

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
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#### **Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

#### **Stifel Financial Corp. Shareholder Meeting to be Held on June 15, 2016**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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## Stifel Financial Corp. Shareholder Meeting Notice

Stifel Financial Corp.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on June 15, 2016 at One Financial Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 501 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102, at 11:00 a.m. Central Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.

1. Election of Directors:

Class III Nominees for terms ending in 2019: 01 Michael W. Brown, 02 John P. Dubinsky, 03 Robert E. Grady, 04 Thomas B. Michaud, 05 James M. Oates, 06 Ben A. Plotkin

2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers (say on pay).

3. To approve the declassification of the Board of Directors.

4. To authorize amendments to 2001 Incentive Stock Plan (2011 Restatement) and to the Equity Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors (2008 Restatement) to increase capacity by 3,000,000 shares and to permit net settlement of restricted stock units for equivalent cash, including for tax or other similar purposes.

5. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accounting firm for 2016.

6. To consider and act upon other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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