

National Western Life Group, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Hasan Riad		(Month/Day/Year)	National Western Life Group, Inc. [NWLJ]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/16/2017	
850 E. ANDERSON LANE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78732			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			NWLIC - SVP Chief Info Officer	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Stock Appreciation Rights	02/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾	02/17/2026	Class A Common Stock	347	\$ 216.48	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	02/17/2019 ⁽²⁾	Â ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	87	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hasan Riad 850 E. ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78732	Â	Â	Â NWLIC - SVP Chief Info Officer	Â

Signatures

Riad Hassan 02/20/2017
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (2) The restricted stock units have a three year cliff vesting schedule that begins on the grant date. The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary from the grant date.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.

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