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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held May 22, 2013

#### Dear Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., local time, at The Westin Hotel, 1 Old Bayshore Highway, Millbrae, California 94030. We are holding the meeting for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect three Class III directors, William Beane III, Deborah Farrington and Edward Zander, to serve for a term of three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, subject to their earlier death, resignation or removal;
- To approve the Company s Executive Officer Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan so that the Company may qualify
  performance-based cash incentives paid as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of
  1986, as amended, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder;
- To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013; and
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or at any and all adjournments, continuations or postponements thereof.

If you owned our common stock at the close of business on April 1, 2013, you may attend and vote at the meeting. A list of stockholders eligible to vote at the meeting will be available for review during our regular business hours at our headquarters in San Mateo, California for the ten days prior to the meeting for any purpose related to the meeting. This notice, the Proxy Statement and the Annual Report are first being mailed to stockholders and posted on our website on or about April 29, 2013.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, I hope that you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote your shares via a toll-free telephone number or over the Internet. You may also submit your proxy card or voting instruction card for the meeting by completing, signing, dating and returning your proxy card or voting instruction card in the envelope provided. Any stockholder of record attending the meeting may vote in person, even if you have already returned a proxy card or voting instruction card.

Thank you for your ongoing support of NetSuite. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Douglas P. Solomon

Douglas P. Solomon

SVP, General Counsel and Secretary

April 29, 2013

San Mateo, California

ALL STOCKHOLDERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON. WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE VOTE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD OF RECORD BY A BROKER, BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE AND YOU WISH TO VOTE AT THE MEETING, YOU MUST OBTAIN FROM THE RECORD HOLDER A PROXY ISSUED IN YOUR NAME.

### NETSUITE INC.

# **Proxy Statement**

# For the Annual Meeting of Stockholders

# To Be Held on May 22, 2013

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Our board of directors is soliciting proxies for our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. local time at The Westin Hotel, 1 Old Bayshore Highway, Millbrae, California 94030. Our principal executive offices are located at 2955 Campus Drive, Suite 100, San Mateo, CA 94403-2511.

The proxy materials, including this proxy statement, proxy card or voting instruction card and our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K are first being distributed to stockholders and made available on our website at <a href="https://www.netsuite.com">www.netsuite.com</a> under the headings Investors/SEC Filings on or about April 29, 2013. These materials are also available at <a href="https://materials.proxyvote.com/64118Q">https://materials.proxyvote.com/64118Q</a> in a manner that does not infringe on the anonymity of the person accessing such website. This proxy statement contains important information for you to consider when deciding how to vote on the matters brought before the meeting. Please read it carefully. Unless the context requires otherwise, the words NetSuite, we, Company, us, and our refer to NetSuite Inc.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is included in these materials and posted on our website?

These materials include:

Our proxy statement for the Annual Meeting including the proxy card for the Annual Meeting; and

Our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

What items will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

There are three items that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

- The election of three Class III directors;
- 2. The approval of the Company s Executive Officer Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan so that the Company may qualify performance-based cash incentives paid as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder; and
- 3. The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

# What are our Board of Directors voting recommendations?

Our board recommends that you vote your shares FOR each of the nominees to the board, FOR the approval of the Executive Officer Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan, and FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP.

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### Who may vote at the Annual Meeting?

If you owned NetSuite s common stock at the close of business on April 1, 2013 (the Record Date ), then you may attend and vote at the meeting. At the close of business on the Record Date, we had 73,693,408 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, all of which are entitled to vote with respect to all matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder of record is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held by such stockholder.

What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner of shares held in street name?

**Stockholder of Record.** If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Wells Fargo Shareholder Services, or Wells Fargo, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and the proxy materials were sent directly to you by NetSuite.

Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and the proxy materials were forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account.

### What is the quorum requirement for the Annual Meeting?

A majority of NetSuite s outstanding shares on the Record Date must be present at the meeting in order to hold the meeting and conduct business. This is called a quorum. Your shares will be counted for purposes of determining if there is a quorum, whether representing votes for, against, withheld or abstained, or broker non-votes, if you:

Are present and vote in person at the meeting; or

Have voted on the Internet, by telephone or by properly submitting a proxy card or voting instruction form by mail. If I am a stockholder of record of NetSuite s shares, how do I vote?

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote by proxy. You can vote by proxy over the Internet, by mail or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the proxy materials.

You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting. We will give you a ballot when you arrive. Directions to the Annual Meeting are available on our corporate website at <a href="http://www.netsuite.com/portal/investors/event.shtml">http://www.netsuite.com/portal/investors/event.shtml</a>.

### If I am a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, how do I vote?

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you may vote by proxy. You may vote by proxy over the Internet, by mail or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the proxy materials.

You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting. To vote in person, you must obtain a valid proxy from the organization that holds your shares. Directions to the Annual Meeting are available on our corporate website at <a href="http://www.netsuite.com/portal/investors/event.shtml">http://www.netsuite.com/portal/investors/event.shtml</a>.

What happens if I do not give specific voting instructions?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a stockholder of record and you:

Indicate when voting on the Internet or by telephone that you wish to vote as recommended by our board of directors; or

If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, then the proxy holders will vote your shares in the manner recommended by our board of directors on all matters presented in this proxy statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the meeting.

**Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in Street Name.** If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not provide the organization (*e.g.*, your broker) that holds your shares with voting instructions, under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, the organization that holds your shares may generally vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. If the organization that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, the organization that holds your shares will inform our Inspector of Election that it does not have the authority to vote on this matter with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a broker non-vote. When our Inspector of Election tabulates the votes for any particular matter, broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, but will not otherwise be counted. We encourage you to provide voting instructions to the organization that holds your shares by carefully following the instructions provided in the proxy materials.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, it is important for you to cast a vote if you want it to count in the election of directors (Proposal 1) or approval of the Company s Executive Officer Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan (Proposal 2). In the past, if a beneficial owner held shares in street name and did not indicate how the holder wanted the shares voted in the election of directors, the beneficial owner s bank or broker was allowed to vote those shares on the holder s behalf in the election of directors as they felt appropriate. Recent changes in applicable regulations were made to take away the ability of a beneficial owner s bank or broker to vote uninstructed shares in the election of directors on a discretionary basis. Thus, if a beneficial owner holds shares in street name and does not instruct the bank or broker how to vote in the election of directors, no votes will be cast on that holder s behalf. The beneficial owner s bank or broker will, however, continue to have discretion to vote any uninstructed shares on the ratification of the appointment of the Company s independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 3). If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, then the proxy holders will vote your shares in the manner recommended by our board of directors on all matters presented in this proxy statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the meeting.

### Which ballot measures are considered routine or non-routine?

Proposal 1 (election of directors) and Proposal 2 (approval of the Executive Officer Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan) involve matters that are considered non-routine. A broker or other nominee cannot vote without instructions on non-routine matters, and therefore there may be broker non-votes on Proposals 1 and 2. Proposal 3 (ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm) involves a matter that we believe is considered routine. A broker or other nominee may generally vote on routine matters, and therefore no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with Proposal 3.

### How are abstentions treated?

Abstentions are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. For the purpose of determining whether the stockholders have approved a matter, abstentions are treated as represented and entitled

to vote and, therefore, have the same effect on the outcome of a matter being voted on at the Annual Meeting as a vote AGAINST or WITHHELD except in elections of directors where abstentions have no effect on the outcome.

### What is the voting requirement to approve each of the proposals?

The following table sets forth the voting requirement with respect to each of the proposals:

Proposal 1 Election of directors

Each director must be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, meaning that the three nominees receiving the most FOR votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected. Only votes FOR will affect the outcome. Withheld votes or broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the vote.

Performance-Based Cash Incentive Plan

Proposal 2 Approval of the Company s Executive Officer To be approved by our stockholders, a majority of the shares represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting must vote FOR this proposal. Broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote and, thus, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Proposal 3 Ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm

To be approved by our stockholders, a majority of the shares represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting must vote FOR this proposal. Broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote and, thus, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

#### Can I change my vote after I have voted?

You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the final vote at the meeting. You may vote again on a later date on the Internet or by telephone (only your latest Internet or telephone proxy submitted prior to the meeting will be counted), or by signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, or by attending the meeting and voting in person. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you vote again at the meeting or specifically request in writing that your prior proxy be revoked.

## Is my vote confidential?

Proxy instructions, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within NetSuite or to third parties, except:

As necessary to meet applicable legal requirements;

To allow for the tabulation and certification of votes; or

To facilitate a successful proxy solicitation.

Occasionally, stockholders provide written comments on their proxy cards, which may be forwarded to management and our board of directors.

## Who will serve as Inspector of Elections?

The Inspector of Elections is expected to be a representative from Wells Fargo.

## Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

The preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The final voting results will be tallied by the Inspector of Elections and published in a Current Report on Form 8-K that we expect to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) within four business days following the Annual Meeting.

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### Who is paying for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

NetSuite is paying the costs of the solicitation of proxies. We will pay brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares held in street name certain fees associated with:

Forwarding printed proxy materials by mail to stockholders of record and beneficial owners; and

Obtaining beneficial owners voting instructions.

We do not expect to, but have the option to, retain a proxy solicitor. If we engage a proxy solicitor, we expect that the fees for such solicitor would be less than \$20,000. Our board members, officers and employees may solicit proxies on our behalf, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone. We may also solicit proxies by email from stockholders who are our employees or who previously requested to receive proxy materials electronically.

### How will NetSuite s significant stockholder vote its shares on these matters?

On the Record Date, NetSuite Restricted Holdings LLC, or the LLC, held 31,964,891 shares of our common stock. As of the Record Date, those shares represented approximately 43.38% of our outstanding stock. The LLC is a limited liability company beneficially owned by Lawrence J. Ellison, and was formed for the limited purpose of holding NetSuite shares, voting the shares as required by the LLC is operating agreement (as described below), and funding charitable gifts if and when directed by Mr. Ellison. The LLC is managed solely by a third party that is unrelated to NetSuite or Mr. Ellison.

The operating agreement for the LLC contains provisions regarding the voting of our shares that are designed to neutralize the voting power of the shares of our stock held by the LLC, and that require that all the shares held by the LLC that are entitled to be voted at any meeting of our stockholders will be present and voted at such meeting, except as described below. These provisions require the shares held by the LLC to be voted on each matter presented in strict proportion (for, against, withheld, and/or abstain) to the votes collectively cast by all of our other stockholders who are present and voting, other than shares beneficially owned by Mr. Ellison or members of his family, shares owned by trusts created for the benefit of Mr. Ellison s family members, and shares beneficially owned by any person or group that makes (or under applicable law is required to make) a filing on Schedule 13D with the SEC. These voting provisions apply to all matters brought before our stockholders, except transactions involving a change of control, dissolution, sale of substantially all the assets, or a liquidation of NetSuite, in which case the shares held by the LLC will be voted as directed by Mr. Ellison.

### How can stockholders submit a proposal for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting?

To be included in our proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting, stockholder proposals must comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and be received by our Secretary at our principal executive offices no later than December 31, 2013, or no later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days before the one-year anniversary of the date on which we first released our proxy statement to stockholders in connection with this year s Annual Meeting.

How can stockholders submit proposals to be raised at the 2014 Annual Meeting that will not be included in our proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting?

To be raised at the 2014 Annual Meeting, stockholder proposals must comply with our Bylaws. Under our Bylaws, a stockholder must give advance notice to our Secretary of any business, including nominations of candidates for election as directors for our board that the stockholder wishes to raise at our Annual Meeting. To be timely, the notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by our Secretary at our principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the 90th day, nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day,

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prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting. Since our 2013 Annual Meeting is being held on May 22, 2013, stockholder proposals must be received by our Secretary at our principal executive offices no earlier than January 22, 2014 and no later than February 21, 2014, in order to be raised at our 2014 Annual Meeting.

### What if the date of the 2014 Annual Meeting changes by more than 30 days from the anniversary of this year s Annual Meeting?

Under Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if the date of the 2014 Annual Meeting changes by more than 30 days from the anniversary of this year s Annual Meeting, to be included in our proxy statement, stockholder proposals must be received by us within a reasonable time before our solicitation is made.

Under our Bylaws, if the date of the 2014 Annual Meeting changes by more than 30 days from the anniversary of this year s Annual Meeting, stockholder proposals to be brought before the 2014 Annual Meeting must be received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the meeting was made, whichever occurs first.

### Does a stockholder proposal require specific information?

With respect to a stockholder s nomination of a candidate for our board, the stockholder notice to the Secretary must contain certain information as set forth in our Bylaws about both the nominee and the stockholder making the nomination. With respect to any other business that the stockholder proposes, the stockholder notice must contain a brief description of such business and the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, as well as certain other information as set forth in our Bylaws. If you wish to bring a stockholder proposal or nominate a candidate for director, you are advised to review our Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations. Our current Bylaws may be found on our corporate website at <a href="https://www.netsuite.com">www.netsuite.com</a> under the headings Company/Investors/Corporate Governance.

### What happens if we receive a stockholder proposal that is not in compliance with the time frames described above?

If we receive notice of a matter to come before the 2014 Annual Meeting that is not in accordance with the deadlines described above, we will use our discretion in determining whether or not to bring such matter before such meeting. If such matter is brought before such meeting, then our proxy card for such meeting will confer upon our proxy holders discretionary authority to vote on such matter.

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#### PROPOSAL 1

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our board of directors currently consists of eight directors and is divided into three classes, with the nominees for one class to be elected at each annual meeting of stockholders, to hold office for a three-year term and until successors of such class have been elected and qualified, subject to their earlier death, resignation or removal. The terms of the Class III directors are scheduled to expire on the date of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Based in part on the recommendation of the nominating and governance committee of the board of directors, the board of directors nominees for election by the stockholders are the current Class III members of the board of directors, William Beane III, Deborah Farrington and Edward Zander. If elected, the nominees will serve as directors until our annual meeting of stockholders in 2016 and until their successors are elected and qualified, subject to their earlier death, resignation or removal.

The names and certain information about the nominees for election as directors and the continuing directors in each of the other two classes of our board of directors are set forth below. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

It is intended that the proxy will be voted, unless otherwise indicated, for the election of the nominees as Class III directors to the board of directors. If any of the nominees, for any reason, should be unable or unwilling to serve at any time prior to the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person as a substitute nominee as our board of directors may designate in place of such nominee.

The three candidates receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be elected directors to serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, subject to their earlier death, resignation or removal.

#### **Nominees for Class III Directors**

The name and age as of March 31, 2013 of each nominee for director, his or her position with us, the year in which he or she first became a director and certain biographical information as of March 31, 2013 is set forth below:

			Director
Name	Age	Positions and Offices Held with the Company	Since
William Beane III	51	Director	2007
Deborah Farrington	62	Director	2000
Edward Zander	66	Director	2009

William Beane III has been a member of our board of directors since January 2007. Mr. Beane has served as Vice President and General Manager of the Oakland Athletics, a Major League Baseball® team since October 1997, and has been a minority owner of the team since April 2005. Mr. Beane also serves on the board of directors of Easton-Bell Sports, Inc., a sporting goods manufacturer. He attended the University of California, San Diego.

As the general manager of a Major League Baseball team, Mr. Beane brings valuable leadership and business management experience to the board, particularly in talent management and performance and metrics-based management. With the Oakland Athletics, Mr. Beane has used his strategic vision to apply a statistical, quantitative-based approach to help build competitive teams in a more fiscally disciplined manner. Under his leadership, the Oakland Athletics have been widely and consistently regarded as one of the most successful fiscally disciplined teams in Major League Baseball.

**Deborah Farrington** has been a member of our board of directors since May 2000. Since May 1998, Ms. Farrington has served as a General Partner of StarVest Partners, L.P., a venture capital firm, and, since April 2006, has served as President of StarVest Management, Inc., a management company. Ms. Farrington also is a member of the board of directors and serves as the chair of the compensation committee of Collectors Universe, Inc., a company that grades and authenticates collectible assets. She holds an A.B. from Smith College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Ms. Farrington has spent over thirty years in the financial services industry, including twenty years of private equity investing and, prior to that, eleven years of investment banking. Ms. Farrington brings valuable financial, business and management experience to the board. In particular, Ms. Farrington has had fifteen years of experience investing in and working with business services companies, especially Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) companies. Ms. Farrington has a decade of board experience at NetSuite and has extensive experience with other business services companies. This experience uniquely qualifies Ms. Farrington to provide the board with an important perspective on the operations of, and issues facing, our company and SaaS companies generally. Ms. Farrington also holds a Master Professional Director Certification from the American College of Corporate Directors, a director education and credentialing organization.

Edward Zander has been a member of our board of directors since June 2009. From January 2004 to January 2008, Mr. Zander served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Motorola, Inc. Prior to joining Motorola, Mr. Zander was a managing director of Silver Lake Partners, a leading private equity fund focused on investments in technology industries. Prior to holding that position, Mr. Zander was President and Chief Operating Officer of Sun Microsystems Inc., a leading provider of hardware, software and services for networks, from January 1998 until June 2002. Mr. Zander is a member of the board of directors and serves as the chair of the compensation committee of Seagate Technology. He holds a B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an M.B.A. from Boston University.

Mr. Zander has over two decades of senior management experience in the technology sector. Mr. Zander s experience as the Chief Executive Officer, and as President and Chief Operating Officer, of two of the leading technology corporations in the U.S., brings valuable leadership, strategic, management, and operational experience in technology businesses to our board. In addition, Mr. Zander s deep experience in a variety of technology businesses, including his work as a managing director of Silver Lake Partners and ongoing board service at two other technology companies, provides Mr. Zander with the background and insight to contribute significantly to the strategic and operational issues that NetSuite may encounter.

### **Directors Not Standing for Election**

The names and certain biographical information as of March 31, 2013 about the continuing members of our board of directors who are not standing for election at this year s Annual Meeting are set forth below:

Name	Age	Positions and Offices Held with the Company	Director Since	Class and Year in Which Term Will Expire
Zachary Nelson	51	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2002	Class I 2014
Kevin Thompson	47	Director	2006	Class I 2014
Evan Goldberg	46	Chief Technology Officer and Chairman of the Board	1998	Class II 2015
Steven J. Gomo	61	Director	2012	Class II 2015
Catherine R. Kinney	61	Director	2009	Class II 2015

Zachary Nelson has been a member of our board of directors since July 2002 and has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Nelson served as our President and Chief Operating Officer from July 2002 to January 2003. From March 1996 to October 2001, Mr. Nelson was employed by Network Associates, Inc. (now Intel Corporation), an enterprise security software company. While at Network Associates, Mr. Nelson held various positions, including Chief Strategy Officer of Network

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Associates and President and Chief Executive Officer of MyCIO.com, a subsidiary that provided on-demand software security services. From 1992 to 1996, he held various positions, including Vice President of Worldwide Marketing, at Oracle Corporation, an enterprise software company. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Stanford University.

Mr. Nelson has over twenty years of experience working in the technology sector and brings his leadership and extensive business, operating, marketing and industry experience to the board. As our Chief Executive Officer, he also brings his strategic vision for the Company to the board and creates a critical link between the management and the board, enabling the board to perform its oversight function with the benefits of management s perspectives on the business.

**Kevin Thompson** has been a member of our board of directors since September 2006. Since July 2006, Mr. Thompson has been employed by SolarWinds, Inc., a network management software company, and currently serves as its President and Chief Executive Officer and serves on its board of directors. In addition to his current role as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Thompson previously held various positions at SolarWinds, including, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. From September 2004 until November 2005, Mr. Thompson was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at SAS Institute Inc., a business intelligence software company. From October 2000 until August 2004, Mr. Thompson served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Red Hat Inc., an enterprise software company. He holds a B.B.A. from the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Thompson has over a decade of experience in the software industry. As the President and Chief Executive Officer of a publicly traded software company, Mr. Thompson brings deep leadership and operational experience to our board. In addition, Mr. Thompson s strong financial background, including his work as the chief financial officer at two different publicly-traded software companies and one of the world s largest privately-held software company (pre-packaged software), provides financial expertise to the board, including an understanding of financial statements, corporate finance and accounting.

**Evan Goldberg** co-founded our company and has been a member of our board of directors since October 1998 and Chairman of our board since January 2003. From October 1998 through January 2003, Mr. Goldberg held various positions with us, including President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining us, Mr. Goldberg founded mBed Software, Inc., a software company focused on multimedia tools for website developers, where he served as Chief Executive Officer from November 1995 to September 1998. From August 1987 to November 1995, Mr. Goldberg held various positions in the product development group at Oracle Corporation, including Vice President of Development in the New Media Division. He holds a B.A. from Harvard College.

As the co-founder of NetSuite, and having nearly fourteen years of experience as a key executive officer and member of our board of directors, Mr. Goldberg has in-depth knowledge of the Company, its products, operations and strategy. Based upon this experience and knowledge, Mr. Goldberg can provide the board with unique insights into the Company s challenges, opportunities and operations. Mr. Goldberg s eight years of experience in the product development group at Oracle and his experience as founder and CEO of mBed Software, Inc., bring deep software development and product expertise to our board.

Steven J. Gomo has been a member of our board of directors since March 2012. From August 2002 until December 2011, Mr. Gomo was employed by NetApp, Inc. and has served as its Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer since 2004. Prior to joining NetApp, Inc., he served as Chief Financial Officer for Gemplus International S.A., headquartered in Luxembourg, from November 2000 to April 2002 and as Chief Financial Officer of Silicon Graphics, Inc., from February 1998 to August 2000. Prior to February 1998, he worked at Hewlett-Packard Company for twenty-four years in various positions, including financial management, corporate finance, general management, and manufacturing. Mr. Gomo currently serves on the board of directors of SanDisk Corporation and Enphase Energy. Mr. Gomo holds an M.B.A. degree from Santa Clara University and a B.S. degree in business administration from Oregon State University.

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Mr. Gomo has over fourteen years experience as a chief financial officer at publicly traded companies and over thirty-four years working in the high technology industry bringing strong financial and operational experience to the board. Mr. Gomo has extensive operational experience scaling rapidly growing companies. In addition, Mr. Gomo s strong financial background provides financial expertise to the board, including an understanding of financial statements, corporate finance and accounting.

Catherine R. Kinney has been a member of our board of directors since March 2009. From 2008 through March 2009, Ms. Kinney served as Group Executive Vice President and Head of Global Listings at NYSE Euronext, where she was responsible for overseeing the company s global listing program, marketing and branding. From 2002 to 2008, Ms. Kinney served as President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of the New York Stock Exchange. Ms. Kinney served in the Paris, France office of the NYSE Euronext from July 2007 until 2009. Ms. Kinney serves on the board of directors and is a member of the finance and risk committee and audit committee of MetLife, Inc. Ms. Kinney also serves on the board of directors and is a member of the compensation committee and chair of the nominating and governance committee of MSCI, Inc. She holds a B.A. from Iona College and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Ms. Kinney has received honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Fordham University and Rosemont College.

Ms. Kinney s experience as a senior executive and Chief Operating Officer of a multinational regulated entity and her key role transforming the New York Stock Exchange to a publicly-traded company demonstrates a knowledge of, and experience with, issues of corporate development and transformation. In addition, Ms. Kinney s experience in developing and establishing the NYSE corporate governance standards for listed companies provides the board with unique corporate governance expertise to assist the board in establishing and maintaining an effective corporate governance program.

### Vote Required and Board of Directors Recommendation

Each director must be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, meaning that the three nominees receiving the most FOR votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected.

### RECOMMENDATION

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE

ELECTION OF THE BOARD S THREE NOMINEES IDENTIFIED ABOVE IN PROPOSAL NO. 1.

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#### BOARD MATTERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Board Committees**

Our board of directors has an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and governance committee, each of which has the composition and responsibilities described below. The board of directors has also adopted a written charter for each of the three standing committees: the audit committee, the compensation committee and the nominating and governance committee. Each committee charter is available on our corporate website at <a href="https://www.netsuite.com">www.netsuite.com</a> under the headings Company/Investors/Corporate Governance, or in print by contacting Investor Relations at our principal executive offices.

### Audit Committee

Our audit committee is comprised of Deborah Farrington, Steven J. Gomo, Catherine R. Kinney and Kevin Thompson, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors. Mr. Thompson is the chairperson of our audit committee. Our board of directors has determined that each member of our audit committee meets the requirements for independence and financial literacy, and that each member qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under the applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange and SEC rules and regulations. To the extent deemed necessary or appropriate, the audit committee, among other things:

selects and hires our independent auditors, and approves the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditors:

evaluates the qualifications, performance and independence of our independent auditors;

monitors the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;

reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of our internal control policies and procedures and oversees our internal audit function;

discusses the scope and results of the audit with the independent auditors and reviews with management and the independent auditors our interim and year-end operating results;

prepares the audit committee report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement; and

reviews and approves in advance any proposed related party transactions.

### **Compensation Committee**

Our compensation committee is comprised of Deborah Farrington, Kevin Thompson and Edward Zander, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors. Ms. Farrington is the chairperson of our compensation committee. Our board of directors has determined that each member of our compensation committee meets the requirements for independence under the applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange. To the extent necessary or appropriate, the compensation committee, among other things:

reviews and approves for our executive officers: annual base salaries, annual performance-based cash incentives, including the specific goals and amounts, equity compensation, employment agreements, severance arrangements and change in control

arrangements, and any other benefits, compensation or arrangements;

reviews the succession planning for our executive officers;

oversees compensation goals and performance-based cash incentive and stock compensation criteria for our employees;

reviews and recommends compensation programs for outside directors;

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prepares the compensation discussion and analysis and compensation committee report that the SEC requires be included in our annual proxy statement; and

administers, reviews and makes recommendations with respect to our equity compensation plans.

### Nominating and Governance Committee

Our nominating and governance committee is comprised of Deborah Farrington, Catherine R. Kinney and Edward Zander, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors. Ms. Kinney is the chairperson of our nominating and governance committee. Our board of directors has determined that each member of our nominating and governance committee satisfies the requirements for independence under the applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange. To the extent necessary or appropriate, the nominating and governance committee, among other things:

assists our board of directors in identifying prospective director nominees and recommends nominees for each annual meeting of stockholders to the board of directors;

reviews developments in corporate governance practices and develops and recommends governance principles applicable to our board of directors:

oversees the evaluation of our board of directors and management;

recommends members for each board committee to our board of directors; and

reviews and monitors our code of ethics.

### **Board Meetings and Attendance**

The board held six meetings during the year ended December 31, 2012. Each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of the meetings of the board and of the committees on which he or she served during the period in 2012 for which he or she was a director or committee member, respectively. The following table sets forth the standing committees of the board, the number of meetings held by each committee in 2012 and the membership of each committee during the year ended December 31, 2012. Messrs. Nelson, Goldberg and Beane are omitted from the table below as they were not members of any of the standing committees of the board.