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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 18, 2017 (July 12, 2017)**

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**Two Harbors Investment Corp.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34506**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**27-0312904**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**590 Madison Avenue, 36th Floor**  
**New York, New York 10022**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(612) 629-2500**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On July 12, 2017, Two Harbors Investment Corp. (the "Company") entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, UBS Securities LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (collectively, the "Underwriters"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to offer and sell 10,000,000 shares of its 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock"), at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share (the "Preferred Stock Offering"). The Underwriters were granted an option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock to cover over-allotments, if any. The Underwriters exercised the over-allotment option in full, bringing the total number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock to be issued in the Preferred Stock Offering to 11,500,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock. In the Underwriting Agreement, the Company made certain customary representations, warranties and covenants and agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against (or contribute to the payment of) certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Preferred Stock Offering is expected to close on July 19, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement. The Company estimates that net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, will be approximately \$278.1 million.

This description of the material terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of the Underwriting Agreement and as of the specific date (or dates) set forth therein, and were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Underwriting Agreement and are subject to certain limitations as agreed upon by the parties thereto. In addition, the representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors are not third-party beneficiaries of the Underwriting Agreement and should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants contained therein, or any descriptions thereof, as characterizations of the actual state of facts or conditions of the Company. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the Underwriting Agreement, which subsequent developments may not be fully reflected in the Company's public disclosures.

Certain Underwriters or their affiliates have performed, and in the future may perform, commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they have received, and in the future are expected to receive, customary fees. Some of the Underwriters or their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. Certain of the Underwriters and/or their affiliates have also from time to time entered, and may in the future enter, into master repurchase agreements, master securities forward transaction agreements, international swaps and derivative agreements and other similar agreements for the financing of our target assets. In addition, certain of the Underwriters and/or their affiliates currently or in the future may provide prime brokerage services to the Company and/or affiliates of the Company.

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### **Item 3.03. Material Modifications to Rights of Security Holders.**

On July 13, 2017, the Company filed, with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland, Articles Supplementary (the "Articles Supplementary") to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company classifying and designating 11,500,000 shares of the Company's authorized preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as the Series B Preferred Stock, with the powers, designations, preferences and other rights as set forth therein.

The Articles Supplementary, among other things, provide that the Company will pay cumulative cash dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock when and as declared by the Company's Board of Directors. The initial dividend rate for the Series B Preferred Stock, from and including July 19, 2017, to but not including July 27, 2027, will be equal to 7.625% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to the fixed annual rate of \$1.90625 per share). On and after July 27, 2027, dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accumulate at a percentage of the \$25.00 liquidation preference equal to an annual floating rate of the three-month LIBOR plus a spread of 5.352% per annum. Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will be payable quarterly in arrears on the 27th day of April, July, October and January of each year, when and as declared, beginning on October 27, 2017 (provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day).

The Series B Preferred Stock ranks senior to the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share ("Common Stock"), with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. The Series B Preferred Stock ranks on parity with the Company's 8.125% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock par value \$0.01 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock") and any class or series of stock issued by the Company in the future that by its terms ranks on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of the Company's liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

The Series B Preferred Stock will not be redeemable before July 27, 2027, except under certain limited circumstances intended to preserve the Company's qualification as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") and except upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the Articles Supplementary). On or after July 27, 2027, the Company may, at its option, redeem, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, the Series B Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not authorized or declared) to, but excluding, the redemption date. In addition, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, redeem some or all of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred at \$25.00 per share plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but excluding, the redemption date. The Series B Preferred Stock has no stated maturity, is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and will remain outstanding indefinitely unless repurchased or redeemed by the Company or converted into Common Stock in connection with a Change of Control by the holders of Series B Preferred Stock.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series B Preferred Stock will have the right (subject to the Company's election to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock in whole or in part, as described above, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as defined in the Articles Supplementary)) to convert some or all of the Series B Preferred Stock held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of the Common Stock per share of Series B Preferred Stock determined by formula, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Articles Supplementary, including provisions for the receipt, under specified circumstances, of alternative consideration.

There are restrictions on ownership of the Series B Preferred Stock intended to preserve the Company's qualification as a REIT. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights, but have limited voting rights if the Company fails to pay dividends for six or more full quarterly dividend periods (whether or not consecutive) and under certain other circumstances.

A copy of the Articles Supplementary and Form of Series B Preferred Stock Certificate are filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 4.1, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the Articles Supplementary in this Item 3.03 is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 3.1.

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### **Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

The information about the Articles Supplementary set forth under Item 3.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Form 8-K contains, or incorporates by reference, not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, and that are subject to the safe harbors created by such sections. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ from our beliefs, expectations, estimates, and projections and, consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements are not historical in nature and can be identified by words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “target,” “believe,” “intend,” “seek,” “plan,” “goals,” “future,” “likely,” “may” and similar expressions or their negative forms, or by references to strategy, plans, or intentions.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, under the caption “Risk Factors.” Other risks, uncertainties and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected may be described from time to time in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated July 12, 2017, between the Company and the Underwriters.\*
- 3.1 Articles Supplementary to the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Two Harbors Investment Corp. designating the shares of 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (filed with the SEC as Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 17, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.1 Form of specimen certificate representing the shares of 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (filed with the SEC as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 17, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 5.1 Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP with respect to the legality of the Series B Preferred Stock and the underlying shares of common stock.\*
- 8.1 Opinion of Dentons US LLP, New York, New York, relating to certain tax matters concerning the Series B Preferred Stock and the underlying shares of common stock.\*
- 23.1 Consent of Stinson Leonard Street LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Dentons US LLP, New York, New York (included in Exhibit 8.1 hereto).

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\* Filed herewith.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

By: /s/ Rebecca B. Sandberg  
**Rebecca B. Sandberg**  
**General Counsel and Secretary**

Date: July 18, 2017

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## TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

10,000,000 Shares of 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable  
Preferred Stock

Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per Share

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UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

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July 12, 2017

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July 12, 2017

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC UBS SECURITIES LLC  
J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC  
KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS, INC.

As Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
1585 Broadway  
New York, New York 10036

c/o UBS Securities LLC  
1285 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10179

c/o Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.  
787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor  
New York, New York 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the underwriters named in Schedule A annexed hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("Morgan Stanley"), UBS Securities LLC ("UBS"), J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("JPM") and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. ("KBW") are acting as Representatives (the "Representatives"), the number of shares of its 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock"), a series of the Company's preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"), as set forth in Schedule B hereto (the "Firm Shares"). The Company also proposes to issue and sell to the Underwriters not more than the number of additional shares of its Series B Preferred Stock set forth in Schedule B (the "Additional Shares") to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Shares, upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 1 hereof. The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "Shares."

The Company has filed, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204216), as amended, including a base prospectus, with respect to the Shares and shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), issuable upon conversion of the Shares, which incorporates by reference documents which the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), which registration statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the Securities Act. Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Company will prepare and file a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the base prospectus included as part of such

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registration statement setting forth the terms of the offering, sale and plan of distribution of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares and additional information concerning the Company and its business. The Company has furnished to the Representatives, for use by the Underwriters and by dealers, copies of one or more preliminary prospectuses, containing the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented by a preliminary Prospectus Supplement, and including the documents incorporated by reference in such base prospectus or preliminary Prospectus Supplement (each, a "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares. Except where the context otherwise requires, such registration statement, as amended when it became effective, including all documents filed as part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act (the "Securities Act Regulations"), collectively, are herein called the "Registration Statement." The base prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, included in the Registration Statement, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, in the form filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) and Rule 430B under the Securities Act on or before the second Business Day (as defined below) following the date of this Agreement (or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree), is herein called the "Prospectus." The information included in such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed

to be part of such registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to Rule 430B is referred to as “Rule 430B Information.” Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein, and any reference herein to the terms “amend,” “amendment” or “supplement” with respect to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing after the execution hereof of any document with the Commission deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System (“EDGAR”), and such copy shall be identical in content to any Prospectus or Preliminary Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Shares.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is “contained,” “included” or “stated” in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by Securities Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

The Company and the Underwriters agree as follows:

**1. Sale and Purchase.** Upon the basis of the warranties and representations and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell the Firm Shares to the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company the respective numbers of Firm Shares set forth in Schedule A hereto opposite its name at the purchase price set forth in Schedule B hereto (the “Purchase Price”). The Company is advised by the Representatives that the Underwriters intend (i) to make a public offering of the Shares as soon as the Underwriters deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered and (ii) initially to offer the Firm Shares upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus. The

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Underwriters may from time to time increase or decrease the public offering price after the initial public offering to such extent as they may determine.

In addition, the Company hereby grants to the Underwriters the option to purchase, and upon the basis of the warranties and representations and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, from the Company, up to the number of Additional Shares set forth in Schedule A hereto at the Purchase Price to cover over-allotments, provided, however, that the amount paid by the Underwriters for any Additional Shares shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends declared by the Company and payable on the Firm Shares but not payable on such Additional Shares. This option may be exercised by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters at any time and from time to time on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Each such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Additional Shares as to which the option is being exercised and the date and time when Additional Shares are to be delivered (any such date and time being herein referred to as an “additional time of purchase”); provided, however, that an additional time of purchase shall not be (i) earlier than the time of purchase (as defined below) or (ii) later than the tenth Business Day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. The number of Additional Shares to be sold to each Underwriter shall be the number which bears the same proportion to the aggregate number of Additional Shares being purchased as the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on Schedule B hereto bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares (subject, in each case, to such adjustment as the Representatives may determine to eliminate fractional shares). As used herein “Business Day” shall mean a day on which the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) is open for trading and commercial banks in the City of New York are open for business.

**2. Payment and Delivery.** Payment of the purchase price for the Firm Shares shall be made to the Company by federal funds wire transfer on the closing date and time set forth in Schedule B hereto (unless another time shall be agreed to by the Representatives and the Company). The time at which any such payment and delivery are actually made is herein sometimes called the “time of purchase.” Delivery of the Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be made through the facilities of the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) and shall be in global form registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct. The Firm Shares so to be delivered or evidence of their issuance will be made available for checking at least 24 hours prior to the time of purchase. Payment of the purchase price for Additional Shares shall be made at each additional time of purchase in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Firm Shares. The Additional Shares being purchased on each additional time of purchase or evidence of their issuance will be made available for checking at a reasonable time in advance of such additional time of purchase.

**3. Representations and Warranties of the Company and the Manager.**

(a) The Company represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time referred to in Section 3(a)(iv), as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase that:

(i) (1) At the time the Registration Statement was initially filed, (2) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act or otherwise (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), (3) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c) of the Securities Act) made any offer relating to the Shares in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163 of the Securities Act and (4) at the date

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hereof, the Company was and is a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (“Rule 405”), including not having been and not being an “ineligible issuer” as defined in Rule 405. The Registration Statement is an “automatic shelf registration statement,” as defined in Rule 405, and the Shares, since their registration on the Registration Statement, have been and remain eligible for registration by the Company on a Rule 405 “automatic shelf registration statement.” The Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the Securities Act objecting to the use of the automatic shelf registration statement form.

At the time the Registration Statement was initially filed, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the Securities Act) of the Shares and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405.

(ii) The Registration Statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the Securities Act on May 15, 2015 and any post-effective amendment thereto also became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e). The Company has not received, and has no notice of, any order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, or threatening or instituting proceedings for that purpose. Any statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement have been so described or filed. The Prospectus has been or will be so prepared and will be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree. The Preliminary Prospectus, at the time of filing thereof, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act. Copies of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, any such amendments or supplements and all documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement (including one fully executed copy of each of the

Registration Statement and of each amendment thereto for the Underwriters) have been delivered to the Underwriters and their counsel (except for documents incorporated by reference that have otherwise been filed and are publicly available on EDGAR). The Company has not distributed any offering material in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses (as defined below) or any other materials, if any, permitted by the Securities Act.

(iii) Each part of the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, when such part became effective and at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the Securities Act or was or is filed with the Commission, and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, on the date of filing thereof with the Commission and at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. Each part of the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, when such part became effective and at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters or was or is filed with the Commission, did not or will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at their respective times of issuance and at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase, did not or will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the foregoing shall not apply to statements in, or omissions from, any such document in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information concerning the

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Underwriters that was furnished in writing to the Company by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

(iv) As of the Applicable Time neither (x) the Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus(es) (as defined below) issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the Pricing Term Sheet (as defined herein) and the Statutory Prospectus (as defined below) as of the Applicable Time, all considered together (collectively, the “General Disclosure Package”), nor (y) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

As used in this subsection and elsewhere in this Agreement:

“Applicable Time” means 5:30 P.M. (New York City time) on July 12, 2017 or such other time as agreed by the Company and the Representatives.

“Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” means any “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433 of the Securities Act (“Rule 433”), relating to the Shares that (i) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) is a “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) whether or not required to be filed with the Commission or (iii) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Shares or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company’s records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

“Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors, as evidenced by it being specified in Schedule C hereto.

“Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

“Statutory Prospectus” as of any time means the prospectus relating to the Shares that is included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to that time, including any document incorporated by reference therein.

The Company will prepare a final term sheet (the “Pricing Term Sheet”) containing only a description of the final terms of the Shares and their offering, in a form approved by the Underwriters and attached as Annex A hereto, and acknowledges that the Pricing Term Sheet is an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus and will comply with its related obligations set forth in Section 4(x) hereof. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, copies of the Pricing Term Sheet promptly upon its completion.

Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the public offer and sale of the Shares or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representatives as described in the next sentence, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein.

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(v) The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, when they were or are filed with the Commission under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable and, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (as applicable), (i) at the time the Registration Statement became effective, (ii) at the earlier of time the Prospectus was first used and the date and time of the first contract of sale of Shares in this offering and (iii) at the Applicable Time, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(vi) The financial statements, together with the related schedules and notes thereto, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are accurate in all material respects and present fairly the financial condition of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations, changes in financial position, stockholders’ equity and cash flows for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“US GAAP”) applied on a consistent basis. The summary and selected financial and statistical data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. There are no financial statements that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the Securities Act that are not included as required. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(vii) The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls have been identified for the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer; and since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls.

(viii) The Preliminary Prospectus was, and the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering will be, identical to the versions of the Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package, respectively, created to be transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(ix) The Company has been duly formed and incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole (a "Material Adverse

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Effect"), and the Company is in compliance in all material respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions.

(x) Each subsidiary of the Company (each a "Subsidiary", and together the "Subsidiaries") has been duly incorporated or organized and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and each Subsidiary of the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or organization in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or membership interests of each Subsidiary of the Company has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid and nonassessable; and the capital stock or membership interests of each Subsidiary owned by the Company, directly or through Subsidiaries, is owned free from liens, encumbrances and defects (other than liens and encumbrances created by financing arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business and those related to underwriter lock-up agreements which restrict the transfer of common stock of Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. ("GPMT")), and each of the Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions.

(xi) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is in breach of, or in default under (nor has any event occurred which with notice, lapse of time, or both would result in any breach of, or constitute a default under), (i) its articles of incorporation or bylaws or operating agreement, as applicable or (ii) any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, license, repurchase agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other evidence of indebtedness, or any lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its assets or properties may be bound or affected, the effect of which breach or default under this clause (ii) could have a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Shares, the issuance of the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the compliance by the Company with the provisions of the articles supplementary setting forth the rights and preferences of the Series B Preferred Stock (the "Articles Supplementary"), will not conflict with, or result in any breach of, constitute a default under or a Repayment Event (as defined below) under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time, or both would result in any breach of, constitute a default under or a Repayment Event under), (i) any provision of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or operating agreement of any Subsidiary, (ii) any provision of any contract, license, repurchase agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other evidence of indebtedness, or any lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their assets or properties may be bound or affected, the effect of which could have a Material Adverse Effect or (iii) under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any Subsidiary.

(xii) As of the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, as applicable, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock, including the Series B Preferred Stock in accordance with the Articles Supplementary, have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right; the maximum number of shares of the

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Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Shares have been duly and validly authorized and reserved for issuance by the Company and, when issued and delivered upon conversion and in accordance with the Articles Supplementary, such shares will be duly and validly issued and fully-paid and non-assessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim; and will not have been issued in violation of any preemptive right under the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland (the "MGCL") or the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Company.

(xiii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xiv) The capital stock of the Company, including the Shares, conforms and will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and such description conforms to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. The certificates for the Shares are in due and proper form and the holders of the Shares will not be subject to personal liability by reason of being such holders.

(xv) The Shares and the maximum number of shares of the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Shares have been duly and validly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and, upon filing of the Articles Supplementary with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (the "SDAT") and when issued and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim, and will be registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

(xvi) No approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any national, state or local governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares or the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares or the consummation by the Company of the transaction contemplated hereby other than (i) registration of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares under the Securities Act, (ii) any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Shares and the shares of

Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares are being offered by the Underwriters, (iii) such approvals as are expected to be obtained in connection with the approval of the listing of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares on the NYSE and (iv) the acceptance of record of the Articles Supplementary by the SDAT upon the filing thereof.

(xvii) No person, as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act (each, a “Person”), has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue to it any shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company upon the issue and sale of the Shares to the Underwriters hereunder and the issue of the shares of the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Shares, nor does any Person have preemptive rights, co-sale rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase or subscribe for any of the Shares, the shares of the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Shares or any securities or obligations convertible into or exchangeable for, or any contracts or commitments to issue or sell any of, the Shares or the shares of the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Shares or any options, rights or convertible securities or obligations, other than those that have been expressly waived prior to the date hereof.

(xviii) Ernst & Young LLP (the “Accountants”), whose report on the financial statements of the Company is filed with the Commission as part of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, are and, during the periods covered by their reports, were independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act.

(xix) The Company and the Subsidiaries possess, and are in compliance with the terms of, all adequate certificates, authorizations, franchises, licenses and permits (“Licenses”) necessary or material to

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the conduct of the business now conducted or proposed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to be conducted by them and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xx) The disclosure set forth in (A) the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2016 under the headings “Our Business—Management Agreement” and “Our Business—Operating and Regulatory Structure”, (B) the Company’s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on March 30, 2017, under the heading “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions — Transactions with Related Persons,” and (C) in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the headings “Description of Capital Stock”, “Description of the Series B Preferred Stock,” “Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Two Harbors’ Charter and Bylaws,” “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations,” “Supplemental U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” and “Underwriting,” insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings and present the information required to be shown.

(xxi) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Company, any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Shares; and no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are threatened or, to the Company’s knowledge, contemplated.

(xxii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the period covered by the latest audited financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (A) there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole that is material and adverse, (B) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock, (C) there has been no material adverse change in the capital stock, short-term indebtedness, longterm indebtedness, net current assets or net assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries, (D) there has not been any material transaction entered into or any material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company, other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and changes and transactions described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and (E) there has not been any obligation, direct or contingent, which is material to the Company taken as a whole, incurred by the Company, except obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business.

(xxiii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to a Registration Statement or in any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act (collectively, “registration rights”), and any person to whom the Company has granted registration rights has agreed not to exercise such rights until after the expiration of the lock-up restricted period set forth in Schedule B hereto (the “Restricted Period”).

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(xxiv) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries (i) have failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock or (ii) have defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults would have a Material Adverse Effect on the financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company has not filed a report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, since the filing of its last Annual Report on Form 10-K, indicating that it (i) has failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock or (ii) has defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults would have a Material Adverse Effect on the financial position of the Company.

(xxv) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor any of their respective officers, directors and controlling Persons have, directly or indirectly, (i) taken any action designed to cause or to result in, or that has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Common Stock to facilitate the sale of the Shares, or (ii) (except pursuant to this Agreement) (A) sold, bid for, purchased, or paid anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (B) since March 14, 2017 paid or agreed to pay to any Person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company.

(xxvi) Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates (i) is required to register as a “broker” or “dealer” in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Act or (ii) directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or has any other association with (within the meaning of Article I of the Bylaws of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”)) any member firm of FINRA.

(xxvii) Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.



(xxviii) As of the date of this Agreement, the Company has no plan or intention to materially alter its capital investment policy or investment allocation strategy, both as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and is in compliance with its stated capital investment policy and investment allocation strategy other than such change resulting from the creation of GPMT and any subsequent distribution of GPMT shares to the Company's stockholders.

(xxix) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real properties and all other properties and assets owned by them, in each case free from liens, charges, encumbrances and defects that would materially affect the value thereof or materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them and, except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Subsidiaries hold any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no terms or provisions that would materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them.

(xxx) Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns required to be filed on or prior to the date hereof (except where the failure to file would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect) and have paid taxes shown as due thereon (or that are otherwise due and payable) (except for cases in which the failure to file or pay would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect or except as are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries which has had (nor does the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which would reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries and which would reasonably be expected to have) a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company and each of the Subsidiaries, there are no tax returns of the Company or any

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Subsidiary that are currently being audited by federal, state or local taxing authorities or agencies which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxii) The Company does not have any trademark, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property that is material to the present or proposed business activities of the Company as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xxxiii) Except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") are in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and all applicable Exchange Rules (defined below). The Company maintains a system of internal controls, including, but not limited to, disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls over accounting matters and financial reporting, an internal audit function and legal and regulatory compliance controls (collectively, "Internal Controls") that comply with all federal and state securities laws and are sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (C) receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (D) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (E) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Internal Controls are, or upon consummation of the offering of the Shares will be, overseen by the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board in accordance with the rules and regulations, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of "issuers" (as defined in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the rules (the "Exchange Rules"). The Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee or the Board, and within the next 135 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, a significant deficiency, material weakness, change in Internal Controls or fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls, any violation of, or failure to comply with, all federal and state securities laws, or any matter which, if determined adversely, would have a Material Adverse Effect. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(xxxiiii) The Company and each of the Subsidiaries is insured by insurers with appropriately rated claims paying abilities against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary for the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; none of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Company has obtained directors' and officer's insurance in such amounts as is customary for companies engaged in the type of business conducted by the Company.

(xxxv) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company or any of its affiliates, including, but not limited to, PRCM Advisers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Manager") and Pine River Capital Management L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, or any of their respective direct or indirect Subsidiaries, and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or the Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment in connection with this offering.

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(xxxvi) No labor dispute exists between any officers or other key persons of the Company or the Manager named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (each, a "Company-Focused Professional") on the one hand and the employer of each such individual on the other hand nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is such a labor dispute imminent that could have a Material Adverse Effect; and to the knowledge of the Company, no labor dispute exists between any employee of the Company or the Manager on the one hand and the employer of each such individual on the other hand nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is such a labor dispute imminent that could have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxvii) Neither the Company nor, to the best of the Company's knowledge, any employer of any Company-Focused Professional has been notified that any such Company-Focused Professional plans to terminate his or her employment with his or her employer. Neither the Company nor, to the best of the Company's knowledge, any Company-Focused Professional is subject to any noncompete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Manager as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xxxviii) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Subsidiary, on the one hand, and the directors, officers and stockholders of the Company, on the other hand, which is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not so described.

(xxxix) The Company has made a timely election to be subject to tax as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") pursuant to Sections 856 through 860 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") for its taxable year ended December 31, 2009. Commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2009, the Company has been organized and operating in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code, and the Company's actual and proposed method of operation as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Statutory Prospectus does and will enable it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. All statements regarding the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT and descriptions of the Company's organization and proposed method of operation set forth in the Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package and each Statutory Prospectus are true, complete and correct in all material respects.

(xxxix) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares, will be required to register as an “investment company” or an entity “controlled” by an “investment company,” as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

(xl) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Subsidiary, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary, on the other hand, which is required by the rules of FINRA to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus which is not so described.

(xli) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has, directly or indirectly, including through any Subsidiary, extended credit, arranged to extend credit, or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary.

(xlii) The operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA Patriot Act), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and the Subsidiaries conduct

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business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the “Anti-Money Laundering Laws”), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(xlili) (A) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company’s knowledge, any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, is an individual or entity (“Covered Person”) that is, or is owned or controlled by a Covered Person that is:

(B) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty’s Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, “Sanctions”), nor

(C) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

(xliv) The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Covered Person:

(A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Covered Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or

(B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Covered Person (including any Covered Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

(xlv) The Company and the Subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Covered Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.

(xlvi) The Registration Statement is not the subject of a pending proceeding or examination under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act, and the Company is not the subject of a pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Shares.

(xlvii) None of the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries or affiliates, nor any director, officer or employee of the Company, nor, to the Company’s knowledge, any Company-Focused Professional, any other employee of the Manager providing services to the Company as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, any agent or representative of the Company or of any of the Subsidiaries or affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any “government official” (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and the Subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws, including, without limitation, the Foreign Corrupt

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Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and have instituted and maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein.

(xlviii) The description of the Company’s organization and actual and proposed method of operation and its qualification and taxation as a REIT set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus is accurate and presents fairly the matters referred to therein in all material respects; the Company’s operating policies and investment guidelines described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus accurately reflect in all material respects the current intentions of the Company with respect to the operation of its business, and no material deviation from such guidelines or policies is currently contemplated.

(xlix) Any third-party statistical and market-related data included in a Registration Statement, a Statutory Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate.

(l) All “non-GAAP financial measures” (as defined in the Rules and Regulations) included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with the requirements of Regulation G and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Rules and Regulations.

(li) No “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) (i) has imposed (or has informed the Company that it is considering imposing) any condition (financial or otherwise) on the Company’s retaining any rating assigned to the Company or any securities of the Company or (ii) has indicated to the Company that it is considering any of the actions described in Section 6(h) hereof.

(b) The Manager represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters that as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time referred to in Section 3(a)(iv), as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase that:

(i) Each of the Management Agreement, dated October 28, 2009, by and among the Company and PRCM Advisers LLC (“the Manager”), the First Amendment to Management Agreement, dated December 19, 2012, the Second Amendment to the Management Agreement, dated November 3, 2014, and the Third Amendment to the Management Agreement, dated June 28, 2017 (together, the “Management Agreement”), by and among the Company, Two Harbors Operating Company LLC and the Manager has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting enforcement of creditors’ rights or by general equitable principle.

(ii) The Management Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Manager and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Manager enforceable against the Manager in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting enforcement of creditors’ rights or by general equitable principles.

(iii) Any information regarding the Manager and/or the Subsidiaries that is included in a Registration Statement, a Statutory Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package is derived from the Manager’s accounting or other applicable records and is accurate in all material respects.

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(iv) The Manager has been duly organized and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with the limited liability company power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and the Manager is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(v) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the issuance and sale of the Shares and the issuance of the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares, will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, the articles of incorporation or bylaws or operating agreement, as applicable, of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries, any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, or any agreement or instrument to which the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties or assets of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is subject.

(vi) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Manager.

(vii) No consent, approval, authorization, or order of, or filing or registration with, any person (including any governmental agency or body or any court) is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the offering, issuance and sale of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares, except such as have been obtained, or made and such as may be required under state securities laws.

(viii) The Manager and the Subsidiaries possess, and are in compliance with the terms of, all adequate Licenses necessary or material to the conduct of the business of the Manager with respect to the Company now conducted or proposed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to be conducted by them and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Manager or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(ix) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Manager and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that is material and adverse to the Company or that would prevent the Manager from carrying out its obligations under this Agreement or the Management Agreement.

(x) To the knowledge of the Manager no officers or other key persons of the Manager and its affiliates named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, or a significant number of members of the Manager’s fixed income investment team that participate in the Company’s investment decisions plans to terminate his or her employment with the Manager or its affiliates. Neither the Manager nor, to the best of the Manager’s knowledge, any officers or other key persons of the Manager named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is subject to any noncompete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Manager as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xi) Neither the Manager nor any of its officers, directors and controlling Persons have, directly or indirectly, (i) taken any action designed to cause or to result in, or that has constituted or which might

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reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Common Stock to facilitate the sale of the Shares or (ii) (except pursuant to this Agreement) (A) sold, bid for, purchased, or paid anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (B) since March 14, 2017 paid or agreed to pay to any Person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company.

(xii) There are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Manager or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Manager to perform its obligations under this Agreement or the Management Agreement; and, to the Manager’s knowledge, no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are threatened or contemplated.

(xiii) The Manager is not prohibited by the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or the rules and regulations thereunder, from performing its obligations under the Management Agreement as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xiv) The Manager and each of the Subsidiaries is insured by insurers with appropriately rated claims paying abilities against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary for the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; none of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries has been

refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Manager has obtained directors' and officer's insurance in such amounts as is customary for companies engaged in the type of business conducted by the Manager.

(xv) The Manager maintains a system of internal controls in place sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (A) the transactions that may be effectuated by the Manager under the Management Agreement are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization and (B) access to the Company's assets is permitted only in accordance with the internal policies, controls and procedures of the Manager.

(xvi) The Manager is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, orders, decrees and judgments, including those relating to transactions with affiliates, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xvii) The Company's investment strategy described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus accurately reflect in all material respects the current intentions of the Manager with respect to the operation of the Company's business, and no material deviation from such investment strategy is currently contemplated.

**4. Certain Covenants of the Company and the Manager.** Each of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, hereby covenants and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) The Company will furnish such information as may be required and otherwise will cooperate in qualifying the Shares for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions (both domestic and foreign) as the Representatives may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Shares, provided that the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to consent to the service of process under the laws of any such jurisdiction (except service of process with respect to the offering and sale of the Shares). The Company will promptly advise the Representatives of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the

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qualification of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.

(b) The Company will prepare the Prospectus in a form in compliance with Rule 430B and approved by the Underwriters and file such Prospectus with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act not later than 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree and to furnish promptly (and with respect to the initial delivery of such Prospectus, not later than 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree) to the Underwriters copies of the Prospectus (or of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have made any amendments or supplements thereto after the effective date of the Registration Statement) in such quantities and at such locations as the Underwriters may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the Securities Act, which Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the version created to be transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(c) During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives immediately, confirming such advice in writing, of (i) the receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to any filing of the Company under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, (ii) any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information with respect thereto, (iii) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Securities Act concerning the Registration Statement, (iv) the suspension of the qualification of the Shares or the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction and (v) the initiation, threatening or contemplation of any proceedings for any of such purposes and, if the Commission or any other governmental agency or authority should issue any such order, the Company will make every reasonable effort to obtain the lifting or removal of such order as soon as possible. During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives promptly of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object in writing. The Company has given the Representatives notice of any filings made pursuant to the Exchange Act within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time; the Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to make any such filing from the Applicable Time to the time of purchase and, if applicable, from the time the Representatives give the Company notice of their intention to exercise the option set forth in Section 1 to purchase Additional Shares to each additional time of purchase, and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object in writing.

(d) During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives promptly and, if requested by the Representatives, will confirm such advice in writing when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Securities Act.

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(e) The Company will furnish to the Representatives, and upon request to each of the Underwriters, for a period of five years from the date of this Agreement (i) copies of all annual, quarterly and current reports filed with the Commission on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, or such other similar form as may be designated by the Commission, and (ii) such other information as the Representatives may reasonably request regarding the Company, in each case as soon as such communications, documents or information become available; provided that any materials described in clauses (i) – (ii) that are filed with the Commission and available through EDGAR shall be deemed automatically furnished without any further action by the Company.

(f) The Company will advise the Representatives promptly of the happening of any event known to the Company within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act which would require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used, or in the information incorporated by reference therein, so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with any law. If within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act any event shall occur or condition shall exist which, in the reasonable opinion of the Company, the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters, would require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used, or in the information incorporated by reference therein, so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with any law, the Company will promptly prepare and furnish to the Underwriters copies of the

proposed amendment or supplement before filing any such amendment or supplement with the Commission and thereafter promptly furnish, at the Company's own expense, to the Underwriters and to dealers copies in such quantities and at such locations as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an appropriate amendment to the Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus so that the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the circumstances when it is so delivered, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with the law. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement relating to the Shares or the Statutory Prospectus or any preliminary prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(g) The Company will make generally available to its stockholders as soon as practicable, and in the manner contemplated by Rule 158 of the Securities Act, but in any event not later than 15 months after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) covering a 12-month period beginning after the date upon which the Prospectus is filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder and will advise the Underwriters in writing when such statement has been made available.

(h) The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares in the manner set forth under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.

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(i) Within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, the Company will furnish to the Representatives, not less than two Business Days before a filing with the Commission, a copy of any document proposed to be filed pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and during such period will file all such documents in a manner and within the time periods required by the Exchange Act.

(j) Without the prior written consent of the Representatives, neither the Company nor the Manager will: (1) sell, offer, contract to sell, pledge, register, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Series B Preferred Stock or other preferred stock, or any securities convertible into, or exercisable, exchangeable or redeemable for Series B Preferred Stock or other preferred stock, (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Series B Preferred Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Series B Preferred Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (3) file any registration statement with the Commission relating to the offering of any shares of Series B Preferred Stock or other preferred stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Series B Preferred Stock or other preferred stock, except for the sales to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, during the Restricted Period. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company may (A) grant Common Stock-based awards to the Company's directors and personnel of the Manager under its equity compensation plan in the ordinary course consistent with past practice, and (B) issue and sell shares of Common Stock pursuant to its dividend reinvestment and direct share purchase plan.

(k) The Company will complete all required filings with the NYSE and other necessary actions in order to cause the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares to be listed and admitted and authorized for trading on the NYSE within the time period specified in the Prospectus and to maintain such listing and to file with the NYSE all documents and notices required by the NYSE of companies that have securities that are listed on the NYSE.

(l) For so long as any shares of Series B Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company will continue to hold in reserve a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock to satisfy the conversion of such number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Articles Supplementary.

(m) On or after the date of this Agreement and prior to the first date of purchase, the Company will use its best efforts to: (i) file the Articles Supplementary with the SDAT, which Articles Supplementary will comply with all applicable requirements of the MGCL and will be in full force and effect upon the acceptance of record thereof by the SDAT; (ii) list the Shares for trading on the NYSE within the time period specified in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and (iii) cause the Series B Preferred Stock to be registered under the Exchange Act.

(n) The Company will maintain, at its expense, a registrar and transfer agent for the Shares.

(o) The Company will pay all expenses, fees and taxes (other than any fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters, except as set forth under Section 5 hereof or (iv) or (v) below) in connection with (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, each Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (ii) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Shares by the Company and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares, (iii) the word processing and/or printing of this Agreement, any dealer agreements, and the reproduction and/or printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (iv) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Shares, including without

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limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of aircraft and other transportation chartered in connection with the road show, except that the lodging, airfare (except if the Company charters a flight in which case employees of the Underwriters ride on such charter without charge), and incidental expenses of employees of the Underwriters shall be the responsibility of the Underwriters, (v) the qualification of the Shares and the shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares for offering and sale under state laws and the determination of their eligibility for investment under state law as aforesaid (including the legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters) and the preparation, printing and furnishing of copies of any blue sky surveys or legal investment surveys to the Underwriters and to dealers, (vi) any listing of the Shares and the maximum number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of the Shares on the NYSE and any registration thereof under the Exchange Act and the approval for book-entry transfer by DTC, (vii) the filing, if any, for review of the public offering of the Shares by the FINRA with such costs not to exceed \$5,000, (viii) the performance of the Company's other obligations hereunder and (ix) the costs and expenses (including without limitation any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Shares made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the first paragraph of Section 3(iv).

(p) The Company and the Manager will not and will cause the Subsidiaries not to (i) take, directly or indirectly, prior to termination of the underwriting syndicate contemplated by this Agreement, any action designed to stabilize or manipulate the price of any security of the Company, or which may cause or result in, or which might in the future reasonably be expected to cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company, to facilitate the sale or resale of any of the Shares or (ii) prior to termination of the underwriting syndicate contemplated by this Agreement, sell, bid for, purchase or pay any Person (other than as contemplated by the provisions hereof) any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Shares.

(q) The Company will comply with all of the provisions of any undertakings in the Registration Statement.

(r) The Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation of the Company as a REIT under the Code, and the Company's proposed methods of operation will enable the Company to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for subsequent taxable years.

(s) The Company will not be or become, and will cause each of the Subsidiaries not to be or become, at any time prior to the expiration of three years after the date of the Agreement, required to register as an "investment company," as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act.

(t) The Company has retained the Accountants as its qualified accountants and qualified tax experts (i) to test procedures and conduct annual compliance reviews designed to determine compliance with the REIT provisions of the Code and the Company's exempt status under the Investment Company Act and (ii) to otherwise assist the Company in monitoring appropriate accounting systems and procedures designed to determine compliance with the REIT provisions of the Code and the Company's exempt status under the Investment Company Act.

(u) The Company will comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as from time to time in force, so far as necessary to permit the continuance of sales of, or dealings in, the Shares as contemplated by the provisions hereof and the Prospectus.

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(v) The Company will maintain such controls and other procedures, including, without limitation, those required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the applicable regulations thereunder that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which such periodic reports are being prepared.

(w) The Company will comply with all effective applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(x) The Company represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Company and the Representatives, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission or, in the case of the Company, whether or not required to be filed with the Commission; provided, however, that prior to the preparation of the Prospectus in accordance with Section 4(b), the Underwriters are authorized to use the information with respect to the final terms of the Shares in communications conveying information relating to the offering to investors, including the Pricing Term Sheet. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Company and the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping.

(y) If the third anniversary of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement occurs before all the Shares have been sold by the Underwriters, the Company shall, prior to the third anniversary, file a new shelf registration statement and take any other action necessary to permit the public offering of the Shares to continue without interruption; references herein to the Registration Statement shall include the new registration statement declared effective by the Commission; provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, this subsection (y), shall not apply unless the Representatives notify the Company that not all of the Shares have been sold by the Underwriters at least 60 days prior to the third anniversary of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement.

**5. Reimbursement of Underwriter's Expenses.** If the Shares are not delivered for any reason other than the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the default by one or more of the Underwriters in its or their respective obligations hereunder, the Company shall, in addition to paying the amounts described in Section 4(o) hereof, reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

**6. Conditions of Underwriter's Obligations.** The several obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, on the date hereof, at the Applicable Time and at the time of purchase (and the several obligations of the Underwriters at each additional time of purchase are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, on the date hereof, at the Applicable Time and at the time of purchase (unless previously waived) and at each additional time of

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purchase, as the case may be), the performance by the Company and the Manager of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) The Company shall furnish to the Representatives, at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, opinions of (i) Dentons US LLP, counsel for the Company and (ii) Stinson Leonard Street LLP, counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and in form satisfactory to Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, substantially in the form of Exhibit A and Exhibit B respectively, attached hereto.

(b) The Representatives shall have received from the Accountants, letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement and the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and addressed to the Underwriters in the forms heretofore approved by the Representatives relating to the financial statements, including any pro forma financial statements of the Company and such other matters customarily covered by comfort letters issued in connection with a registered public offering.

In the event that the letters referred to above set forth any such changes, decreases or increases, it shall be a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters that (i) such letters shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the Company as to the significance thereof, unless the Representatives deem such explanation unnecessary and (ii) such changes, decreases or increases do not, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase and delivery of the Shares as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

(c) The Representatives shall have received at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, an opinion of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives.

(d) The Representatives shall have received a certificate, at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Manager, dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, substantially in the form of Exhibit C,

attached hereto.

(e) No amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including the documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, or Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall be filed to which the Underwriters object in writing.

(f) Prior to the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, (i) no stop order with respect to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act or proceedings initiated under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act; (ii) the Registration Statement and all amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, if any, shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and (iii) the Prospectus and all amendments or supplements thereto, or modifications thereof, if any, and the General Disclosure Package shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(g) All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed by the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424 (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)). A prospectus containing the Rule 430B Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with

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Rule 424(b) (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430B).

(h) Between the time of execution of this Agreement and the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, (i) no material and adverse change, financial or otherwise (other than as referred to in the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package, in each case as of the Applicable Time), in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall occur or become known such as to make it, in the sole judgement of the Representatives, impractical or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares and (ii) no transaction which is material and adverse to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall have been entered into by the Company or any Subsidiary.

(i) The Company shall deliver to the Representatives a certificate, dated the date of this Agreement, signed by its Chief Financial Officer, substantially in the form of Exhibit D, attached hereto.

(j) The Company will, at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, deliver to the Representatives a certificate of two of its executive officers to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Company as set forth in this Agreement are true and correct as of each such date, that the Company shall perform such of its obligations under this Agreement as are to be performed at or before the time of purchase and at or before each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and that the conditions set forth in subsections (f) and (h) of this Section 6 have been met.

(k) FINRA shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.

(l) Between the time of execution of this Agreement and the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice or announcement have been given or made of (i) any intended or potential downgrading or (ii) any review or possible change that does not indicate an improvement, in the rating accorded any securities of or guaranteed by the Company by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

(m) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the time of purchase, the Company shall have (i) filed the Articles Supplementary with the SDAT, which Articles Supplementary shall comply with all applicable requirements of the SDAT, (ii) submitted an application to the NYSE to list the Shares on the NYSE and (iii) filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form 8-A covering the registration of the Series B Preferred Stock under the Exchange Act.

**7. Termination.** The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, at any time prior to the time of purchase or, if applicable, each additional time of purchase, (i) if any of the conditions specified in Section 6 shall not have been fulfilled when and as required by this Agreement to be fulfilled, (ii) if any material and adverse change occurs (financial or otherwise), or any development involving a material and adverse change occurs (financial or otherwise) (in each case, other than as disclosed in, or incorporated by reference into, the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, and the Prospectus as of the Applicable Time (exclusive of any supplement thereto)), in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, which would, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, make it impracticable to market the Shares, (iii) if (a) the United States shall have declared war in accordance with its constitutional processes or there has occurred an outbreak or escalation of hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis or change or development in

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economic, political or other conditions the effect of which, or (b) any material adverse change in the financial markets of the United States or the international financial markets is such as to make it, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares, (iv) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or by the NYSE, or if trading generally on the NYSE has been suspended, materially limited (including an automatic halt in trading pursuant to market-decline triggers other than those in which solely program trading is temporarily halted), or limitations on or minimum prices for trading (other than limitations on hours or numbers of days of trading) shall have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities have been required, by such exchange or FINRA or by order of the Commission or any other governmental authority, (v) if a banking moratorium shall have been declared by New York or United States authorities or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (vi) if there shall have occurred any downgrading, or any notice or announcement shall have been given or made of (a) any intended or potential downgrading or (b) any review or possible change that does not indicate an improvement, in the rating accorded any securities of or guaranteed by the Company or any Subsidiary by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

If the sale to the Underwriters of the Shares, as contemplated by this Agreement, is not carried out by the Underwriters for any reason permitted under this Agreement or if such sale is not carried out because the Company shall be unable to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall not be under any obligation or liability under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 3, 4(o), 5, 9 and 10 hereof), and the Underwriters shall be under no obligation or liability to the Company under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 9 and 10 hereof) or to one another hereunder.

**8. Increase in Underwriters' Commitments.** If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation under this Agreement to take up and pay for the Shares to be purchased by it under this Agreement (other than for reasons sufficient to justify the termination of this Agreement under the provisions of Section 7 hereof), the Representatives shall have the right, within 36 hours after such default, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Shares which such Underwriter shall have agreed but failed to take up and pay for. Absent the completion of such arrangements within such 36-hour period,

(i) if the total number of Defaulted Shares does not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares to be purchased at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, each non-defaulting Underwriter shall take up and pay for in addition to the number of Shares agreed to be purchased by all such defaulting Underwriters in such amount or amounts as the Representatives may designate with the consent of each Underwriter so designated or, in the event no such designation is made, such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by all non-defaulting Underwriters pro rata in proportion to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set opposite the names of such non-defaulting Underwriters in Schedule A; and (ii) if the total number of Defaulted Shares exceeds 10% of such total number of Shares to be purchased at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and if neither the non-defaulting Underwriters nor the Company shall make arrangements within the five Business Day period from the date of default for the purchase of such Defaulted Shares, the Representatives may terminate this Agreement by notice to the Company, without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 3, 4(a), 5, 9, and 10 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. Nothing in this paragraph, and no action taken hereunder, shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

Without relieving any defaulting Underwriter from its obligations hereunder, the Company agrees with the non-defaulting Underwriters that they will not sell any Shares hereunder unless all of the Shares are purchased by the Underwriters (or by substituted Underwriters selected by the Representatives with the approval of the Company or selected by the Company with the approval of the Representatives).

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If a new Underwriter or Underwriters are substituted for a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Company or the Representatives shall have the right to postpone the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven Business Days from the date of substitution in order that any necessary changes in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other documents may be effected.

The term Underwriter as used in this Agreement shall refer to and include any Underwriter substituted under this Section 8 with like effect as if such substituted Underwriter had originally been named in Schedule A.

## **9. Indemnification**

(a) Indemnification of Underwriters. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters, their affiliates, as such term is defined in Rule 501-(b) under the Securities Act (each, an “Affiliate”), and the person, if any, who controls each Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, including the Pricing Term Sheet, or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto or any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 9(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, including the Pricing Term Sheet, or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto or any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriters consists of the information described as such in subsection (b) below.

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(b) Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, including the Pricing Term Sheet, or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the following information in the Prospectus: the information in the third, ninth and tenth paragraphs under the caption “Underwriting”.

(c) Actions Against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Sections 9(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Representatives, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 9(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 9 or Section 10 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from



all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) **Settlement Without Consent if Failure to Reimburse.** If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 9(a), (ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

**10. Contribution.** If the indemnification provided for in Section 9 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation

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provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, relative to the total compensation received by the Underwriters from the sale of Shares on behalf of the Underwriters.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 10 were determined by pro rata allocation by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 10. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 10 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 10, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 10, the person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and the Underwriters' Affiliates shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

**11. Notices.** Except as otherwise herein provided, all statements, requests, notices and agreements shall be in writing or by telegram and, if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the address set forth in Schedule B hereto; and if to the Company, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the address set forth in Schedule B hereto.

**12. Governing Law; Construction.** This Agreement and any claim, counterclaim or dispute of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement (a "Claim"), directly or indirectly, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. The Section headings in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference and are not a part of this Agreement.

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**13. Submission to Jurisdiction.** Except as set forth below, no Claim may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Company and the Manager consent to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Company and the Manager hereby consent to personal jurisdiction, service and venue in any court in which any Claim arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement is brought by any third party against the Representatives or any indemnified party. Each of the Representatives the Company and the Manager (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Company and the Manager agree that a final judgment in any such action, proceeding or counterclaim brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company or the Manager and may be enforced in any other courts in the jurisdiction of which the Company or the Manager is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

**14. Parties at Interest.** The Agreement herein set forth has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters, the Company, the Manager and to the extent provided in Section 9 and 10 hereof of the controlling Persons, directors and officers referred to in such Section, and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, pursuant representatives and executors and administrators. No other Person, partnership, association or corporation (including a purchaser, as such purchaser, from any of the Underwriters) shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

**15. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship.** The Company and the Manager acknowledge and agree that (a) the purchase and sale of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the purchase price of the Shares and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Manager, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company and the Manager, or its respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company and the Manager with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company or the

Manager on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company or the Manager with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of each of the Company and the Manager and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company and the Manager have consulted their own respective legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

**16. Tax Disclosure.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, immediately upon commencement of discussions with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, the Company (and each employee, representative or other agent of the Company) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to the Company relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. For purposes of the foregoing, the term "tax treatment" is the purported or claimed federal income tax treatment of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the term "tax structure" includes any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed federal income tax treatment of the transactions contemplated hereby.

**17. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive.** All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company, any of the Subsidiaries, or

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the Manager or its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Shares.

**18. Integration.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) among the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof

**19. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed by the parties in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the parties.

**20. Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the Underwriters, the Manager and the Company and their successors and assigns and any successor or assign of any substantial portion of the Company's and any of the Underwriters' respective businesses and/or assets.

**21. Time.** TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

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If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding among the Company, the Manager and the Underwriters, please so indicate in the space provided below for the purpose, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall constitute a binding agreement among the Company, the Manager and the Underwriters, severally.

Very truly yours,

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

By /s/ Brad Farrell  
Brad Farrell, Chief Financial Officer

PRCM ADVISERS LLC

By /s/ Timothy O'Brien  
Timothy O'Brien, Vice President and General Counsel

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

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Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written, on behalf of themselves and the other Underwriters named in Schedule A.

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Yurij Slyz  
Name: Yurij Slyz  
Title: Executive Director

UBS SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Mehdi Manii  
Name: Mehdi Manii  
Title: Director

By: /s/ Aneesh Kelkar  
Name: Aneesh Kelkar  
Title: Associate Director

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Steven L. Sheiner  
Name: Steven L. Sheiner  
Title: Executive Director

KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS, INC.

By: /s/ Jennifer Fuller  
Name: Jennifer Fuller  
Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

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#### SCHEDULE A

Underwriter	Number of Firm Shares To Be Purchased
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	3,500,000
UBS Securities LLC	3,500,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	1,500,000
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	1,500,000
Total:	10,000,000

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#### SCHEDULE B

Registration Statement File No.: 333-204216

Time of Sale Prospectus:

1. Basic Prospectus dated May 15, 2015 relating to the Shares
2. The preliminary prospectus supplement dated July 12, 2017 relating to the Shares
3. Pricing Term Sheet, dated July 12, 2017, filed by the Company under Rule 433(d) of the Securities Act

Lock-up Restricted Period: 30 days from the date hereof

Title of Shares To Be Purchased: 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), \$0.01 par value per share

Dividend Rate: Holders of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends (i) from and including the original issue date to, but excluding, July 27, 2027, at a fixed rate equal to 7.625% per annum of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference (equivalent to \$1.90625 per annum per share) and (ii) from and including July 27, 2027, at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a spread of 5.352% per annum.

Number of Firm Shares: 10,000,000

Number of Additional Shares: 1,500,000

Purchase Price: \$24.2125 a share

Public Offering Price: \$25.00 a share

Selling Concession: \$0.50 a share

Reallowance: \$0.45 a share

Closing Date and Time: July 19, 2017 10:00 a.m.

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Closing Location: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP  
601 Lexington Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10022

Address for Notices to Underwriters:

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
1585 Broadway  
New York, New York 10036  
Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk

UBS Securities LLC  
1285 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019  
Attention: Fixed Income Syndicate

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10179  
Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.  
787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor  
New York, New York 10019

Address for Notices to the Company or the  
Manager:

590 Madison Avenue, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10022  
Attention: Rebecca Sandberg

with a copy to:

Stinson Leonard Street LLP 150  
South Fifth Street, Suite 1200, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota 55402  
Attention: Stephen Quinlivan

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## SCHEDULE C

Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus

1. The Pricing Term Sheet set forth in Annex A.
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## ANNEX A

**Filed Pursuant to Rule 433 of the Securities Act of 1933 Issuer Free Writing  
Prospectus dated July 12, 2017 Relating to Preliminary Prospectus  
Supplement dated July 12, 2017 Registration No. 333-204216**

### Final Pricing Term Sheet July 12, 2017

<b>Issuer:</b>	Two Harbors Investment Corp.
<b>Securities Offered:</b>	7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series B Preferred Stock”)
<b>Shares Offered:</b>	10,000,000 shares
<b>Over-Allotment Option:</b>	1,500,000 shares
<b>Trade Date:</b>	July 12, 2017
<b>Settlement and Delivery Date:</b>	We expect that delivery of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be made to investors on or about July 19, 2017, which will be the fifth business day following the date of this pricing term sheet (such settlement being referred to as “T+5”). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade shares of Series B Preferred Stock on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the shares initially settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers who wish to trade shares of Series B Preferred Stock during such period should consult their advisors.
<b>Public Offering Price:</b>	\$25.00 liquidation preference per share; \$250,000,000 in aggregate liquidation preference (assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised)
<b>Underwriting Discount:</b>	\$0.7875 per share; \$7,875,000 total (assuming the over- allotment option is not exercised)

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<b>Net Proceeds to the Issuer, Before Expenses:</b>	\$24.2125 per share; \$242,125,000 total (assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised)
<b>Dividend Rate:</b>	From and including the original issue date to, but excluding, July 27, 2027, at a fixed rate equal to 7.625% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference (\$1.90625 per annum per share), and from and including July 27, 2027 at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a spread of 5.352% per annum
<b>Dividend Payment Date:</b>	Quarterly cumulative dividends, in arrears, on April 27, July 27, October 27 and January 27 (provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day). The first dividend will be payable on October 27, 2017 (long first dividend period) in the amount of \$0.51892 per share and will be paid to the persons who are the holders of record of the Series B Preferred Stock on the corresponding dividend record date fixed by the board of directors.
<b>Dividend Record Date:</b>	The date no fewer than ten days and no more than 35 days prior to the applicable dividend payment date, as shall be fixed by the board of directors
<b>Liquidation Preference:</b>	\$25.00 per share
<b>Optional Redemption Date:</b>	July 27, 2027

<b>Conversion Rights:</b>	<p><u>Share Cap:</u> 5.0813</p> <p><u>Exchange Cap:</u> Subject to certain adjustments, the Exchange Cap will not exceed 50,813,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable), subject to proportionate increase to the extent the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase additional shares of Series B Preferred Stock is exercised, not to exceed 58,434,950 shares of the Issuer's common stock in total (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable).</p> <p>If the Common Stock Price is less than \$4.92 (which is 50% of the per share closing price of our common stock reported on the NYSE on July 11, 2017), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will receive a maximum of 5.0813 shares of our common stock per share of Series B Preferred Stock.</p> <p>TWO PRB</p>
<b>Proposed New York Stock Exchange Listing Symbol:</b>	
<b>CUSIP:</b>	90187B 309
<b>ISIN:</b>	US90187B3096
<b>Joint Book-Running Managers:</b>	<p>Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. LLC</p> <p>UBS Securities LLC</p> <p>J.P. Morgan Securities LLC</p> <p>Keefe, Bruyette &amp; Woods, Inc.</p>

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a base prospectus dated May 15, 2015) and a preliminary prospectus supplement, dated July 12, 2017 with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and the preliminary prospectus supplement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus and related preliminary prospectus supplement if you request them from Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC by calling toll-free (800) 584-6837 or by email at [prospectus@morganstanley.com](mailto:prospectus@morganstanley.com), UBS Securities LLC by calling toll-free (888) 827-7275, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC by calling (212) 834-4533 (collect), or Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. by calling toll-free (800) 966-1559.

STINSON LEONARD STREET LLP  
 150 South Fifth Street  
 Suite 2300  
 Minneapolis, MN 55402

July 18, 2017

Two Harbors Investment Corp.  
 590 Madison Avenue, 36th Floor  
 New York, New York 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204216)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel to Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance of up to 11,500,000 shares (the "Shares") of the 7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (including up to 1,500,000 Shares issuable pursuant to an overallocation option granted to the underwriters in the offering of the Shares), in an underwritten public offering covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-3, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinions hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement and the related form of prospectus included therein and the supplement thereto, each substantially in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act;
2. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), as amended as of the date hereof, certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
3. The Bylaws of the Company, as amended to date, certified by an officer of the Company;
4. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;

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5. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), and by a duly authorized committee of the Board (the "Resolutions"), relating to, among other matters, the registration, classification and issuance of the Shares, certified by an officer of the Company;

6. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company; and

7. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinions set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinions set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
5. Upon the issuance of any shares (the "Conversion Shares") of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company issuable upon the conversion of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

6. The Shares and the Conversion Shares will not be issued or transferred in violation of the restrictions on transfer and ownership contained in Article VII of the Charter.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.
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2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and if delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the Registration Statement and the Resolutions, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

3. The issuance of the Conversion Shares has been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Company upon conversion of the Shares in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Resolutions and the Charter, the Conversion Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Our opinions set forth herein are limited to the Maryland General Corporation Law, including the applicable provisions of the Maryland Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting those laws and the laws of the State of New York that, in our experience, are normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by the Registration Statement (all of the foregoing being referred to as “Opined on Law”). We do not express any opinion with respect to the law of any jurisdiction other than Opined on Law or as to the effect of any such non-Opined on Law on the opinions herein stated.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinions expressed herein after the date hereof.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading “Legal Matters” in the prospectus which forms a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof unless otherwise expressly stated, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in applicable laws.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stinson Leonard Street LLP

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July 18, 2017

Two Harbors Investment Corp.  
590 Madison Avenue, 36th Floor  
New York, New York 10022

Opinion: Tax  
Two Harbors Investment Corp.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the issuance and sale to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, UBS Securities LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters as set forth on Schedule A of the Underwriting Agreement (as defined below) (collectively the “Underwriters”), pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, dated July 12, 2017 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), between the Company, PRCM Advisers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the Underwriters, of 10,000,000 shares of 7.625% per annum Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Series B Preferred Stock”), of the Company, and up to 1,500,000 shares of the Series B Preferred Stock in connection with the option granted by the Company to the Underwriters to purchase additional shares of Series B Preferred Stock from the Company. We did not participate in the negotiation or drafting of the Underwriting Agreement.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents:

1. Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, as amended;
2. Bylaws of the Company, as amended, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
3. Certificate of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
4. Limited Liability Company Agreement of Two Harbors Operating Company LLC;
5. Certificate executed by an officer of the Company dated as of the date hereof (the “Certificate of Representations”);
6. The Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204216) of the Company, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “Registration Statement”), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and the related form of prospectus, dated May 15, 2015 (together with the Incorporated Documents (as defined below), the “Prospectus”), included therein in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act;
7. The Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated July 12, 2017 (together with the Incorporated Documents, the “Preliminary Prospectus Supplement”), in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act;
8. The Prospectus Supplement, dated July 12, 2017 (together with the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, the “Prospectus Supplement”), in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the Securities Act;
9. The documents described on Schedule A hereto filed by Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement, as the case may be, as of the date hereof (collectively, the “Incorporated Documents”); and

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10. The Underwriting Agreement.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have assumed that (i) all factual representations and statements in such documents are true and correct, (ii) each party who has executed or adopted, or will execute or adopt, the documents had, or will have, the proper authority and capacity, (iii) any documents that have been provided to us in draft form will be executed, adopted and/or filed without material modification, and (iv) the Company will operate in accordance with the method of operation described in its organizational documents, the Registration Statement and the Certificate of Representations.

For purposes of rendering this opinion, we have also assumed (i) the accuracy of the factual representations contained in the Certificate of Representations and that each representation contained in the Certificate of Representations to the best of the Company’s knowledge is accurate and complete without regard to such qualification as to the best of the Company’s knowledge, (ii) that the Certificate of Representations has been executed by an appropriate and authorized officer of the Company, and (iii) the genuineness of the signature on the Certificate of Representations.

Based on the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and subject thereto and on an analysis of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), Treasury Regulations thereunder, judicial authority and current administrative rulings and such other laws and facts as we have deemed relevant and necessary, we hereby state our opinion that:

1. commencing with its initial taxable year that ended on December 31, 2009, the Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a real estate investment trust (a “REIT”) under the Code, and its actual method of operation through the date of this opinion has enabled, and its proposed method of operation will continue to enable, it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT for its taxable year ending December 31, 2017 and subsequent taxable years, and
2. the discussions set forth in the Prospectus under the heading “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” and the Prospectus Supplement under the heading “Supplemental U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” constitute, in all material respects, a fair and accurate summary under current law of the material United States Federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Series B Preferred Stock, and the shares of common stock into which the Series B Preferred Stock may be converted, subject to the qualifications set forth therein. This opinion represents our legal judgment, but it has no binding effect or official status of any kind, and no assurance can be given that contrary positions may not be taken by the Internal Revenue Service or a court.

The Company’s qualification as a REIT will depend upon the continuing satisfaction by the Company of the requirements of the Code relating to qualification for REIT status, which requirements include those that are dependent upon actual operating results, distribution levels, diversity of stock ownership, asset composition, source of income and



record keeping. We do not undertake to monitor whether the Company actually will satisfy the various REIT qualification tests. We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Federal income tax laws of the United States of America to the extent specifically referred to herein.

This opinion is furnished in connection with the transaction described herein. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the matters stated, represented or assumed herein, or of any subsequent changes in applicable law.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dentons US LLP

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#### Schedule A

##### Incorporated Documents

1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2017;
  2. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, filed with the Commission on May 4, 2017;
  3. The information specifically incorporated by reference into the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 from the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting;
  4. The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 12, 2017, January 19, 2017, March 13, 2017, March 29, 2017, April 6, 2017, May 18, 2017, June 23, 2017 and June 28, 2017; and
  5. The description of the Company's common stock included in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 10, 2011.
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