicable law (including any order) being in effect in the United States or certain other jurisdictions that prohibits consummation of the merger. Accordingly, if a plaintiff in any such jurisdiction is successful in obtaining an order that prohibits consummation of the merger, then such order may prevent the merger from being completed, or from being completed within the expected timeframe.

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The merger consideration payable for each outstanding share of EMC common stock will be adjusted to reflect the number of shares of EMC common stock outstanding immediately prior to the merger, but will not be adjusted in the event of any change in EMC's stock price prior to the closing of the merger.

In the merger, each share of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger (other than shares owned by Denali, Merger Sub or any of EMC's wholly owned subsidiaries, and other than shares with respect to which EMC shareholders are entitled to and properly exercise appraisal rights) automatically will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration, consisting of (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) a number of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of Class V Common Stock equal to the quotient (rounded to the nearest five decimal points) obtained by dividing (A) 222,966,450 by (B) the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares.

Because the aggregate number of shares of Class V Common Stock that may be issued in the merger is fixed, the number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued for each share of EMC common stock will depend on the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock outstanding at the time of the merger. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, immediately prior to the vesting effective time of the merger, all EMC restricted stock units will fully vest (with performance vesting units vesting at the target level of performance), all unvested options will vest and all unexercised options will be automatically exercised on a net exercise basis. As a result, the aggregate number of shares of EMC common stock outstanding at the time of the merger (and therefore the number of shares of Class V Common Stock to be issued for each share of EMC common stock) will depend on (1) the number of unvested restricted stock units and options that are forfeited prior to the merger as a result of the termination of the relevant employee's employment with EMC, (2) the number of vested options that are exercised prior to the merger and (3) the closing price of EMC's common stock on the last trading day before the completion of the merger.

The merger agreement provides for the issuance of 222,966,450 shares of Class V Common Stock in the merger (assuming EMC shareholders either are not entitled to or do not properly exercise appraisal rights). Such shares of Class V Common Stock are intended to track and reflect the economic performance of approximately 65% of EMC's current economic interest in the VMware business, which currently consists of approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock. The number of shares issuable in the merger will not be adjusted for changes in the market price of EMC common stock between the date of signing the merger agreement and the completion of the merger.

Because there is no established trading market or market price of Class V Common Stock, the value of the merger consideration that EMC shareholders will receive in the merger is uncertain.

Although the cash portion of the merger consideration is known, the value of the stock portion of the merger consideration will depend on the market price of Class V Common Stock following the merger. While the Class V Common Stock is intended to track the performance of a portion of Denali's economic interest in the VMware business following the completion of the merger, there can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V Common Stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such interest. The Class V Common Stock and the VMware Class A common stock have different characteristics, which Denali expects may affect their respective market prices in distinct ways. Accordingly, at the time of the special meeting, the value of the stock portion of the merger consideration will not be known. Market reaction to the establishment of tracking stocks is unpredictable and Denali does not know how the market will react to the issuance of the Class V Common Stock. Until an orderly trading market develops for Class V Common Stock following the completion of the merger, the trading price of Class V Common Stock may fluctuate significantly.

Denali and EMC shareholders are urged to obtain current market quotations for shares of EMC common stock.

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Between the date the merger agreement was entered into and the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, the market value of the VMware Class A common stock has declined, thereby reducing the implied value of the stock portion of the merger consideration. Changes in the market value of the VMware Class A common stock also will impact the amount of cash that holders of EMC common stock will receive in the merger in lieu of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock.

Since the public announcement of the merger, the stock price of VMware Class A common stock has fluctuated, and the stock price may continue to fluctuate in the future. Changes in the market value of VMware Class A common stock may result from a variety of factors, including, among others, general market and economic conditions, changes in VMware's business, financial results and prospects, market assessments of the likelihood that the merger transactions will be completed, the timing of the merger and regulatory considerations. On October 9, 2015, the last trading date before the public announcement of the transaction, the closing price of VMware Class A common stock as reported on the NYSE was \$78.65. On [], 2016, the most recent practicable trading date before the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, the closing price of VMware Class A common stock as reported on the NYSE was \$[]. As a result, the reduction of the market price of VMware Class A common stock since the merger agreement was executed has resulted in a reduction in the implied value of the stock portion of the merger consideration. Despite their differing characteristics, we believe that changes in the market value of the VMware Class A common stock before the completion of the merger may impact the market value of the Class V Common Stock at the time the merger is completed.

No fractional shares of Class V Common Stock will be issued in the merger. Each holder of EMC common stock who otherwise would have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Class V Common Stock in the merger shall receive in lieu thereof cash (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to the product of (1) such fractional share interest multiplied by (2) the average closing price of a share of VMware Class A common stock over the 10 trading days prior to the completion of the merger. As a result, if the merger were completed on the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, the reduction in the market price of VMware Class A common stock since the merger agreement was executed would have resulted in a reduction in the amount of cash received by EMC shareholders in lieu of fractional shares of Class V Common Stock.

EMC's directors and executive officers may have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of EMC shareholders generally.

Certain of the directors and executive officers of EMC have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of EMC shareholders generally. These interests include, among others:

certain acceleration of and payment in respect of outstanding equity awards prior to the vesting effective time of the merger;

pro-rata payment of the annual bonus for 2016 upon a qualifying termination of employment following the completion of the merger;

certain change in control and termination benefits under existing severance agreements in connection with certain termination events generally relating to an executive's employment following the completion of the merger; and

certain commitments by Denali to indemnification, advancement of expenses and directors and officers insurance for executive officers and directors as provided in the merger agreement.

These interests may cause EMC's directors and executive officers to view the proposals relating to the merger differently than EMC shareholders may view them. For further information, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Interests of Certain Denali Directors and Officers* and *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Interests of Certain EMC Directors and Officers*.

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The fairness opinions obtained by the EMC board of directors from its financial advisors will not reflect changes, circumstances, developments or events that may occur or may have occurred after the date of the opinions.

EMC has not obtained updated opinions in respect of the consideration to be paid to holders of EMC common stock in connection with the merger from its financial advisors, Morgan Stanley and Evercore, as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus and does not expect to receive updated opinions prior to the completion of the merger. Changes in financial, economic, market and other conditions on which the opinions of Morgan Stanley and Evercore were based may significantly alter the value of Denali or EMC or the price of EMC common stock prior to the completion of the merger. The opinions of Morgan Stanley and Evercore do not speak as of the time the merger will be completed or as of any date other than the date of the respective opinion. Because Morgan Stanley and Evercore will not be updating their opinions, which were rendered on October 11, 2015, the opinions will not address the fairness of the merger consideration from a financial point of view at the time the merger is completed. The recommendation of the EMC board that EMC shareholders vote **FOR** the approval of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation payments that will or may be paid by EMC to its named executive officers in connection with the merger and **FOR** the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to approve the merger agreement, however, are made as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. The opinions of Morgan Stanley and Evercore are included as *Annexes F* and *G* to this proxy statement/prospectus, respectively. For a description of the opinions that the EMC board of directors received from Morgan Stanley and Evercore and a summary of the material financial analyses they provided to the EMC board of directors in connection with rendering such opinions, see *Proposal 1: Approval of the Merger Agreement Opinions of EMC's Financial Advisors*.

The merger agreement includes restrictions on EMC's ability to pursue alternatives to the merger.

The merger agreement contains provisions that restrict EMC's ability to pursue alternative acquisition proposals and limit the ability of EMC and Denali to terminate the merger agreement. The definition of "material adverse effect" is limited under the merger agreement. Certain events could materially and adversely affect Denali's, EMC's or their respective subsidiaries' business, but not give rise to a right of termination under the merger agreement.

The merger agreement contains provisions that make it more difficult for EMC to sell its business to a party other than Denali. These provisions include a general prohibition on EMC soliciting any acquisition proposal or offer for a competing transaction, other than during the 60-day period following the date of the merger agreement. Further, there are only limited exceptions to EMC's agreement that the EMC board of directors will not withdraw or modify in a manner adverse to Denali the recommendation of the EMC board of directors that EMC shareholders approve the merger agreement, and Denali generally has a limited right to match any competing acquisition proposals that may be made. Even if the EMC board of directors withdraws or qualifies its recommendation with respect to the merger agreement, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, EMC will nevertheless be required to submit the approval of the merger agreement to a vote by EMC shareholders at a special meeting, unless the merger agreement is terminated by Denali prior to the special meeting date in accordance with its terms.

In certain cases, upon termination of the merger agreement, EMC will be required to pay to Denali a termination fee of \$2.5 billion (which, under certain circumstances, would be decreased to \$2 billion). In addition, if the merger agreement is terminated in certain circumstances, EMC may be required to reimburse Denali's expenses in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, up to a maximum of \$50 million. EMC may also be liable to Denali for damages for fraud or willful and material breaches of the merger agreement, up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$4 billion.

For more information about the parties' termination rights and the termination fee provisions, see *The Merger Agreement Termination*, and *Termination Fees*.

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Failure to complete the merger could negatively impact EMC's stock price and have an adverse effect on its results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

If the merger is not completed for any reason, including as a result of a failure of EMC shareholders to approve the merger agreement, the ongoing business of EMC may be adversely affected and, without realizing any of the benefits of having completed the merger, EMC would be subject to a number of risks, including the following: