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Dear Fellow Shareholders:

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Cohen & Steers, Inc. 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

We will hold the meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time, at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

This booklet includes the Notice of Annual Meeting and the Proxy Statement. The Proxy Statement describes the business that we will conduct at the meeting and provides information about our company. Our Annual Report to Shareholders, which includes our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, accompanies these enclosures.

Your vote is very important. Whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, we ask you to please cast your vote. You may vote your shares via the Internet, by telephone, by mail or in person at our Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Martin Cohen

Co-Chairman and

Co-Chief Executive Officer

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Robert H. Steers

Co-Chairman and

Co-Chief Executive Officer

March 31, 2011

NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Our Shareholders:

We will hold the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Cohen & Steers, Inc. at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, on Thursday, May 19, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time. At our Annual Meeting, we will ask you to:

- (1) Elect as directors the six nominees named in the enclosed Proxy Statement to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors are elected and qualified;
- (2) Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2011;
- (3) Approve, in a non-binding vote, the compensation of our named executive officers;
- (4) Determine, in a non-binding vote, whether a shareholder vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers should occur every one, two or three years; and
- (5) Consider any other business that is properly presented at our Annual Meeting.

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are primarily furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders on the Internet rather than mailing paper copies of the materials to each shareholder. As a result, most shareholders will receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (Notice) and others will receive paper copies of the Proxy Statement, the Proxy Card and the Annual Report. The Notice contains instructions on how to access the Proxy Statement and the Annual Report over the Internet, instructions on how to vote your shares, as well as instructions on how to request a paper or electronic copy of our proxy materials, if you so desire. We believe electronic delivery should expedite the receipt of materials, significantly lower costs and help to conserve natural resources.

Whether you received the Notice or paper copies of our proxy materials, the Proxy Statement, our Annual Report, and any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders are available for you to review online by following the instructions contained in the Notice or Proxy Card. You also may view our proxy materials at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/19247A>.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 24, 2011 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote on, all matters presented at our Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. Your vote is very important. Whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, we ask you to please cast your vote. You may vote your shares via the Internet, by telephone, by mail or in person at our Annual Meeting.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

Francis C. Poli

Corporate Secretary

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March 31, 2011

PROXY STATEMENT

These proxy materials are delivered in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Cohen & Steers, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Cohen & Steers, we or our), of proxies to be voted at our 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

You are invited to attend our 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Thursday, May 19, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time. The Annual Meeting will be held at our corporate headquarters located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. You may obtain directions to our Annual Meeting location by calling our Corporate Secretary at (212) 832-3232.

We expect that this Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy will be mailed and/or made available to each shareholder eligible to vote on or about April 5, 2011.

Items to Be Voted on at Our Annual Meeting

The items of business scheduled to be voted on at our Annual Meeting are:

- the election as directors of the six nominees named in this Proxy Statement;
- the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year;
- the approval, in a non-binding vote, of the compensation of our named executive officers;
- the determination, in a non-binding vote, of whether a shareholder vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers should occur every one, two or three years; and
- any other business that is properly presented at our Annual Meeting.

Board Recommendation

Our Board of Directors recommends that you vote your shares:

- FOR each of the six nominees to the Board of Directors named in this Proxy Statement;
- FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2011;
- FOR the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers; and
- ONE YEAR with respect to how frequently a shareholder vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers should occur.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be Held on May 19, 2011

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we are furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders primarily over the Internet. We believe that this process should expedite shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, lower the costs of our Annual Meeting and help to conserve natural

resources. On or about April 5, 2011, we mailed to most of our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) containing instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, on the Internet and instructions on how to vote on the Internet, in person or by mail. The Notice also contains instructions on how to receive a paper or electronic copy of the proxy materials. If you received a Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you request one. If you received paper copies of our proxy materials, you may also view these materials over the Internet by following the instructions contained in the Notice or Proxy Card. **The Proxy Statement and our Annual Report are available at www.proxyvote.com.** You also may view our proxy materials at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/19247A>.

Shareholders Entitled to Vote

Holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on March 24, 2011 are entitled to vote their shares of our common stock at our Annual Meeting. As of March 24, 2011, 43,108,480 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share.

How to Vote

If you hold your shares directly, you have four ways to vote, as explained on your Notice or Proxy Card. If your shares are in an account at a bank or broker, you will receive an instruction card and information on how to give voting instructions to your bank or broker.

Shareholders who hold their shares directly may vote as follows:

- By Mail: Shareholders who received a Proxy Card along with a Proxy Statement from us or who have requested a Proxy Card from us by following the instructions on the Notice, may sign, date and return their Proxy Cards in the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope that is provided.

OR

- By using the Internet. You can vote at www.proxyvote.com 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Instructions are provided on your Notice or Proxy Card. The Internet voting system has been designed to provide security for the voting process and to confirm that your vote has been recorded accurately. You will need the 12-digit Control Number included on your Notice or Proxy Card in order to vote online. If you vote by the Internet, you may incur costs associated with Internet access, such as usage charges from Internet service providers and telephone companies.

OR

- By Telephone: Shareholders may vote by telephone by calling 1-800-690-6903. You will need the 12-digit Control Number included on your Notice or Proxy Card in order to vote by telephone.

OR

- At the Meeting: If you attend our Annual Meeting, you may vote in person by ballot, even if you have previously returned a Proxy Card or otherwise voted.

Voting at Our Annual Meeting

In the event you mail your proxy and you attend our Annual Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and cast your vote personally at our Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at our Annual Meeting.

All proxies that have been properly signed and returned and not revoked will be voted in accordance with your instructions at our Annual Meeting. If you sign and return your Proxy Card but do not give voting instructions, the shares represented by that proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Voting on Other Matters

If you sign and return your Proxy Card and if any other matters are properly presented at our Annual Meeting for consideration, the persons named in the proxy will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you. At the date this Proxy Statement went to press, we did not know of any other matter to be raised at our Annual Meeting.

Revocation of Proxies

You have the right to revoke your proxy. This right allows you to change your mind about how your shares will be voted at our Annual Meeting. You can revoke your proxy at any time before voting is declared closed at our Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy by sending a signed proxy card with a later date in time for us to receive it before voting is declared closed, or by voting in person at our Annual Meeting. You may also revoke your proxy by using the telephone or Internet voting options explained on your Notice or Proxy Card. You cannot, however, revoke your proxy at our Annual Meeting if you do not attend in person.

If your proxy is not properly revoked, we will vote your shares as indicated by your most recent valid proxy.

Required Vote

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at our Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. **Under current New York Stock Exchange rules if you do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to Items 1, 3 and 4, your broker may not vote with respect to such proposals.** We believe that there can be no broker non-votes on the proposal in Item 2 since brokers have discretion under the New York Stock Exchange rules to vote uninstructed shares on such proposal.

With respect to Item 1, in an uncontested election of directors, to be elected, a director nominee must receive affirmative votes representing a majority of the votes cast by the holders of stock present in person or represented by proxy at our Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors (a majority vote). Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes for or against a director nominee and will have no effect on the outcome of the election. In a contested election of directors, to be elected, a director nominee must receive a plurality of the votes of the holders of stock present in person or represented by proxy at our Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. Under our Bylaws, a contested election is an election in which, as of the day preceding the date we first transmit our notice of meeting to our shareholders or at any time thereafter, the number of nominees for director is greater than the number to be elected.

Each incumbent director standing for re-election at our Annual Meeting has agreed to resign, upon acceptance of such resignation by the Board of Directors, if he or she does not receive a majority vote. The Board of Directors must accept or reject such resignation within 90 days following certification of the shareholder vote.

If a director's resignation offer is not accepted by the Board of Directors, that director will continue to serve until our next annual shareholders meeting and his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until the director's earlier death, resignation, or removal. The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may either fill a vacancy resulting from the Board of Directors accepting a director's resignation or a director nominee who is not an incumbent director not receiving a majority vote pursuant to the Bylaws or decrease the size of the Board of Directors to eliminate the vacancy.

The affirmative vote of holders of a majority in voting power of the stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter is required for Items 2, 3 and 4. If you abstain from voting on Item 2, 3 or 4, it will have the same effect on the vote as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of Item 3 or 4. Items 2, 3 and 4 are advisory in nature and are non-binding.

Cost of Proxy Solicitation

We will pay the expenses of soliciting proxies. Proxies may be solicited in person or by mail, telephone, electronic transmission, and facsimile transmission on our behalf by our directors, officers or employees, without additional compensation. We will reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries that are requested to forward soliciting materials to the beneficial owners of the stock held of record by such persons.

List of Shareholders

A list of shareholders entitled to vote at our Annual Meeting will be available at our Annual Meeting and for ten days prior to our Annual Meeting, between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by written request to the Corporate Secretary, Cohen & Steers, Inc., at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Requests may also be directed to the Corporate Secretary at (212) 832-3232.

Multiple Copies of Our Annual Report to Shareholders

Our 2010 Annual Report to shareholders accompanies this Proxy Statement. In order to reduce printing and postage costs, we have undertaken an effort to deliver only one annual report, proxy statement or notice, as applicable, to multiple shareholders of record sharing an address. This delivery method, called householding, is not being used, however, if we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the shareholders sharing an address. If your household has received only one set of our annual report, proxy statement or notice of internet availability of proxy materials, as applicable, we will deliver promptly a separate copy of our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, our 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders, this Proxy Statement or Notice, as applicable, to any shareholder who sends a written request to the Corporate Secretary, Cohen & Steers, Inc., at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Requests may also be directed to the Corporate Secretary at (212) 832-3232. You can also notify us that you would like to receive separate copies of our annual reports, proxy statements or notices of internet availability of proxy materials in the future by sending a written request to our Corporate Secretary at the address set forth above or by contacting the Corporate Secretary at (212) 832-3232. If your household is receiving multiple copies of our annual reports, proxy statements and notices of internet availability of proxy materials, and you wish to request delivery of a single copy, you may send a written request to our Corporate Secretary at the address set forth above. Even if your household has received only one set of our annual report and proxy statement, a separate Proxy Card has been provided for each shareholder account. Each Proxy Card should be signed, dated, and returned in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you own shares of common stock through a bank, broker or other nominee and receive more than one set of annual reports, proxy statements or notices of internet availability of proxy materials, you can contact the bank, broker or other nominee to eliminate duplicate mailings.

Confidentiality of Voting

We keep all the proxies, ballots, and voting tabulations confidential as a matter of practice. We only let our Inspector of Election, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., examine these documents. Occasionally, shareholders provide written comments on their Proxy Card, which are then forwarded to us by Broadridge.

Voting Results

Broadridge, our independent tabulating agent, will count the votes and act as the Inspector of Election. We will publish the voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which will be filed with the SEC within four business days of the Annual Meeting.

Annual Report

We make available free of charge through our Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com under the headings Corporate Info/SEC Filings, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material

is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. **Further, we will provide, without charge to each shareholder upon written request, a copy of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K (including our consolidated financial statements, schedules and list of exhibits), Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports. Requests for copies should be addressed to Corporate Secretary, Cohen & Steers, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Requests may also be directed to (212) 832-3232 or via e-mail to srappa@cohenandsteers.com.** Copies may also be accessed electronically by means of the SEC's home page on the Internet at www.sec.gov. Neither our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 nor the 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders shall constitute a part of the proxy solicitation materials.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

As of March 24, 2011, our co-chairmen and co-chief executive officers, Martin Cohen and Robert H. Steers, each directly and indirectly owned approximately 28% of our outstanding common stock. As long as Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers together continue to own a majority of the voting power of our common stock, together they will be able to elect our entire Board of Directors and generally to determine the outcome of all corporate actions requiring shareholder approval.

ITEM 1:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the Board of Directors will consist of that number of directors determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Acting upon the recommendation of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors has fixed the number of directors at six and has nominated the six persons identified herein for election as directors, to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and the election and qualification of their successors. The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** each of the six persons identified herein for election as directors.

The proxies solicited hereby, unless directed to the contrary therein, will be voted **FOR** the six nominees named in this Proxy Statement. All such nominees are currently directors of our company. All nominees have consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or unable to serve as a director, but if for any reason any nominee should not be available or able to serve, the shares represented by all valid proxies will be voted by the person or persons acting under said proxy in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Information Concerning the Nominees and Directors

The Board of Directors seeks to ensure that it is composed of members whose particular experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, when taken together, allow the Board of Directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively. As set forth below under **Corporate Governance at Cohen & Steers Consideration of Director Candidates**, in identifying candidates for Director, the Board of Directors and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee takes into account (1) the comments and recommendations of board members regarding the qualifications and effectiveness of the existing Board of Directors or additional qualifications that may be required when selecting new board members, (2) the requisite expertise and sufficiently diverse backgrounds of the Board of Directors overall membership composition, (3) the independence of outside members of the Board of Directors and other possible conflicts of interest of existing and potential members of the Board of Directors and (4) all other factors it considers appropriate. Although the company has no policy regarding diversity, the Board of Directors believes that diversity is an important component of a board of directors, which includes such factors as background, skills, experience, expertise, gender, race and culture. Further, the Board of Directors does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, or sexual preference in selecting director candidates.

When considering whether directors and nominees have the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, taken as a whole, to enable the Board of Directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively in light of the company's business and structure, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of

Directors focused primarily on the information discussed in each of the Directors' individual biographies set forth below. In particular, with regard to Mr. Bruce, the Board of Directors considered his background in the equity capital markets sector in the origination and execution of a broad spectrum of initial public offerings, including offerings of closed-end funds. With regard to Mr. Rhein, the Board of Directors considered his experience, expertise and background with regard to accounting matters, which includes specialization in the real estate sector, as well as his service on the board of directors of a publicly traded real estate investment trust. With regard to Mr. Simon, the Board of Directors considered the broad perspective brought by Mr. Simon's experience directing the research and analysis of companies in many diverse industries. With regard to Mr. Villani, the Board of Directors considered his background in the investment management industry, believing in particular that Mr. Villani's experience as the chief executive officer of a large global investment management firm is valuable to the company. The Board of Directors also considered the knowledge and many years of experience with the company represented by Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, including their founding of the company.

Set forth below are the names of the nominees for election as our directors, their ages and principal occupations as of March 24, 2011, the years the nominees first became directors of our company, and their biographical information.

Name	Age	Position
Martin Cohen	62	Co-chairman, co-chief executive officer and director
Robert H. Steers	58	Co-chairman, co-chief executive officer and director
Richard E. Bruce	73	Director
Peter L. Rhein	69	Director
Richard P. Simon	65	Director
Edmond D. Villani	64	Director

Martin Cohen, a director since August 2004, is the company's co-founder, co-chairman and co-chief executive officer. Prior to co-founding the firm in 1986, Mr. Cohen was a senior vice president and portfolio manager at National Securities and Research Corporation from 1984 to 1986, where in 1985 he and Mr. Steers organized and managed the nation's first real estate securities mutual fund. From 1976 to 1981, Mr. Cohen was a vice president at Citibank, where in 1980 he organized and managed the Citibank Real Estate Stock Fund. Mr. Cohen has a BS degree from the City College of New York and an MBA degree from New York University. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. Mr. Cohen serves as co-chairman of each of the Cohen & Steers open-end and closed-end mutual funds.

Robert H. Steers, a director since August 2004, is the company's co-founder, co-chairman and co-chief executive officer. Prior to co-founding the firm in 1986, Mr. Steers was a senior vice president and the chief investment officer of National Securities and Research Corporation from 1982 to 1986, where in 1985 he and Mr. Cohen organized and managed the nation's first real estate securities mutual fund. From 1977 to 1982, Mr. Steers was a vice president at Citibank, serving as an analyst and portfolio manager of Citibank's Emerging Growth Stock Fund. Mr. Steers has a BS degree from Georgetown University and an MBA degree from George Washington University. Mr. Steers serves as co-chairman of each of the Cohen & Steers open-end and closed-end mutual funds.

Richard E. Bruce, a director since August 2004, retired from Merrill Lynch in 2004. From 1992 until his retirement, Mr. Bruce worked in the Equity Capital Markets department at Merrill Lynch, most recently as a director. Mr. Bruce serves on the board of directors of Southampton Hospital. Mr. Bruce has a BA degree in economics from Union College and an MBA degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Peter L. Rhein, a director since August 2004, has been a general partner of Sarlot and Rhein, a real estate investment partnership, since 1967, and a co-managing member of BBC Properties, LLC, a real estate investment and development company, since 2001. From 1970 until 1984, he was employed in various capacities by Wells Fargo Realty Advisors and its affiliates. From 1976 until 1984, he was vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of Wells Fargo Mortgage and Equity Trust, a real estate investment trust. Mr. Rhein serves on the board of directors and is a member of the audit committee, finance and risk management committee, and compensation committee for HCP, Inc. In addition, he is a member of the board of visitors of the School of Politics and Economics at Claremont Graduate University. Mr. Rhein has a BS degree in accounting from Claremont McKenna College.

Richard P. Simon, a director since August 2004, retired from Goldman Sachs & Co. in 2004. From 1978 until his retirement, he was employed in various capacities by Goldman Sachs, most recently as a managing director. Between 1990 and 2002, Mr. Simon coordinated the Goldman Sachs global media, publishing, advertising, broadcasting, and cable research and served as a managing director from 1996 until his retirement. Prior to retiring from Goldman Sachs, Mr. Simon also mentored analysts and was deputy director of research. He is currently a member of the board of directors of Visions, a not-for-profit organization for the visually impaired and blind. Mr. Simon has a BA degree in accounting from the University of Toledo and an MBA degree from New York University.

Edmond D. Villani, a director since August 2004, served as Vice Chairman of Deutsche Asset Management, North America until December 31, 2005. Between 1997 and 2002 he was the chief executive officer of Scudder, Stevens & Clark, Inc. and its successor entities. He currently serves on the boards of directors of SCS Hedged Opportunities Funds, three privately offered registered investment companies. In addition, he is the former chairman of the board of Georgetown University, and currently serves on the board of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and chairs the advisory board of the Penn Institute for Economic Research at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Villani has a BA degree in Mathematics from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Other Executive Officers

In addition to Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, the following persons currently serve as our executive officers:

Name	Age	Position
Joseph M. Harvey	47	President
Adam M. Derechin	46	Executive vice president and chief operating officer
Matthew S. Stadler	56	Executive vice president and chief financial officer
Francis C. Poli	48	Executive vice president and general counsel

Joseph M. Harvey, president, is responsible for the firm's investment department. Prior to joining us in 1992, he was a vice president with Robert A. Stanger Co., where for five years he was an analyst specializing in real estate and related securities for the firm's research and consulting activities. Mr. Harvey has a BSE degree from Princeton University. Mr. Harvey serves as a vice president of each of the Cohen & Steers open-end and closed-end mutual funds.

Adam M. Derechin, CFA, executive vice president and chief operating officer, is responsible for the firm's investment administration and systems departments. Prior to joining us in 1993, he worked for the Bank of New England, where he supervised mutual fund accountants. Mr. Derechin has a BA degree from Brandeis University and an MBA degree from the University of Maryland. Mr. Derechin serves as chief executive officer and president of each of the Cohen & Steers open-end and closed-end mutual funds.

Matthew S. Stadler, CPA, executive vice president and chief financial officer, oversees the firm's accounting and finance department. Prior to joining us in 2005, he served as a managing director at Lehman Brothers Inc. and chief financial officer of Neuberger Berman Inc., a Lehman Brothers company. He joined Neuberger Berman in 1999 and served as chief financial officer while the firm was an independent public company. Mr. Stadler also served as a senior vice president and chief financial officer of National Discount Brokers Group from May 1999 until October 1999 and a senior vice president and chief financial officer of Santander Investment Securities Inc. from August 1994 until April 1999.

Francis C. Poli, executive vice president and general counsel, oversees the firm's legal and compliance department. Prior to joining us in 2007, Mr. Poli was managing director, chief legal officer and director of U.S. compliance for Allianz Global Investors. Prior to that, Mr. Poli served as vice president and assistant general counsel at J.P. Morgan & Co. and as an associate in the Securities Practice Group at Kelley Drye & Warren. Mr. Poli has a BA degree from Boston College and a JD from Pace University School of Law.

There are no family relationships between or among any of the members of the Board of Directors and the executive officers.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AT COHEN & STEERS

We regularly monitor regulatory developments and review our policies, processes and procedures in the area of corporate governance to respond to such developments. As part of those efforts, we review federal laws affecting corporate governance, such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the Dodd-Frank Act), as well as rules adopted by the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the NYSE).

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that address the following key corporate governance subjects, among others: director qualification standards; director responsibilities; director access to management and, as necessary and appropriate, independent advisors; director compensation; director orientation and continuing education; management succession; and an annual performance evaluation of the Board of Directors. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are available at our corporate Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com under the headings Corporate Info/Corporate Governance.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers, and employees which addresses these important topics, among others: conflicts of interest; corporate opportunities; confidentiality of information; fair dealing; protection and proper use of our assets; compliance with laws, rules and regulations (including insider trading laws); and encouraging the reporting of any illegal or unethical behavior. The Board of Directors has also adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers. The purpose of the Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers is to promote honest and ethical conduct and compliance with the law, particularly as related to the maintenance of our financial books and records and the preparation of our financial statements. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers are available at our corporate Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com under the headings Corporate Info/Corporate Governance. As may be required under applicable SEC and NYSE rules, the company will promptly disclose within four business days any substantive changes in or waivers of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers granted to our executive officers, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, and our directors by posting such information on our website at www.cohenandsteers.com under the headings Corporate Info/Corporate Governance.

Shareholders are encouraged to visit the Corporate Governance section of the Corporate Info page of our Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com for additional information about our Board of Directors and its committees, and corporate governance at our company.

Director Independence

Background. Under the NYSE's corporate governance rules, no director qualifies as independent unless our Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with us, either directly or as a partner, shareholder, or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. In addition, directors who have relationships covered by one of five bright-line independence tests established by the NYSE, as discussed below, may not be found to be independent.

The NYSE's director independence requirements are designed to increase the quality of board oversight at listed companies and to lessen the possibility of damaging conflicts of interests. The NYSE's corporate governance rules do not define every relationship that will be considered material for purposes of determining a director's independence from our management. Material relationships can include commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable, and familial relationships, among others. As the concern is a director's independence from our management, however, the NYSE does not view the ownership of even a significant amount of our stock, by itself, as a bar to an independence finding.

The NYSE has adopted five bright-line independence tests for directors. Each of these tests describes a specific set of circumstances that will cause a director to be not independent from our management. For example,

a director who is an employee of ours, or whose immediate family member is an executive officer of our company, cannot be considered independent until three years after the end of the employment relationship. The other bright-line independence tests address circumstances involving: the receipt of more than \$120,000 per year in direct compensation from us, except for certain permitted payments such as director fees; employment by or affiliations with our current or former internal or external auditors; interlocking directorates; and certain business relationships involving companies that make payments to, or receive payments from, us above specified annual thresholds. For more information about the NYSE's bright-line director independence tests, including the NYSE commentary explaining the application of the tests, please go to the NYSE Web site at www.nyse.com.

Independence determinations made by the Board of Directors. At its meeting on March 10, 2011, the Board of Directors made a determination as to the independence of each director, in accordance with the applicable NYSE corporate governance rules. The Board of Directors determined at this meeting that each of Messrs. Bruce, Rhein, Simon and Villani has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards and the applicable SEC rules. At this meeting, the Board of Directors considered, but did not believe to be material, the fact that we, through our advisory clients, owned as of December 31, 2010 approximately 1.3% of the outstanding common stock of HCP, Inc., a company for which Mr. Rhein serves on the board of directors. Further, the Board of Directors considered, but did not believe to be material, the fact that certain of the members of the Board of Directors were investors in the mutual funds we manage. Finally, the Board of Directors determined that each of Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers was not independent. No director participated in the final determination of his own independence.

Consideration of Director Candidates

The policy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is to consider properly submitted shareholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors as described below under Identifying and Evaluating Candidates for Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors and to address the membership criteria set forth below under Director Qualifications. Any shareholder recommendations for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should include the nominee's name and qualifications for Board of Directors membership. The recommending shareholder should also submit evidence of the shareholder's ownership of our shares, including the number of shares owned and the length of time of ownership. The recommendation should be addressed to the Corporate Secretary, Cohen & Steers, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Director qualifications. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines contain Board of Directors membership criteria that apply to Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee-recommended candidates for a position on our Board of Directors. The minimum qualifications for serving as a member of the Board of Directors are that a person demonstrate strength of character, mature judgment, familiarity with our business and industry, independence of thought and an ability to work collegially. The Board of Directors also considers the skill sets and experiences of the existing directors, and actively seeks to add directors who would bring additional relevant skill sets and experiences to the Board of Directors or would replace skill sets and experience lost through a director's retirement. Although the company has no policy regarding diversity, the Board of Directors believes that diversity is an important component of a board of directors, including such factors as background, skills, experience, gender, race and culture. Further, the Board of Directors does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, or sexual preference in selecting director candidates. Each director must represent the interests of all of our shareholders.

Identifying and evaluating candidates for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies potential nominees by asking current directors and executive officers to notify the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee if they become aware of persons meeting the criteria described above. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also may engage firms that specialize in identifying director candidates. As described above, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will also consider candidates recommended by shareholders.

Once a person has been identified by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as a potential candidate, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may collect and review publicly available information regarding the person to assess whether the person should be considered further. If the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee determines that the candidate warrants further consideration, the Chairman or a person designated by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee contacts the person. Generally, if the person expresses a willingness to be considered and to serve on the Board of Directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee requests information from the candidate and reviews the person's accomplishments and qualifications. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's evaluation process does not vary based on whether or not a candidate is recommended by a shareholder, although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may take into consideration the number of shares held by the recommending shareholder and the length of time that such shares have been held.

There are no nominees for election to our Board of Directors this year who have not previously served as one of our directors.

Executive Sessions

Executive sessions of non-management directors are held before each regularly scheduled board meeting. In 2010, the non-management directors held four executive sessions. Non-management directors include all directors who are not our officers, and all non-management directors have been determined by the Board of Directors to be independent. Currently, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers are the only officers serving on our Board of Directors. Each session is chaired by one of the non-management members of the Board of Directors on a rotating basis. Any non-management director can request that an additional executive session be scheduled.

Board of Directors Oversight of Risk Management

The Board of Directors' risk management role within the company is one of informed oversight. Through the processes and procedures implemented by the company, the company's management brings to the attention of the Board of Directors the key risks that may affect the company and how management addresses these risks. Likewise, the Board of Directors works with executive management to set the tone at the top such that prudent mitigation of risk is incorporated in business decision-making at the company. The Board of Directors also helps management shape the company's overall risk philosophy and risk tolerance, staying apprised of the most significant risks and assessing the appropriateness of management's response to risk exposures.

The Audit Committee plays a key role in the oversight of the company's financial risk management function. In that regard, the company's internal auditor and management meet with the Audit Committee periodically to discuss the financial risks facing the company, highlighting any new risks that may have arisen since they last met. The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to the company's executive compensation plans and programs. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee manages risks associated with independence and compensation of the Board of Directors, as well as executive succession planning. While each committee is responsible for evaluating and providing oversight of certain risks, the entire Board of Directors is regularly informed of the company's overall risk structure through active participation in such committee meetings and committee reports to the full Board of Directors.

The company undertakes at least annually together with its internal auditor a risk assessment to identify and evaluate the company's key risks. The results of such assessment are reported to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors. Whenever the company encounters any new risks, such as when the company enters a new or related line of business or develops a new product or service, such initiative is reviewed with the Board of Directors and any unique risks associated with such service or product are reviewed with the Board of Directors prior to its implementation.

The company has established a global risk management committee (which is composed of senior officers from all involved departments of the company) as well as other operating committees which regularly assess and evaluate risks related to the company's business and develop plans to manage these risks effectively. Any significant findings or modifications to the risk management profile of the company are reported to the Board of Directors.

The company operates in a highly regulated industry. With respect to the U.S. regulatory oversight of the company, our organization is subject to several regulatory bodies including the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the New York Stock Exchange. Internationally, through our subsidiaries, we are regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, the United Kingdom Financial Services Authority and the Belgian Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission. Management has developed legal compliance programs that govern its business and employees both in the United States and internationally. These programs are designed to detect and prevent any wrongdoing under relevant rules and regulations and address the company's risk profile, and are incorporated into the company's training programs for all employees, which are conducted at least annually. A strong tone at the top is set by the Board of Directors and executive management, which is communicated by executive management to all employees, that non-compliance will not be tolerated. At least quarterly (and on a more regular basis as necessary), the General Counsel and Associate General Counsel review with the Audit Committee all regulatory matters, if any, with respect to the company's business. In addition, the General Counsel and Associate General Counsel review with the Audit Committee all litigation matters, if any, as well as any related party transactions and material breaches or potential breaches of the company's policies and procedures.

In overseeing risk management, the Board of Directors is briefed on the company's insurance program (including directors and officers coverage), the type and level of insurance coverage, material gaps, if any, in the insurance program, and how the company's insurance program compares to others in the industry.

Board Leadership Structure

Martin Cohen and Robert Steers, co-founders of the company, are also the co-chairmen and co-chief executive officers of the company. The Board of Directors and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believe that this leadership structure is appropriate for the company and in the best interests of its shareholders because Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers are the directors most familiar with the company's business and industry, and most capable of effectively identifying strategic priorities and leading the discussion and execution of strategy. The combined role of co-chairman and co-chief executive officer in Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers promotes unified leadership and direction for the Board of Directors and executive management and it allows for a clear focus for the chain of command to execute the company's strategic initiatives and business plan. The fact that Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers are two persons fulfilling the roles of chairman and chief executive officer was also considered by the Board of Directors and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in determining not to separate the positions.

Four of the six members of the Board of Directors meet the independence requirements of the NYSE, the SEC and the Board of Directors standards for determining director independence. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers are the only members of our executive management who are also directors. The Board of Directors and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee do not believe that the chairman of the company's Board of Directors must be independent in order to ensure that the Board of Directors provides independent and effective oversight of our business and affairs. In fact, the Board of Directors believes that such oversight is maintained at the company through the majority independent composition of the Board, the strong leadership and contributions of our independent directors and committees, and our highly effective corporate governance structures and processes already in place.

The Board of Directors does not have a lead independent director, though each quarterly executive session of non-management directors is chaired by one of the independent members of the Board of Directors on a rotating basis. Given the size of the Board of Directors, the fact that all independent directors serve on each of the committees of the Board of Directors, and the open lines of communication between the four independent directors and Mr. Cohen, Mr. Steers and the other members of senior management, the Board of Directors and its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee do not believe that there is currently a need for a lead independent director.

Communications with the Board

The Board of Directors has established a process to receive communications from shareholders and other interested parties. All interested parties may contact any member (or all members) of the Board of Directors

(including without limitation the director that presides over the executive sessions of non-management directors, or the non-management directors as a group), any Board of Directors committee or any chair of any such committee by mail or electronically. To communicate with the Board of Directors, any individual director or any group or committee of directors, correspondence should be addressed to the Board of Directors or any such individual directors or group or committee of directors by either name or title. All such correspondence should be sent c/o General Counsel, Cohen & Steers, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. To communicate with any of our directors electronically, shareholders should go to our corporate Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com. Under the headings Corporate Info/Board of Directors/Contact the Board of Directors, shareholders may find the e-mail address board_communications@cohenandsteers.com, which may be used for writing an electronic message to the Board of Directors, any individual director, or any group or committee of directors. Please follow the instructions on our Web site in order to send your message.

All communications received as set forth in the preceding paragraph will be opened by our Associate General Counsel for the sole purpose of determining whether the contents represent a message to our directors. Any contents that are not in the nature of advertising, promotions of a product or service, or patently offensive material will be forwarded promptly to the addressee. In the case of communications to the Board of Directors or any group or committee of directors, sufficient copies of the contents will be made for each director who is a member of the group or committee to which the envelope or e-mail is addressed. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters are brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Audit Committee and handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee with respect to such matters.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors has three standing committees: an Audit Committee; a Compensation Committee; and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The current charters for each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are available on our corporate Web site at www.cohenandsteers.com under the headings Corporate Info/Corporate Governance.

The Audit Committee

The Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee composed of Messrs. Rhein (Chair), Bruce, Simon and Villani that satisfies the requirements of SEC Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Rule 10A-3 establishes listing standards relating to audit committees in the following areas: the independence of audit committee members; the audit committee's responsibility to select and oversee our independent registered public accounting firm; procedures for handling complaints regarding our accounting practices; the authority of the audit committee to engage advisors; and funding for the independent registered public accounting firm and any outside advisors engaged by the audit committee. As previously stated, the Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bruce, Rhein, Simon and Villani has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards and the applicable SEC rules. Furthermore, the Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Rhein qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined in the SEC rules and the Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bruce, Rhein, Simon and Villani has accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE.

The Audit Committee's primary purposes are to assist Board of Director oversight of the following: the integrity of our financial statements; the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence; the performance of our internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm; and the compliance by us with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee also prepares the audit committee report as required by the SEC's rules for inclusion in our annual proxy statement.

The Audit Committee regularly holds separate sessions with management, internal auditors, and the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee's procedures for the pre-approval of the audit and permitted non-audit services are described in Item 2: Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy.

The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing our stock award and incentive plans and establishing the compensation for certain of our executive officers. The Compensation Committee is presently composed of Messrs. Villani (Chair), Bruce, Rhein and Simon. As previously stated, the Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bruce, Rhein, Simon and Villani has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards and is a non-employee director as defined in the applicable SEC rules.

The Compensation Committee has delegated to Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers the authority (with certain limitations) to grant awards under the Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan to participants in the plan who are not directors or officers of the company as defined by Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. For additional information on the Compensation Committee's activities, its use of outside advisors, its approach to administering the company's executive compensation program and its consideration and determination of executive compensation, see Compensation of Executive Officers Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the Compensation Committee's members is or has been an officer or employee of the company. During fiscal 2010, none of the company's executive officers served on the Board of Directors, the compensation committee or any similar committee of another entity of which an executive officer served on our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for the following: assisting the Board of Directors by identifying individuals qualified to become Board of Directors members, and recommending to the Board of Directors the director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders; recommending to the Board of Directors the Corporate Governance Guidelines applicable to us; leading the Board of Directors in its annual evaluation of the Board of Directors and management's performance; and recommending to the Board of Directors director nominees for each committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is presently composed of Messrs. Simon (Chair), Bruce, Rhein and Villani. As previously stated, the Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bruce, Rhein, Simon and Villani has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards.

Meetings of the Board's Committees

The Board of Directors met six times during 2010. During 2010, the Board of Directors' committees held the following number of meetings: Audit Committee eight meetings; Compensation Committee four meetings; Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee three meetings. In 2010, each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and each committee of the Board of Directors on which such director served.

The Board of Directors believes that it is important for shareholders to have the opportunity to meet and talk to the independent members of the Board of Directors. Therefore, the Board of Directors generally schedules a board meeting in conjunction with our annual shareholders' meeting and expects directors, absent valid reasons, to attend the shareholders' meeting. All of the members of the Board of Directors attended the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders.

Compensation of Directors

Our policy is not to pay additional compensation to directors who are also our employees. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews and recommends to our Board of Directors the compensation of

our non-employee directors. As part of this review, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consults with McLagan, a leading compensation consulting and research firm, to determine the reasonableness and adequacy of our non-employee director compensation.

Each outside director receives an annual retainer of \$120,000, \$45,000 of which is payable quarterly in cash and \$75,000 of which is payable quarterly in restricted stock units. The restricted stock units are granted under our Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan and are 100% vested on the date of grant. The shares of common stock underlying the restricted stock units granted to a director will be delivered to the director on the third anniversary of the date of grant. Dividends on these restricted stock units are paid in cash as and when dividends are paid by us on our common stock.

The chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000, the chair of the Compensation Committee receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500 and the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$5,000. Each member of the Audit Committee (including the chair) receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000, each member of the Compensation Committee (including the chair) receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500, and each member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (including the chair) receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$5,000.

Outside directors are further reimbursed for reasonable travel and related expenses associated with attendance at board or committee meetings as well as reasonable expenses for continuing education programs related to their role as a member of the board.

Outside directors receive no compensation from us other than compensation as one of our directors.

The following chart sets forth the compensation paid by us to non-employee directors in 2010.

2010 Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards(1) (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Richard E. Bruce	72,551	74,959					147,510
Peter L. Rhein	87,551	74,959					