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Dear Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to join us for our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 11:00 am ET, at the Waldorf-Astoria, 301 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Holders of record of our common stock as of February 28, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2012 annual meeting.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the proxy statement that follow describe the business to be conducted at the meeting. We also will report on matters of current interest to our stockholders.

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting. However, even if you plan to attend in person, please vote your shares promptly to ensure they are represented at the meeting. You may submit your proxy vote by completing and signing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided. If you decide to attend the meeting and wish to change your proxy vote, you may do so automatically by voting in person at the meeting. Stockholders of record also have the option of voting their shares via the Internet. Instructions on how to vote via the Internet are on the proxy card.

If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, trust or other nominee, you will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the meeting, as described under "How can I attend the meeting?" on page 4 of the proxy statement.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time

Place: Waldorf-Astoria

301 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10022

- Items of Business:**
1. The election of directors.
 2. Advisory vote on our executive compensation.
 3. The ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as Greenhill's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012.
 4. Any other business that may properly be considered at the meeting or at any adjournment of the meeting.

Record Date: You may vote at the meeting if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on February 28, 2012.

Voting by Proxy or via the Internet: Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person, please vote your shares by proxy or via the Internet to ensure they are represented at the meeting. You may submit your proxy vote by completing, signing and promptly returning the enclosed proxy card by mail. Instructions on how to vote via the Internet are on the proxy card.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Secretary

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Greenhill & Co., Inc. (which we refer to as Greenhill or we in this proxy statement) is soliciting proxies for use at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on April 18, 2012 and at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. This proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card are first being mailed or given to stockholders on or about March 9, 2012.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

What is the purpose of the meeting?

At our annual meeting, stockholders will act upon the matters outlined in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. These include the election of directors, an advisory vote on our executive compensation, and ratification of the selection of our independent auditors. Also, management will report on matters of current interest to our stockholders and respond to questions.

Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

The Board has set February 28, 2012, as the record date for the annual meeting. If you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on February 28, 2012, you are entitled to vote at the meeting. As of the record date, 29,104,092 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding and, therefore, eligible to vote at the meeting.

What are my voting rights?

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share. Therefore, a total of 29,104,092 votes are entitled to be cast at the meeting. There is no cumulative voting.

How many shares must be present to hold the meeting?

In accordance with our bylaws, holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders must be present at the meeting in order to hold the meeting and conduct business. This is called a quorum. Shares are counted as present at the meeting if:

you are present and vote in person at the meeting;

you have properly submitted a proxy card by mail; or

you have properly voted via the Internet.

How do I submit my proxy vote?

If you are a stockholder of record, you can give a proxy to be voted at the meeting by completing, signing and mailing the enclosed proxy card.

If you wish to vote using a proxy, please return your signed proxy card to us before the annual meeting.

If you hold your shares in street name, you must vote your shares in the manner prescribed by your broker, bank, trust or other nominee. Your broker, bank, trust or other nominee has enclosed or otherwise provided a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker, bank, trust or nominee how to vote your shares.

What is the difference between a stockholder of record and a street name holder?

If your shares are registered directly in your name, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares.

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If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a broker, bank, trust or other nominee, then the broker, bank, trust or other nominee is considered to be the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. However, you still are considered the beneficial owner of those shares, and your shares are said to be held in street name. Street name holders generally cannot vote their shares directly and must instead instruct the broker, bank, trust or other nominee how to vote their shares using the method described above under *How do I submit my proxy vote?*

What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, it means that you hold shares registered in more than one account. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, sign and return each proxy card you receive.

How do I vote via the Internet?

Internet voting information is provided on the proxy card. A control number, which is the number located below the account number on the proxy card, is designated to verify a stockholder's identity and allow the stockholder to vote the shares and confirm that the voting instructions have been recorded properly. *If you vote via the Internet, please do not return a signed proxy card.* Stockholders who hold their shares through a bank of broker can vote via the Internet if that option is offered by the bank or broker.

Can I vote my shares in person at the meeting?

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting. Even if you currently plan to attend the meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting. If you submit your vote by proxy and then decide to vote in person at the annual meeting, the vote you submit at the meeting will override your proxy vote.

If you are a street name holder, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting only if you obtain and bring to the meeting a signed letter or other proxy from your broker, bank, trust or other nominee giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting.

What vote is required for the election of directors or for a proposal to be approved?

The approval of a plurality of the votes of the shares present at the meeting is required for the election of directors. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting is required to ratify the selection of our independent auditors.

How are votes counted?

You may either vote **FOR** or **WITHHOLD** authority to vote for each nominee for the Board of Directors. You may vote **FOR**, **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN** on the other proposals. The advisory vote on executive compensation is not binding on the Board of Directors, but we value your vote and will consider the results carefully.

If you submit your proxy or vote via the Internet but abstain from voting on one or more matters, your shares will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum. Your shares also will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of calculating the vote on the particular matter with respect to which you abstained from voting or withheld authority to vote.

If you abstain from voting on a proposal, your abstention has the same effect as a vote against that proposal.

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The New York Stock Exchange permits a member broker who holds shares in street name for customers to use its discretion to vote on routine matters but member brokers cannot vote on the election of directors or on the executive compensation proposal if the broker has not received instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares. We therefore urge you to give voting instructions to your broker on all proposals.

How does the Board recommend that I vote?

The Board of Directors recommends a vote:

FOR all of the nominees for director;

FOR the advisory resolution to approve our executive compensation; and

FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as Greenhill's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012.

What if I do not specify how I want my shares voted?

If you submit a signed proxy card or vote via the Internet but do not specify how you want to vote your shares, we will vote your shares:

FOR all of the nominees for director;

FOR the advisory resolution to approve our executive compensation; and

FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as Greenhill's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. Whether you vote by mail or via the Internet, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the annual meeting, in any of the following ways:

By sending a written notice of revocation to the Secretary of Greenhill;

By submitting a later-dated proxy to the Secretary of Greenhill;

By voting via the Internet at a later time; or

By voting in person at the meeting.

Will my vote be kept confidential?

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Yes. We have procedures to ensure that, regardless of whether stockholders vote by mail, via the Internet or in person, (1) all proxies, ballots and voting tabulations that identify stockholders are kept permanently confidential, except as disclosure may be required by federal or state law or expressly permitted by a stockholder; and (2) voting tabulations are performed by an independent third party.

What is the frequency of future stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation?

At our last stockholder meeting, stockholders voted that we should hold future stockholder advisory votes on our executive compensation on an annual basis. Our Board carefully evaluated the results of this vote. In light of the results of such vote, our Board determined that we will hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every year. We will reevaluate this determination after the next stockholder advisory vote on the frequency of votes on executive compensation.

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How can I attend the meeting?

You may be asked to present valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, before being admitted to the meeting. You also will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the meeting. A recent brokerage statement or letter from your broker, bank, trust or other nominee are examples of proof of ownership.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting when you return your proxy, by marking the attendance box on the proxy card.

Who pays for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation?

Greenhill pays for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation, including the reasonable charges and expenses of brokerage firms, banks, trusts or other nominees for forwarding proxy materials to street name holders.

We are soliciting proxies primarily by mail. In addition, our directors, officers and regular employees may solicit proxies by telephone or facsimile or personally. These individuals will receive no additional compensation for their services other than their regular compensation.

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Our executive officers and directors are encouraged to own Greenhill common stock, par value \$.01 per share, to further align management's and stockholders' interests.

The following table shows how many shares of our common stock were beneficially owned as of February 28, 2012, by each of our directors and executive officers named in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table in this proxy statement, and by all of our directors and executive officers as a group. To the best of our knowledge, based on filings made under Section 13(d) and Section 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Filings), except as noted below, no stockholder beneficially owned more than five percent of our common stock as of February 28, 2012. The percentage has been calculated on the basis of 29,104,092 shares of common stock outstanding as of February 28, 2012 (excluding treasury stock).

The address for each listed stockholder (other than as indicated in the notes) is: c/o Greenhill & Co., Inc., 300 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10022. To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, pursuant to applicable community property laws or as indicated in the Filings made by institutional stockholders, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock beneficially owned by them.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	
	Number	Percent
Directors and Named Executive Officers:		
Robert F. Greenhill (1)	1,341,436	4.6%
Scott L. Bok (2)	456,934	1.6%
Richard J. Lieb	36,306	*
Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr. (3)	61,076	*
Ulrika Ekman	16,973	*
John C. Danforth (4)	13,542	*
Steven F. Goldstone	12,513	*
Stephen L. Key	8,912	*
Robert T. Blakely		*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a group (9 persons)	1,947,692	6.7%
5% Stockholders:		
Morgan Stanley (5)	3,606,331	12.4%
Waddell & Reed (6)	2,480,645	8.5%
Wellington Management (7)	2,313,624	7.9%
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (8)	1,961,648	6.7%
ClearBridge Advisors (9)	1,624,151	5.6%
Blackrock, Inc. (10)	1,475,026	5.1%

* Less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock.

- (1) Mr. Greenhill's beneficial ownership is calculated by attributing to him all shares of our common stock owned by him and by two entities controlled by him. The first entity is Greenhill Family Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, which owns 989,524 of our shares. The second entity is Riversville Aircraft Corporation II, a Delaware corporation, which owns 239,680 of our shares. Mr. Greenhill expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held by other members of his family in Greenhill Family Limited Partnership.
- (2) Includes 175,000 shares held by the The Scott L. Bok April 2011 Annuity Trust, a grantor retained annuity trust for the benefit of Mr. Bok and his two children. Also includes 206,783 shares held by the Bok Family Foundation. Mr. Bok expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Bok Family Foundation.
- (3) Includes 61,076 shares held by Jacquelyn F. Rodriguez.

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- (4) Includes 2,650 shares owned by the Donald Danforth Trust Under Agreement Dated 1/17/57 FBO John C. Danforth # 1951900 and 2,500 shares owned by the Donald Danforth Trust Under Agreement Dated 1/17/57 FBO John C. Danforth # 1951500.
- (5) Address: 1585 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.
- (6) Address: 6300 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66202.
- (7) Address: 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210.
- (8) Address: 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.
- (9) Address: 620 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10018.
- (10) Address: 40 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022.

Our executive officers are not permitted to hedge or otherwise dispose of the economic risk of ownership of these shares or any other shares owned by them through short sales, option transactions or use of derivative instruments. See *Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Executive Stock Ownership* below.

Messrs. Greenhill, Bok, Lieb and Rodriguez and Ms. Ekman are employees of Greenhill. They beneficially own approximately 7% of our common stock in the aggregate. In addition, other employees of Greenhill beneficially own approximately 3% of the common stock of Greenhill.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our executive officers, directors and beneficial owners of more than 10% of our common stock to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such persons are required to furnish us with copies of these reports. We believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers and directors for 2011 were satisfied.

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ITEM 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors currently serving on our Board of Directors (which we also refer to as our Board) is six. Each director who is elected will serve a one-year term. Each of the nominees has agreed to serve as a director if elected. If, for any reason, any nominee becomes unable to serve before the election, the persons named as proxies will vote your shares for a substitute nominee selected by the Board of Directors.

The nominees for election as director have provided the following information about themselves.

Robert F. Greenhill, 75, our founder, has served as our Chairman since the time of our founding in 1996 and served as our Chief Executive Officer between 1996 and October 2007. Mr. Greenhill was a member of our Management Committee since its formation in January 2004 until October 2007. In addition, Mr. Greenhill has been a director of Greenhill & Co., Inc. since its incorporation in March 2004. Prior to founding and becoming Chairman of Greenhill, Mr. Greenhill was chairman and chief executive officer of Smith Barney Inc. and a member of the board of directors of the predecessor to the present Travelers Corporation (the parent of Smith Barney) from June 1993 to January 1996. From January 1991 to June 1993, Mr. Greenhill was president of, and from January 1989 to January 1991, Mr. Greenhill was a vice chairman of, Morgan Stanley Group, Inc. Mr. Greenhill joined Morgan Stanley in 1962 and became a partner in 1970. In 1972, Mr. Greenhill directed Morgan Stanley's newly-formed mergers and acquisitions department. In 1980, Mr. Greenhill was named director of Morgan Stanley's investment banking division, with responsibility for domestic and international corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, merchant banking, capital markets services and real estate. Also in 1980, Mr. Greenhill became a member of Morgan Stanley's management committee. We chose to nominate Mr. Greenhill as a director because he is the founder of our firm and has fifty years of experience in our industry.

Scott L. Bok, 52, has served as Chief Executive Officer since April 2010, served as Co-Chief Executive Officer between October 2007 and April 2010, and served as our U.S. President between January 2004 and October 2007. He has also served as a member of our Management Committee since its formation in January 2004. In addition, Mr. Bok has been a director of Greenhill & Co., Inc. since its incorporation in March 2004. Mr. Bok joined Greenhill as a Managing Director in February 1997. Before joining Greenhill, Mr. Bok was a managing director in the mergers, acquisitions and restructuring department of Morgan Stanley & Co., where he worked from 1986 to 1997, based in New York and London. From 1984 to 1986, Mr. Bok practiced mergers and acquisitions and securities law in New York with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Mr. Bok is a member of the board of directors of Iridium Communications Inc. (f/k/a GHL Acquisitions Corp.). Mr. Bok served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of GHL Acquisition Corp. from 2007 to 2009. He has also served as a member of the board of directors of Heartland Payment Systems (2001–2005) and Republic Group Insurance (2003–2007). We chose to nominate Mr. Bok as a director because he serves as our Chief Executive Officer and has more than twenty-five years of experience in our industry.

John C. Danforth, 75, has served on our Board of Directors since February 2005. He served as the United States Representative to the United Nations between July 2004 and January 2005 and, except during his service at the United Nations, has been a partner in the law firm of Bryan Cave LLP since 1995. He served in the United States Senate from 1976 to 1995. Senator Danforth is a member of the board of directors of Cerner Corporation. He is ordained to the clergy of the Episcopal Church. We chose to nominate Mr. Danforth as a director because he was personally known to members of our management, who respected Mr. Danforth's high integrity, sense of ethics and experience with government matters; we believe that his long record of outstanding public service enables Mr. Danforth to bring incremental perspectives to our Board.

Steven F. Goldstone, 66, has served on our Board of Directors since July 2004. He currently manages Silver Spring Group, a private investment firm. From 1995 until his retirement in 2000, Mr. Goldstone was chairman and chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco, Inc. (which was subsequently named Nabisco Group Holdings following the reorganization of RJR Nabisco, Inc.). Prior to joining RJR Nabisco, Inc., Mr. Goldstone was a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell, a law firm in New York City. He is also the non-executive Chairman of ConAgra Foods, Inc. and a member of the board of directors of Merck & Co. Mr. Goldstone served as a member

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of the board of directors of Trane, Inc. (f/k/a American Standards Companies, Inc.) from 2002 until 2008. We chose to nominate Mr. Goldstone as a director because he was personally known to several members of our management, who respected Mr. Goldstone's high integrity and business acumen. We believe Mr. Goldstone's past experience in a service industry similar to ours, as well as his experience as the leader of a complex publicly traded company, enables Mr. Goldstone to provide valuable experience to our Board.

Stephen L. Key, 68, has served on our Board of Directors since May 2004. Since 2003, Mr. Key has been the sole proprietor of Key Consulting, LLC. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Key was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Textron Inc., and from 1992 to 1995, Mr. Key was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of ConAgra, Inc. From 1968 to 1992, Mr. Key worked at Ernst & Young, serving in various capacities, including as the Managing Partner of Ernst & Young's New York Office from 1988 to 1992. Mr. Key is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York. Mr. Key is also a member of the board of directors of Forward Industries, Inc. and 1-800-Contacts, Inc. Mr. Key served as a member of the board of directors of Sitel, Inc. from 2007 until 2008. We chose to nominate Mr. Key as a director because he was personally known to several members of our management, who respected Mr. Key's high integrity and financial expertise. We believe Mr. Key's deep accounting experience and his previous management experience at several public companies adds significant support both to the Board of Directors and the management team in considering accounting, finance and related matters.

Robert T. Blakely, 70, has served on our Board of Directors since April 2009. Since 2008, Mr. Blakely has served as the President of Performance Enhancement Group, a position he previously held from 2002 to 2003. From February 2006 to January 2008, Mr. Blakely served as Executive Vice President of Fannie Mae and from February 2006 to August 2007 as its Chief Financial Officer. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Blakely served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of MCI. From 1999 to 2002 he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lyondell Chemical. From 1981 to 1999 he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tenneco, Inc. From 1971 to 1981 Mr. Blakely was with Morgan Stanley. Mr. Blakely is a member of the board of directors of Westlake Chemical Corporation, Natural Resource Partners L.P. and Ally Financial Inc. (formerly GMAC, Inc.). Mr. Blakely completed a five year term on December 31, 2011 as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Financial Accounting Federation, the oversight body for the Financial Accounting Standards Board. We chose to nominate Mr. Blakely as a director because he was personally known to several members of our management, who respected Mr. Blakely's high integrity and financial expertise. We believe Mr. Blakely's financial expertise and previous management experience at public companies in several different industries, including the financial services industry, brings additional perspectives to the oversight of our business.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of all of the director nominees. Proxies will be voted FOR the election of the nominees unless otherwise specified.

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ITEM 2 ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

In accordance with the recently adopted Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), which was added under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank), we are asking stockholders to approve an advisory resolution on our executive compensation as reported in this proxy statement.

Summary of our Executive Compensation

Highlights Executive Compensation in 2011

Advisory revenue increased by 20% in 2011

Second highest advisory annual revenue in our history

Revenue per employee and pre-tax margin higher than that of key competitors in 2011

No cash bonuses paid to executive officers in respect of 2010 or 2011

Vesting periods of incentive awards are five years

Percentage of compensation based on performance was 83% for Chief Executive Officer and 62% for other executive officers in respect of 2011

No single trigger vesting on change of control; no gross ups; no special perks

Our executive compensation programs are designed to attract, motivate and retain executive leadership necessary for Greenhill to achieve long-term success and increase stockholder value, taking into account the critical importance of human capital to our business. We are committed to utilizing the executive compensation program to reinforce our ownership culture and broaden employee ownership over time.

The components of our compensation for our executive officers and other professional employees have remained unchanged since the time of our initial public offering in 2004:

a competitive base salary, and

incentive compensation, based on our operating performance and each individual's contribution to revenue as well as the development of our client base and market position and, where applicable, management, generally consisting of

an annual incentive compensation in the form of cash, and/or

long-term incentive compensation in the form of restricted stock units with a five year vesting period.

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The relative percentage of these components is not fixed, giving the Compensation Committee the flexibility to adjust the mix of compensation as circumstances change. This year, none of our executive officers will receive any annual incentive compensation in the form of cash and the long term incentive compensation granted in the form of restricted stock units will vest over a period of five years, and in the case of our chief executive officer, in its entirety on January 1, 2017, subject to continued employment until the vesting date. We believe that the lack of turn-over among our executive officers together with our financial results since our IPO confirm the effectiveness of our compensation practices. We encourage our stockholders to read our Compensation Discussion and Analysis in its entirety.

We are asking our stockholders to approve the following advisory resolution at our 2012 annual meeting:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of Greenhill & Co., Inc. (the Company) approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of

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Regulation S-K, which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation and the accompanying narrative disclosure set forth in the proxy statement for the Company's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

This advisory resolution, commonly referred to as "say-on-pay", is not binding on the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors. Although non-binding, the Board and the Compensation Committee will carefully review and consider the voting results when evaluating our executive compensation program.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the approval of the advisory resolution to approve our executive compensation.

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ITEM 3 RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF AUDITORS

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors has selected Ernst & Young LLP to continue to serve as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012. While it is not required to do so, our Board of Directors is submitting the selection of Ernst & Young LLP for ratification in order to ascertain the views of our stockholders on this appointment. If the selection is not ratified, our Audit Committee will reconsider its selection.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting, will be available to answer stockholder questions and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors of Greenhill and our subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2012. Proxies will be voted FOR ratifying this selection unless otherwise specified.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors conducts its business through meetings of the Board and the following standing committees: Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance. Each of the standing committees has adopted and operates under a written charter, all of which are available on our Web site at www.greenhill.com. Other corporate governance documents also are available on our Web site at the same address, including our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Related Person Transaction Policy. The Guidelines, the Code and the Related Person Transaction Policy are also available in print to any shareholder who requests them.

Director Independence

Under applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards, a majority of the Board of Directors must be independent, and no director qualifies as independent unless the Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with Greenhill. In connection with this independence determination, the Board considered transactions and relationships between each director or director nominee or any member of his or her immediate family and Greenhill and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including those reported under Certain Relationships and Related Transactions below. The Board also examined transactions and relationships between directors and our director nominee or their affiliates and members of Greenhill's senior management or their affiliates. The purpose of this review was to determine whether any such relationships or transactions were inconsistent with a determination that the director or director nominee is independent.

The Board determined that none of Messrs. Danforth, Goldstone, Key or Blakely:

had any material relationship with Greenhill (other than as directors)

had any material relationship, either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer, of another organization that has a relationship with Greenhill

is an employee or has an immediate family member who is or has in the last three years been an executive officer of Greenhill

receives, or has an immediate family member who receives, more than \$120,000 in direct compensation from Greenhill (other than director and committee fees)

is affiliated with or employed by, or has an immediate family member who is or has been within the past three years a partner of or employee of, the Greenhill audit team or a present or former internal or external auditor of Greenhill

is employed or has an immediate family member who is employed as an executive officer of another company where any of Greenhill's present executives serve on the compensation committee

is an executive officer of a company that makes payment to or receives payments from Greenhill for property or services in an amount which, in any single fiscal year, exceeds the greater of \$1 million or 2% of such other company's consolidated gross revenues

is an executive officer of any charitable organization to which Greenhill has contributed an amount in any single fiscal year in excess of \$1 million or 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of such charitable organization.

As a result of this review the Board affirmatively determined that each of our non-employee directors (Robert T. Blakely, John C. Danforth, Steven F. Goldstone and Stephen L. Key) is independent as that term is defined in the applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards. Messrs. Greenhill and Bok cannot be considered independent directors because of their employment at Greenhill.

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Meetings of the Independent Directors

In addition to the committees of the Board of Directors described above, our non-employee directors meet regularly in executive sessions in which our employee directors (Messrs. Greenhill and Bok) and other members of management do not participate. The independent directors take turns serving as the presiding director of these executive sessions.

Committees of the Board

Audit Committee

Members:

Stephen L. Key (Chairman)

Robert T. Blakely

John C. Danforth

The Audit Committee is a separate committee established in accordance with Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Audit Committee are independent as that term is defined in the applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that all members are financially literate as required by the applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Board of Directors also has determined that all members of the Audit Committee have the accounting or related financial expertise required by the applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards and that Mr. Key is an audit committee financial expert as defined by applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. While we do not have a policy that limits the number of public company audit committees on which the members of our Audit Committee may serve, none of the members of our Audit Committee other than Mr. Blakely currently serve on more than three such audit committees. Mr. Blakely currently serves on the audit committees of four public companies, including Greenhill. Our Board of Directors has discussed with Mr. Blakely the time and effort required to be devoted by Mr. Blakely to his service on these committees and has affirmatively determined that such services do not impair Mr. Blakely's ability to serve as an effective member of Greenhill's Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee's purpose is to oversee the independent auditor's qualifications, independence and performance, the integrity of our financial statements, the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee has sole authority to retain and terminate the independent auditors and is directly responsible for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee reviews and discusses with management and the independent auditors the annual audited and quarterly financial statements, reviews the integrity of the financial reporting processes, both internal and external, and prepares the Audit Committee Report included in the proxy statement in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee has adopted and operates under a written charter, which is available on our Web site at www.greenhill.com. The Audit Committee met five times during 2011. In addition, the SEC Subcommittee of the Audit Committee, which is responsible for reviewing periodic reports of Greenhill filed with the SEC, met three times during 2011.

Compensation Committee

Members:

Steven F. Goldstone (Chairman)

Robert T. Blakely

Stephen L. Key

The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Compensation Committee are independent as that term is defined in applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Compensation Committee

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oversees our compensation and benefits policies generally, evaluates senior executive performance, oversees and sets compensation for our senior executives and reviews management's succession plan. The Compensation Committee evaluates our compensation philosophy, goals and objectives generally, and it approves corporate goals related to the compensation of our senior executives (including the chief executive officer), approves compensation and compensatory arrangements applicable to our other executive officers based on our compensation goals and objectives. See *Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis* for more information on the Compensation Committee's role in determining compensation. In addition, the Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending the establishment of broad-based incentive compensation, equity-based, retirement or other material employee benefit plans, and for discharging any duties under the terms of our equity incentive plan. The Compensation Committee has adopted and operates under a written charter, which permits the Compensation Committee to delegate its authority to subcommittees or the Chairman of the Compensation Committee when it deems appropriate and in the best interests of Greenhill. The charter is available on our Web site at www.greenhill.com. The Compensation Committee met three times during 2011.

Nominating and Governance Committee

Members:

Robert T. Blakely (Chairman)

Steven F. Goldstone

Stephen L. Key

The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Nominating and Governance Committee are independent as that term is defined in applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Nominating and Governance Committee identifies and recommends individuals qualified to become members of the Board of Directors and recommends to the Board sound corporate governance principles and practices for Greenhill. In particular, the Committee assesses the independence of all Board members, identifies and evaluates candidates for nomination as directors, recommends the slate of director nominees for election at the annual meeting of stockholders and to fill vacancies between annual meetings, recommends qualified members of the Board for membership on committees, oversees the director orientation and continuing education programs, reviews the Board's committee structure, reviews and assesses the adequacy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, evaluates the annual evaluation process for the Board and Board committees and is charged with overseeing our Related Person Transaction Policy. The responsibilities of the Nominating and Governance Committee are set forth in the Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, which is available on our Web site at www.greenhill.com. The Nominating and Governance Committee met once during 2011.

Meeting Attendance

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that our directors are expected to attend meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they serve. We do not have a policy requiring directors to attend our annual meeting of stockholders. All of our directors attended the annual meeting of stockholders in 2011, and all of our directors attended at least 75% of the Board and committee meetings on which the directors served.

Procedures for Contacting the Board of Directors

The Board has established a process for stockholders and other interested parties to send written communications to the Board or to individual directors. Such communications may be made anonymously. Such communications should be sent by U.S. mail to the Board of Directors, c/o Greenhill, 300 Park Avenue, New York, New York, 10022 (attention: General Counsel). The communications will be collected by the Secretary and delivered, in the form received and if so addressed, to a specified director, the independent directors or the Audit Committee or its Chairman. Items that are unrelated to a director's duties and responsibilities as a Board member may be excluded by the Secretary, including solicitations and advertisements, junk mail and resumes.

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Procedures for Selecting and Nominating Director Candidates

In evaluating the appropriate characteristics of candidates for service as a director, the Nominating and Governance Committee takes into account many factors. At a minimum, director candidates must demonstrate high standards of ethics, integrity and professionalism, independence, sound judgment, community leadership and meaningful experience in business, law or finance or other appropriate endeavor. In addition, the candidates must be committed to representing the long-term interests of our stockholders. In addition to these minimum qualifications, the Committee also considers other factors it deems appropriate based on the current needs of the Board, including specific business and financial expertise currently desired on the Board, experience as a director of a public company and diversity. The Committee does not have any formal diversity policy. With these factors and characteristics in mind, the Committee will generally begin its search by seeking nominations from existing members of the Board and management. The Committee will also reassess the qualifications of a director, including the director's past contributions to the Board and the director's attendance and contributions at Board and committee meetings, prior to recommending a director for reelection to another term.

Our Board of Directors has adopted procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider any director candidate recommended by shareholders in accordance with the procedures set out in our bylaws and applicable law on the same basis as it considers other director candidates. Stockholders may also submit a letter and relevant information about the candidate to the Secretary at Greenhill & Co., Inc., 300 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Director and Officer Indemnification

We have entered into agreements that provide indemnification to our directors, officers and all other persons requested or authorized by our Board of Directors to take actions on behalf of us for all losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred by the indemnified person arising out of such person's service in such capacity, subject to the limitations imposed by Delaware law. These agreements are in addition to our indemnification obligations under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation.

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

The Chairman of our Board of Directors, Robert F. Greenhill, is the founder of Greenhill and has previously served as its Chief Executive Officer. In 2007, Mr. Greenhill relinquished the position as Chief Executive Officer. At that time, the Board of Directors determined that it was in the best interests of our stockholders for Mr. Greenhill to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board, given the depth of his experience with our firm and our industry. The independent members of our Board of Directors have not chosen to appoint a lead independent director. Our Board of Directors, under the guidance of the Nominating and Governance Committee, reviews the structure of our Board of Directors and its committees each year as a part of its annual self evaluation process, and in that context considers, among other things, issues of structure and leadership. The Board of Directors is satisfied that its current structure and processes are well suited for the Company, given its simple business model, significant employee stock ownership and size.

The Board of Directors has delegated risk management and oversight to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee receives regular reports on risk matters, including financial, legal and regulatory risks, at its quarterly meetings. The Audit Committee also receives an annual report on legal, regulatory and compliance matters from the Greenhill Global Compliance Committee. The Audit Committee oversees the company's periodic risk assessments and risk-based internal audits. In addition, the Audit Committee meets regularly with the Chief Compliance Officer, principal accounting officer and General Counsel of Greenhill as well as its external and internal auditors, to discuss issues related to risk management. The Audit Committee, in turn, reports any material risk issues which may arise to the full Board of Directors.

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Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all of our directors and employees, including our principal executive officers, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller and other employees performing similar functions. A copy of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our Web site at www.greenhill.com.

We intend to post on our Web site any amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our principal executive officers, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller and other persons performing similar functions within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

Related Person Transaction Policy

We have adopted a written related person transaction policy, which is administered by the Nominating and Governance Committee. This policy applies to any transaction or series of related transactions or any material amendment to any such transaction involving a related person and the Company or any subsidiary of the Company. For the purposes of the policy, related persons consist of executive officers, directors, director nominees, any shareholder beneficially owning more than 5% of the Company's common stock, and immediate family members of any such persons. Under the policy, the transaction will be referred to the General Counsel, the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Nominating and Governance Committee for review depending on who the related person is. Such reviewer will review, approve or ratify the transaction, taking into account all factors that it deems appropriate, including whether the transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction. No reviewer may participate in any review, approval or ratification of any related person transaction in which such reviewer or any of his or her immediate family members is the related person. All determinations by the Chief Executive Officer or the General Counsel under the policy will be reported to the Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting or earlier if appropriate.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Highlights Executive Compensation in 2011

Advisory revenue increased by 20% in 2011

Second highest advisory annual revenue in our history

Revenue per employee and pre-tax margin higher than that of key competitors in 2011

No cash bonuses paid to executive officers in respect of 2010 or 2011

Vesting periods of incentive awards are five years

Percentage of compensation based on performance was 83% for Chief Executive Officer and 62% for other executive officer in respect of 2011

No single trigger vesting on change of control; no gross ups; no special perks

Overview and Process

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which consists entirely of independent outside directors, has overall responsibility for evaluating and approving the executive officer base salary, annual and long-term incentive compensation, benefit, severance, equity-based and other compensation plans, policies and programs of Greenhill. Neither we nor the Compensation Committee has retained any compensation or similar consultants to assist in determining forms or amounts of compensation for employees or directors. Rather, the Compensation Committee maintains a dialogue with the management of Greenhill regarding compensation, industry practices, and the contributions of individual executives which are taken into account in determining compensation. Scott Bok, our Chief Executive Officer, makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding both the form and amount of base salary and incentive compensation each year. The Compensation Committee, in approving annual and long-term incentive compensation, is also aware of the amounts of compensation previously awarded to the executive officers and their level of stock and restricted stock unit ownership.

Compensation Philosophy

Given the critical importance of human capital to our business, we have designed our executive compensation program to attract, motivate and retain the executive leadership necessary for Greenhill to achieve long-term success and increase stockholder value. Our compensation policy has not changed since our initial public offering in 2004. A substantial portion of each executive's total compensation is variable and delivered on a pay-for-performance basis. We are committed to utilizing the executive compensation program to reinforce our ownership culture and to broaden employee ownership over time. We strongly believe that executive and employee ownership directly aligns the interests of employees and stockholders and promotes long-term stockholder value creation. The key components of the compensation program for executive officers are base salary, annual incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation, each of which is described below. It has historically been our goal that compensation and benefits in the aggregate represent 50% or less of our annual revenue. While we recognize that we may need to exceed this ratio under certain circumstances, as was the case in 2011, we remain committed to our goal of returning to a compensation ratio of 50% or less. Our ratio of compensation to revenues has consistently (including in 2011) been lower than that of our key competitors. In allocating compensation to our executive officers and other senior professionals, our primary emphasis is on evaluating the relative contribution to the company that each executive officer and other senior professional has made and on allocating compensation fairly to reflect those

contributions. This allocation changes on an annual basis. See *Allocation of Compensation* below for a description of 2011 allocations.

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The Compensation Committee, in determining both compensation philosophy as well as components and allocation of compensation, is aware of industry practice and has reviewed the compensation practices of and amounts paid by other companies in the financial services industry. The financial services industry comprises many different kinds of companies, with different business models and economic characteristics. While many of these companies may be described as financial services companies where human capital is of critical importance, Greenhill competes only with a small fraction of these companies for employees and clients. Because one of our key goals in setting and allocating compensation is to retain and attract qualified personnel, the Compensation Committee considers only a small subset of other financial services companies as relevant from the perspective of determining compensation structure and levels for key professionals at Greenhill that subset consists of those financial services companies whom Greenhill views as sources of potential new hires and competitors for the services of its key individuals. These companies include Bank of America Corporation, Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Inc., Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank AG, Evercore Partners, Inc., Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Jefferies Group, Inc. Lazard Ltd., Morgan Stanley and UBS A.G. Competition among these companies for qualified personnel has historically been intense. The Compensation Committee is mindful of this competition in its allocation of compensation, but has chosen not to set any specific metrics or targets relative to these competitors.

Components of Compensation

Base Salary Annual base salaries for executive officers were set at \$600,000 at the time of our initial public offering in 2004 and have remained at that level since then.

Executive officer base salaries and subsequent adjustments, if any, will be determined by the Compensation Committee, based on a review of relevant publicly available market data for our selected peer group and other factors the Compensation Committee believes are relevant. In addition, the Compensation Committee will consider salary adjustments for the organization's broader employee population.

Incentive Compensation Incentive compensation is a key component of Greenhill's executive compensation strategy and generally represents by far the largest component of compensation for executive officers. Awards of annual and long-term incentive compensation are generally based on Greenhill's operating performance and each individual's contributions to revenue as well as to the development of Greenhill's client base, strategic development, market position and management. Consistent with our philosophy regarding executive ownership, executive officers are eligible for annual incentive compensation generally payable in the form of cash and long-term incentives payable in the form of restricted stock units. Annual incentive compensation awards and long-term incentive compensation awards are only granted once a year, generally at the meeting of the Compensation Committee held in January once the revenue and other financial information is available. Incentive compensation is awarded pursuant to the terms of Greenhill's Equity Incentive Plan, which permits the Compensation Committee to select among a variety of types of awards, including cash, stock, options or restricted stock units. While Greenhill has never awarded any stock options and does not expect to do so, if it were to award stock options, such options, under the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan, must be granted with an exercise price of fair market value on the date of the grant, and under the relevant rules of the New York Stock Exchange, the replacement of any such options with lower-priced options would require stockholder approval.

Annual Incentive Compensation. The aggregate amount of annual incentive compensation will vary from year to year depending on the amount of our revenues, industry practices and other factors. See *Allocation of Compensation* below for a description of the process for determining the annual incentive compensation awarded in respect of 2011 performance.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation. The aggregate amount of long-term incentive compensation awarded in any year will also vary from year to year depending on the amount of revenues, industry practices and other factors. Greenhill believes the use of significant equity-based awards as part of the compensation program will support the achievement of the firm's long-term objectives and stockholder value creation, further align executive and stockholder interests and promote executive ownership. Long-term incentive compensation awards of restricted stock units generally will vest pro rata on an annual basis

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over a period of five years for managing directors and officers, consistent with our desire to maximize long-term retention of senior professionals. Some awards of restricted stock units may not vest at all for five years, when they vest fully. These vesting periods are longer, in some cases substantially longer, than the vesting periods utilized by our competitors. Restricted stock units are only transferable in limited circumstances. We pay dividend equivalents on a current basis to the holders of unvested restricted stock units, although such amounts are subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances. See *Allocation of Compensation* below for a description of the process for determining the long-term incentive compensation awarded in respect of 2011 performance.

Other Forms of Compensation We do not provide any perquisites to any executive officers.

We do not have any pension, severance or deferred compensation plans, except for our tax qualified 401(k) profit sharing plan and pension plans where required by applicable law. We maintain medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefit plans for the benefit of all of our eligible employees.

Dialogues with our Stockholders

We gave our stockholders the opportunity, at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, to approve, on an advisory basis, our executive compensation. Our stockholders did so, by a vote of 78% of those voting (not counting broker non-votes). Since our 2011 annual stockholders meeting, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have met with all of our major stockholders, as well as many smaller stockholders, and have made presentations at six investor conferences. We discuss our compensation matters regularly with our stockholders, including comparisons of our compensation practices to those of our peers. Our stockholders have expressed support for our compensation philosophy and the components of our compensation, praising in particular our stated goal of returning to our historic compensation ratio of less than 50%, the fact that our compensation consists of a significant portion of stock-based compensation and long vesting periods for our stock-based compensation. None of our stockholders have voiced to us any concern about the absolute amounts of compensation awarded to any of our named executive officers or the manner in which compensation is allocated. As a result of our stockholders' approval of our executive compensation in 2011, our dialogues with stockholders and our ongoing review of our compensation policies and decisions, we believe our existing executive compensation program effectively aligns the interests of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders.

Allocation of Compensation

Annual incentive compensation awards and long-term incentive compensation awards are generally granted once at the beginning of each calendar year in respect of performance for the preceding year and a desire for long-term retention of the grant recipients. In order to determine the size of annual incentive and long-term incentive compensation awards to be granted to the executive officers, we begin by determining the pool available for annual and long-term incentive compensation. The pool is calculated by multiplying our revenues for the immediately preceding year by a percentage (determined by management in consultation with the Compensation Committee), and subtracting from that number the salaries and benefits paid to all employees, certain other compensation expenses (including the expense attributable to previously issued restricted stock unit grants) and the cash bonuses payable in respect of the preceding fiscal year to all employees other than the managing directors. The remaining amount is the pool out of which annual incentive and long-term incentive compensation may be awarded.

The actual percentage of our revenues which was recorded as compensation expense during 2011 was 53% (excluding a charge arising from the acceleration of the vesting of restricted stock units previously granted to two of our managing directors who died in a plane crash in December 2011). The actual percentage is determined by management in consultation with the Board of Directors and based on such factors as the relative level of revenues, level of base compensation, the anticipated compensation requirements (which may vary depending on

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the level of recruitment of new managing directors in any given period and other factors) and the level of other costs and expenses. The Compensation Committee noted that our compensation ratio was lower in 2011 than that of most of our key competitors when measured on a comparable basis, in some cases significantly so.

The executive officers received no annual incentive bonus awards in respect of 2010 or 2011.

In determining the size of the long-term incentive compensation awards granted to our named executive officers in respect of performance in 2011, the Compensation Committee considered the contributions by all of the executive officers to revenues, business development and the development of the company. The Compensation Committee considered, in its deliberations regarding the allocation of compensation, whether the total shareholder return of the company should be a factor in allocating compensation but concluded that the decline in the company's total shareholder return in 2011 was attributable to an industry wide decline in transaction volumes and capital markets activity generally, which resulted in similar declines at most of our competitors. In coming to this conclusion, the Compensation Committee noted that in light of the company's sale of significant portions of its merchant banking business and other investments to focus entirely on the advisory business, advisory revenue was a more important marker of the success of the company's business; advisory revenue in 2011 rose for a third consecutive year in a challenging environment, increasing by 20% in 2011, outpacing the growth in advisory revenues at our competitors. Measured by advisory revenue, 2011 was the second best year in Greenhill's history. Moreover, our profitability, as measured by revenue per employee, and our pre-tax margin were higher in 2011 than that of any of our closest competitors. In addition, the Compensation Committee noted the company's continued efforts to provide value to its stockholders through a continued strong dividend and a share repurchase program. For a more complete summary of our performance in 2011, please refer to our Form 10-K, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In particular, the Compensation Committee noted Mr. Bok's role in originating and executing certain client engagements, his role in monetizing certain of our historical merchant banking funds and other investments, and Mr. Bok's contributions to our relationships with our investors. With respect to Mr. Lieb, the Compensation Committee focused on his role in originating and executing certain client engagements, but also Mr. Lieb's service as one of our principal spokespersons with investors and analysts and his role as chief financial officer. With respect to Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Ekman, the Compensation Committee noted their contributions to risk management and oversight of the accounting, finance, compliance, legal and other administrative aspects of the management of the company on a worldwide basis, as well as their contributions to the monetization of various investments. The actual amount of the awards was determined in part on the basis of the amount of relative revenue contributed, the scope of the client relationships originated and/or maintained, the relative importance of the roles played by the executive officers in the execution of specific transactions, in each case, giving due regard to the complexity and difficulty of the administrative roles played by each such officer and the importance of retaining such officers. Long term, performance based incentive compensation comprised 83% of Mr. Bok's compensation in respect of 2011, and 62% of the compensation in respect of 2011 of Messrs. Lieb and Rodriguez and Ms. Ekman.

In 2011, we had higher total advisory revenue relative to 2010 and incentive compensation awards to employees who contributed to those revenues were increased accordingly. However, our executive officers received no cash bonuses in respect of 2010 or 2011 performance. This permits us to pay our other professionals on a competitive basis and to strengthen the retention incentive for those officers. Moreover, and in order to further strengthen the retention incentive for our chief executive officer, all long-term incentive compensation received by him was in the form of restricted stock units that do not vest at all for five years, when they vest fully (rather than vesting pro rata on an annual basis over five years).

Executive Stock Ownership

Our executive officers own significant interests in Greenhill through stock and restricted stock units granted in previous years. See Security Ownership of Directors, Executive Officers and Certain Beneficial Owners.

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Scott L. Bok, our chief executive officer, owns Greenhill common stock and restricted stock units with a value which is more than 51 times his base salary (assuming a value of our common stock of \$45.52, the closing price of the stock on February 24, 2012).

We have historically awarded our executive officers and other senior employees long-term incentive compensation in the form of restricted stock units with a vesting period that is generally longer than those used by our peers and the stock-based component for the executive officers and other senior employees has historically represented a significant portion of compensation (ranging from 62% to 83% for our executive officers in respect of 2011). As a result, we believe our executive officers have a demonstrable and significant interest in increasing the stockholders' value over the long term, and we have not adopted any stock ownership guidelines.

Our executive officers are prohibited from hedging or otherwise disposing of the economic risk of ownership of any of our shares owned by them through short sales, option transactions or other derivative instruments.

Tax and Accounting Implications

Policy on Qualifying Compensation for Deductibility. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits deductions for non-performance-based annual compensation in excess of \$1.0 million paid to certain executive officers. Our policy is to maximize the tax deductibility of compensation payments to our executive officers. We may, however, authorize payments to executive officers that may not be fully deductible if we believe such payments are in our stockholders' interests.

Compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. We structure compensation in a manner intended to avoid the incurrence of any additional tax, interest or penalties under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with the requirements of FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Compensation Committee, comprised entirely of independent, non-employee directors, is responsible for establishing and administering our policies involving the compensation of our executive officers. No employee of Greenhill serves on the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee members have no interlocking relationships as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Greenhill has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management, and based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Greenhill & Co., Inc.

Steven F. Goldstone, Chairman

Stephen L. Key

Robert T. Blakely

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Name	Year	Salary	Stock Awards (2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan	All Other Compensation	Total
				Compensation (3)		
Scott L. Bok <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	2011	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,149,000	-0-	\$ 330,539(4)	\$ 4,079,539
	2010	600,000	7,316,915	-0-	356,483(5)	8,273,398
	2009	600,000	2,277,714	\$ 575,000	665,975(6)	4,118,689
Richard J. Lieb <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2011	600,000	899,000	-0-	68,844(7)	1,567,844
	2010	600,000	691,915	-0-	91,945(8)	1,383,860
	2009	600,000	1,050,000	-0-	151,103(9)	1,801,103
Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr. <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	2011	600,000	899,000	-0-	50,653(10)	1,549,653
	2010	600,000	791,915	-0-	42,888(11)	1,434,803
	2009	600,000	558,476	-0-	69,969(12)	1,228,445
Ulrika Ekman <i>General Counsel and Secretary</i>	2011	600,000	899,000	-0-	51,002(13)	1,550,002
	2010	600,000	791,915	-0-	40,578(14)	1,432,493
	2009	600,000	595,000	-0-	45,225(15)	1,240,225

- (1) Our named executive officers for 2011 are Messrs. Bok, Lieb and Rodriguez and Ms. Ekman.
- (2) These amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 of awards made pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan in the referenced fiscal year. See footnotes 2 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) and 12 (Restricted Stock Units) to our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 included in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, in February 2012, the named executive officers were granted additional awards of restricted stock units (which we refer to as RSUs) under our Equity Incentive Plan in respect of 2011 performance as follows: Mr. Bok, 60,725 RSUs; Mr. Lieb, 20,926 RSUs; Mr. Rodriguez, 20,926 RSUs; and Ms. Ekman, 20,926 RSUs. Mr. Bok's and Mr. Rodriguez's awards will vest 100% on January 1, 2017. 80% of Mr. Lieb's and Ms. Ekman's awards will vest ratably over five years and 20% will vest as to 100% on January 1, 2017.
- (3) These amounts reflect the cash awards to the named executive officers in respect of performance in the referenced year. We refer to this portion of our annual incentive compensation as a bonus.
- (4) Consists of \$329,539 in dividend equivalent payments made in respect of unvested RSUs (Dividend Equivalent Payments) and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Bok's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (5) Consists of \$328,883 in Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$26,600 in cash distributed in respect of profit overrides on investments made by Greenhill Capital Partners (or GCP) (Profit Overrides) awarded in previous fiscal years; and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Bok's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan. We exited the merchant banking business in 2010. Prior to that time, Profit Overrides were granted as incentive compensation to those of our executive officers who played significant roles in our merchant banking business.
- (6) Consists of \$382,000 in cash and securities distributed in respect of Profit Overrides awarded in previous fiscal years; \$275,890 Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$7,085 in profit sharing contributions and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Bok's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (7) Consists of \$67,844 in Dividend Equivalent Payments and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Lieb's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (8) Consists of \$90,945 in Dividend Equivalent Payments and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Lieb's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (9) Consists of \$143,018 in Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$7,085 in profit sharing contributions and \$1,000 in matching contributions to Mr. Lieb's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.

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- (10) Consists of \$49,653 in Dividend Equivalent Payments and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Rodriguez 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (11) Consists of \$39,488 in Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$2,400 in cash distributed in respect of Profit Overrides awarded in previous fiscal years and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Mr. Rodriguez 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (12) Consists of \$34,000 in cash and securities distributed in respect of Profit Overrides awarded in previous fiscal years; \$27,884 in Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$7,085 in profit sharing contributions and \$1,000 in matching contributions to Mr. Rodriguez 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (13) Consists of \$50,002 in Dividend Equivalent Payments and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Ms. Ekman s 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (14) Consists of \$39,578 in Dividend Equivalent Payments and \$1,000 in a matching contribution to Ms. Ekman s 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.
- (15) Consists of \$36,340 in Dividend Equivalent Payments; \$800 cash and securities distributed in respect of Profit Overrides awarded in previous fiscal years; \$7,085 in profit sharing contributions and \$1,000 in matching contributions to Ms. Ekman s 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.

2011 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non- Equity Incentive Plan Awards (Target) (\$) (1)	All Other Stock Awards; Number of Shares of Stock or Units (2)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards (3)
Scott L. Bok	February 7, 2011	See Note 1	41,698	\$ 3,149,000
Richard J. Lieb	February 7, 2011	See Note 1	11,904	899,000
Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr.	February 7, 2011	See Note 1	11,904	899,000
Ulrika Ekman	February 7, 2011	See Note 1	11,904	899,000

- (1) As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the named executive officers are eligible for an annual incentive compensation award in the form of a cash payment. As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above, the actual amounts paid to our executive officers are determined by our Compensation Committee once the available annual incentive compensation award pool is known and are subject to a percentage cap on each executive officer's potential annual incentive compensation award which is established by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each performance period. See footnote 2 of the 2011 Summary Compensation Table for information on the restricted stock units granted in 2012 as part of our long-term incentive compensation program in respect of 2011 performance to the named executive officers.
- (2) These restricted stock units were granted on February 7, 2011 as a part of our long-term incentive compensation program in respect of 2010 compensation. These awards will vest 100% on January 1, 2016.
- (3) These amounts reflect the grant date fair value based on a price per share of \$75.52 determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2011

Name	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (1)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) (2)
Scott L. Bok	10,810(A)	
	11,666(B)	
	7,649(C)	
	23,545(D)	
	18,335(E)	
	69,374(F)	
	41,698(G)	
	183,077	\$ 6,658,510
Richard J. Lieb	2,181(A)	
	4,992(B)	
	7,649(C)	
	3,983(D)	
	6,982(E)	
	11,904(G)	
	37,691	\$ 1,370,822
Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr.	605(A)	
	1,744(B)	
	5,340(C)	
	7,992(E)	
	11,904(G)	
	27,585	\$ 1,003,266
Ulrika Ekman	550(A)	

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	1,644(B)		
	5,689(C)		
	7,992(E)		
	11,904(G)		
	27,779	\$	1,010,322

- (1) The units referred to in this column are restricted stock units granted pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan. No other types of equity awards are outstanding. Those awards marked (A) vested as to 100% on January 31, 2012; those awards marked (B) vested as to 20% of the original award on January 30, 2012, and the remainder will vest ratably on January 30, 2013; those awards marked (C) vested as to 20% of the original award on January 28, 2012, and the remainder will vest ratably on January 28 of each of 2013 and 2014; those awards marked (D) will vest 100% on January 28, 2014; those awards marked (E) vested as to 20% of the original award on January 27, 2012, and the remainder will vest ratably on January 27 of each of 2013, 2014 and 2015; those awards marked (F) will vest 100% on January 27, 2015; and those awards marked (G) will vest 100% on January 1, 2016.
- (2) The market value has been calculated by multiplying the number of shares underlying the award by the closing price of our common stock on December 30, 2011 (the last trading day of 2011), \$36.37. For the purposes of this calculation, we have assumed that all conditions to the vesting of these awards will be fulfilled.

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Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized Upon Vesting (\$)(1)
Scott L. Bok	41,334	\$ 3,197,575
Richard J. Lieb	16,096	1,249,825
Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr.	6,257	484,015
Ulrika Ekman	6,113	472,394

(1) Value realized upon vesting calculated by multiplying the number of shares acquired upon vesting at the closing market price of the shares on the last trading date prior to each vesting date.

Potential Payments upon Termination or a Change of Control

None of our executive officers or other employees have any severance agreements or arrangements. However, our Equity Incentive Plan provides that upon the death, disability, retirement or upon the termination of employment without cause (as determined by our Compensation Committee) within two years following a change of control or six months prior to a change of control if the Compensation Committee reasonably believes such termination was at the behest of an acquiring entity, any restricted stock unit previously granted will immediately become fully vested (which we refer to as the acceleration provision). The acceleration provision applies to the restricted stock units held by all of our employees. Had the acceleration provision been triggered on December 31, 2011, the value of the number of shares of our common stock to be delivered on that date to our executive officers would have been as follows (calculated using the closing price of our common stock on December 30, 2011 of \$36.37): Mr. Bok, \$6,658,510; Mr. Lieb, \$1,370,822; Mr. Rodriguez, \$1,003,266; and Ms. Ekman, \$1,010,322.

Employment Agreements

The employment agreements of Messrs. Bok and Rodriguez provide that they will be paid an annual base salary of \$600,000, subject to annual review by the Compensation Committee, and that they may be awarded a bonus in an amount to be determined in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee. These employment agreements are terminable by either party on 90 days prior written notice. All of our executive officers are subject to limitations on their ability to compete with us during the term of their employment and for a three month period thereafter; they are also prohibited from soliciting certain of our employees for a period of six months following the termination of their employment.

Table of Contents**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE****2011 Director Compensation**

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (1) (\$)	Total (\$)
John C. Danforth	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,991	\$ 99,991
Steven F. Goldstone	0	100,000	100,000
Stephen L. Key	57,500	57,459	114,959
Robert T. Blakely	100,000	0	100,000

(1) These amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for awards granted in 2011 pursuant to our Equity Incentive Plan. As these awards are fully vested, the entire expense arising from them is recognized in the year the services were rendered to which they relate.

During 2011, directors who were not Greenhill employees received an annual retainer of \$100,000 for service on our Board of Directors payable at their option either in cash or stock or a combination. No separate meeting fees were paid. The chairman of the Audit Committee received an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000, which was paid at his option in a combination of cash and stock. We have not retained any compensation consultants to advise on director compensation.

It is our policy to ask our non-employee directors to retain any stock granted to them as compensation until such time as they complete their service on the Board, subject to exceptions for unforeseen personal circumstances.

Our non-employee directors also will be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with their service on the Board and the Board committees. We may also arrange transportation for our directors to and from Board meetings. Employees of Greenhill who also serve as directors receive compensation for their services as employees, but they do not receive any additional compensation for their service as directors. No other compensation is paid to our Board members in their capacity as directors. Non-employee directors do not participate in our employee benefit plans. See discussion under *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Other Compensation* for a description of the compensation paid to Robert F. Greenhill, who is the Chairman of our Board of Directors and an employee of Greenhill, but is not an executive officer.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

We recognize that transactions between us and any of our directors or executives can present potential or actual conflicts of interest or create the appearance that our decisions are based on considerations other than what is in the best interests of the firm and our stockholders. We also recognize that at times, such transactions may actually be in the best interests of the company. Therefore, to ensure such transactions are given due consideration, our Board of Directors adopted a Related Person Transaction Policy. Under the policy, the Chief Executive Officer, the General Counsel and the Nominating and Governance Committee are tasked with reviewing the proposed transactions between Greenhill and the related parties and the Nominating and Governance Committee is charged with overseeing the policy. See *Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance Related Person Transaction Policy* above.

Related Transactions Involving Our Directors and Executive Officers

Other Compensation

Mr. Greenhill, one of our directors, is our founder, Chairman and an employee of Greenhill. In 2011, Mr. Greenhill received a total of \$3,813,752 in compensation, including \$2,649,000 in restricted stock units awarded in 2011 (calculated by multiplying the number of shares underlying the award by the closing price of our common stock on the trading date prior to the grant date of the award). We also provide Mr. Greenhill with a car and driver, with a cost to Greenhill of \$168,434 in 2011 (comprised principally of compensation expense in respect of Mr. Greenhill's driver who is our employee). In addition, Mr. Greenhill uses an aircraft owned by us for personal travel; Mr. Greenhill reimburses us for the costs associated with his personal use of the aircraft. See *Use of Corporate Aircraft* below. These perquisites are provided only to Mr. Greenhill, in recognition of his role as founder of our firm.

Relationship with Merchant Banking Funds and other Principal Investments

Greenhill has an indirect interest in two different merchant banking funds which we refer to as Greenhill Capital Partners I (or Fund I) and Greenhill Capital Partners II (or Fund II), and, prior to September 30, 2011, had an interest in Greenhill SAVP (or GSAVP), each of which consists of several related fund vehicles which generally invest in parallel on a pro rata basis (we refer to those funds collectively as the Funds). The managing general partners of Fund I and Fund II are controlled by Greenhill, and Scott L. Bok, our chief executive officer, remains a member of the Investment Committee of Fund I and Fund II.

Greenhill's employees, including all of its executive officers and directors, committed a significant amount of capital to the Funds at the time of the respective closing dates. Greenhill and those employees who made capital commitments to the Funds (including all of the executive officers) have entered into a series of agreements with Funds (the Partnership Agreements). Pursuant to the Partnership Agreements, the limited partners of the Funds, which include our executive officers, have agreed to pay during the commitment period an annual management fee to the respective managing general partner of such Funds. Limited partners who are executive officers of Greenhill also agreed to pay to the managing general partners of the funds certain profit overrides. The Partnership Agreements also provide for the payment by the limited partners of certain expenses incurred by the general partner and for the indemnification of the general partner, its affiliates and their employees under certain circumstances.

Use of Corporate Aircraft

Through our wholly-owned subsidiary Greenhill Aviation Co., LLC, we own and operate an airplane that is used by our employees for transportation on business travel and by Robert F. Greenhill and his family for transportation on business and personal travel. We bear all costs of operating the aircraft, including the cost of maintaining air and ground crews. We have an aircraft expense policy in place that sets forth guidelines for personal and business use of the airplane. Mr. Greenhill reimburses the company for the actual out of pocket

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costs associated with the operation of the company's aircraft in connection with the personal use thereof by Mr. Greenhill. In 2011, Mr. Greenhill reimbursed us \$304,200 for such costs incurred in 2011. No other employees used the aircraft for personal travel in 2011.

In addition, employees of Greenhill from time to time use airplanes personally owned by Mr. Greenhill for business travel. In those instances, Mr. Greenhill invoices us for the travel expense on terms we believe are comparable to those we could secure from an independent third party. During 2011, we paid \$18,418 to an entity controlled by Mr. Greenhill on account of such expenses.

Use of Hangar Space

Riversville Aircraft Corporation, an entity controlled by Robert F. Greenhill, uses and reimburses us for a portion of the hangar space we lease at the Westchester County Airport. In 2011, Riversville Aircraft Corporation paid us \$70,800 in rent and related costs. Riversville Aircraft Corporation reimburses us for its use of a portion of the hangar space on terms we believe are comparable to those we could secure from an independent third party.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT AND PAYMENT OF FEES TO AUDITORS

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for assisting the Board in overseeing the integrity of the financial statements of Greenhill, compliance by Greenhill with legal and regulatory requirements, and the independence and performance of Greenhill's internal and external auditors.

The consolidated financial statements of Greenhill, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2011, were audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors for Greenhill.

As part of its activities, the Committee has:

1. Reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors the audited financial statements of Greenhill;
2. Discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be communicated under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communications with Audit Committees* (SAS 61), as amended and as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T;
3. Received from the independent auditors written disclosures regarding the auditors' independence required by PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, *Communications with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*; and
4. Discussed with the independent auditors, the independent auditors' independence.
Management is responsible for Greenhill's system of internal controls and the financial reporting process. Ernst & Young LLP is responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and issuing a report thereon. Our Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes. Based on the foregoing review and discussions and a review of the report of Ernst & Young LLP with respect to the consolidated financial statements, and relying thereon, we have recommended to Greenhill's Board of Directors the inclusion of the audited consolidated financial statements in Greenhill's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Greenhill

Stephen L. Key, *Chairman*

John C. Danforth

Robert T. Blakely

Auditor Fees

Ernst & Young LLP served as our principal auditors for 2011. The following table presents fees for professional audit services for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 as well as fees for the review of our interim consolidated financial statements for each quarter in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and for all other services performed for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 by Ernst & Young LLP.

2010

2011

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Audit Fees	\$ 884,400	\$ 976,750
Audit-Related Fees	0	0
Tax Fees	139,858	84,404
All Other Fees	405,739	29,155

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Audit-related fees are fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the financial statements and internal control over financial reporting. Tax fees are fees for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, and all other fees are fees for any services not included in the other categories.

Auditor Services Pre-Approval Policy

The Audit Committee has adopted an auditor services pre-approval policy applicable to services performed for us by our independent auditors. In accordance with this policy, the Committee's practice is to approve annually all audit services and, on a case-by-case basis, recurring permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors during the fiscal year. The Audit Committee reviews each non-audit service to be provided and assesses the impact of the service on the auditor's independence. In addition, the Audit Committee may pre-approve other non-audit services during the year on a case-by-case basis, and delegate authority to grant such pre-approvals during the year to the chairperson of the Audit Committee, so long as the chairperson informs the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

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STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

In order for a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, the written proposal must be received at our principal executive offices at 300 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Secretary, on or before November 11, 2012. The proposal must comply with Securities and Exchange Commission regulations regarding the inclusion of stockholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials.

Under our bylaws, director nominations or other business that is not submitted for inclusion in next year's proxy statement under SEC Rule 14a-8, but is instead sought to be presented directly at the 2013 Annual Meeting, must be received no earlier than December 19, 2012 and no later than January 18, 2013, and must include all of the requirements pursuant to our bylaws. Written notice must be delivered to the Secretary within these deadlines.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Our 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders and our Form 10-K, including financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, accompany this proxy statement. **Stockholders who wish to obtain an additional copy of our Annual Report and/or a copy of the Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2011 or a copy of any of the charters of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee or Nominating and Governance Committee, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Related Person Transaction Policy or Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, may do so without charge by viewing these documents on our Web site at www.greenhill.com or by writing to Greenhill, Attention: Investor Relations, 300 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.**

OTHER MATTERS

We do not know of any other matters that may be presented for consideration at the annual meeting. If any other business does properly come before the annual meeting, the persons named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card will vote as they deem in the best interests of Greenhill.

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Annual Meeting.

Authorized Signatures This section must be completed for your vote to be counted. **Date and Sign Below**

Please sign exactly as name(s) appears hereon. Joint owners should each sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, corporate officer, trustee, guardian, or custodian, please give full title.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Please print date below.

Signature 1 Please keep signature within the box.

Signature 2 Please keep signature within the box.

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Proxy Greenhill & Co., Inc.

Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

300 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 18, 2012

The undersigned hereby appoints Robert F. Greenhill and Scott L. Bok as proxies, each with full power of substitution, to represent and vote as designated on the reverse side, all the shares of Common Stock of Greenhill & Co., Inc. held of record by the undersigned on February 28, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at The Waldorf Astoria located at 301 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, on April 18, 2012, or any adjournment or postponement thereof and in their discretion on any other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Shares represented by this proxy will be voted by the stockholder. If no such directions are indicated, the Proxies will have authority to vote FOR all nominees and FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

(Items to be voted appear on reverse side.)