# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 ON** FORM S-8 TO FORM S-8 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

# **COLONY NORTHSTAR, INC.**

(Colony NorthStar, Inc., as successor by merger to NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc.) (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MARYLAND (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

35-2563017 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER **IDENTIFICATION NO.)** 

515 S. FLOWER STREET, 44TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90071 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

COLONY NORTHSTAR, INC. 2014 OMNIBUS STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN (FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN)

**RONALD M. SANDERS, ESQ. 712 FIFTH AVENUE, 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019** (212) 230-3300 (NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

Include by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  $\mathbf{X}$ 

 $\Box$  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company 

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On January 10, 2017, NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc., a Delaware corporation ("NSAM"), merged with and into Colony NorthStar, Inc. (formerly known as New Polaris Inc.), a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in order to redomesticate NSAM into a Maryland corporation with the Company surviving the merger, followed by a series of internal reorganization transactions with subsidiaries of NorthStar Realty Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation ("NRF"), resulting in NRF becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of one such subsidiary ("New NRF Parent"), and the merger of New NRF Parent with and into the Company, and finally the merger of Colony Capital Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Colony"), with and into the Company, with the Company surviving each of such merger transactions as the combined company (collectively, the "Mergers"), pursuant to the Agreement and Plans of Merger, dated as of June 2, 2016, by and among NSAM, Colony, NRF, the Company, New NRF Parent, NorthStar Realty Finance Limited Partnership, Sirius Merger Sub-T, LLC, and New Sirius Merger Sub LLC, as amended from time to time (the "Merger Agreement"). As a result of the Mergers, the Company became the successor to NSAM, and, pursuant to Rule 12g-3(a) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Class A common stock of the Company was listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "CLNS" in the same manner that shares of common stock of NSAM were listed on the NYSE.

This Post-Effective Amendment is being filed pursuant to Rule 12g-3(a) under the Exchange Act, and constitutes Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-197104) (the "Registration Statement") initially filed by NSAM, with respect to the NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan.

# PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, as of their respective dates:

(a) NSAM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016, as amended by Amendment No. 1, as filed with the SEC on March 29, 2016, including all material incorporated by reference therein;

(b) NSAM's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016, as filed with the SEC on May 10, 2016, for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on August 9, 2016, and for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on November 9, 2016; and

(c) NSAM's Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on February 2, 2016, April 15, 2016, May 10, 2016, June 3, 2016, June 7, 2016, June 8, 2016, July 29, 2016, August 4, 2016, October 17, 2016, November 7, 2016, November 8, 2016, November 23, 2016, and December 12, 2016; and

(d) our Current Reports on Form 8-K (excluding any information furnished therein), as filed with the SEC on January 10, 2017; and

(e) the description of our Class A common stock included in our Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, initially filed with the SEC on July 29, 2016.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a posteffective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in this Registration Statement, or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, modifies or supersedes such prior statement. Any statement contained in this Registration Statement to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement that a statement contained in a subsequently filed document that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement that a statement contained in a subsequently filed document that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes such prior statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

# ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

# ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Not applicable.

# ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

The Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL, permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision that eliminates such liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The MGCL requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The MGCL permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or are threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

- the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;
- · the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or
- in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

However, under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or if the director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses.

In addition, the MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of:

- a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and
- a written undertaking by the director or on the director's behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the director did not meet the standard of conduct.

Our charter and bylaws obligate us, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, to indemnify and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to:

- any present or former director or officer who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; or
- any individual who, while a director or officer of our company and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, REIT, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee of such corporation, REIT, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

Our charter and bylaws also permit us, with the approval of our board of directors, to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of ours in any of the capacities described above and to any employee or agent of our company or a predecessor of our company.

In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers that provide for indemnification to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, no member of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") or the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Committee"), or any similar committee of the Board performing functions of the Committee, nor any officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Board or the Committee, shall be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the Omnibus Plan and all members of the Board or the Committee and each and any officer or employee of the Company acting on their behalf shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company in respect of any such action, determination or interpretation.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, officers or persons controlling us for liability arising under the Securities Act, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

#### Exhibit No.

4.1 Agreement and Plans of Merger, dated as of June 2, 2016, among NorthStar Realty Finance Corp., Colony Capital, Inc., NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc., Colony NorthStar, Inc. (formerly known as New Polaris Inc.), New Sirius Inc., NorthStar Realty Finance Limited Partnership, Sirius Merger Sub-T, LLC and New Sirius Merger Sub, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 on July 29, 2016)

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- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto)

\* Filed herewith.

# ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

The Company hereby undertakes:

(a) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a posteffective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in this registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in this registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of this registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in this registration statement or prospectus that was part of this registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) To supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.

(d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or

proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, on January 10, 2017.

### COLONY NORTHSTAR, INC.

By:	/s/ Darren J. Tangen
Name:	Darren J. Tangen
Title:	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Thomas J. Barrack, Jr., Richard B. Saltzman and Darren J. Tangen, and each of them severally, as her or his attorneys-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for her or him in any and all capacities, in connection with this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") of Colony NorthStar, Inc. (the "Company"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") relating to the Colony NorthStar, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to sign any amendments and supplements relating to the Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments) under the Securities Act and to sign any instrument, contract, document or other writing of or in connection with any amendments and supplements relating to the Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, including this power of attorney, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities self-regulatory body, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, or her or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
/s/Thomas J. Barrack, Jr. Thomas J. Barrack, Jr.	Director and Executive Chairman	January 10, 2017
/s/ David T. Hamamoto David T. Hamamoto	Director and Executive Vice Chairman	January 10, 2017
/s/ Richard B. Saltzman Richard B. Saltzman	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	January 10, 2017
/s/ Darren J. Tangen Darren J. Tangen	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	January 10, 2017
/s/ Neale Redington Neale Redington	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	January 10, 2017

/s/ Douglas Crocker II Douglas Crocker II	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ Nancy A. Curtin Nancy A. Curtin	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ Jon A. Fosheim Jon A. Fosheim	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ George G.C. Parker George G.C. Parker	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ John A. Somers John A. Somers	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ John L. Steffens John L. Steffens	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ Charles W. Schoenherr Charles W. Schoenherr	Director	January 10, 2017
/s/ Justin Metz Justin Metz	Director	January 10, 2017

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January 10, 2017

Board of Directors Colony NorthStar, Inc. 515 S. Flower Street, 44th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to Colony NorthStar, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "**Company**"), in connection with its registration statement on Form S-8 (the "**Registration Statement**"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Act**"), relating to the outstanding shares of Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "**Common Stock**") of the Company (the "**Shares**") issued pursuant to the Colony NorthStar, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including pdfs). We also have assumed that the Shares will not be issued in violation of the ownership limit contained in the Company's Articles of Amendment and Restatement. As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the Maryland General Corporation Law, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that following effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for use in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the effective date of the Registration Statement.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hogan Lovells US LLP

HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP

### COLONY NORTHSTAR, INC.

#### 2014 OMNIBUS STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN1

#### Section 1. General Purpose of Plan.

The name of this plan is the Colony NorthStar, Inc. 2014 Inc. Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"). The purpose of the Plan is to enable the Company to attract and retain highly qualified personnel who will contribute to the Company's success and to provide incentives to Participants (hereinafter defined) that are linked directly to increases in stockholder value and will therefore inure to the benefit of all stockholders of the Company. To accomplish the foregoing, the Plan provides that the Company may grant awards of Stock, Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Cash-Based Awards and Other Awards (each as hereinafter defined).

#### Section 2. Definitions.

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

(a) "<u>Administrator</u>" means, except as provided in Section 3(a), the Board, or the compensation committee of the Board or a similar committee performing the functions of the compensation committee and which is comprised of not less than two Non-Employee Directors who are independent.

(b) "Award" means an award of Stock, Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Cash-Based Award or Other Awards under the Plan.

- (c) "Beneficial Owner" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.
- (d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (e) "Cash-Based Award" means an Award entitling the recipient to receive a cash-denominated payment.

As adjusted to reflect the series of merger and reorganization transactions (collectively, the "<u>CLNS Merger</u>") contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plans of Merger, dated as of June 2, 2016, by and among NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. ("<u>NSAM</u>"), Colony Capital, Inc., NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. and other signatories thereto, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which Colony NorthStar, Inc. survived the CLNS Merger and succeeded to the obligations of NSAM under the NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the "<u>NSAM Plan</u>"). The Colony NorthStar Inc. 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, as adjusted, will govern future Awards to eligible recipients subsequent to the CLNS Merger. Awards granted under the NSAM Plan prior to the CLNS Merger will continue to be governed, to the extent applicable, by the terms of the NSAM Plan prior to the adjustments made herein.

#### (f) "Change in Control" means:

(i) The acquisition by any Person of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of more than fifty percent (50%) of either (i) the then outstanding shares of Stock (the "<u>Outstanding Company Stock</u>") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors (the "<u>Outstanding Company Voting Securities</u>"), each as determined on a fully diluted basis; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (A) any acquisition by the Company; (B) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation or trust controlled by the Company; and (C) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (iii) of this Section 2(f); or

(ii) Individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "<u>Incumbent Board</u>") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any individual becoming a Director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of Directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(iii) Consummation of a reorganization, merger, or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "<u>Business Combination</u>"), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of, respectively, the then outstanding shares and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors, as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation that as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; (B) no Person (excluding any corporation or trust resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation or trust resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation or trust resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the corporation or trust resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation or trust except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination; and (C) at least a majority of the

members of the board of directors of the corporation or trust resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) Approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company and consummation of such

transaction.

(g) "<u>CLNS Merger</u>" means the series of merger and reorganization transactions contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plans of Merger, dated as of June 2, 2016, by and among NSAM, Colony Capital, Inc., NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. and other signatories thereto, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Company survived the CLNS Merger and succeeded to the obligations of NSAM under the Plan.

(h) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time-to-time, or any successor thereto.

(i) "Company" means Colony NorthStar, Inc., a Maryland corporation (or any successor corporation), as successor in interest to NSAM.

(j) "Covered Employee" means an employee who is a "Covered Employee" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

(k) "Dividend Equivalent Right" means an Award entitling the Participant to receive credits based on cash dividends that would have been paid on the shares of Stock specified in the Dividend Equivalent Right (or other award to which it relates) if such shares had been issued to and held by the Participant.

(1) "Effective Date" means the date on which the Plan was approved by stockholders as set forth in Section 18.

(m) "Eligible Recipient" means an officer, director (including a Non-Employee Director), employee, co-employee, consultant or advisor of the Company or of any Parent or Subsidiary who provides services to the Company.

(n) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time-to-time.

(o) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any given date, the fair market value of a share of Stock as determined by the Administrator using any reasonable method and in good faith; provided that if shares of Stock are admitted to trading on a national securities exchange, the fair market value of a share of Stock on any date shall be the closing sale price reported for such share on the exchange on such date on which a sale was reported.

(p) "Free Standing Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(q) "Free Standing Stock Appreciation Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(r) "Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option intended to be designated as an "incentive stock option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

(s) "<u>NSAM</u>" means NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc., a Delaware corporation and the predecessor of the Company, which merged with and into the Company in connection with the CLNS Merger.

(t) "<u>Non-Employee Director</u>" means a director of the Company who is not an employee of the Company who qualifies as a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and as an "outside director" as defined in Section 162(m) of the Code.

(u) "<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>" means any Stock Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option, including any Stock Option that provides (as of the time such Stock Option is granted) that it will not be treated as an Incentive Stock Option.

(v) "Other Awards" means an award granted pursuant to Section 12 hereof.

(w) "<u>Parent</u>" means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Company, if each of the corporations in the chain (other than the Company) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.

(x) "<u>Participant</u>" means any Eligible Recipient selected by the Administrator, pursuant to the Administrator's authority in Section 3 below, to receive an Award.

(y) "<u>Performance-Based Award</u>" means any Award of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Cash-Based Award or Other Award granted to a Covered Employee that is intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(z) "<u>Performance Criteria</u>" means the criteria that the Administrator selects for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals for an individual for a Performance Cycle. The Performance Criteria (which shall be applicable to the organizational level or entity specified by the Administrator, including, but not limited to, the Company's Parent, the Company or a unit, division, group, or Subsidiary of the Company or any entity managed by the Company or its Subsidiary and/or any combination of the foregoing) that will be used to establish Performance Goals are limited to the following: total shareholder return; cash available for distribution; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; net income (loss) (either before or

after interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization or any other adjustment); changes in the market price of the Stock or stock of any entity managed by the Company or its subsidiary; economic value-added; funds from operations or similar measures, including adjusted funds from operations and equity adjusted funds from operations; sales or revenue; acquisitions or strategic transactions; operating income (loss); cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); return on capital, assets, equity, or investment; return on sales; liquidity; balance sheet liquidity; CDO liquidity; discounted payoff; non-listed REIT capital-raise; gross or net profit levels; productivity; expense; margins; operating efficiency; working capital; earnings (loss) per share of Stock or stock of any entity managed by the Company or its subsidiary; sales or market shares and assets under management; any of which may be measured either in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase or as compared to results of a peer group or index. The Administrator may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under a Performance Goal to exclude any of the following events that occurs during the applicable performance period: (i) asset write-downs or impairments, (ii) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (iii) the effect of changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reporting results, (iv) accruals for reorganizations and restructuring programs, (v) any non-recurring items, including those described in the Financial Accounting Standards Board's authoritative guidance and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition of operations appearing the Company's (or other applicable entity's) annual report to stockholders for the applicable year, and (vi) any other extraordinary items adjusted from the Company U.S. GAAP results.

(aa) "<u>Performance Cycle</u>" means one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Administrator may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Criteria will be measured for the purpose of determining a grantee's right to and the payment of an Award of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Cash-Based Award or Other Award, the vesting and/or payment of which is subject to the attainment of one or more Performance Goals.

(bb) "<u>Performance Goals</u>" means, for a Performance Cycle, the specific goals established in writing by the Administrator for a Performance Cycle based upon the Performance Criteria.

(cc) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated organization, other entity or "group" (as defined in the Exchange Act).

(dd) "Plan" has the meaning set forth to it in Section 1 hereof.

- (ee) "Related Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (ff) "Related Stock Appreciation Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(gg) "Restricted Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(hh) "Restricted Stock" means shares of Stock subject to certain restrictions granted pursuant to Section 9 below.

(ii) "Restricted Stock Unit" means an Award of phantom stock units subject to certain restrictions granted pursuant to Section 10 below, which may be settled in Stock.

(jj) "<u>Sale Price</u>" means the value as determined by the Administrator of the consideration payable, or otherwise to be received by stockholders, per share of Stock pursuant to a transaction described in Section 5(b) below.

(kk) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(11) "Stock" means the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company.

(mm) "<u>Stock Appreciation Right</u>" means the right pursuant to an award granted under Section 8 below to receive an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (A) the Fair Market Value, as of the date such Stock Appreciation Right or portion thereof is surrendered, of the shares of Stock covered by such right or such portion thereof, over (B) the aggregate exercise price of such right or such portion thereof.

(nn) "Stock Option" means an option to purchase shares of Stock granted pursuant to Section 7 below.

(oo) "Subsidiary" means any corporation or other entity (other than the Company) in which the Company has a controlling interest, either directly or indirectly.

(pp) "Unit" or "Units" means units, membership units or other equity interests in the operating partnership or limited liability company subsidiary of the Company.

#### Section 3. Administration.

(b) The Plan shall be administered in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code (but only to the extent necessary and desirable to maintain qualification of Awards under the Plan under Section 162(m) of the Code) and, to the extent applicable, Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act by the Administrator.

(c) The Administrator shall have the power and authority to grant Stock, Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Cash-Based Awards, Other Awards or any combination of the foregoing hereunder to Eligible Recipients pursuant to the terms of the Plan. In particular, but without limitation, the Administrator shall have the authority:

(i) to select those Eligible Recipients who shall be Participants;

(ii) to determine whether and to what extent Awards are to be granted hereunder to Participants;

(iii) to determine the number of shares of Stock to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;

(iv) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of each Award granted hereunder, including the waiver or modification of any such terms or conditions;

(v) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, which shall govern all written instruments evidencing Awards granted hereunder, including the waiver or modification of any such terms or conditions;

(vi) to adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing the Plan as it shall from time-to-time deem advisable; and

(vii) to interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award issued under the Plan (and any award certificates relating thereto) and to otherwise supervise the administration of the Plan.

(d) The Administrator may, in its absolute discretion, without amendment to the Plan: (i) accelerate the date on which any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan becomes exercisable, waive or amend the operation of Plan provisions respecting exercise after termination of employment or otherwise adjust any of the terms of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right; and (ii) accelerate the lapse of restrictions or waive any condition imposed hereunder, with respect to any share of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit or Other Award or otherwise adjust any of the terms applicable to any such Award; provided, however, that no action under this Section 3(c) shall adversely affect any outstanding Award without the consent of the holder thereof.

(e) All decisions made by the Administrator pursuant to the provisions of the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons, including the Company and the Participants. No member of the Administrator, nor any officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Administrator, shall be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan and all members of the Administrator and each and any officer or employee of the Company acting on their behalf shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company in respect of any such action, determination or interpretation.

#### Section 4. Shares Reserved for Issuance Under the Plan.

The total number of shares of Stock reserved and available for issuance under the Plan shall be 33,841,967 shares of Stock, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(a), which represents 22,500,000 shares of Stock originally authorized and reserved for issuance (the "<u>Initial Limit</u>"), plus 11,341,967 additional shares of Stock added as a result of Annual Increases (as defined below) occurring pursuant to the terms of the Plan prior to the effective time of the CLNS Merger. For the avoidance of doubt, the total number of shares of Stock available for issuance under the Plan following the effective time of the CLNS Merger will be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of NSAM issued prior to the effective time of the CLNS Merger pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan. In addition, on January 1, 2018 and each January 1 thereafter, the number of shares of Stock reserved and available for issuance under the Plan shall be cumulatively increased by two percent (2%) of the number of shares of Stock underlying any Awards that are forfeited, canceled, held back upon exercise of a Stock Option or settlement of an Award to cover the exercise price or tax withholding, reacquired by the Company prior to vesting, satisfied without the issuance of Stock or otherwise terminated (other than by exercise) shall be added back to the shares of Stock Available for issuance under the Plan. Subject to such overall limitations, shares of Stock may be issued up to the Initial Limit pursuant to Incentive Stock Options, and Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with respect to no more than the Initial Limit may be granted to any one individual Eligible Recipient during any one calendar year period. The shares available for issuance under the Plan may be authorized but unissued shares of Stock or shares of Stock reacquired by the Company.

# Section 5. Equitable Adjustments; Sale Events

(a) Upon the occurrence of any merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, stock dividend or other change in corporate structure affecting the Stock, the Administrator shall make appropriate equitable adjustments, which may include, without limitation, adjustments to: (i) the aggregate number of shares of Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan; (ii) the kind, number and exercise price of outstanding Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan; and (iii) the kind, number and purchase price of shares of Stock subject to outstanding awards of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights and Other Awards granted under the Plan, in each case as may be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall also make appropriate equitable adjustments in the number of shares subject to outstanding Awards and the exercise price and the terms of outstanding Awards to take into consideration cash dividends paid other than in the ordinary course or any other extraordinary corporate event. Such other substitutions or adjustments shall be made as may be determined by the Administrator. The adjustment by the Administrator shall be final, binding and conclusive.

(b) Except as the Administrator may otherwise specify with respect to particular Awards in the relevant award certificate, in the case of and subject to the consummation of (1) a merger, share exchange, reorganization or consolidation or (2) the

sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company on a consolidated basis to an unrelated Person, all Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights that are not exercisable immediately prior to the effective time of such transaction shall become fully exercisable as of the effective time of such transaction, all other Awards with time-based vesting, conditions or restrictions shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable as of the effective time of such transaction and all Awards with conditions and restrictions relating to the attainment of performance goals may become vested and nonforfeitable in connection with such transaction in the Administrator's discretion, unless, in any case, the parties to such transaction agree that Awards will be assumed or continued by the successor entity or new Awards of the successor entity or parent thereof will be substituted for such Awards with appropriate adjustment as to the number and kind of shares and, if appropriate, the per share exercise prices, as such parties shall agree. Upon the effective time of any such transaction, the Plan and all outstanding Awards granted hereunder shall terminate, unless provision is made in connection with such transaction in the sole discretion of the parties thereto for the assumption or continuation of such Awards by the successor entity, or the substitution of such Awards with new Awards of the successor entity or parent thereof, with appropriate adjustment as to the number and kind of shares and, if appropriate, the per share exercise prices, as such parties shall agree. In the event of such termination: (1) the Company shall have the option (in its sole discretion) to make or provide for a cash payment to the holders of Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, in exchange for the cancellation thereof, in an amount equal to the difference between (A) the Sale Price multiplied by the number of shares of Stock subject to outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights (to the extent then exercisable (after taking into account any acceleration hereunder) at prices not in excess of the Sale Price) and (B) the aggregate exercise price of all such outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights; or (2) each Participant shall be permitted, within a specified period of time prior to the consummation of such transaction as determined by the Administrator, to exercise all outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights held by such Participant. In connection with any such transaction in which the shares of Stock are exchanged for or converted into the right to receive cash, the parties to any such transaction may also provide that some or all outstanding Awards that would otherwise not be fully vested and exercisable in full after giving effect to the transaction will be converted (a "Converted Award") into the right to receive the Sale Price multiplied by the number of shares subject to such Awards (net of the applicable exercise price), subject to any remaining vesting provisions relating to such Awards and the other terms and conditions of such transaction (such as indemnification obligations and purchase price adjustments) to the extent provided by the parties to such transaction.

#### Section 6. Eligibility.

Eligible Recipients shall be eligible to be granted Stock, Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Cash-Based Awards, Other Awards or any combination of the foregoing hereunder. The Participants under the Plan shall be selected from time-to-time by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, from among the Eligible Recipients, and the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, the number of shares of Stock covered by each such Award.

#### Section 7. Stock Options.

Stock Options may be granted alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. Any Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be in such form as the Administrator may from time-to-time approve, and the provisions of Stock Option awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant. Each participant who is granted a Stock Option shall receive an award certificate of the Stock Option, in such form as the Administrator shall determine, which shall set forth, among other things, the option price of the Stock Option, the term of the Stock Option and provisions regarding exercisability of the Stock Option granted thereunder.

The Stock Options granted under the Plan may be of two types: (i) Incentive Stock Options and (ii) Non-Qualified Stock Options.

The Administrator shall have the authority to grant to any officer or employee of the Company or of any Parent or Subsidiary (including directors who are also officers of the Company) Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options or both types of Stock Options (in each case with or without Stock Appreciation Rights). Directors who are not also employees or officers of the Company or of any Parent or Subsidiary, consultants or advisors to the Company or to any Parent or Subsidiary may only be granted Non-Qualified Stock Options (with or without Stock Appreciation Rights). To the extent that any Stock Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, it shall constitute a separate Non-Qualified Stock Option. More than one Stock Option may be granted to the same Participant and be outstanding concurrently hereunder.

Stock Options granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and to the award certificate evidencing each Award which shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Administrator shall deem desirable:

(a) <u>Option Price</u>. The option exercise price per share of Stock underlying each Stock Option shall be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion at the time of grant but shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on such date (or with respect to Incentive Stock Options, 110% of the Fair Market Value per share on such date if, on such date, the Eligible Recipient owns, or is deemed to own under the Code, stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) (a "<u>Ten Percent Owner</u>") of the total combined voting power of all classes of Stock).

(b) <u>Option Term</u>. The term of each Stock Option shall be fixed by the Administrator, but no Stock Option shall be exercisable more than ten years after the date such Stock Option is granted; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if the Eligible Recipient is a Ten Percent Owner, an Incentive Stock Option may not be exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date such Incentive Stock Option is granted.

(c) Exercisability. Stock Options shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the

Administrator at or after the time of grant; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no action following the time of grant shall adversely affect any outstanding Stock Option without the consent of the holder thereof. The Administrator may provide at the time of grant, in its sole discretion, that any Stock Option shall be exercisable only in installments, and the Administrator may waive such installment exercise provisions at any time, in whole or in part, based on such factors as the Administrator may determine, in its sole discretion, including but not limited to in connection with any change in control of the Company.

(d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. Subject to Section 7(c), Stock Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the option period, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of shares of Stock to be purchased, accompanied by payment in full of the purchase price in cash or its equivalent, as determined by the Administrator. As determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, payment in whole or in part may also be made: (i) by certified or bank check or other instrument acceptable to the Administrator; (ii) in the form of unrestricted Stock already owned by the Participant which has a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate option price of the Stock as to which such Stock Option shall be exercised and subject to such other terms and conditions as the Administrator may provide, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the right to make payment in the form of already owned shares of Stock may be authorized only at the time of grant; (iii) by the Participant delivering to the Company a properly executed exercise notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to promptly deliver to the Company cash or a check payable and acceptable to the Company for the purchase price; <u>provided</u> that in the event the Participant chooses to pay the purchase price as so provided, the Participant and the broker shall comply with such procedures and enter into such agreements of indemnity and other agreements as the Administrator shall prescribe as a condition of such payment procedure; (iv) with respect to Stock Options that are not Incentive Stock Options, by a "net exercise" arrangement pursuant to which the Company will reduce the number of shares of Stock issuable upon exercise by the largest whole number of shares with a Fair Market Value that does not exceed the aggregate exercise price; (v) any other form of consideration approved by the Administrator and permitted by applicable law; or (vi) any combination of the

(e) <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. A Participant shall generally have the rights to dividends and any other rights of a stockholder with respect to the Stock subject to the Stock Option only after the Participant has given written notice of exercise, has paid in full for such shares, and, if requested, has given the representation described in paragraph (b) of Section 17 below.

(f) <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. In the event that a Participant ceases to be employed by or to provide services to any of the Company, any Parent or any Subsidiary, any outstanding Stock Options previously granted to such Participant shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as set forth in the award certificate governing such Awards. Unless otherwise provided in the award certificate, Stock Options granted to such Participant, to the extent they were not vested and exercisable at the time of such termination, shall expire on the date of such termination.

(g) <u>Annual Limit on Incentive Stock Options</u>. In addition to the limitation applicable to Stock Options in Section 4 above, to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date the Incentive Stock Option is granted) of shares of Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options granted to a Participant under this Plan and all other option plans of the Company or of any Parent or Subsidiary become exercisable for the first time by the Participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000 (as determined in accordance with Section 422(d) of the Code), the portion of such Incentive Stock Options in excess of \$100,000 shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options.

#### Section 8. Stock Appreciation Rights.

Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted either alone ("<u>Free Standing Rights</u>") or in conjunction with all or part of any Stock Option granted under the Plan ("<u>Related Rights</u>"). In the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, Related Rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of such Stock Option. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, Related Rights may be granted only at the time of the grant of the Incentive Stock Option. The Administrator shall determine the Eligible Recipients to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of Stock Appreciation Rights shall be made; the number of shares of Stock to be awarded, the exercise price and all other conditions of Stock Appreciation Rights. The provisions of Stock Appreciation Rights need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and to the award certificate evidencing such Award which shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Administrator shall deem desirable:

(a) Awards. Participants who are granted Stock Appreciation Rights shall have no rights as stockholders of the Company with respect to the grant or exercise of such rights.

#### (b) Exercisability.

(i) Stock Appreciation Rights that are Free Standing Rights ("Free Standing Stock Appreciation Rights") shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Administrator at or after grant.

(ii) Stock Appreciation Rights that are Related Rights ("<u>Related Stock Appreciation Rights</u>") shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the Stock Options to which they relate shall be exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 above and this Section 8 of the Plan; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that a Related Stock Appreciation Right granted in connection with an Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable only if and when the Fair Market Value of the Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option exceeds the option price of such Stock Option.

#### (c) Payment Upon Exercise.

(i) Upon the exercise of a Free Standing Stock Appreciation Right, the Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but not more than, an amount in cash or that number of shares of Stock (or any combination of cash and shares of Stock) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock as of the date of exercise over the price per share specified in the Free Standing Stock Appreciation Right (which price shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the date of grant) multiplied by the number of shares of Stock in respect of which the Free Standing Stock Appreciation Right is being exercised, with the Administrator having the right to determine the form of payment.

(ii) A Related Right may be exercised by a Participant by surrendering the applicable portion of the related Stock Option. Upon such exercise and surrender, the Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but not more than, an amount in cash or that number of shares of Stock (or any combination of cash and shares of Stock) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock as of the date of exercise over the option price per share specified in the related Stock Option multiplied by the number of shares of Stock in respect of which the Related Stock Appreciation Right is being exercised, with the Administrator having the right to determine the form of payment. Stock Options which have been so surrendered, in whole or in part, shall no longer be exercisable to the extent the Related Rights have been so exercised.

#### (d) Termination of Employment or Service.

(i) In the event that a Participant ceases to be employed by or to provide services to any of the Company, any Parent or any Subsidiary, any outstanding Stock Appreciation Rights previously granted to such Participant shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as set forth in the award certificate governing such Awards. Unless otherwise provided in the award certificate, Stock Appreciation Rights granted to such Participant, to the extent they were not vested and exercisable at the time of such termination, shall expire on the date of such termination.

(ii) In the event of the termination of employment or service of a Participant who has been granted one or more Related Stock Appreciation Rights, such rights shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as applicable to the related Stock Options.

#### (e) <u>Term.</u>

(i) The term of each Free Standing Stock Appreciation Right shall be fixed by the Administrator, but no Free Standing Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable more than ten years after the date such right is granted.

(ii) The term of each Related Stock Appreciation Right shall be the term of the Stock Option to which it relates, but no Related Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable more than ten years after the date such right is granted.

#### Section 9. Restricted Stock.

Awards of Restricted Stock may be issued either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan and shall be evidenced by an award certificate. The Administrator shall determine the Eligible Recipients to whom, and the time or times at which, Restricted Stock awards shall be made; the number of shares to be awarded; the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for the acquisition of Restricted Stock; the Restricted Period (as defined in Section 9 (c)) applicable to Restricted Stock awards; and all other conditions applicable to Restricted Stock awards. The provisions of the awards of Restricted Stock need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

(a) <u>Purchase Price</u>. The price per share, if any, that a Participant must pay for shares purchasable under an award of Restricted Stock shall be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion at the time of grant.

(b) <u>Awards and Certificates</u>. If such Restricted Stock is certificated, each Participant who is granted an award of Restricted Stock shall be issued a stock certificate in respect of such shares of Restricted Stock, which certificate shall be registered in the name of the Participant and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to any such Award; <u>provided</u> that the Company may require that the stock certificates evidencing Restricted Stock granted hereunder be held in the custody of the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that, as a condition of any Restricted Stock award, the Participant shall have delivered a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the shares covered by such Award. Uncertificated Restricted Stock shall be accompanied by a notation on the records of the Company or the transfer agent to the effect that they are subject to forfeiture until such shares of Restricted Stock are vested.

(c) <u>Nontransferability; Restrictions</u>. The Restricted Stock awards granted pursuant to this Section 9 shall be subject to the restrictions on transferability set forth in this Section 9(c) and Section 17(c) during such period as may be set by the Administrator in the award certificate (the "<u>Restricted</u> <u>Period</u>"); <u>provided</u> that the Administrator may, in its sole discretion, provide for the lapse of such restrictions in installments and may accelerate or waive such restrictions in whole or in part based on such factors and such circumstances as the Administrator may determine in its sole discretion. The Administrator may also impose such other restrictions, including the achievement of pre-established corporate performance goals on awarded Restricted Stock as it deems appropriate. Any attempt to dispose of any Restricted Shares in contravention of any such restrictions shall be null and void and without effect.

(d) <u>Rights as a Stockholder</u>. Except as provided in Section 9(b) or as otherwise provided in an award certificate, the Participant shall possess all incidents of ownership with respect to shares of Restricted Stock during the Restricted Period,

including the right to receive dividends with respect to such shares and to vote such shares. If certificated, certificates for unrestricted shares of Stock shall be delivered to the Participant promptly after, and only after, the Restricted Period shall expire without forfeiture in respect of such awards of Restricted Stock except as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall otherwise determine.

(e) <u>Termination of Employment</u>. In the event that a Participant ceases to be employed by or to provide services to any of the Company, any Parent or any Subsidiary during the Restricted Period, any rights pursuant to any Award of Restricted Stock previously granted to such Participant shall be subject to such terms and conditions as set forth in the award certificate governing such Awards. Unless otherwise provided in the award certificate, the Restricted Stock awards granted to such Participant, to the extent that restrictions have not lapsed or applicable conditions have not been met at the time of such cessation of employment or provision of services, shall expire on the date of such termination.

#### Section 10. Restricted Stock Units.

(a) <u>Nature of Restricted Stock Units</u>. The Administrator shall determine the restrictions and conditions applicable to each Restricted Stock Unit at the time of grant. Conditions may be based on continuing employment (or other service relationship) and/or achievement of pre-established performance goals and objectives. Each grant of Restricted Stock Units shall be evidenced by an award certificate. The terms and conditions of each such grant of Restricted Stock Units shall be determined by the Administrator and such terms and conditions may differ among individual Awards and Participants. At the time and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the award certificate with respect to Restricted Stock Units, the Restricted Stock Units shall be settled in the form of shares of Stock; provided that, to the extent permitted in the award certificate, the Restricted Stock Units may be settled in cash or such other consideration as may be specified in such award certificate. To the extent that an award of Restricted Stock Units is subject to Section 409A of the Code, it may contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine in its sole discretion in order for such Award to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

(b) Election to Receive Restricted Stock Units in Lieu of Compensation. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, permit a Participant to elect to receive a portion of future cash compensation otherwise due to such Participant in the form of an award of Restricted Stock Units. Any such election shall be made in writing and shall be delivered to the Company no later than the date specified by the Administrator and in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and such other rules and procedures established by the Administrator. Any such future cash compensation that the Participant elects to defer shall be converted to a fixed number of Restricted Stock Units based on the Fair Market Value of Stock on the date the compensation would otherwise have been paid to the Participant if such payment had not been deferred as provided herein. The Administrator shall have the sole right to determine whether and under what circumstances to permit such elections and to impose such limitations and other terms and conditions thereon as the Administrator deems appropriate. Any Restricted Stock Units that are elected to be received in lieu of cash compensation shall be fully vested, unless otherwise provided in the applicable award certificate.

(c) <u>Rights as a Stockholder</u>. A Participant shall have the rights as a stockholder only as to shares of Stock acquired by the Participant upon settlement of Restricted Stock Units; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Participant may be credited with Dividend Equivalent Rights with respect to the stock units underlying his Restricted Stock Units, subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator may determine.

#### Section 11. Dividend Equivalent Rights

(a) <u>Dividend Equivalent Rights</u>. A Dividend Equivalent Right may be granted hereunder to any Eligible Recipient as a component of an Award or as a freestanding award. The terms and conditions of Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be specified in an award certificate with respect to the Award. Dividend equivalents credited to the holder of a Dividend Equivalent Right may be paid currently or may be deemed to be reinvested in additional shares of Stock, which may thereafter accrue additional equivalents. Any such reinvestment shall be at Fair Market Value on the date of reinvestment or such other price as may then apply under a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the Company, if any, as specified in the applicable Award. The Administrator may provide that Dividend Equivalent Rights may be settled in cash or shares of Stock or a combination thereof, in a single installment or installments. A Dividend Equivalent Right granted as a component of an Award may provide that such Dividend Equivalent Right shall be settled upon settlement or payment of, or lapse of restrictions on, such other Award, and that such Dividend Equivalent Right shall expire or be forfeited or annulled under the same conditions as such other Award. A Dividend Equivalent Right granted as a component of an Award may also contain terms and conditions different from such other Award.

(b) <u>Termination</u>. Except as may otherwise be provided by the Administrator either in the applicable award certificate or, subject to Section 15 below, in writing after the Award is issued, a Participant's rights in all Dividend Equivalent Rights granted as a component of an Award that has not vested shall automatically terminate upon the Participant's termination of employment (or cessation of service relationship) with the Company and its Subsidiaries for any reason.

# Section 12. Other Awards.

(a) <u>Nature of Other Awards</u>. Other forms of Awards ("<u>Other Awards</u>") that may be granted under the Plan include Awards that are valued in whole or in part by reference to, or are otherwise calculated by reference to or based on, shares of Stock, including without limitation: (i) Units; (ii) convertible preferred stock, convertible debentures and other convertible, exchangeable or redeemable securities or equity interests (including Units); (iii) membership interests in a Subsidiary or operating partnership; and (iv) Awards valued by reference to book value, fair value or performance parameters relative to the Company or any Subsidiary or group of Subsidiaries. For purposes of calculating the number of shares of Stock underlying an

Other Award relative to the total number of shares of Stock reserved and available for issuance under Section 4, the Administrator shall establish in good faith the maximum number of shares of Stock to which a grantee of such Other Award may be entitled upon fulfillment of all applicable conditions set forth in the relevant Award documentation, including vesting, accretion factors, conversion ratios, exchange ratios and the like. If and when any such conditions are no longer capable of being met, in whole or in part, the number of shares of Stock underlying such Other Award shall be reduced accordingly by the Administrator and the related shares of Stock shall be added back to the shares of Stock available for issuance under the Plan. Other Awards may be issued either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan and shall be evidenced by an Award certificate. The Administrator shall determine the Eligible Recipients to whom, and the time or times at which, Other Awards shall be made; the number of shares of Stock or Units to be awarded; the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for the acquisition of Other Awards; and the restrictions and conditions applicable to Other Awards. Conditions may be based on continuing employment (or other service relationship), computation of financial metrics and/or achievement of pre-established performance goals and objectives. The Administrator may require that Other Awards be held through a limited partnership or a similar "look-through" entity and the Administrator may require such limited partnership or similar entity to impose restrictions on its partners or other beneficial owners that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section 12. The provisions of the grant of Other Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

(b) <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. Until such time as an Other Award is actually converted into, exchanged for, or paid out in shares of Stock, a Participant shall have no rights as a holder of Stock.

(c) <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. In the event that a Participant ceases to be employed by or to provide services to the Company, any Parent, or any Subsidiary, any outstanding Other Awards previously granted to such Participant shall be subject to such terms and conditions as set forth in the Award certificate governing such Other Awards. Except as may otherwise be provided by the Administrator either in the Award certificate, or subject to Section 15 below, in writing after the Award certificate is issued, a Participant's rights in all Other Awards that have not vested shall automatically terminate upon the Participant's termination of employment (or cessation of service relationship) with the Company, its Parents and its Subsidiaries for any reason.

#### Section 13. Cash-Based Awards.

The Administrator may grant Cash-Based Awards under the Plan. A Cash-Based Award is an Award that entitles the Participant to a payment in cash upon the attainment of specified Performance Goals. The Administrator shall determine the maximum duration of the Cash-Based Award, the amount of cash to which the Cash-Based Award pertains, the conditions upon which the Cash-Based Award shall become vested or payable, and such other provisions as the Administrator shall determine. Each Cash-Based Award shall specify a cash-denominated payment amount, formula or payment ranges as determined by the Administrator. Payment, if any, with respect to a Cash-Based Award shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Award and may be made in cash.

#### Section 14. Performance Based Awards to Covered Employees.

(a) <u>Performance-Based Awards</u>. The Administrator may grant one or more Performance-Based Awards in the form of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Awards or Cash-Based Awards payable upon the attainment of Performance Goals that are established by the Administrator and relate to one or more of the Performance Criteria, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator. The Administrator shall define in an objective fashion the manner of calculating the Performance Criteria it selects to use for any Performance Cycle. Each Performance-Based Award shall comply with the provisions set forth below.

(b) <u>Grant of Performance-Based Awards</u>. With respect to each Performance-Based Award granted to a Covered Employee, the Administrator shall select, within the first ninety (90) days of a Performance Cycle (or if the Performance Cycle is other than one year, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) the Performance Criteria for such grant, and the Performance Goals with respect to each Performance Criterion (including a threshold level of performance below which no amount will become payable with respect to such Award). Each Performance-Based Award will specify the amount payable, or the formula for determining the amount payable, upon achievement of the various applicable performance targets. The Performance Criteria established by the Administrator may be (but need not be) different for each Performance Cycle and different Performance Goals may be applicable to Performance-Based Awards to different Covered Employees.

(c) <u>Payment of Performance-Based Awards</u>. Following the completion of a Performance Cycle, the Administrator shall meet to review and certify in writing whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Cycle have been achieved and, if so, to also calculate and certify in writing the amount of the Performance-Based Awards earned for the Performance Cycle. The Administrator shall then determine the actual size of each Covered Employee's Performance-Based Award.

(d) <u>Maximum Award Payable</u>. The maximum Performance-Based Award payable to any one Covered Employee under the Plan for a Performance Cycle is the Initial Limit (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(a) hereof) or \$100,000,000 in the case of a Performance-Based Award that is payable in cash.

#### Section 15. Amendment and Termination.

The Board may, at any time, amend or discontinue the Plan and the Administrator may, at any time, amend or cancel any outstanding Award for the purpose of satisfying changes in law or for any other lawful purpose, but no such action shall adversely affect rights under any outstanding Award without the Participant's consent. Except as provided in Section 5, in no event may the Administrator exercise its discretion to reduce the exercise price of outstanding Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or

cancel, exchange, substitute, buyout or surrender outstanding Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other awards or Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights without shareholder approval. The Board, in its discretion, may determine to make any Plan amendments subject to approval by the Company's stockholders for purposes of complying with applicable stock exchange requirements, ensuring that compensation earned under Awards qualifies as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code or ensuring that Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan are qualified under Section 422 of the Code. Nothing in this Section 15 shall limit the Administrator's authority to take any action permitted pursuant to Section 5.

#### Section 16. Unfunded Status of Plan.

The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company.

### Section 17. General Provisions.

(a) <u>Securities Laws Compliance</u>. Shares of Stock shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise or settlement of any Award granted hereunder unless the exercise or settlement of such Award and the issuance and delivery of such shares of Stock pursuant thereto shall comply with all relevant provisions of law, including, without limitation, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the requirements of any stock exchange upon which the Stock may then be listed and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance. Stock Option exercises and other Awards under the Plan shall be subject to the Company's insider trading policy and procedures, as in effect from time-to-time.

(b) <u>Delivery of Stock</u>. Certificated Stock granted under this Plan shall be deemed delivered for all purposes when the Company or a stock transfer agent of the Company shall have mailed certificates evidencing such Stock in the United States mail, addressed to the Participant, at the Participant's last known address on file with the Company. Uncertificated Stock shall be deemed delivered for all purposes when the Company or a transfer agent of the Company shall have given to the Participant by electronic mail (with proof of receipt) or by United States mail, addressed to the Participant, at the Participant's last known address on file with the Company, notice of issuance and recorded the issuance in its records (which may include electronic "book entry" records). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any Stock pursuant to the exercise of any Award, unless and until the Administrator has determined, with advice of counsel (to the extent the Administrator deems such advice necessary or advisable), that the issuance and delivery of such Stock is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations of governmental authorities and, if applicable, the requirements of any exchange on which the shares of Stock are listed, quoted or traded. All Stock delivered pursuant to the Plan shall be

subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with federal, state or foreign jurisdiction, securities or other laws, rules and quotation system on which the Stock is listed, quoted or traded. The Administrator may place legends on any Stock certificate to reference restrictions applicable to the Stock. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Administrator may require that an individual make such reasonable covenants, agreements and representations as the Administrator, in its discretion, deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with any such laws, regulations or requirements. The Administrator shall have the right to require any individual to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement or exercise of any Award, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the discretion of the Administrator.

# (c) Transferability of Awards.

(i) <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in Section 17(c)(ii) below, during a Participant's lifetime, his or her Awards shall be exercisable only by the Participant or by the Participant's legal representative or guardian in the event of the Participant's incapacity. No Awards shall be sold, assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered or disposed of by a Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to a domestic relations order. No Awards shall be subject, in whole or in part, to attachment, execution or levy of any kind and any purported transfer in violation hereof shall be null and void.

(ii) <u>Administrator Action</u>. Notwithstanding Section 17(c)(i), the Administrator, in its discretion, may provide either in the award certificate regarding a given Award or by subsequent written approval that the Participant (who is an employee or director) may transfer his or her Awards (other than any Incentive Stock Options or Restricted Stock Units) to his or her immediate family members, to trusts for the benefit of such family members, or to partnerships in which such family members are the only partners, <u>provided</u> that the transferee agrees in writing with the Company to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award. In no event may an Award be transferred by a Participant for value.

(iii) <u>Family Member</u>. For purposes of Section 17(c)(ii), "immediate family member" shall mean a Participant's child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, former spouse, sibling, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, including adoptive relationships, any person sharing the Participant's household (other than a tenant of the Participant), a trust in which these persons (or the Participant) have more than fifty percent (50%) of the beneficial interest, a foundation in which these persons (or the Participant) control the management of assets and any other entity in which these persons (or the Participant) own more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting interests.

(iv) <u>Designation of Beneficiary</u>. Each Participant to whom an Award has been made under the Plan may designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to exercise any Award or receive any payment under any Award payable on or after the

Participant's death. Any such designation shall be on a form provided for that purpose by the Administrator and shall not be effective until received by the Administrator. If no beneficiary has been designated by a deceased Participant or if the designated beneficiaries have predeceased the Participant, the beneficiary shall be the Participant's estate.

(d) <u>Company Actions; No Right to Employment</u>. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to stockholder approval, if such approval is necessary and desirable; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases. The adoption of the Plan shall not confer upon any Eligible Recipient any right to continued employment or service with the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, as the case may be, nor shall it interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary to terminate the employment or service of any of its Eligible Recipients at any time.

(e) <u>Payment of Taxes</u>. Each Participant shall, no later than the date as of which the value of an Award first becomes includible in the gross income of the Participant for Federal income tax purposes, pay to the Company or make arrangements satisfactory to the Administrator regarding payment of any federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such Award. The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be conditional on the making of such payments or arrangements, and the Company shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the Participant. Subject to approval by the Administrator, a Participant may elect to have the minimum tax withholding obligation satisfied, in whole or in part, by authorizing the Company to withhold from shares of Stock to be issued pursuant to any Award a number of shares with an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date the withholding is effected) that would satisfy the minimum withholding amount due. The Administrator may also require Awards to be subject to mandatory share withholding up to the required withholding amount. For purposes of share withholding, the Fair Market Value of withheld shares shall be determined in the same manner as the value of Stock includible in income of the Participants.

#### Section 18. Effective Date of Plan.

This Plan was approved by the board of directors of NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. on March 28, 2014, and became effective upon approval by the stockholders of NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. on March 28, 2014, in accordance with applicable state law, the bylaws and articles of incorporation of NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. and applicable stock exchange rules. No grants of Stock Options and other Awards may be made hereunder after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date and no grants of Incentive Stock Options may be made hereunder after the tenth anniversary of the Board.

# Section 19. Term of Plan.

No Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date but Awards theretofore granted may extend beyond that date.

# Section 20. Governing Law.

The Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

# **Consent of Independent Auditors**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-197104) pertaining to the 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan of Colony NorthStar, Inc. our report dated April 14, 2016, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Townsend Holdings LLC and Subsidiaries included in Colony NorthStar, Inc.'s Current Report (Form 8-K12B) dated January 10, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP Cleveland, Ohio January 10, 2017

# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Colony NorthStar, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan of our report dated February 29, 2016, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedules of Colony Capital, Inc. included as Exhibit 99.9 to the Current Report (Form 8-K12b) of Colony NorthStar, Inc. dated January 10, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California January 10, 2017

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our report dated February 29, 2016 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedules of NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. included in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Colony NorthStar, Inc. filed on January 10, 2017, which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned report in this Registration Statement.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

New York, New York January 10, 2017

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our reports dated February 29, 2016 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting of NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. included in the Annual Report of NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned reports in this Registration Statement.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

New York, New York January 10, 2017