“Through our investments in innovation, we bring artificial intelligence, automated workflow processes, and advanced analytics to the audit process in unprecedented ways. When combined with the deep industry experience of our professionals, our transformational applications enhance audit execution, deliver higher quality, and generate valuable insights that can inform business decisions and meet the evolving demands of the marketplace and the investing public.”

— Joseph Ucuzoglu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Deloitte & Touche LLP

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To Our Clients and Stakeholders:

At Deloitte, we are committed to the consistent execution of high-quality audits, professional excellence, and serving our clients, investors, and the capital markets with distinction. Through their actions, our professionals reaffirm every day that audit quality is deeply rooted in our culture and is intrinsic to all that we do. We recognize that the needs of the investing public will be very different tomorrow than they were yesterday, and that our profession plays a vital role in a multi-trillion dollar capital markets system that drives the economic engine of our markets.

As we aspire to the very highest standards of audit quality, we are focused on making audits more responsive to rapidly changing market conditions, evolving investor demands, and increasing regulatory requirements. In order to drive continuous improvements in quality, we are transforming the audit to leverage innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence, automated workflow processes, and advanced analytics techniques. At the same time, we are enhancing our learning and development programs to build the skills and capabilities required of the next generation auditor in a digitally driven future. We are confident that our ongoing digital transformation, along with the investments we continue to make in our audit processes, policies, and quality controls, are resulting in enhancements to our audit quality that will serve the interests of the investing public and the companies we audit.

This report contains information related to the internal and regulatory inspections of our audit practice. We respond vigorously to all findings, and have used the inspection process to drive continuous improvement in our audit quality. The number of inspection comments we received from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board has sharply declined as compared to several years ago. We are proud of our progress and continue to be diligent in addressing issues that remain.

We publish this report each year to provide disclosure that is responsive to certain categories of information identified in United States and European Union standards directed at corporate governance and transparency. We commit to you that Deloitte will continue to collaborate with regulators, elected officials, and others on issues impacting financial reporting and the profession. Within this report, we share more about our commitment to and continued investments in audit quality.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Ucuzoglu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Our commitment to audit quality is unequivocal

The importance of audit quality

Our commitment to audit quality pervades everything we do—from our culture and business priorities to the resources and processes through which we define and carry out our audits.

The independent audit is a central element of the financial reporting system in place to protect investors and promote the effective functioning of the capital markets. Making sure audit quality keeps pace with emerging economic, business, financial, and regulatory conditions, as well as advancements in technology, is crucial to continuously enhancing the overall strength and integrity of the financial reporting system.

We are keenly aware of our obligation to deliver audit services that meet the challenges and complexities of the current environment and that comply with professional and regulatory standards. For the financial reporting system to function as intended, it is vital that the auditor’s role be executed effectively.

We are committed to doing more than simply meeting challenges and conforming to expectations. Our desire is to set the standard of excellence for the profession. In keeping with that objective, our commitment to audit quality is unequivocal.

Management statement on effectiveness of the internal quality control system

As we strive to be the standard of professional excellence, we are committed to the consistent delivery of high-quality audits and the effective functioning of our system of internal quality control. Our monitoring and review activities have confirmed that our system of quality control is operating effectively. The results of these activities are communicated regularly to our leadership and allow us to identify areas in need of potential improvement now or in the future. Our process includes an internal certification process by partners and managing directors with responsibilities for the various aspects of the system of quality control to emphasize the importance of effective quality control. The internal certification process supports the chairman and CEO of Deloitte & Touche LLP’s1 responsibility for our internal system of audit quality control.

A culture of professional excellence

We believe a key element of professional excellence is setting the right tone at the top. This begins with the CEO of Deloitte & Touche LLP and other members of senior leadership and continues through to our practice offices and engagement team leadership. Our focus on audit quality is evident through the direct involvement of leaders at all levels in audit quality activities and consistent dissemination of quality-emphasizing messages through various communication channels throughout our practice. Our philosophy calls for embedding professional excellence into our definition of what it takes to be an auditor and what it means to conduct an audit. Acting honorably and with integrity is a shared responsibility for which all of our professionals are held accountable.

1 Deloitte & Touche LLP is the Deloitte US Entity that provides audit, assurance, and other attest and advisory services to clients, and is registered with the PCAOB to perform audits of US public companies. For more information regarding the legal structure and governance mechanisms of the Deloitte US Entities, see the Legal Structure of the Deloitte Network and the Deloitte US Entities section of this report.
Independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism

Performing high-quality audits requires independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism. In essence, this means defining the investing public as the ultimate stakeholder; creating a culture in which doing the right thing is valued, invested in, and recognized; and managing our practice such that financial and operational considerations do not override fidelity to professional standards or serving the public interest.

Internal messaging to our professionals emphasizes that we, as auditors, are evaluators who must maintain a mindset of professional skepticism throughout the conduct of our work. This approach to the audit is reflected in many aspects of our policies, methods, procedures, and training and is reinforced through quality control and accountability measures.

Professionals and processes providing the capability for high-quality audits

Aligning the appropriate competencies and resources in the conduct of our audits is one way in which we achieve our aim of high audit quality.

Our primary resources are properly qualified and trained professionals. Developing our professionals includes a focus on recruitment, training, and deployment. Our objective is to have a full complement of professionals who understand and apply the standards, policies, and procedures that constitute the audit, including professionals with deep technical, subject matter, and industry knowledge.

Other resources include the tools, guidance materials, and practice aids that are used in conducting audits, which are available to all of our professionals in the Technical Library, an extensive online library that includes databases for offline use. Access to the latest information is critical to the effectiveness of our audit teams; we regularly issue accounting and auditing guidance to audit professionals and communicate developments that may affect audit quality.

Various required processes also assist in achieving high-quality audits by providing the specific definitions and guidelines to structure audit activities in accordance with priorities, policies, and standards. Among these are activities for deciding on client acceptance and continuance, agreeing on the scope and terms of the engagement, maintaining independence, staffing the engagement team, planning and performing the audit, managing engagements, conducting consultations on complex issues, evaluating performance, implementing improvements, and communicating with the audit committee.

Client acceptance and continuance

To evaluate whether to accept or continue an audit engagement, we assess the risks associated with performing the audit and the risk that we will be exposed to adverse consequences as a result of association with the entity; the results of our assessment are one of many inputs that inform decisions about the planning and performance of the audit.

Our procedures for assessing whether to accept a new audit client or to continue to serve an existing client are rigorous and encompass many considerations, including:

- The reputation and integrity of the audit committee and management, including background checks and searches for regulatory sanctions of key management members and members of the audit committee
- The management culture, including management’s commitment to the appropriate application of the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and to implementing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting
- The evaluation of certain risk factors relative to the engagement, as well as the nature of the services we are requested to perform
- Independence and conflict-of-interest assessments and considerations
- The apparent financial viability of the entity at the time of our assessment

Our assessment of audit engagement risk begins during the client acceptance or continuance process and lasts throughout the engagement, influencing the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures we perform, as well as the expertise within the Deloitte US Entities that we involve in the performance of our audit services.
Audit approach

Our approach to a quality audit requires a fully integrated audit methodology supplemented by proprietary audit software for use by each of our professionals to plan, perform, supervise, review, document, conclude, and communicate the results of each audit. Our audit approach is consistent with the guidance promulgated by the various professional regulators and standard setters.

Our audit methodology is nimble and recognizes that advances in the management of large data sets, advances in statistical science, and advances in the analyses of human behavior and biases are relevant to continuing to enhance the quality of our audits. Our audit methodology is fueled by innovation. Our investments in transformational applications are bringing artificial intelligence, automated workflow processes, and advanced analytics into the audit process. The methodology is not static—it is ever-evolving to keep pace with the changing demands of companies, investors, and others in the capital markets.

Our audit methodology is risk based, focusing on those areas of the financial statements that have a greater possibility of being materially misstated. During the planning phase of the audit, we identify risks of material misstatement and then tailor the audit to respond to such risks. This early risk assessment process draws on our understanding of the entity and both its internal and external environment. From an internal perspective, we consider the quality of an entity’s internal control processes, the characteristics of financial statement elements and whether such elements are subject to significant judgment and estimation, and the competency of the entity’s personnel. From an external perspective, we look to an entity’s place in its industry and macroeconomic events or trends that may change an entity’s risk profile.

Once the initial risk assessment is complete, the audit team tailors and executes procedures to address the assessed risks of material misstatement. If we are performing an integrated audit, i.e., an audit of both the financial statements and the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control over financial reporting, we also identify, and plan our testing of, controls that address those assessed risks of material misstatement.

The audit engagement team

The selection of the engagement team is important to the execution of an effective and efficient audit. An audit partner or managing director has leadership responsibilities for the audit. In the case of public company audits, a partner is required to lead the engagement team. In this report, we use “engagement partner” to describe the individual with responsibility for the overall quality on each audit. The team typically includes one or more of the following professionals: audit senior manager, audit manager, audit senior, audit staff, as well as relevant internal specialists. The engagement team’s composition varies depending on the size, nature, and complexity of the company’s operations.

Partner rotation and succession planning

In accordance with the requirements of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the audit engagement partner and the partner serving as the engagement quality control reviewer (EQCR) for public companies may not serve in those capacities for more than five consecutive years. A time-out period of at least five years is required before either partner may return to the engagement. Certain other partners who provide audit services must rotate every seven years and are subject to a two-year time-out period. The required periodic partner rotation is an important practice that helps us maintain our objectivity and professional skepticism on audit engagements. It is also an opportunity to develop leaders. We have a deliberate and objective succession planning process that identifies leaders to fill engagement partner roles and other senior leadership positions.
Engagement supervision and review

The engagement partner leads the overall planning and conduct of the audit. Accordingly, he or she is responsible for the direction, supervision, and performance of the work of engagement team members in compliance with our audit approach and professional standards, including standards regarding the use of specialists, other auditors, and the work of internal auditors and others who are involved in performing the audit. More experienced team members supervise less experienced members so that professionals at all levels receive guidance to help perform their work effectively. A review of the documentation of all audit work performed on an engagement is performed by members of the engagement team who have more experience than the preparer. Several more senior team members review the audit work in certain areas as well, including the audit engagement partner and the EQCR.

Engagement documentation

Audit documentation is the written record of our audit engagement. It demonstrates that the work performed complies with professional standards, provides evidence of the basis for our conclusions concerning each relevant financial statement assertion, and shows that the underlying accounting records agree or reconcile with the financial statements. We have clearly articulated policies and practice aids that assist our practitioners in understanding and complying with documentation and archiving processes and requirements. The engagement partner is ultimately responsible for the timely assembly and archiving of the audit documentation.

Engagement quality control review

In addition to the engagement partner review, every audit engagement is subject to an independent engagement quality control review. This review is performed by a partner or managing director designated by the leadership in our Quality and Professional Practice Network. As required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Auditing Standard No. 1220, Engagement Quality Review, available at: https://pcaobus.org/Standards/Auditing/Pages/AS1220.aspx, for public company engagements, the EQCR evaluates the engagement team’s significant judgments and related conclusions regarding both the overall engagement and the preparation of the audit report(s) and determines whether to provide a concurring approval of issuance.

Consultation

Quality and risk management considerations are integral to our audit practice. That is why we view consultation as an essential, collaborative process—one that helps determine the most appropriate answers to complex questions. We designed our consultation policy to provide reasonable assurance that agreement is reached between the party seeking the consultation and the party consulted and that conclusions are documented, understood, and implemented. In addition to consultations, whenever partners and managing directors need additional information, perspectives, or specialized knowledge, they are encouraged to seek assistance from our Quality and Professional Practice Network (Network).

The Quality and Professional Practice Network

Our Network is composed of a full-time team of national partners, managing directors, and other professionals. This national team is supplemented by experienced regional and local professionals and supporting technology. The Network’s primary goals are to provide consultation resources with deep technical expertise in accounting and auditing; design, operate, and monitor our quality control system; provide oversight, leadership, and direction on quality activities; maintain our audit manuals, policies, and guidance used by our professionals; and assist in addressing questions from engagement teams.

Through consultation and collaboration, this Network provides our audit engagement teams with access to knowledge, competency, objectivity, and authoritative insights that are essential to delivering high-quality audits in a complex and uncertain environment.

"We are transforming the audit as part of our relentless commitment to audit quality and protecting the public interest. We are sharpening our focus on risk assessment and we are leveraging data analytics and artificial intelligence in the execution of the audit. These efforts are centered on raising the bar on audit quality."

— David Sullivan, National Managing Partner — Quality & Professional Practice
Recent inspection findings reflect our continuous improvement efforts

In addition to reviews conducted by our own Internal Inspections group, our public company audits are subject to inspection by the PCAOB and our non-SEC issuer engagements are subject to inspection triennially by another accounting firm as part of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) peer review program.

**PCAOB inspection — public company audits**

Annual PCAOB inspections are required for registered public accounting firms that perform more than 100 US public company audits annually. We are supportive of the role the PCAOB plays in strengthening confidence in the integrity of the independent audit process. The PCAOB’s rigorous inspection process is an important element in achieving our shared objectives—improving audit quality and serving investors and the public interest. The scope of the inspections includes an evaluation of the quality of the audit work performed on selected audits, as well as a review of firm practices, policies, and procedures. The inspections page of the PCAOB website at: [https://pcaobus.org/Inspections/Pages/default.aspx](https://pcaobus.org/Inspections/Pages/default.aspx) and the Guide to PCAOB Inspections, published by the Center for Audit Quality (CAQ), available at: [http://www.thecaq.org/docs/audit-committees/guidetopcaobinspections.pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.thecaq.org/docs/audit-committees/guidetopcaobinspections.pdf?sfvrsn=0), provide more information about the PCAOB's process for inspecting public company auditing firms.

**PCAOB inspection reports**

The annual PCAOB inspection report for audit firms includes a public and a nonpublic portion.

**Public portion of inspection reports** — The public portion of each inspection report includes those audit deficiencies that the PCAOB considers to be of particular significance relative to the engagements inspected. For those deficiencies and for any other auditing deficiencies identified during the inspection process, PCAOB standards require that the firm under inspection assess whether the PCAOB findings affect its ability to support previously expressed audit opinions and, accordingly, whether corrective actions are needed. Corrective actions generally include remediating omitted procedures by performing additional or enhanced audit procedures and, in some cases, reissuance of an audit report.


**Nonpublic portion of inspection reports** — The nonpublic portion of each inspection report contains certain observations about the firm’s audit performance and system of quality control. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that the PCAOB’s observations on the firm’s quality control procedures not be made public by the PCAOB provided that, within 12 months of the date of the inspection report, the firm addresses those observations to the PCAOB’s satisfaction. Once the PCAOB determines that our remediation activities have addressed the quality control deficiencies cited in that year’s inspection report to its satisfaction, or determines that portions will be publicly released because certain matters have not been addressed to its satisfaction, that inspection year is “closed.”

In March 2016, the PCAOB determined that the remedial actions we took in response to Part II of our 2013 inspection report addressed the quality control criticisms to its satisfaction. This closes the inspection cycle for 2013 and follows similar favorable determinations for the previous four years. The 12-month remediation periods have closed for our 2014 and 2015 inspection reports, and we submitted our final remediation responses in May 2016 and August 2017, respectively.

Generally speaking, the observations included in the nonpublic portion of our inspection reports are similar to those included in reports the PCAOB has issued that highlight issues common to the largest firms in the profession.

**Peer review — audits of nonpublic entities**

In addition to the PCAOB inspections of public company audits, professional requirements of the AICPA and many states require that certified public accountants’ (CPA) firms undergo a peer review of their accounting and auditing practices related to nonpublic entities.
Another CPA firm conducts the peer review every three years.

A peer review of our system of quality control for the year ended March 31, 2014, was completed in December 2014 and primarily related to audit engagements for the year ended December 31, 2013. A report with the highest rating of “pass” was posted to the AICPA website at: https://peerreview.aicpa.org/public_file_search.html.

Our triennial peer review, related to audit engagements with year-ends between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2017, is underway.

**Internal inspections**

Our Internal Inspections group inspects the work performed for a sample of audit engagements to evaluate compliance with our system of quality control. The scope of the internal inspections includes an evaluation of the quality of the audit work performed on selected audits and a review of certain practices, policies, and procedures related to audit quality and performance.

Any signing partner or managing director who supervises audits or other attest engagements ordinarily has a sample of his or her engagements reviewed at intervals generally not to exceed four years. This approach provides us with a representative cross-section of engagements of both public companies and non-SEC issuers selected for inspection each year. Additionally, certain risk-based selections are made each year, which adds a level of unpredictability to the selection process.

A dedicated group of partners, managing directors, and senior managers make up our core inspection team and lead, or are reviewers for, many of the inspections. Other partners, managing directors, and senior managers, including those with industry or other specialized knowledge, provide assistance. They review and determine whether engagement teams followed our policies as well as US GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and standards of the PCAOB or other applicable regulatory bodies and standard setters, as appropriate.

Our internal inspectors share their findings on a specific engagement with the engagement team, the Professional Practice Director in the applicable office, and the regional National Professional Practice Director. Remediation of inspection findings is undertaken, when necessary, on individual engagements and the lessons learned from the inspections are more broadly used to improve audit quality, including through communication with the audit practice and integration with the learning curriculum.

The findings of our internal inspections and the themes identified by the PCAOB’s inspections are generally consistent.

**Commitment to continuous improvement**

We take all inspection observations very seriously. We respond vigorously to opportunities to enhance the quality of our audits and have taken the constructive feedback from past inspections to make changes that are yielding desired improvements in audit quality. We are committed to constructive engagement with the PCAOB, our primary regulator, and we analyze and perform remedial procedures relative to each written inspection comment we receive. In addition, we perform analyses to identify the causal factors behind our positive inspection outcomes as well as those contributing to inspection findings, and we develop action plans accordingly to continuously improve audit quality. Furthermore, we assess whether corrective actions to our system of quality control may also be appropriate and, if so, such actions are designed, enacted, and monitored.

We are managing our practice with audit quality as our number one priority, using consistent, nationally driven policies. We have made substantial, comprehensive investments in our audit practice to improve the consistency of our audit execution in an increasingly dynamic economic environment and respond to the evolving requirements of investors. In order to drive continuous improvements in quality, we are transforming the audit to leverage innovative technologies and enhancing the skill sets of our professionals to prepare them for a digitally driven future. We are confident that our ongoing digital transformation, along with the investments we continue to make in our audit processes, policies, and quality controls, are resulting in enhancements to our audit quality that will serve the interests of the investing public and the companies we audit.
List of public audit clients

US public audit clients as reported to the PCAOB

The PCAOB requires all registered firms to file annual reports on Form 2 each year by June 30, covering a 12-month period from April 1 through March 31. In compliance with PCAOB rules, Deloitte & Touche LLP filed an annual report on June 29, 2017, listing all audit reports issued for issuers, as defined under US law for the 12-month reporting period ended March 31, 2017. Information on such audits is available electronically. To view the list of our issuer audit clients, please refer to our Form 2, Item 4.1 on the PCAOB website at: https://rasr.pcaobus.org/Forms/FormSummary.aspx?ID=7C047A0C1D3E2006B8455A9A4909660C.

Public audit clients as reported in European Union (EU) member states

Below is a list of our public audit clients reported in EU member states for which Deloitte & Touche LLP completed an audit during our fiscal year ended June 3, 2017:

- Honeywell International Inc.
- Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.
- Morgan Stanley
- Morgan Stanley Finance LLC
- Pacific Life Funding LLC
- The Boeing Company
- The Procter & Gamble Company
- Torchmark Corporation
- United Parcel Service, Inc.

2 Relevant audit clients generally include companies incorporated outside the EU/Europe Economic Area (EEA) whose transferable securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market of any member state of the EU/EEA, with certain exceptions, as described in the frequently asked questions annexes to the Forms A and B (EU) Common Application Forms. Each of the EU member states in which Deloitte & Touche LLP is registered defines relevant audit client in a similar manner.
Ethics, independence, and compliance are significant elements of our culture

All professionals of the Deloitte US Entities are expected to act with integrity in accordance with high ethical standards as presented in our US Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (the “Code”), which includes our Global Principles of Business Conduct that is available at: https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/us/Documents/about-deloitte/us-about-code-of-ethics-and-professional-conduct.pdf. The Code specifies expectations for all professionals of the Deloitte US Entities regarding ethics and compliance standards, as well as explaining each individual’s responsibilities to the public, clients, and colleagues. Professionals receive a variety of communications and training promoting ethical behavior. Channels for discussing issues regarding ethics and compliance are well established and used regularly.

High ethical standards within Deloitte & Touche LLP are maintained through a set of policies and programs that function across all the Deloitte US Entities. Our professionals are accountable for demonstrating high levels of integrity and professionalism at all times.

Our independence requirements also apply to all of the Deloitte US Entities’ professionals, whether or not they are directly involved in delivering audit services. The National Managing Partner for the Independence and Conflicts Network (ICN) is responsible for overseeing and managing the independence policies and related training, organizing and staffing of the independence consultation function, monitoring personal and certain audit engagement-related independence compliance, and overseeing the Deloitte US Entities’ independence systems. Within the area of independence, the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer is responsible for making sure appropriate disciplinary action is taken when policy violations occur.

Communications to our professionals

We use a variety of communication channels and approaches, such as our intranet site, email communication campaigns, leadership messages, mandatory training, and embedded messaging in various career milestone trainings (including pre-hire and onboarding) to promote and reinforce the importance of ethical behavior; compliance with laws, professional standards, and responsibilities; and policies across the Deloitte US Entities.

Part of our culture from the beginning

During our two-day onboarding process for new hires, professionals are introduced to Deloitte’s standards and expectations for ethics, independence, confidentiality/data privacy, and compliance. After the initial two-day onboarding program, we require all new professionals to complete several trainings covering these topics in more detail during the first 14–60 days with our organization.

We also conduct periodic mandatory training for our professionals. In fiscal year 2017, we launched our eLearning with the goal of providing our people with a refresher on key independence-related topics, including Deloitte’s independence policies, tools, and resources.

Tools and resources

Our readily accessible tools and resources make it easier for our professionals to meet their independence and compliance requirements.

“Every day, we seek to make an impact that matters to our people, our communities, and our clients. This commitment to integrity and quality underlies everything we do and is based on our shared values, reflecting our common underlying belief that ethics and integrity are fundamental and non-negotiable.”

— Glenn Stastny, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
The Compliance HelpDesk is available to both employees and their spouses/spousal equivalents to assist in answering questions about independence and compliance requirements. In addition, our professionals can access and track their compliance status on My Compliance Dashboard via our intranet or mobile application.

We actively encourage our people to speak with their supervisors or contact the Ethics and Compliance Office about ethics and compliance issues, and offer the Integrity Helpline, a confidential, 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year service that is accessible from any location.

**Individual compliance and internal monitoring**

To help our professionals maintain their personal independence, the Deloitte US Entities provide access to integrated systems that contain regularly updated information about companies that are restricted for independence reasons, and a platform for tracking and monitoring certain professionals' investments and financial relationships in the Deloitte Tracking and Trading System.

Our broker data import program enables partners, principals, and other professionals to authorize their individual account holdings to be automatically imported into their Tracking and Trading System portfolio. To monitor the accuracy of information reported in the Tracking and Trading System, the Independence Monitoring team performs audits of selected professionals, typically partners, principals, managing directors, and other management-level professionals.

**Personal representations and reporting of apparent independence violations**

All US professionals are required to submit an annual “Representation on Independence, Ethics, and Compliance” to confirm that they have read, understood, and complied with our Code, as well as independence policies and guidance. In addition, all partners, principals, managing directors, senior managers, and managers provide representations twice a year. All representations, in which self-disclosures of potential policy violations are made by professionals, are reviewed by the Independence Monitoring team.

Professionals are required to report potential independence violations involving themselves, their spouses, spousal equivalents, or dependents when they are identified. The ICN is informed of apparent independence violations to determine the appropriateness of the corrective actions and the need for communications and/or actions with respect to the clients involved. Ethics and Compliance considers the need for any disciplinary measures and the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer regularly reports to Deloitte’s senior leadership regarding violations of policy and disciplinary actions taken.

**Results of noncompliance**

Our policies include actions to be taken against professionals for violations of our fundamental ethics and compliance standards. Such actions may involve written reprimands, monetary penalties, reductions in performance ratings, and termination/separation from the Deloitte US Entities. A compliance review committee composed of senior leaders addresses more serious violations by partners, principals, and managing directors.

**Scope of services for attest clients**

Our engagement acceptance policies for nonaudit services require that the partner, principal, or managing director for each potential engagement undertake a process that determines whether independence must be maintained with respect to the client, even if the client is not an attest client.

Because of limitations on the permissible services for attest clients and their affiliates, independence is considered as part of the engagement acceptance process. If independence from the client is required, then the engagement partner, principal, or managing director must verify, prior to beginning the engagement, that the services to be provided are permissible and have been preapproved by the lead client service partner and, where necessary, the audit committee or its equivalent.

Each year, the Independence Monitoring team conducts engagement independence inspections of selected restricted entity audit clients for review of scope-of-service approvals and related documentation, including documentation of communications and discussions with the audit committee, and the permissibility of the services. The results of the inspections are communicated to the engagement team as well as Deloitte & Touche LLP leadership for consideration in evaluating the engagement team’s overall performance.
**Business relationships**

**Marketplace**
A marketplace relationship is one where a Deloitte US Entity engages with a third party to provide services to clients or promote eminence in the marketplace. All new marketplace business relationships require reviews by the lead relationship partner and by the ICN Business Relationship team. A database of approved marketplace business relationships is maintained by the ICN and each continuing relationship undergoes an independence update at least annually.

**Vendor**
Vendor business relationships are relationships wherein a Deloitte US Entity or its personnel purchases goods or services for internal use. Prior to entering into significant vendor business relationships, the ICN Business Relationship team reviews all such relationships with restricted entities to assess compliance with established policies and procedures.

**Monitoring of business relationships**
Every year, the Independence Monitoring team conducts reviews of the processes used by, and the controls in place for, each Deloitte US Entity to ascertain whether marketplace business relationships are identified and submitted for review and approval in a timely manner and in compliance with established policies. It also evaluates a sample of vendor business relationships with restricted entities to assess whether they have been through the appropriate processes and protocols and are in compliance with established policies.

**Internal review of independence practices**
The Deloitte US Entities have conducted a thorough internal review of our independence practices. The results have been reported to management and provide reasonable assurance that our professionals are in compliance with the requisite independence policies and procedures. In the event of noncompliance, we have addressed the matter on a case-by-case basis at a programmatic and individual level, providing additional training, guidance, or disciplinary action as necessary.
Investing in our people through continuous learning and development

“Our vision is to create a leadership culture focused on the development and well-being of our people, accomplished by using data-driven insights to create an agile organization. The curriculum we have developed assists our people in growing both professionally and personally, while enhancing our ability to consistently deliver high-quality audits.”

— Wendy Fletcher, Chief Talent Officer

Our professional development program illustrates our recognition that continuous improvement requires continuous learning. We provide training and education on technical and regulatory matters, professional ethics and independence, and nontechnical programming that focuses on leadership development, improved productivity, and project management. Deloitte University in Westlake, Texas, symbolizes the priority we place on investing in professional development. Since its opening in October 2011, Deloitte University has delivered more than 4.6 million learning hours.

Approach to professional development

Our professional development program is designed to build the technical, industry, professional, and leadership skills essential to excellence and to attract and retain people in the profession. Formal learning programs include live instructor-led, virtual instructor-led, and e-Learning courses that have been developed in-house with instructional designers and Deloitte subject matter resources. In fiscal year 2017, our innovative programs for Deloitte auditors offered more than 875,000 learning hours, including interactive simulation-based programs, case studies, and immersion courses.

Our extensive curriculum, updated annually, covers technical accounting and auditing matters, as well as regulatory, professional ethics, and independence issues for all levels from new hire to partner or managing director. The curriculum encompasses a wide variety of topics and an in-depth exploration of many areas of auditing, including the use of our innovative tools and data analytics, which contributes to quality audit execution and reinforces the role of the auditor. In addition, every year, our partners, managing directors, senior managers, and managers attend level-specific intensive programs focused on timely accounting and auditing issues, specialized industry matters, and a variety of leadership and professional topics.

We enhance our culture of development by using innovative coaching methods and providing learning materials specifically created for engagement teams to drive experiential learning. Our “Engagement Team-Based Learning” programs are designed as two- to four-hour sessions of interactive dialogue on an identified topic or issue and supporting audit standards, including a detailed examination of the relevance to a particular audit, as well as implementation.

Our comprehensive learning curriculum has rigorous external continuing professional education (CPE) and internal requirements for all client service professionals. All client service professionals of Deloitte & Touche LLP, whether CPAs or not, are required to complete at least 20 hours of CPE each year and at least 120 hours every three years. Professionals who spend more than 25 percent of their time on audit engagements or other attest engagements or who have partner, principal, managing director, or manager responsibilities for such engagements must devote at least 40 percent of their minimum required CPE hours to accounting and auditing. In addition, we have mandatory technical learning requirements. We monitor compliance with internal and external CPE requirements.

Deloitte & Touche LLP supports our professionals in maintaining necessary licensing and certifications and offers learning opportunities to stay current on professional standards. We encourage our partners, principals, managing directors, senior managers, and managers to teach or facilitate learning programs. We encourage all levels to participate in profession-wide organizations and in the programs they sponsor, such as the CAQ, the AICPA, state boards of accountancy, and state CPA societies.
Performance management and remuneration reinforce our values and accountability

The partner/principal performance management and earnings allocation practices of the Deloitte US Entities emphasize shared values and promote the attainment of our top priorities.

**Goal setting**

Clear expectations are set out for partners, principals, and managing directors engaged in the delivery of audit services that indicate they must be committed to professional excellence, which includes exhibiting a high level of audit mastery/proficiency.

At the start of the fiscal year, partners, principals, and managing directors set goals based on expectations of their peer group, roles, responsibilities, and organizational strategic objectives. Goals are subject to review and input by leadership, and progress is assessed throughout the year, including at fiscal year-end.

Each partner, principal, and managing director is carefully evaluated on an ongoing basis and earns a single rating annually. Quality considerations are the foundation of the rating system for audit partners, principals, and managing directors and are central to the deployment, peer grouping, and unit/earnings allocation/compensation processes. For those who do not meet quality expectations, custom performance improvement and development plans are designed. These plans address the many aspects of quality and provide leadership support and, in some cases, oversight of work or limitations on assignments.

Supervisory partners typically review, support, and monitor these plans.

**Annual performance management and earnings allocation process**

The partner/principal performance management and earnings allocation practices of the Deloitte US Entities focus on the following critical components:

- Emphasis on shared values of integrity, outstanding value to markets and clients, commitment to each other, and strength from cultural diversity
- Compliance with applicable independence requirements
- Support for professional development and succession
- Assessment of the expectations and skills outlined in our partner/principal peering criteria for deployment, goal-setting, and evaluation purposes

For partners and principals, an earnings allocation process is employed. Every year, the applicable partnership allocates interests to partners and principals. These interests are referred to as units. Units are assigned to partners and principals in accordance with their peer group, their roles in the Deloitte US Entities, their responsibilities, the value they contribute as compared to their peers, and their overall performance. At the end of the fiscal year, unit value is set based on the performance of the Deloitte US Entities. The earnings of partners and principals from each partnership are determined by their number of units.

To reinforce audit partners’ focus on their primary responsibility—providing high-quality audit services—the policies of the Deloitte US Entities, consistent with federal regulations, forbid partners from receiving compensation, bonuses, or other direct financial incentives for selling to their audit clients products or services other than audit, review, or assurance-related services.
Legal structure of the Deloitte Network and the Deloitte US Entities

The Deloitte Network comprises firms that are members of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL), a UK private company limited by guarantee. DTTL does not provide professional services to clients or direct, manage, control, or own any interest in any member firm or any member firm’s affiliated entities.

Most member firms in the Deloitte Network provide services to clients either directly or through their affiliates (member firms and their affiliates are collectively “member firms”). Member firms operate under the Deloitte brand and related names, including “Deloitte,” “Deloitte & Touche,” “Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu,” and “Tohmatsu.”

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Member firms are not subsidiaries or branch offices of DTTL and do not act as agents of DTTL or other member firms. Rather, they are locally formed entities with their own ownership structure independent of DTTL that have become members of the Deloitte Network for the primary purpose of coordinating their approach to client service, professional standards, shared values, methodologies, and systems of quality control and risk management. DTTL has adopted certain policies and protocols in each of these areas in an effort to establish a consistently high level of quality, professional conduct, and service across the Deloitte Network. This structure confers significant strengths, combining high-quality standards and methodologies with a deep understanding of local markets and a sense of responsibility and initiative among professionals who have a direct stake in the integrity and growth of their respective practices.

In the United States, Deloitte LLP and Deloitte USA LLP are the member firms of DTTL. Deloitte USA LLP holds the rights to the “Deloitte” name, licenses the right to use the name to the Deloitte US Entities, and has certain responsibilities for the cross-functional coordination and oversight of the Deloitte US Entities to protect and enhance the Deloitte brand. Deloitte USA LLP has no ownership interest in Deloitte LLP or its subsidiaries. Services to clients are provided by the subsidiaries of Deloitte LLP, including:

- Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Deloitte Consulting LLP
- Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP
- Deloitte Tax LLP
- Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP

Deloitte USA LLP, Deloitte LLP, and the subsidiaries of Deloitte LLP are each separate and distinct legal entities. Each of the subsidiaries listed above is organized under Delaware law; separately capitalized; has its own Chairman, CEO, and Board of Directors, and these subsidiaries provide a distinct, though complementary, array of services, including audit, advisory, tax, and consulting services.

More than 150 countries and territories

263,900 professionals

$38.8 billion in total revenue
Deloitte & Touche LLP provides audit, assurance, and other attest and advisory services to clients and is registered with the PCAOB to perform audits of US public companies. Deloitte & Touche LLP is a private partnership registered under the laws of the State of Delaware as a limited liability partnership and is owned by Deloitte LLP and its individual partners and principals who actively participate in its business.

Deloitte & Touche LLP is licensed to practice public accountancy in 51 states and US jurisdictions. In addition, where required by state accountancy laws, Deloitte LLP, Deloitte Tax LLP, and Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP also are licensed to practice public accountancy in various jurisdictions. These partnerships are subject to state law requirements regarding the licensing of CPAs. All professional practice matters are solely within the control and authority of the entities that are licensed to practice public accountancy in the United States.

Deloitte & Touche LLP is focused on providing high-quality audits to our US-based multinational audit clients through a globally consistent methodology executed locally across our member firm network. Performing audits of multinational companies with subsidiaries around the world involves complexities regarding scoping, coordinating, and executing audit work, whether performed by the US lead engagement team or component auditors in non-US locations.

Given these complexities, the supervision and review of work performed by other member firms that is relevant to the audit opinions on the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting (if applicable) of US-based multinational audit clients are highly coordinated and managed elements of these engagements.

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Deloitte & Touche LLP governance — leadership in action

Deloitte & Touche LLP is the Deloitte US Entity that provides audit, assurance, and other attest and advisory services to clients, and it is registered with the PCAOB to perform audits of US public companies.\(^4\) The Chairman and CEO of Deloitte & Touche LLP appoints members to the Deloitte & Touche LLP Board of Directors subject to periodic ratification by a vote of the partners and principals of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

The Deloitte & Touche LLP Board of Directors is responsible for the governance and oversight of the Deloitte & Touche LLP Audit & Assurance and Risk & Financial Advisory practices. Specific responsibilities include approving the admission of partners and principals, approving the allocation of units and earnings to partners and principals, approving the financial aspects of business plans, and approving strategy.

Senior management of Deloitte & Touche LLP, including the Deloitte & Touche LLP Executive Committees, develops and implements the strategy for the Deloitte & Touche LLP Audit & Assurance and Risk & Financial Advisory practices, including related policies, procedures, other professional practice matters, and leadership appointments. The Deloitte & Touche LLP strategy is developed in alignment with the overall strategic direction established for the Deloitte US Entities. In all of their activities, Deloitte & Touche LLP senior leaders are responsible for the overarching objective of audit quality, including compliance with applicable professional standards and regulatory requirements.

The Chairman and CEO of Deloitte & Touche LLP has established a governance model that includes the Deloitte & Touche LLP Board of Directors and the Deloitte & Touche LLP Executive Committees.

The Chairman and CEO of Deloitte & Touche LLP supervises the senior Audit & Assurance leadership team, which includes:

**Deloitte & Touche LLP — Senior Audit & Assurance leadership team\(^5\)**

- Joseph Ucuzoglu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- Lara Abrash, National Managing Partner — Audit Innovation and Client Service Delivery
- Ellen Basilico, National Managing Partner — West Region
- Wendy Fletcher, Chief Talent Officer
- Robert Hollingsworth, National Managing Partner — Central Region
- Stacy Janiak, National Managing Partner — Assurance and Accounting Advisory Services
- John Salata, Chief Strategy Officer and National Managing Partner — East Region
- Alexander Schillaci, National Managing Partner — Global and Regulatory
- David Sullivan, National Managing Partner — Quality & Professional Practice
- Adam Weissenberg, National Managing Partner — Clients and Industries
- John Zamora, Chief Operating Officer

The following are the members of the Deloitte & Touche LLP board of directors:

**Deloitte & Touche LLP — Board of Directors\(^5\)**

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\(^4\) For more information regarding the legal structure and governance mechanisms of the Deloitte US Entities, see the Legal Structure of the Deloitte Network and the Deloitte US Entities section of this report.

\(^5\) All members of the Deloitte & Touche LLP senior Audit & Assurance leadership team and board of directors are CPAs.
Disclosing financial data and other metrics is part of our commitment to audit quality

We provide information on revenue and earnings by service, employee compensation and benefits as a percentage of revenue, and our capital structure.

The following table summarizes the revenue and other statistics of the Deloitte US Entities on a combined basis:

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The majority of our capital structure consists of capital contributed by our partners and principals. In addition to this paid-in capital, the other portion of our capital structure consists of long-term privately placed debt. The debt carries an NAIC 1 designation, NAIC’s highest designation, which is comparable to an A or better rating from one of the nationally recognized rating agencies.

Note: The accounting records of each Deloitte US Entity are prepared on the accrual basis and in a manner that reflects the way the businesses are operated. The financial information shown above is not prepared in accordance with US GAAP. The revenue amounts shown include reimbursable expenses billed to clients. Earnings for each entity include direct costs and expenses, as well as allocated amounts of shared costs and expenses.

Our commitment to audit quality: today, tomorrow, and always

Deloitte’s investments in quality and innovation are transforming how audits are delivered, ensuring that the audit of the future is a valuable contributor to a vibrant capital market system.

As we move toward a more connected future, our commitment to invest continuously in innovation, transformation, and emerging technologies will allow for the delivery of enhanced quality, insights, and value. To that end, we are dedicated to ongoing collaboration with regulators, elected officials, and other stakeholders to elevate the quality of financial reporting to the investing public.